

Votes

New South Wales.

No. 1.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 19 MAY, 1891.

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 April, 1891:—

Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

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

“ NEW SOUTH WALES, } Proclamation by His Excellency the Right Honorable VICTOR ALBERT
“ to wit. } GEORGE, EARL OF JERSEY, a Member of Her Majesty's Most Honor-
“ (L.S.) } able Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished
“ JERSEY, } Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-
“ Governor. } in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies.

“ WHEREAS the Parliament of New South Wales now stands prorogued to Tuesday, the twenty-
“ eighth day of April instant: Now, I, VICTOR ALBERT GEORGE, EARL OF JERSEY, in pursuance
“ of the power and authority in me vested as Governor of the said Colony, do hereby further
“ prorogue the said Parliament to Tuesday, the nineteenth day of May 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 nineteenth day of May next, at twelve o'clock at noon, in the build-
“ ings 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
“ April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one, and in the
“ fifty-fourth year of Her Majesty's reign.

“ By His Excellency's Command,

“ HENRY PARKES.

“GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!”

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

James Fletcher, Esquire, a Member for Newcastle.

John Rendell Street, Esquire, a Member for East Sydney.

David Alexander Ferguson, Esquire, Member for Wellington.

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

William Grahame, Esquire—for Newcastle.

Walter Bradley, Esquire—for East Sydney.

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

William Grahame, Esquire—for Newcastle.

Walter Bradley, Esquire—for East Sydney.

4. 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 Henry Parkes, at twenty-one minutes past Twelve o'clock, until Four o'clock This Day.

The House resumed; pursuant to adjournment.

5. ASSENT TO BILLS.—Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that during the recess he had received the following Messages from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor:—

- (1.) Land Company of Australasia Bill:—

ALFRED STEPHEN,

Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 1.

A Bill, intituled “*An Act to authorise the Land Company of Australasia (Limited) to divide its shares into classes, with the right to attach to such classes special privileges, or priority, as to the capital, redemption of capital, or dividends, and preferential, guaranteed, fixed, deferred, or other dividends,*”—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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Sydney, 20th December, 1890.

- (2.) Katoomba Lighting Bill:—

ALFRED STEPHEN,

Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 2.

A Bill, intituled “*An Act to enable Edward Neave and John Ewan Palmer to construct Gas-works and Electric-works, or either of them, within the Town and District of Katoomba,*”—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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- (3.) Hospital Elections Bill:—

ALFRED STEPHEN,

Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 3.

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

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- (4.) Wagga Wagga Cattle Sale-yards Bill:—

ALFRED STEPHEN,

Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 4.

A Bill, intituled “*An Act to authorise the Council of the Borough of Wagga Wagga to purchase land within the said Borough, and to erect and maintain Cattle Sale-yards thereon, and to provide for the same,*”—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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- (5.) Moore-street Improvement Bill, (*changed from*) Metropolitan Street Improvements Bill:—

ALFRED STEPHEN,

Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 5.

A Bill, intituled “*An Act to authorise and enable the Municipal Council of Sydney to carry out the improvement of Moore-street within the said city upon an equitable system; to acquire lands and to raise money for carrying out such improvement; to provide for the repayment of the cost of such improvement and the exchange and sale of superfluous lands in connection with the said improvement; and for other purposes,*”—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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(3.)

(6.) Marrickville to Burwood Road Railway Bill (No. 2) :—

ALFRED STEPHEN,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 6.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Marrickville to the Burwood Road,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Office for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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(7.) Rabbit Bill :—

ALFRED STEPHEN,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 7.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to repeal the 'Rabbit Nuisance Act of 1883'; to extend the jurisdiction of the Land Court, and Local Land Boards; to amend the Crown Lands Acts of 1884 and 1889 in certain respects; to provide for the protection of lands devoted to public uses and vacant Crown Lands; to facilitate and encourage the erection of rabbit-proof fencing; to impose certain liabilities on the owners of lands in connection with rabbit-proof fencing already erected or hereafter to be erected; to make further provision for the destruction of rabbits; to impose certain penalties; and to amend the law in other respects,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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(8.) Census and Industrial Returns Bill :—

ALFRED STEPHEN,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 8.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to make provision for taking the Census of New South Wales in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one, and for obtaining certain industrial, commercial, and other statistics, and certain particulars relating to the live stock, crops, and occupation of land, in and for the said Colony; and for other purposes in connection with the aforesaid objects,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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(9.) Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation Bill :—

ALFRED STEPHEN,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 9.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to empower the Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation (Limited) to form and maintain an entrance and passage between the South Pacific Ocean and the waters of Lake Illawarra, in the county of Camden; and to construct, use, maintain, and in certain respects control and regulate a harbour within the waters of the said Lake, and of Windang Bay, in the said county of Camden; and to make, establish, maintain, and control wharfage and shipping accommodation in connection therewith; and to construct, work, use, and maintain a line or lines of railway to connect with the said harbour all or any coal-bearing lands situated between the South Coast Colliery on the north and the Macquarie River on the south; and to reclaim, purchase, take, occupy, and otherwise acquire land in certain cases, and on certain terms as to acquisition, compensation, payment, rent, investiture, and otherwise; and to levy, receive, and recover rates, tolls, and dues for the use of the said entrance, harbour, and accommodation, and for towage, and fares, freights, and other charges for the use of the said railways; and to confer and impose upon the said Corporation certain powers, rights, duties, and liabilities; and to extend the rights of owners of the foreshores of the said Lake; and for other purposes,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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(10.) Loan Bill :—

ALFRED STEPHEN,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 10.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the raising of a Loan for the Public Service of the Colony; and for other purposes,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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(11.)

(11.) Appropriation Bill :—

ALFRED STEPHEN,

*Lieutenant-Governor.**Message No. 11.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain sums to make good the supplies granted for the Service of the year 1891, and for the year 1890 and previous years,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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6. DEATH OF SIR JOHN ROBERTSON, K.C.M.G.:—Sir Henry Parkes (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House desires to place on record its deep sense of the great loss which the Colony has sustained by the death of Sir John Robertson, for many years one of its most distinguished Members, and who rendered in the highest offices great and priceless services to the People. And Mr. Dibbs having seconded the motion, and addressed the House in support of it,— Question put and carried unanimously.
7. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS :—Mr. Garrard, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table :—
- (1.) Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, Appendices, and Plans, from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, on the proposed extension of the Kiama to Nowra Railway into the town of Nowra.
 - (2.) Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, Appendices, and Plans, from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, on the Proposed Hospital Buildings, Macquarie-street.
 - (3.) Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, Appendix, and Plans, from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, on Proposed College for the Training of Teachers of Public Schools.
- Ordered to be printed.
8. ORDNANCE LANDS TRANSFER BILL.—Sir Henry Parkes 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*.
9. THE GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH :—Mr. Speaker reported that the House had this day attended the Governor in the Legislative Council Chamber, when His Excellency was pleased to deliver an Opening Speech to both Houses of Parliament, of which, for greater accuracy, he had obtained a copy,—which he read to the House, as follows :—

HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

I have called you together at the period which has been affirmed by the Legislative Assembly as the most convenient for the opening of the Session of the year, and while fully half the time for which the Public Service is legally provided for remains unexpired, in order that the course of your legislative labours may not be interrupted by the exigency of Temporary Supply Bills. It is hoped that the winter season for the sitting of Parliament will be found more conducive to the economy of time, and the lessening of the sacrifices which honorable members are called upon to make in attending to their public duties.

2. During the recess the National Federation Convention, to which you appointed representatives of this Colony, assembled in Sydney. It met on the 2nd March, and concluded its labours on the 9th April. The scheme for the Federal Constitution, which that body was instructed as its sole work to frame, will be laid before you in the form of a carefully-drawn Bill—the result of much deliberation, argumentative contention, and necessary compromise. In reference to this important measure—the work of the foremost men in the public life of Australia—no time will be lost in submitting to you a Resolution as a distinct part of the policy of my advisers; and I feel the fullest confidence that it will receive at your hands the enlightened consideration which the great object before you, and the grave character of the national undertaking which was begun with your concurrence and participation, so eminently demand.

3. A Bill has been prepared, and will be immediately submitted for your consideration, to confer upon the people of New South Wales the advantages of self-government, giving to the inhabitants of defined areas full authority in the direction of the local affairs of their respective districts.

4. Bills will be introduced to reconstruct the Electoral system of the Colony—one measure to abolish plural voting, to establish a system of self-registration, and to carry out other essential reforms; and another measure to divide the Colony into single electorates, and to provide for a new distribution of seats.

5. The Bill of last Session for the regulation of coal-mining will be re-introduced, with some amendments.

6. You will be invited to consider a measure, which is urgently needed in the remoter parts of the interior, to establish an efficient system of water conservation. Careful investigations have been made, and much industry has been expended in acquiring local information, with a view of making this a practical measure of legislation, calculated to meet the crying necessities of the country, which have so often approached a water famine.

7. All parties in the State must have viewed with concern and anxiety the repeated disturbances to the legitimate pursuits of industry and trade which have been caused by the lamentable disputes between the class of employers and the great labour classes of the Colony. It is impossible to estimate the enormous loss which must have resulted from these disputes. Works have been closed and ships driven away from our ports; enterprisé has been paralysed and capital alarmed into seeking foreign fields of investment; angry and evil feelings have been engendered

engendered between men who have never had any personal cause of quarrel; and the cruel weight of the widespread misery has widely fallen, not upon the leaders, but upon the helpless and innocent members of workmen's families. A Commission has been sitting for several months past to inquire into and report upon this difficult and painful subject; you will be invited to consider a Bill for dealing with the problem presented for solution by the constitution of Courts of Conciliation, and of Tribunals to conduct and determine cases of arbitration in final resort, and to make other provision for the settlement of trade disputes.

8. A Bill, prepared in the interest of society generally, will be introduced to amend the licensing law in certain respects, and to give to the people the right of determining by vote the number of houses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in any given district.

9. A large number of other questions, some of equal importance with those enumerated, remain for consideration. The more pressing of these will be taken up as opportunity serves, if it be found practicable to deal with them.

GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

10. It is believed that the exposition of the financial affairs of the Colony, when made by the Treasurer, will give public satisfaction and inspire public confidence. Measures for effecting certain fiscal changes and improving the means of revenue will then be submitted.

11. The Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the ensuing year will be carefully prepared for your consideration.

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

12. I have much satisfaction in informing you that the public revenue exhibits a marked improvement, and is likely to largely exceed the estimate formed in the Session of last year. The first four months, compared with the corresponding period of 1890, give an increase of £302,000.

13. It has not been deemed advisable to place any new loan upon the English market, and in the meantime satisfactory arrangements have been made for carrying on the public works sanctioned by Parliament.

14. You will be glad to learn that the measure lately passed to amend the Crown Lands Act has materially contributed to the settlement of the extensive areas thrown open to conditional purchase, and that the revenue therefrom fully justifies the calculations that were made of the effect of its liberal provisions.

15. The many public works which have been authorised by you are being steadily advanced. The extensive improvements to the Clarence and Richmond Rivers are progressing satisfactorily. Several of the new railway extensions, including the one from Nyngan to Cobar, have been successfully commenced; and in the case of all the preliminary steps are being pressed forward.

16. Much has been done to improve and extend the means of education. Public Schools of superior design have been erected, and the grounds, to the advantage of the health of the pupils, have been in many cases enlarged. Bursaries for deserving pupils in poor circumstances have been made available. Arrangements are nearly completed for establishing a Training College within the University. Great advances have been made in multiplying the agencies of Technical Education, and some thousands of students are now being instructed in useful branches of industrial knowledge under an efficient system.

17. The new Department of Agriculture has succeeded in organising a Scientific Staff provided with the necessary appliances for conducting chemical investigations in relation to diseases of animal and insect life, and of the vegetable products of the soil, so that the fullest and most trustworthy information may be supplied to rural occupants, whether engaged in grazing or agricultural pursuits. An Agricultural College has been brought into existence, where a number of students have already been received, and experimental farms in different parts of the Colony are about to be established.

18. The reduction of postage on letters between Great Britain and Australia, from 6d. to 2½d. per half-ounce, and of the cable charges between Australia and other parts of the world, must prove to be a great advantage to the people.

19. The Census of Australia confirms generally the estimates previously formed of the relative populations of the several Colonies, and leaves the lead in numbers still to New South Wales.

20. I now leave you to your high and responsible duties, and pray that the Giver of all Good may direct your endeavours to the advantage and enduring prosperity of the Country.

Mr. Greene then moved, and Mr. Morton seconded the Motion,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to prepare an Address in Reply to the Speech delivered by His Excellency the Governor on opening this Session of the Parliament of New South Wales.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Morton, Mr. Cullen, Mr. Curley, Mr. Garland, Mr. McCourt, Mr. Paul, Mr. Vivian, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

And the Committee retired to prepare the Address.

And Mr. Greene having brought up the Address prepared by the Committee, the same was read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, as follows:—

To His Excellency the Right Honorable VICTOR ALBERT GEORGE, EARL OF JERSEY, a Member of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies.

MAX IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

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

2. The great subject of the Federation of the Colonies, in the furtherance of which the first practical step has now been taken, will receive from us that careful and earnest consideration which its unprecedented importance demands.

3. We shall direct our best endeavours to assist in providing a remedy for the disastrous effects of trade disputes, so far as remedial measures can be devised by legislation.

4. The other important measures to which our attention is invited will engage our deliberations, with an anxious desire to serve the public interest.

Mr. Greene then moved, and Mr. Morton 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. Reid moved, That the Address be amended, by the insertion of the following words, to stand paragraph 3:—"We, nevertheless, deem it to be our duty to take the earliest opportunity of informing your Excellency that, whilst fully recognising the distinguished ability and zealous labours of the Convention, and still feeling a desire for federal union 'on principles just to the several Colonies,' we are of opinion that the Bill drafted by the Convention for the purpose of founding an Australian Commonwealth is not based on principles just to the several Colonies in some important respects, two of which we desire to indicate, namely,—

"1. The powers over revenue, taxation, and expenditure conferred on the proposed Senate.

"2. The rejection by the Convention, and the omission from the Bill, of Responsible Government, as a necessary part of the Constitution.

"We also desire to inform your Excellency that the power conferred upon the proposed Commonwealth Parliament of legislative interference with the general commercial management of the great railway and river systems of this Colony, without provision for assuming any part of the obligations incurred in connection therewith, does not appear to us to be founded upon any principle that can be considered just to the people of this country."

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

Debate ensued.

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

Question put and passed.

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

The House adjourned, on motion of Sir Henry Parkes, at four minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 2.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 20 MAY, 1891.

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

APPOINTMENT OF THE RIGHT HONORABLE THE EARL OF JERSEY AS GOVERNOR OF THE COLONY:—
The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir Henry Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

JERSEY,
Governor.

Message No. 1.

The Right Honorable Victor Albert George, Earl of Jersey, has the honor to inform the Legislative Assembly that Her Majesty has been graciously pleased, by a Commission under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, bearing date at Osborne House, Isle of Wight, the eighteenth day of August, 1890, to appoint him to be Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies, and that on the fifteenth of January last he assumed the Government of the Colony accordingly.

Government House,
Sydney, 19th May, 1891.

Ordered to be printed, and taken into consideration To-morrow.

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

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

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

“ James Hayes, Esquire,	“ Francis Abigail, Esquire,
“ George Henry Greene, Esquire,	“ William Springthorpe Dowel, Esquire,
“ Charles Alfred Lee, Esquire,	“ Reginald James Black, Esquire,
“ Francis Augustus Wright, 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 twentieth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred
“ and ninety-one.

“ J. P. ABBOTT,
“ Speaker.”

3. MORT'S DOCK AND ENGINEERING COMPANY (LIMITED) ENABLING BILL:—Mr. Garrard presented a Petition from Mort's Dock and Engineering Company (Limited), praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable “Mort's Dock and Engineering Company (Limited)” to close portions of certain streets at Mort Bay, in the Borough of Balmain, being the north-east end of College-street and the north-east end of Trouton-street (now called New John-street), and to establish a new street in lieu thereof.

And Mr. Garrard having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, the *Balmain Leader* and the *Balmain Observer*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.

4. SYDNEY ELECTRIC LIGHTING BILL:—Mr. Dibbs presented a Petition from Thomas Frederick Thompson, of Sydney, and Watkin Wynne, also of Sydney, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to facilitate and regulate the supply of Electricity for Lighting and other purposes in the City of Sydney.
And Mr. Dibbs 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.

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. Greene, That the following Address-in-Reply to the Governor's Opening Speech, as read by the Clerk, be now adopted by this House:—

“ To His Excellency the Right Honorable VICTOR ALBERT GEORGE, EARL OF JERSEY, a Member of
“ Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished
“ Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of
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“ first practical step has now been taken, will receive from us that careful and earnest considera-
“ tion which its unprecedented importance demands.

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“ effects of trade disputes, so far as remedial measures can be devised by legislation.

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“ tions, with an anxious desire to serve the public interest.”

Upon which Mr. Reid had moved, That the Address be amended by the insertion of the following words, to stand paragraph 3:—“ We nevertheless deem it to be our duty to take the earliest
“ opportunity of informing your Excellency, that whilst fully recognising the distinguished
“ ability and zealous labours of the Convention, and still feeling a desire for federal union ‘on
“ ‘principles just to the several Colonies,’ we are of opinion that the Bill drafted by the Convention
“ for the purpose of founding an Australian Commonwealth is not based on principles just to the
“ several Colonies in some important respects, two of which we desire to indicate, namely,—

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“ wealth Parliament of legislative interference with the general commercial management of the
“ great railway and river systems of this Colony, without provision for assuming any part of the
“ obligations incurred in connection therewith, does not appear to us to be founded upon any
“ principle that can be considered just to the people of this country.”—

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

Disorder in the Strangers' Gallery:—A person in the Strangers' Gallery having interrupted the proceedings by noisily applauding, Mr. Speaker directed the Sergeant-at-Arms to arrest him,—and that officer having reported to Mr. Speaker that Michael Tierney had been pointed out as the guilty party, and that he was then in custody, but denied the charge,—Mr. Speaker, referring to the 97th Standing Order, warned the occupants of seats in the galleries, and directed that Mr. Tierney be cautioned, and released.

Debate continued.

Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put and passed.

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

The House adjourned, on motion of Sir Henry Parkes, at seventeen minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

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No. 3.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 21 MAY, 1891.

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

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. Greene, That the following Address in Reply to the Governor's Opening Speech, as read by the Clerk, be now adopted by this House:—

" To His Excellency the Right Honorable VICTOR ALBERT GEORGE, EARL OF JERSEY, a Member of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies.

" MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

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

" 2. The great subject of the Federation of the Colonies, in the furtherance of which the first practical step has now been taken, will receive from us that careful and earnest consideration which its unprecedented importance demands.

" 3. We shall direct our best endeavours to assist in providing a remedy for the disastrous effects of trade disputes, so far as remedial measures can be devised by legislation.

" 4. The other important measures to which our attention is invited will engage our deliberations, with an anxious desire to serve the public interest."

Upon which Mr. Reid had moved, That the Address be amended by the insertion of the following words, to stand paragraph 3:—" We nevertheless deem it to be our duty to take the earliest opportunity of informing your Excellency that, whilst fully recognising the distinguished ability and zealous labours of the Convention, and still feeling a desire for federal union 'on principles just to the several Colonies,' we are of opinion that the Bill drafted by the Convention for the purpose of founding an Australian Commonwealth is not based on principles just to the several Colonies in some important respects, two of which we desire to indicate, namely,—

" 1. The powers over revenue, taxation, and expenditure conferred on the proposed Senate.

" 2. The rejection by the Convention, and the omission from the Bill, of Responsible Government as a necessary part of the Constitution.

" We also desire to inform your Excellency that the power conferred upon the proposed Commonwealth Parliament of legislative interference with the general commercial management of the great railway and river systems of this Colony, without provision for assuming any part of the obligations incurred in connection therewith, does not appear to us to be founded upon any principle that can be considered just to the people of this country,"—

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

And

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 22 MAY, 1891, A.M.

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

Ayes, 35.

Mr. Willis,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Want,	
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Crick,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Alfred Allen.
Mr. Hutchison (<i>Glen Innes</i>),	
Mr. Dibbs,	
Mr. Creer,	
Mr. Bradley,	
Mr. Edmunds,	
Mr. Henry Clarke,	
Mr. Wall,	
Mr. Grahame,	
Mr. Gormly,	
Mr. Cruickshank,	
Mr. Walker,	
Mr. Tonkin,	
Mr. Melville,	
Mr. Miller,	
Mr. Mackinnon,	
Mr. Gough,	
Mr. Reid,	
Mr. Barnes,	
Mr. Ryrie,	
Mr. A. G. Taylor,	
Mr. Turner,	
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. Goodchap,	
Mr. Torpy,	
Mr. Schey,	
Mr. Toohy,	
Mr. Howc,	
Mr. Dalton,	
Mr. King.	

Noes, 67.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Bruce Smith,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Collins,	Mr. McRae,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Curley,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Paul,	Mr. Cooke,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Dawson,	Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Abigail,
Mr. Hutchison (<i>Canterbury</i>),	Mr. Traill,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. John Wilkinson,
Mr. Dale,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Teece,	Mr. Greene,
Mr. Clubb,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Wheeler,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Copland,
Mr. Vivian,	Mr. O. O. Dangar,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Inglis,
Mr. Dowel,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Plumb,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Ritchie,	Mr. Playfair.
Mr. Hassall,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Garland,
Mr. William Stephen,	Mr. Frank Smith.

And so it passed in the negative.

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

Ayes, 57.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. Clubb,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Young,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Paul,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. A'Beckett,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Dale,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. O. O. Dangar,
Mr. Hutchison (<i>Canterbury</i>),	Mr. Greene,
Mr. Ritchie,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Frank Smith,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Vivian,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Playfair,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Plumb,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. William Stephen,	Mr. Curley.
Mr. Wheeler,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Collins,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Lec,	Mr. McCourt.

Noes, 42.

Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Traill,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Bradley,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Ryrie,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Copland.
Mr. Willis,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hutchison (<i>Glen Innes</i>),	Mr. John Wilkinson,
Mr. Howe,	Mr. Edmunds.
Mr. Dalton,	
Mr. Creer,	
Mr. A. G. Taylor,	
Mr. Toohy,	
Mr. Torpy,	
Mr. Walker,	
Mr. Goodchap,	
Mr. Barnes,	
Mr. Crick,	
Mr. Turner,	
Mr. Miller,	
Mr. Mackinnon,	
Mr. Gough,	
Mr. Want,	
Mr. King,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Sir Henry Parkes 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 before Four o'clock To-morrow.

2. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn until half-past Three o'clock To-morrow.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at four minutes before Two o'clock a.m., until half-past Three o'clock p.m. This Day.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 4.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 22 MAY, 1891.

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

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

And being returned,—

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

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

I have to thank you, in Her Majesty's name, for your loyal Address in Reply to the Speech at the opening of Parliament, and for the expressions of attachment to Her Throne and Person contained therein.

*Government House,
Sydney, 22nd May, 1891.*

JERSEY.

The House adjourned, on motion of Sir Henry Parkes, at three minutes after Four o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 5.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 26 MAY, 1891.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Castle Hill to Dural Railway:—Mr. Ritchie asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has he arrived at any decision in regard to the Castle Hill-Dural Railway; if so, will he say what it is?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—As I have already promised the Honorable Member, I will take the first convenient opportunity of bringing this matter before the Cabinet for consideration.

- (2.) Granville Park:—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for Mr. Nobbs, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has he arrived at any decision as to the resumption of land in North Ward, Granville, for park purposes?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—Will be considered when other applications of a similar nature are being dealt with.

- (3.) Dundas Park:—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for Mr. Nobbs, asked the Secretary for Lands,—What steps have been taken *re* the resumption of land in South Ward, Dundas, for park purposes?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—As it has been decided to appropriate for the purpose of recreation an area of about 10 acres within the Municipality of Dundas, fronting the Kissing Point Road, and adjacent to the Driftway and Public School, there is no necessity to resume any land for park purposes within that Municipality. So soon as the necessary survey has been made steps will be taken to dedicate the land.

- (4.) Manure, Glebe Island:—*Mr. Frank Farnell* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is the blood manure, made at Glebe Island, sold by the Government to applicants willing to purchase, or to one or more contractors?

(2.) If disposed of by contract, who are the contractors?

(3.) What are the prices paid to the Government?

(4.) When will the contract, or contracts, expire?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

(1.) To one contractor only.

(2.) The contractor is Mr. F. E. Joseph.

(3.) £5 per ton, with 10 per cent. discount.

(4.) The present contract is for an indefinite period, but terminable on three months' notice. Fresh tenders are now being invited.

- (5.) Bridge over Parramatta River:—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for Mr. Nobbs, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has he considered the question as to the erection of a bridge over the Parramatta River connecting Granville with Rydalmere; if so, what decision has been arrived at?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—The Honorable Member is aware that the report I recently received on the subject is not favourable to the erection of a bridge at this place, but I intend, before finally deciding, to direct further investigations.

- (6.) Revenue and Receipts:—*Mr. Garrard*, for Mr. Garvan, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In the Abstract of Revenue and Receipts, published by the Colonial Treasurer, there was stated to be to the credit of the London account on 31st December, 1890, the sum of £378,622,—will he explain that whilst large sums much exceeding the total sum above mentioned had to be paid from said account during the quarter ending 31st March, 1891, the published abstract of revenue and receipts and expenditure showed that the London account was in credit to the extent of £817,490?

Mr. McMillan answered,—During the period, January to March, 1891, the remittances to London amounted to the sum of £802,500, whilst the payments brought to account—being for October, November, and December, 1890—amounted to £367,147. In addition to the remittances, several small receipts—principally interest on deposits—amounting to £3,515, were credited in the London account.

(7.)

- (7.) London Account :—*Mr. Garrard*, for *Mr. Garvan*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
 (1.) What money has been sent by the Government from Sydney to the credit of the London account from 1st January, 1870, to present date; giving particulars of date, and amount for each transaction?
 (2.) Similar information with reference to money transmitted from London to Sydney?
Mr. McMillan answered,—As it will take some time to prepare a full reply to this Question, I have directed the preparation of a Return, to embody the information sought by the Honorable Member.
- (8.) Engine-driver David A. Gow :—*Mr. Joseph Abbott* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of this House all papers relating to the suspension and dismissal of Engine-driver David A. Gow?
Mr. McMillan answered,—The matter regarding Engine-driver Gow has been closed by the decision of the Commissioners on appeal, which decision the Railway Act declares final. I cannot, under the circumstances, consent to the production of the papers.
- (9.) Water Reserves, Parish of Kahibah :—*Mr. Melville* asked the Secretary for Lands,—
 (1.) What part (if any) of the water reserves in the parish of Kahibah have been taken up under mineral leases?
 (2.) By whom have such reserves been taken?
 (3.) What right do such leases give to the surface?
 (4.) Is he aware that such lessces are now preventing the use, by the residents, of roads, some of which have been in use for over thirty years?
 (5.) Have such lessces a right to enclose such reserves?
 (6.) Will he take immediate steps to protect the rights of the residents?
Mr. Bruncker answered,—This question ought properly to have been asked of the Minister for Mines. However, with the view of furnishing the Honorable Member with the information, I have consulted the Mines Department, and the Minister will furnish a reply in the form of a Return.
- (10.) Bridge and Court-house at Liverpool :—*Mr. Ritchie* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) When will tenders be called for the construction of the bridge over George's River at Liverpool?
 (2.) When will tenders be called for the repairs to the Court-house at Liverpool?
Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—
 (1.) In about four months.
 (2.) This question is dependent upon another, which comes under the Colonial Secretary's Department. It is now under consideration.
- (11.) Field of Mars Railway :—*Mr. Dale* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has he arrived at any decision in regard to the proposed Field of Mars railway; if so, will he state what he has decided to do?
Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—I hope a solution has been found of this very difficult question, and expect shortly to be able to announce a definite decision.
- (12.) Retaining Wall near Eveleigh Station :—*Mr. Wright* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
 (1.) The total cost of the brick retaining wall built on the east side of the railway at and near Eveleigh Station?
 (2.) The total length in feet of said wall?
 (3.) The average height of same?
 (4.) The thickness of the wall at foot and at top?
 (5.) The like information to Questions 3 and 4, with reference to the wall that was pulled down to make room for recent improvements?
 (6.) The like information to Questions 2, 3, and 4, with reference to the old wall at Eveleigh, on the west side of the railway?
Mr. McMillan answered,—The information in reply to the questions asked will be prepared and laid upon the Table of the House.
- (13.) Leave of Absence to Colonel Roberts :—*Mr. Wright* asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) What leave of absence was granted to Colonel Roberts; and upon what conditions?
 (2.) Has this officer's leave been extended; and, if so, is he in receipt of full or half pay?
 (3.) Is it contemplated to give this gentleman an appointment in England as Military Adviser to the Government of the Colony?
Sir Henry Parkes answered,—
 (1.) Twelve months, on medical certificate.
 (2.) Yes, for eight months. He is in receipt of full pay, without allowances.
 (3.) So far as I have any knowledge, it is not contemplated to appoint Colonel Roberts to any office in England.
- (14.) Salary and Allowances to Lieutenant-Colonel Eden and Captain Bouverie :—*Mr. Wright* asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) What is the amount paid yearly to Lieutenant-Colonel Eden, as salary and allowances?
 (2.) Was not this officer appointed to command the purely Volunteer Rifle Corps?
 (3.) What duties have been performed by this officer since the purely Volunteer Corps have been either disbanded or taken on as partially-paid men?
 (4.) The like information to Questions Nos. 1 and 3, with reference to Captain Bouverie?
Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Major-General Commanding the Military Forces :—
 (1.) £757.
 (2.) Colonel Eden was appointed to supervise and arrange the carrying out of the annual training of the Reserve Forces, and to conduct the clerical duties of his office.

(3.) The purely Volunteer Corps still exist in the form of the Scottish Rifles and Reserve Rifle Companies, which now number over 3,000, under Colonel Eden, who also performs numerous other duties in connection with Boards, &c.

(4.) Captain Bouverie, Adjutant to the Reserve Rifle Companies, receives £585 a year, and generally assists Colonel Eden.

(15.) Contracts for Works:—Mr. Hutchison (*Glen Innes*) asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) How many contracts for works have been let during the last two years for which tenders were called only once?

(2.) For how many works, during the same period, have there been tenders called two, three, four, five, and six times respectively, before any were accepted?

(3.) The number of works for which tenders have been called, but none accepted?

(4.) What are the reasons why contractors are required to tender more than once?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1, 2, and 3.) I will have this information prepared and laid upon the Table of the House in the shape of a Return.

(4.) Because satisfactory tenders have not been received.

(16.) Acreage of Land alienated by Grants:—Mr. Hutchison (*Glen Innes*) asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) The total acreage of land alienated by grants?

(2.) The total by public auction and by selection respectively?

(3.) The total under the process of alienation?

(4.) The total amount of money received into the Treasury for the above?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—If it is possible to furnish the information required by the Honorable Member it will be furnished in the form of a Return; but the compilation will take very considerable time, and cost a large sum of money. In fact, so far as I can ascertain in the Department, it will be impossible to furnish the whole of the information, because there are no means of ascertaining the dates of alienation, and the original grants from the time the Honorable Member asks. If the Honorable Member will move for a Return, and will consult me as to the form of it, I will indicate to him the information which it will be in our power to give.

(17.) Construction of Arch near Redfern Railway Station:—Mr. Hutchison (*Glen Innes*) asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that in the reduplication of the railway at Redfern an arch has been constructed too low, and that to get an engine through, the bed of the rails had to be lowered accordingly?

(2.) Is it a fact that some parts of the retaining walls, although 9 feet thick at the bottom, have given way?

(3.) Is it a fact that these works were directed and supervised by a gentleman brought here by the Commissioners for Railways; if so, is it still proposed to retain his services?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) No.

(3.) Yes; and as the engineer referred to has shown great ability in performing the duties entrusted to him by the Commissioners, they do propose to retain his services.

(18.) Water Supply:—Mr. Tonkin asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—Will he cause a sum of money to be placed upon the Estimates sufficient to meet the expenditure necessary for a water supply for the townships of Sunny Corner and Wattle Flat?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—In regard to the water supply for Sunny Corner the work has already received my sanction, and a surveyor is engaged in making the necessary surveys. In respect to the water supply for Wattle Flat the matter has not yet been finally dealt with.

(19.) Claim of Isaac Barclay:—Mr. Morton asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has any decision been come to in regard to the claim of Isaac Barclay?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—No decision has yet been given with regard to this matter. The Honorable Member is aware that the case is associated with that of another person named Emery. Emery is now a bankrupt, and some complications have arisen which have prevented me giving due consideration to the subject.

(20.) Cruisers for Australian Squadron:—Mr. Traill asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) With respect to how many of the cruisers constructed for the Australian Squadron have defects been exposed in their trial trips and otherwise?

(2.) What are the names of the cruisers with regard to which such defects were exposed, and what was the nature of the defects in each vessel?

(3.) Do the Government intend to take any steps in reference to this matter; if so, what course do they propose?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Government have no information whatever on the subject.

(21.) Cruisers for Australian Squadron:—Mr. Tonkin asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it his intention to make inquiries into the cause of the repeated failures, as demonstrated by trial, of the various vessels for the Australian Squadron?

(2.) Is it a fact these vessels are being built at the very lowest cost, without due regard being paid to their seaworthiness or their capabilities as war vessels for the defence of the Colonies?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—As I have just replied to another Question, the Government have no information.

(22.) Randwick Toll-bar:—Mr. Alfred Allen asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it his intention, at an early date, to remove the Randwick toll-bar?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—I have carefully gone into the matter, and shall be prepared to recommend certain action in relation thereto to the Cabinet in the course of a week or two.

- (23.) Life-saving Appliances for British Vessels:—Mr. Alfred Allan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it the intention of the Government to adopt the Life-saving Act which came into force in England, 1890, compelling all British vessels to provide life-saving appliances for every person on board British vessels?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The Life-saving Act is, to a great extent, already in force in this Colony, inasmuch as the Marine Board insists on all sea-going passenger steamers which obtain their certificates here being provided with life-saving appliances for every person on board. Further legislation will, however, be considered by the Government.

- (24.) Model Farms at Bourke and Brewarrina:—Mr. Davis asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—Is it his intention to establish model farms at Bourke and Brewarrina?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—This matter is under consideration, and the claims of the district referred to will not be lost sight of.

- (25.) Railway from Byerock to Brewarrina:—Mr. Davis asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it his intention to submit to the Public Works Committee the extension of a line of railway from Byerock to Brewarrina; or, if not, will he do so upon a sufficient guarantee being given to cover the cost of interest upon the construction of such line?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The matter will be considered when the Railway policy is before the Cabinet, but my honorable colleague cannot fix a date for this just at present.

- (26.) Special area at Brewarrina:—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he take into his consideration the advisability of having a special area proclaimed at Brewarrina for the purpose of small settlement?

Mr. Brunker answered,—I have already done so, and two special areas, containing 1,647 and 320 acres respectively, and close to Brewarrina, were gazetted on the 9th instant.

- (27.) Waiting-rooms at Terminus, Newcastle:—Mr. Curley asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it a fact that great inconvenience is caused to passengers who travel by the trams at Newcastle, owing to there being no waiting-rooms at the terminus; if so, will he have the requisite waiting-rooms provided?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I am not aware, but will bring the matter under the notice of the Railway Commissioners.

- (28.) Public Health Bill:—Mr. Stevenson, for Dr. Ross, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill during the present Session dealing with the important question of public health?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Government are fully aware of the necessity for legislation on this subject, and, if time permits, a Bill will be introduced to deal with it.

- (29.) Sydney Water Supply:—Mr. Kidd, for Mr. McCourt, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Have any recommendations been made by the Water and Sewerage Board with regard to resumptions of land, parish of Kangaloon, in connection with Sydney Water Supply?

Mr. McMillan answered,—No resumptions have been recommended, but the Board wrote on the 19th March last asking that the Minister for Lands might be requested not to allow the alienation or releasing of any lands within the catchment area of the Sydney Water Supply, which might from time to time fall into his possession owing to cancellation, or otherwise. The Board also suggested that the boundary of the catchment area should be resurveyed.

- (30.) Extra Payments to Police Officers:—Mr. Kidd, for Mr. McCourt, asked the Colonial Secretary—

(1.) Have any extra payments been made to police officers on account of services rendered in connection with the late strike?

(2.) If so, will he state name and amount paid to each officer?

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

- (31.) Phylloxera Bill:—Mr. Melville, for Mr. Hayes, asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—Is it his intention this Session to bring in a Bill to amend the Phylloxera Bill?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—Yes.

- (32.) Appeal Case, Police against Adams:—Mr. Crick, for Mr. Collins, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Has the appeal case the Police against Adams, in connection with the consultation sweeps, which was tried some two years ago, been decided; if so, how?

(2.) Is it a fact that this person is still carrying on very extensive consultation sweeps in connection with different race meetings?

(3.) Is it a fact that other persons have been fined for carrying on a similar business to that which it is alleged Adams is now doing with impunity?

(4.) If so, will steps be taken at once to prevent Adams from carrying on these consultation sweeps?

Mr. Gould answered,—

(1.) Yes, the appeal made by Adams against the decision of the Bench was dismissed with costs; a full report of the case will be found in the *New South Wales Weekly Notes* of April 7, 1888.

(2.) I am informed that it is believed to be so.

(3.) Many persons have been prosecuted for such offences, but the police have not been successful in obtaining evidence against the person referred to.

(4.) When sufficient evidence is forthcoming, the police will, no doubt, take such steps to vindicate the law as may be necessary.

- (33.) Site at Kurnell for Noxious Trades:—Mr. Dale asked the Colonial Secretary,—What steps (if any) are being taken to utilise the site set apart at Kurnell for noxious trades?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The question of removing the present abattoirs to some suitable place has been engaging the attention of the Government for some time past, and I hope a decision will be arrived at very soon which will include a definite determination respecting this place.

(34.) Bridge over Orphan School Creek :—Mr. Dale asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When does he intend to call for tenders for the erection of the bridge over the Orphan School Creek, Canley Vale ?

Mr. McMillan answered,—In about a month.

2. HAY ATHENÆUM TRUSTEES ENABLING BILL :—

(1.) Mr. Lakeman presented a Petition from Alexander Pentleton Stewart, Thomas Robertson, and William Travis, all of Hay, in the Colony of New South Wales, representing that the Hay Athenæum Trustees Enabling Bill, which was introduced into this House during the last Session of Parliament, and passed through several stages, was interrupted by the close of the Session, and praying that leave may be given to proceed with the said Bill during the present Session. And the 65th Standing Order of this House permitting of the prayer of the Petitioners being entertained,—
Petition received.

(2.) Mr. Lakeman then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable the Trustees of the Hay Athenæum to mortgage certain lands situated in the town of Hay, and for the declaring the trusts of the moneys raised by such mortgage,*"—which was read a first time.

(3.) Ordered, that the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 9th June.

3. AUSTRALIAN BANKING COMPANY OF SYDNEY BILL :—

(1.) Mr. Burns presented a Petition from the Directors of the Australian Banking Company of Sydney, representing that the Australian Banking Company of Sydney Bill, which was introduced into this House during the last Session of Parliament, and passed through several stages, was interrupted by the close of the Session ; and praying that leave may be granted to proceed with the said Bill during the present Session. And the 65th Standing Order of this House permitting of the prayer of the Petitioners being entertained,—
Petition received.

(2.) Mr. Burns then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to incorporate the shareholders of a certain Banking Company, called 'The Australian Banking Company of Sydney' ; and for other purposes therein mentioned,*"—which was read a first time.

(3.) Ordered, that the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 2nd June.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Melville made his acknowledgments to the House.

5. BUSINESS DAYS (*Sessional Order*) :—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be a Sessional Order, that, unless otherwise ordered, this House shall meet for the despatch of business at "Four" o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in each week.

Mr. Stevenson moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word "Four" with a view to the insertion in its place of the word "Two".

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

Debate ensued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 60.*

Noes, 30.

Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Abigail,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Wheeler,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. William Stephen,	Mr. Ritchie,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Hutchison
Mr. Tonkin,	(<i>Canterbury</i>),
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Alexander Brown,	Mr. Goodchap,
Mr. Bradley,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Shepherd,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Black,	Mr. W. E. Abbott,
Mr. Alison,	Mr. Seaver,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Hawken,	Mr. Chanter,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Willis,
Mr. Cooke,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Edmunds,	Mr. See,
Mr. Toohy,	Mr. Playfair.
Mr. Want,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Vivian,
Mr. Bowman,	Mr. King,
Mr. King,	Mr. Dale.
Mr. Lees,	
Mr. Wyman Brown,	

Mr. Wright,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Howe,	Mr. O. O. Dangar,
Mr. Creer,	Mr. Alfred Allen.
Mr. Hayes,	
Mr. Hutchison	
(<i>Glen Innes</i>),	
Mr. Schey,	
Mr. Dowel,	
Mr. Perry,	
Mr. Lakeman,	
Mr. Grahamc,	
Mr. Garland,	
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	
Mr. Gormly,	
Mr. Plumb,	
Mr. Crick,	
Mr. Curley,	
Mr. Hurley,	
Mr. Greene,	
Mr. Miller,	
Mr. Stokes,	
Mr. Gough,	
Mr. McRae,	
Mr. Stevenson,	
Mr. Waddell,	
Mr. Walker,	
Mr. Clubb,	
Mr. Barbour,	
Mr. Melville.	

* So in Tellers Lists.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative,
Original Question then put and passed.

6. **MEETING OF THE HOUSE (Sessional Order)** :—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be a Sessional Order, that, unless otherwise ordered, the bell be rung at twenty-eight minutes after Four o'clock.
Question put and passed.
7. **PRECEDENCE OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (Sessional Order)** :—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be a Sessional Order, that, on Wednesday and Thursday in each week, unless otherwise ordered, Government Business shall take precedence of General Business.
Question put and passed.
8. **PRECEDENCE OF GENERAL BUSINESS (Sessional Order)** :—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be a Sessional Order, that, on Tuesday in each week, unless otherwise ordered, General Business shall take precedence of Government Business, and that on every alternate Tuesday General Orders of the Day shall take precedence of Motions.
Question put and passed.
9. **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS (Sessional Order)** :—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be a Sessional Order, that the Clerk of the House shall enter upon the Minutes of the Votes and Proceedings the Questions, of which formal notice shall have been given, put to the Members representing the Government in this House and the Answers returned to the same.
Question put and passed.
10. **FORMAL BUSINESS (Sessional Order)** :—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be a Sessional Order,—
(1.) That every Motion or Order of the Day for the third reading of a Bill to which, on the Question being put from the Chair, "Whether there is any objection to its being a 'Formal Motion,' or 'Order of the Day,'" no objection shall be taken, shall be deemed to be a "Formal" Motion or Order of the Day.
(2.) That, before the ordinary business of each day shall be entered upon, Mr. Speaker shall call over the various Notices of Motions and Orders of the Day for third reading 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 Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be a Sessional Order, that Mr. Speaker, after calling over the various Notices of Motions and Orders of the Day for third reading of Bills for disposal as "Formal Business," shall again go through the Business Paper for the Day to permit Members without debate, to withdraw or postpone Notices of Motions or Orders of the Day on the Business Paper for that Day; and any Notices of Motions or Orders of the Day not so withdrawn or postponed shall retain their relative positions on such Business Paper.
Question put and passed.
12. **TRANSMISSION OF MESSAGES BETWEEN THE TWO HOUSES (Sessional Order)** :—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Order respecting the transmission of Messages, agreed to by the two Houses during the Session of 1856-7, shall stand as a Sessional Order for the present Session.
Question put and passed.
13. **COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY (Sessional Order)** :—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be a Sessional Order, that, unless otherwise ordered, the resumption of the Committee of Supply shall stand an Order of the Day, as of course, on each day on which Government Business shall have precedence.
Question put and passed.
14. **COMMITTEE OF WAYS AND MEANS (Sessional Order)** :—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be a Sessional Order, that, unless otherwise ordered, the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means shall stand an order of the Day, as of course, on each day on which Government Business shall have precedence.
Question put and passed.
15. **BALLOTING FOR SELECT COMMITTEES (Sessional Order)** :—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That the following Rules shall be observed as a Sessional Order :—
(1.) Members Balloting for a Select Committee shall place the Balloting Papers, after completion, in the hands of the Clerk of the House (or, in his absence, the Officer acting in his stead), giving time for him to note one paper (as hereinafter mentioned) before another is presented.
(2.) The Clerk shall have before him a complete printed List of the Members of the House, and on the presentation of any Balloting Paper shall place his initials against the entry in such List of the name of the Member presenting such Balloting Paper, and the Clerk shall place such List, so initialled, on record with the other proceedings of the Ballot.
Question put and passed.

16. **VOTE OF CHAIRMAN OF SELECT COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE BILLS (Sessional Order)**:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be a Sessional Order, that the Chairman of a Select Committee on a Private Bill shall be entitled to vote on all questions in the same way as other Members of such Committee; and, in case of an equality of votes, exercise a second or casting vote.
Question put and passed.
17. **STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE (Sessional Order)**:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Standing Orders Committee for the present Session shall consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. McMillan, Mr. Want, Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Melville, Mr. Burns, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Edmunds, Mr. Young, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and authority and power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to examine witnesses, and to report in any matter or thing referred to or pending before the said Committee, and to confer upon subjects of mutual concernment with any Committee appointed for similar purposes by the Legislative Council.
Question put and passed.
18. **LIBRARY COMMITTEE (Sessional Order)**:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to amended Notice, That the Library Committee for the present Session shall consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Burns, Mr. Traill, Mr. Ewing, Mr. McMillan, Mr. Reid, Dr. Ross, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Stevenson, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and authority and power to act jointly with the Library Committee of the Legislative Council, in accordance with the Assembly's Resolution of 6th August, 1862.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
19. **REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE (Sessional Order)**:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Refreshment Committee for the present Session shall consist of Mr. Bowman, Mr. Inglis, Mr. Henry Clarke, "Mr. Ewing," Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Alfred Allen, Mr. Creer, Mr. Scaver, Mr. Cooke, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and authority to act in matters of mutual concernment with any Committee appointed for similar purposes by the Legislative Council.
Mr. Crick moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the words "Mr. Ewing," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "Mr. Hutchison (*Glen Innes*)."
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, 42.

Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Wheeler,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Hawken,	Mr. Clubb,
Mr. Paul,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. King,
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Want,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Dale,	Mr. Curley,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Bowman,	Mr. O. O. Dangar,
Mr. Young,	Mr. See,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Gormly.
Mr. Molesworth,	
Mr. Garrard,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Hutchison
Mr. Greene,	(<i>Canterbury</i>),
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Ritchie.
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	

Noes, 21.

Mr. Willis,
Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Bradley,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. Howe,
Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Alexander Brown,
Mr. Wyman Brown,
Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Stevenson.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Toohey.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.
Original Question then put and passed.

20. **PRINTING PETITIONS (Sessional Order)**:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be a Sessional Order, that the Clerk of the House shall cause to be printed, as a matter of course, all Petitions received by this House (excepting Petitions for the introduction of Private Bills), unless it be otherwise ordered by the House: Provided that when several Petitions are presented, substantially to the same effect, he shall cause to be printed only the one first presented, to which he shall append a statement of the number of other Petitions, the general designation of the party or parties to each, and the number of signatures attached.
Question put and passed.
21. **EXCLUSION OF STRANGERS (Sessional Order)**:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be a Sessional Order, "that" when the Speaker or the Chairman of Committees, as the case may be, has been notified by any Honorable Member that Strangers are present, then, unless Four other Honorable Members rise in their places, in token of their support to the objection, no order shall be made for Strangers to withdraw: Provided that the Speaker, or the Chairman of Committees, may, whenever he thinks fit, order the withdrawal of Strangers from any part of the House.
Mr. Crick moved that the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "that" with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "the public shall at all times be at liberty to attend the proceedings of this House."

Question

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, 45.

Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Frank Smith,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Hawken,	Mr. Clubb,
Mr. Paul,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Davis,	Mr. King,
Mr. Ritchie,	Mr. Want,
Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Garvan,
(<i>Canterbury</i>),	Mr. Curley,
Mr. Dale,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Bowman,	Mr. O. O. Dangar,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. See,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Challen,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Dalton.
Mr. Wyman Brown,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Greene,	
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Frank Farnell.

Noes, 19.

Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. Greer,
Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Hutchison
(<i>Glen Innes</i>),
Mr. Willis,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Toohey,
Mr. Grubame,
Mr. Howe,
Mr. Goodchap,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. McRae.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Gough,
Mr. Gormly.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.
Original Question then put and passed.

22. **LIMITATION OF BUSINESS HOURS (*Sessional Order*):**—Mr. Barbour moved, pursuant to Notice; That it be a Sessional Order, that, unless otherwise ordered, no fresh business shall be taken after 11 o'clock p.m.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 46.

Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Dibbs,
(<i>Glen Innes</i>),	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Slattey,	Mr. Dowel,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Crick,
Mr. Bradley,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Gough,
Mr. Walker,	Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Curley,
Mr. Ritchie,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Hutchison	Mr. McFarlane,
(<i>Canterbury</i>),	Mr. See,
Mr. Toohey,	Mr. McRae,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Greer,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Dalton.
Mr. Waddell,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Grubame,	
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Howe,
Mr. Wyman Brown,	Mr. Goodchap.

Noes, 26.

Mr. Dawson,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Frank Farnell,	
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Cullen.
Mr. Sydney Smith,	
Mr. Hawken,	
Mr. Gould,	
Mr. Paul,	
Sir Henry Parkes,	
Mr. Young,	
Mr. Bowman,	
Mr. Dale,	
Mr. Abigail,	
Mr. Scobie,	
Mr. King,	
Mr. Cooke,	
Mr. Greene,	
Mr. O. O. Dangar,	
Mr. Want,	
Mr. Lees,	
Mr. Clubb,	
Mr. Davis,	
Mr. Frank Smith,	
Mr. Garrard.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

23. **HAY AND DENILQUIN TRAMWAY BILL:**—

(1.) Mr. R. B. Wilkinson presented a Petition from Henry Hill, of Burrabogie, near Hay, Esquire, John Whitcombe, of Hay, merchant, Alexander Pentleton Stewart, of same place, bank manager, and Thomas Robertson, of same place, solicitor, representing that the Hay and Denilquin Tramway Bill, which was introduced into this House during the last Session of Parliament and passed through several stages, was interrupted by the close of the Session; and praying that leave may be given to proceed with the said Bill during the present Session.

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

Petition received.

(2.) Mr. Wilkinson then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorise the making, constructing, and maintaining of a tramway from Hay to South Denilquin; and for other purposes,*"—which was read a first time.

(3.) Ordered, that the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 9th June.

24. **PAPERS:**—

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Official Record of the Proceedings and Debates of the National Australasian Convention, held in Sydney, March and April, 1891.

(2.) Statement showing Extra Payments made to Police Officers in connection with the late Strike.

(3.) Commission appointing the Right Honorable the Earl of Jersey, P.C., G.C.M.G., to be Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales.

(4.)

- (4.) By-laws of the Borough of Wagga Wagga.
- (5.) By-laws of the Borough of New Lambton.
- (6.) By-laws of the Borough of Drummoyne.
- (7.) By-laws of the Borough of Wagga Wagga.
- (8.) By-laws of the Borough of Murrumburrah.
- (9.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Condobolin.
- (10.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Wingham.
- (11.) By-laws of the Borough of West Maitland.
- (12.) Additional By-law of the Borough of Waverley.
- (13.) Additional By-laws of the Borough of Albury.
- (14.) Amended By-law of the Borough of Young.
- (15.) Amended By-law of the Municipal District of Katoomba.
- (16.) Amended and Additional By-laws of the Municipal District of South Singleton.
- (17.) Additional By-law of the Municipal District of Gunnedah, under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.
- (18.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Junce, under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.
- (19.) Amended By-laws of the Municipal District of Moss Vale, under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.
- (20.) By-laws of the Borough of Young, under the Municipalities Act of 1867, and Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.
- (21.) By-laws of the Borough of Stockton, under the Municipalities Act of 1867, and Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.
- (22.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Adamstown, under the Municipalities Act of 1867, and Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.
- (23.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Tumut, under the Municipalities Act of 1867, and Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.
- (24.) Amended and Additional By-laws of the Municipal District of Deniliquin, under the Municipalities Act of 1867, and Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.
- (25.) Additional By-laws of the Municipal District of Wickham, under the Municipalities Act of 1867, and Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.
- (26.) By-laws of the Borough of West Maitland, under the Maitland Cattle-driving Act Amendment Act, 1880.
- (27.) Report of the Commissioner for New South Wales on the New Zealand and South Seas Exhibition, 1889-90.
- (28.) Report on Police Department for 1890.
- (29.) Fifth Annual Report of the Goulburn Fire Brigades Board, under the Fire Brigades Act, 1884.
- (30.) Report on Immigration for 1890.
- (31.) Report on Vaccination for 1890.
- (32.) Report on Coast Hospital, Little Bay, for 1890.
- (33.) Report on Vote for the Maintenance of Sick Paupers for the year 1890.
- (34.) Report to the Governments of New South Wales, South Australia, and New Zealand, on the Koch method of treating Tuberculosis, by T. P. Anderson-Stuart, M.D., &c.
- (35.) Statement by the Major-General Commanding the Military Forces, regarding meeting of Commandants of various Australian Colonies Commissioned to report as to the best means of defence for Thursday Island and King George's Sound.
- (36.) Report on the Military Forces of the Colony for 1890.
- (37.) Proceedings of the Court of Inquiry into the accident in the vicinity of Cobbler's Beach, near Middle Head.
- (38.) Statement of Receipts and Expenditure of the Corporation of the City of Sydney for 1890.
- (39.) Regulations of the Board of Pharmacy under the Sale and Use of Poisons Act of 1876.
- (40.) Returns under the Real Property Act for 1890.
- (41.) Return to an Order made on 4th December, 1890, "Reporting Proceedings of the Public Works Committee."
- (42.) Return to an Order made on 11th December, 1890, "Applications by *Hansard* Staff for additional remuneration."
- (43.) Further Return (*in part*) to an Order, made on the 15th February, 1884, "Spirits, Wine, and Beer—Convictions under the Licensing Act."
- (44.) Report on the Department of Charitable Institutions for 1890.
- (45.) Fifth General Report, together with Minutes of Proceedings, of Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.
- (46.) Report of the Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board for 1890, under the Fire Brigades Act of 1884.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. McMillan laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) General Abstract of Bank Liabilities and Assets for quarter ended 31st December, 1890.
- (2.) General Abstract of Bank Liabilities and Assets for quarter ended 31st March, 1891.
- (3.) General Summary of Liabilities and Assets of the Banking, Land, Building, and Investment Companies, for quarter ended 31st December, 1890.
- (4.) Eighth Report on the Creation, Inscription, and Issue of Stock, under the Inscribed Stock Act of 1883.
- (5.) Report of Railway Commissioners for quarter ended 31st December, 1890.
- (6.) Report of Railway Commissioners for quarter ended 31st March, 1891.
- (7.) Recapitulation Table of the International Union for the publication of Customs Duties.
- (8.) Report on Leprosy in New South Wales.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr.

Mr. Bruce Smith laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) By-laws to deal with the Water Supply of the Municipal District of Windsor.
- (2.) Proclamation and Notification of the transfer of the Harrington-street Sewer to the care of the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage, under the Act 53 Victoria No. 16.
- (3.) By-laws of the Goulburn Water Supply, under the Act 44 Victoria No. 14.
- (4.) Notification of resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land, parish of Mittagong, county of Camden, in connection with the establishment and construction of a Public Cemetery at Bowral.
- (5.) Notification of resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land, parishes of Kahibah and Hexham, county of Northumberland, in connection with the Sewerage of the Towns of Wallsend and Plattsburg.
- (6.) Notification of resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land, parish of Cabramatta, county of Cumberland, in connection with the supply of water to the Town of Liverpool.
- (7.) Notification of resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land, parish of Metz, county of Sandon, in connection with the supply of water to the Town of Hillgrove.
- (8.) Notification of resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land, parish of Hunter's Hill, county of Cumberland, in connection with the supply of water to the Western Suburbs of Sydney and Districts north of the Parramatta River.
- (9.) Notification of resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land, parish of Cobar, county of Robinson, in connection with the supply of water to the Town of Cobar.
- (10.) Notification of resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land, parish of St. George, county of Cumberland, in connection with the supply of water to the district of Hurstville.
- (11.) Notification of resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land, parish of St. John, county of Cumberland, in connection with the Town of Parramatta.
- (12.) Notification of resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land, parish of Alexandria, county of Cumberland, in connection with the Sewerage of the City of Sydney and its Suburbs.
- (13.) Notification of resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land, parish of Alexandria, county of Cumberland, in connection with the Sewerage of the City of Sydney and its Suburbs.
- (14.) Notification of resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land, parish of Teralba, county of Northumberland, in connection with the establishment and construction of a public cemetery at Teralba.
- (15.) Notification of resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land, parishes of Marangaroo and Lett, county of Cook, in connection with a new road from Lithgow to the Hermitage.
- (16.) Notification of resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land, parishes of Petersham and Botany, county of Cumberland, in connection with the widening of Ricketty-street, St. Peters.
- (17.) Notification of resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land, parish of St. John, county of Cumberland, in connection with the bridge over Beckett's Creek, near Granville.
- (18.) Notification of resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land, parish of St. Lawrence, county of Cumberland, in connection with the erection of offices for the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage.
- (19.) Notification of resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land, parish of Alexandria, county of Cumberland, for Post and Telegraph Office at Randwick.
- (20.) Report by Mr. Stanley Alexander on the proposed extension of the Blacktown-Richmond branch line of Railway to the Kurrajong district.
- (21.) Report by Mr. Stanley Alexander on the proposed lines of Railway in Riverina.
- (22.) Report by Mr. E. B. Price on the proposed branch Railway to Jamberoo.
- (23.) Report by Mr. E. B. Price on proposed Railways to Luddenham and Mulgoa.
- (24.) Report by Mr. E. B. Price on the proposed Railways to Prospect Quarries.
- (25.) Report by Mr. Percy Scarr on proposed line from Galong to Burrowa.
- (26.) Report by Mr. Stanley Alexander on the proposed Bridge over the River Murray at Tocumwal.
- (27.) Report by Mr. George H. Stayton, M.I.C.E., upon Sewage Purification and Sewer Ventilation now in use in Great Britain.
- (28.) Report by Sir John Coode, K.C.M.G., on entrance to Macleay River.
- (29.) Description of the Lines and Works of Construction of the Railways of New South Wales by Mr. Henry Deane, Acting Engineer-in-Chief.
- (30.) Report of the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage for the year 1890.
- (31.) Report by Mr. E. B. Price on proposed Tramway from Thirlmere to Vandeville, or the Oaks township.
- (32.) Report by Mr. Stanley Alexander on proposed Railway from Tarago to Braidwood.

Ordered to be printed.

(33.) Return to an Order made on 14th November, 1890, "Murwillumbah Ferry."

Mr. Gould laid upon the table,—

- (1.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed for the preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 101st, 103rd, 109th, and 112th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
- (2.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th and 101st sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
- (3.) Abstract of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the 107th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
- (4.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorised to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(5.)

- (5.) Copies of *Gazette* Notices, setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands, in accordance with provisions of the 105th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
- (6.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorised to be reserved for Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
- (7.) Notification of substitution of Regulation No. 161, under the Crown Lands Act of 1889.
- (8.) Notification of substitution of Regulation No. 133, under the Crown Lands Act of 1889.
- (9.) Notification of substitution of Regulations Nos. 273 and 274, under the Crown Lands Acts.
- (10.) Regulations under Rabbit Act of 1890.
- (11.) Return to an Address adopted on the 2nd July, 1890, "Conditional Purchases made on Baratta Run."
- (12.) Rules of the Supreme Court in Divorce and Matrimonial Causes.
- (13.) Additional Regulations for giving effect to provisions of 4 Victoria No. 29, 37 Vic. No. 14, and the Criminal Law Amendment Act of 1883.
- (14.) Rules of the Supreme Court in Bankruptcy.
- (15.) Despatch respecting the Brunei Order in Council. 1890.
- (16.) Return showing result of Local Option Vote taken in Metropolitan Suburban Municipalities in 1891.
- Ordered to be printed.

25. RAILWAY BETWEEN BYEROCK AND BREWARRINA:—Mr. Willis moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the railway between Byerock and Brewarrina should be constructed forthwith.
- (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
- Mr. Bruce Smith moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
- Question put and passed.
- Ordered, that the debate be adjourned until Tuesday, 9th June.
26. LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Creer moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice, That this House will, on Tuesday, 9th June, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to so amend the law regulating the liquor traffic as to enact that not more than one bar shall be allowed in each hotel; and to provide for the abolition of female labour therein; and for other purposes connected therewith.
- Question put and passed.
27. MANAGEMENT OF THE ORANGE HOSPITAL:—Mr. Walker moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the management of the Orange Hospital, with especial reference to the treatment of Dr. Goode by the directors and matron; and that such Committee be authorised to make visits of inspection to, and to hold inquiries at, the said Hospital; and that, for the purpose of making such visits of inspection, the Committee have leave to sit during any adjournment of the House.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Gould, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Hawthorne, Mr. Torpy, Mr. Crick, Mr. Alfred Allen, Dr. Ross, and the Mover.
- (3.) That the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, together with all papers referred to the Select Committee of Session 1890, be referred to such Committee.
- Debate ensued.
- Question put and passed.
28. DAIRIES SUPERVISION ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Morton moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend "The Dairies Supervision Act."
- Question put and passed.
29. CONDITIONAL PURCHASE MADE BY ANNIE NASH O'BRIEN, AT COROWA:—Mr. Hayes moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon all the circumstances attending the conditional purchase made by Annie Nash O'Brien at Corowa, C.P. 85-14, of 715½ acres.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Bruncker, Mr. Joseph Abbott, Mr. Slattery, Mr. Barbour, Mr. R. B. Wilkinson, Mr. Henry Clarke, Mr. Hurley, Mr. Gormly, Mr. Paul, and the Mover.
- Question put and passed.
30. WENTWORTH ELECTORATE SUBDIVISION ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—
- (1.) Mr. Wyman Brown moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the "Wentworth Electorate Subdivision Act" 51 Vic. No. 24.
- Question put and passed.
- (2.) Mr. Brown then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Wentworth Electorate Subdivision Act,' 51 Vic. No. 24,*"—which was read a first time.
- Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 2nd June.
31. DUTIES ON CORN-FLOUR, MAIZENA, COFFEE, RICE, SAGO, TAPIOCA, AND TEA:—Mr. Waddell moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the duties now imposed on "corn-flour, maizena," coffee, rice, sago, tapioca, and tea should be removed with as little delay as possible.
- (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
- Debate ensued.
- Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the words "corn-flour, "maizena."
- Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
- Mr. McMillan moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
- Debate continued.

Question put,—That this Debate be now adjourned.
The House divided.

Ayes, 36.

Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Garrard,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Greene,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. See,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Curley,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Abigail,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Clubb,
Mr. Frank Smith,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Bowman,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. O. O. Dangar.
Mr. Ritchie,	
Mr. Hutchison	<i>Tellers,</i>
(<i>Canterbury</i>),	Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Paul.
Mr. Scobie,	

Noes, 21.

Mr. Dowel,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Howe,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Creer,	Mr. Gormly.
Mr. Melville,	
Mr. Hutchison	
(<i>Glen Innes</i>),	
Mr. Hayes,	
Mr. Perry,	
Mr. McRae,	
Mr. Dawson,	
Mr. Goodchap,	
Mr. Wright,	
Mr. Barbour,	
Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. Torpy,	
Mr. Dalton,	
Mr. Waddell,	
Mr. Stevenson,	
Mr. Stokes,	
Mr. Gough.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday, 16th June.

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

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

33. SUPPRESSION OF GAMBLING:—Mr. Hurley moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable, in the public interests, to suppress, as far as practicable, the pernicious practice of gambling in sweeps, consultations, and other games of chance.

“(2.) Therefore, regarding the Civil Servants of this Colony, it is agreed that any person holding a trust position of a monetary character, who shall either himself, or through an agent, speculate in sweeps, consultations, or any form of gambling in horse-racing, rowing, or boxing, he shall be dismissed from his position in the Public Service.”

Debate ensued.

Mr. O. O. Dangar moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the second paragraph, with a view to the insertion in its place of the following new paragraph:—“(2.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should introduce a Bill on the earliest possible date, dealing in a comprehensive and drastic manner with this evil.”

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

Debate continued.

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

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

Question then,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable, in the public interests, to suppress, as far as practicable, the pernicious practice of gambling in sweeps, consultations, and other games of chance.

(2.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should introduce a Bill on the earliest possible date, dealing in a comprehensive and drastic manner with this evil,—put and passed.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 6.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 27 MAY, 1891.

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

COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—

(1.) *Maturity of Warrant reported*:—Mr. Speaker reported that his warrant, appointing the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, laid upon the Table on Wednesday, 20th May, 1891, 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*:—George Henry Greene, Esquire; Charles Alfred Lee, Esquire; Francis Augustus Wright, Esquire; Francis Abigail, Esquire; and William Springthorpe Dowel, Esquire, came to the Table, and were sworn by the Clerk as members of the Committee.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Road—Cleveland-street to Botany:—Mr. William Stephen asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is the road leading from the railway tunnel in Cleveland-street, Redfern, through Redfern, Waterloo, Alexandria, North Botany, and Botany, to the tram terminus on the shore of Botany Bay, a main road of the Colony; if so, what was the date of proclamation?

(2.) Under what system is the management of the said road conducted,—by trustees or otherwise?

(3.) If by trustees, by whom were they appointed; and what was the date of their appointment?

(4.) From what source do the trustees obtain funds for the maintenance of the said road?

(5.) What is the amount placed annually at their disposal?

(6.) Was this road formerly a parish road, managed by trustees elected by the people; if so, from what source did they derive funds for the maintenance of the road?

(7.) Did the Government abolish this former trust and remove the toll-gate; if so, what was the date of such abolition, and the removal of the gate?

(8.) What was the amount collected annually from the tolls on this road for the last two years previous to the abolition of the elected trust, stating the amount for each year separately?

(9.) What was the amount of mileage money paid annually by the Roads Department to the elected trust in addition to the amount derived from the toll-gate?

(10.) What is the total amount expended by the Government and the trustees appointed by them up to the present time on this road since the abolition of the elected trustees, the removal of the toll-gate, and its proclamation as a main road of the Colony?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) The Botany Road is a main road, from the old Half-way House Hotel to the tram terminus. The portion within the limits of the Boroughs of Redfern, Alexandria, and Waterloo is by proclamation of 31st December, 1886 (*Gazette* No. 10, 7th January, 1887), vested in those Councils.

(2.) By trustees.

(3.) By the Secretary for Public Works, on 31st December, 1888.

(4.) A vote of Parliament.

(5.) £1,200.

(6.) Yes; from the collection of tolls, and a small vote of £100 a year.

(7.) Yes, on the 25th October, 1888.

(8.) As no return was made to this Department it is impossible to say.

(9.) £100 a year.

(10.) £4,387 8s. 5d.

(2.)

- (2.) Provision for carrying on Public Works :—Mr. Dibbs asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Referring to the 13th clause of the speech of His Excellency the Governor,—will he state the nature of the satisfactory arrangements which have been made for carrying on the public works sanctioned by Parliament?
- Mr. McMillan answered,—An advance has been obtained in London of £750,000 on the most favourable terms. An advance of about £500,000 has also been obtained in the Colony. I think this should be satisfactory to the Honorable Member.
- (3.) Cemetery for Sutherland :—Mr. Dale asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has he arrived at any decision in regard to a cemetery for Sutherland?
- Mr. Gould answered,—No decision has yet been given, but inquiries are being made as to the most suitable site for a general cemetery for Sutherland and the suburban municipalities on the Illawarra Railway Line.
- (4.) Fairfield Park :—Mr. Dale asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has he arrived at any decision in regard to the resumption of land at Fairfield for park purposes?
- Mr. Gould answered,—This matter will be considered when other applications of a similar nature are being dealt with.
- (5.) Rifle Range, Randwick :—Mr. Dale asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will the rifle range at Randwick be completed?
- Sir Henry Parkes answered,—A portion of the range will be ready for practice about the end of June, and the remainder about a month later, including the special range for cadets. It was not possible to do more than has been done. I am, however, informed by the Major-General Commanding the Military Forces that the rifle range will take several years to complete, *i.e.*, to turf and grass all exposed surfaces of sand, erect pavilion, and form roads.
- (6.) New Gaol in Glen Innes :—Mr. Wright asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Have the Government arrived at any decision to utilise the new gaol in Glen Innes, built at a cost of between £13,000 and £14,000?
 - (2.) Is it not a fact that this gaol has been unused since its erection some six years since, and that it is rapidly going to decay through neglect?
- Mr. Gould answered,—
- (1.) No. It does not appear that the gaol can with any advantage be brought into the present penal system, nor would it be suitable for use as a reformatory. The prison authorities point out that the building of this gaol, which cost £11,300, “was a serious mistake, because it was not locally required,” and, from its position, could not be brought into the penal system of the Colony, while the local prisoners are so few as not to justify the expense of opening the place.
 - (2.) The gaol has not yet been used, but is not rapidly going to decay through neglect. The warder employed in the local police gaol resides in it as caretaker.
- (7.) Inspection of Light-houses :—Mr. Perry asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What was the cost of the Marine Board's late inspection of light-houses?
 - (2.) What reasons have the Marine Board assigned for not entering the Richmond?
 - (3.) Will he instruct the Marine Board to charter a suitable steamer for their next trip, in order that they may land and make a proper inspection of light-houses along the coast?
- Mr. McMillan answered,—
- (1.) £445.
 - (2.) The weather was bad and threatening when the Board arrived off the Richmond, and the tug stationed there was in attendance on the stranded steamer “Wyrallah,” and did not come out. After a little time a small steam launch was observed to be making for the entrance, with the apparent intention of coming out. As the sea was too heavy for the little steamer to cross the bar the Board steamed away rather than wait to encourage her to come out, and thereby incur great risk to life and property.
 - (3.) The steamer that was chartered was suitable for the service. If the Board failed in their duty in some instances it was in consequence of the weather, and of the exceptionally shoal condition in which many of the bar harbours are at the present time.
- (8.) Construction of South Training Wall, Richmond River :—Mr. Perry asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he direct his officers to proceed with the construction of the south training wall, Richmond River Harbour Improvements, in order to keep that river open for navigation?
- Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—Steps are being taken to make a start with this work at an early date, but any work done on the south side will have little or no effect in improving the entrance for some few years.
- (9.) State of Current Account in London :—Mr. Garvan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What was the state of the London account by the latest telegraphic information?
- Mr. McMillan answered,—On 7th April last we received a telegram from the Agent-General intimating that funds were exhausted. Since then we have (by advance and remittance) replenished the current account to the extent of £350,000. This will meet all liabilities for May and June.
- (10.) State of Current Account in London :—Mr. Garvan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What money has been sent by the Government from Sydney to the credit of the London account from 1st January, 1870, to present date; giving particulars of date, and amount of each transaction?
 - (2.) Similar information with reference to money transmitted from London to Sydney?
- Mr. McMillan answered,—I shall presently lay the required information upon the Table in the form of a Return. (11.)

(11.) State of Current Account in London :—Mr. Garvan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What was the state of the London account on the 31st March, 1891?
- (2.) What was the total known amount which fell due to be paid during the month of April this year?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

- (1.) Credit balance, £86,715 8s. 4d.
- (2.) The known amount which fell due in April, viz., £288,750, being for interest on Public Debt, was included in March account. The estimated amount due in April was £67,000.

(12.) Model Farms :—Mr. Wright asked the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture,—

- (1.) Does he contemplate the establishment of an experimental or model farm at Glen Innes?
- (2.) Will he have any objection to lay upon the Table of this House all reports, letters, and minutes dealing with the various sites proposed as suitable for model farms in the Northern districts of the Colony?

Mr. Sydney Smith,—I have no objection to the production of these papers if the Honorable Member will submit a resolution in the usual way.

3. EARLY CLOSING BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Alfred Allen 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 supervision, regulating, and closing of shops within prescribed hours; and for other purposes.
Question put and passed.
4. PROPOSED RAILWAY EXTENSION, EDEN TO BEGA (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Garvan moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all letters, documents, and reports referring to the proposed railway extension, Eden to Bega.
Question put and passed.
5. BALRANALD IRRIGATION BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—
 - (1.) Mr. R. B. Wilkinson moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to vest certain lands situated in the Municipality of Balranald in a Trust; to enable the said Trust to purchase lands; to establish works for conserving and utilising water for irrigation; to lease or sell such lands for purposes of settlement and improvement; to raise loans for purposes of irrigation; and for other purposes incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
 - (2.) Mr. Wilkinson then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to vest certain lands situated in the Municipality of Balranald in a Trust; to enable the said Trust to purchase lands; to establish works for conserving and utilising water for irrigation; to lease or sell such lands for purposes of settlement and improvement; to raise loans for purposes of irrigation; and for other purposes incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 23rd June.
6. LAW VACATIONS ABOLITION BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—
 - (1.) Mr. Walker moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to restrict the power of Judges in certain respects, and to facilitate the transaction of business in certain Courts.
Question put and passed.
 - (2.) Mr. Walker then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to restrict the power of Judges in certain respects, and to facilitate the transaction of business in certain Courts,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 23rd June.
7. EMPLOYERS LIABILITY ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—
 - (1.) Mr. Garrard moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the "Employers' Liability Act of 1886."
Question put and passed.
 - (2.) Mr. Garrard then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Employers' Liability Act of 1886,'*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 23rd June.
8. AGREEMENTS VALIDATING ACT REPEAL BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—
 - (1.) Mr. Howe moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal the "Agreements Validating Act," being 39 Vic. No. 29, and to make provision for continuance of agreements lawfully made thereunder before the 1st day of January, 1892.
Question put and passed.
 - (2.) Mr. Howe then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to repeal the 'Agreements Validating Act,' and to make provision for continuance of agreements lawfully made thereunder before the 1st day of January, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 23rd June.
9. MORTGAGES ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—
 - (1.) Mr. Alfred Allen moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to the Discharge of Mortgages.
Question put and passed.
 - (2.) Mr. Allen then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the law relating to the Discharge of Mortgages,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 23rd June.
10. PARTY PROCESSIONS ACT REPEAL BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—
 - (1.) Mr. William Stephen moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal an Act, intituled "An Act to prevent for a limited time party processions and certain other public exhibitions in the Colony of New South Wales."
Question put and passed.
 - (2.)

(2.) Mr. Stephen then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to repeal an Act intituled 'An Act to prevent for a limited time party processions and certain other public exhibitions in the Colony of New South Wales,'*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 21st July.

DAIRIES SUPERVISION ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Morton presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Dairies Supervision Act in certain respects,'*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 7th July.

12. PAPERS:—

Mr. McMillan laid upon the Table,—Return showing Remittances forwarded from Sydney to London, and from London to Sydney.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sydney Smith laid upon the Table,—Regulation relating to Gold-mining Leases under the Mining Act, 1874.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Gould laid upon the Table,—

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

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

Ordered to be printed.

13. EARLY CLOSING OF SHOPS:—The following Petitions, praying that the closing of shops should be regulated by Act of Parliament, were presented by the members named:—

(1.) By Mr. Alfred Allen—From certain householders and others.

(2.) By Mr. Traill—From certain shop employees.

Petitions received.

14. PUBLICANS LICENSES FURTHER RESTRICTION BILL:—Mr. Garrard presented a Petition from John Davies, Chairman of a Conference held in the Temperance Hall, Pitt-street, Sydney, stating that the Conference earnestly desire that the Publicans Licenses Further Restriction Bill should pass into law; suggesting certain amendments therein; and praying favourable consideration for their Petition.

Petition received.

15. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:—Mr. Garrard, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table,—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, Appendices, and Plans, from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, relating to the proposed Railway from Cobar to Cockburn.

Ordered to be printed.

16. SEGENHOE ESTATE IRRIGATION BILL:—

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

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

Petition received.

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

(3.) Whereupon Mr. Abigail moved,—

(1.) That the Segenhoe Estate Irrigation Bill be referred to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, for consideration and report.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. W. E. Abbott, Mr. Cooke, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Lyne, Mr. Turner, Mr. Copland, Mr. Gormly, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

17. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes explained to the House the course which the Government intended to take in dealing with the public business.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 7.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 28 MAY, 1891.

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

PUBLICANS LICENSES FURTHER RESTRICTION BILL:—Mr. Nobbs presented a Petition from Caleb Gambling, Chairman of a Meeting of Residents at Castle Hill and the surrounding districts, stating that they earnestly desire that the Publicans Licenses Further Restriction Bill should pass into law; suggesting certain amendments therein; and praying favourable consideration of their Petition.
Petition received.

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

- (1.) Rules of the Supreme Court in Equity.
(2.) Rules of the Supreme Court in Probate Jurisdiction.
(3.) Amended Regulations under the Prisons Act, 1874.
Ordered to be printed.

3. PUBLIC SCHOOL AT HUNTINGDON, HASTINGS RIVER (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all letters, documents, reports, minutes, &c., having reference to the re-opening of the Public School at Huntingdon, Hastings River.
Question put and passed.

4. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in the Early Closing Bill postponed until Tuesday, 9th June.

5. PUBLICANS LICENSES FURTHER RESTRICTION BILL:—Mr. Clubb presented a Petition from William James Arnstead, Chairman of the Lodge of the Star of Hope Division of Sons and Daughters of Temperance, Balmain, stating that they earnestly desire that the Publicans Licenses Further Restriction Bill should pass into law; suggesting certain amendments therein; and praying favourable consideration of their Petition.
Petition received.

6. POSTPONEMENTS:—The Notices of Motions of Government Business, Nos. 1 to 11, postponed until Tuesday next.

7. APPOINTMENT OF THE RIGHT HONORABLE THE EARL OF JERSEY AS GOVERNOR OF THE COLONY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That His Excellency's Message No. 1 be read.

Question put and passed.

And Message (as recorded in the Votes and Proceedings No. 2, of 20th May, 1891) read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker.

Sir Henry Parkes then moved, That the following Address, in acknowledgment of His Excellency's Message, be adopted by this House, and presented to His Excellency:—

To His Excellency the Right Honorable VICTOR ALBERT GEORGE, EARL OF JERSEY, a Member of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

We, the Members of the Legislative Assembly, in Parliament assembled, desire to convey to you our thanks for your Excellency's Message informing us of your appointment by Her Most Gracious Majesty to be Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies.

We beg to assure your Excellency that Her Majesty's choice affords us great satisfaction; and, in offering you our congratulations, we confidently believe that your Excellency's appointment will tend to increase and strengthen the loyal attachment of all classes of the people in this Colony to Her Majesty's Throne and Person.

We beg your Excellency to accept our hearty congratulations.

Question put and passed.

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8. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The Notices of Motions of General Business, Nos. 2, and 4 to 12, postponed until Tuesday next.
9. **VOTE OF CENSURE**:—Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That the Government no longer possesses the confidence of this House or of the country.
 - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency.
- Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 63.

Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Alison,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Traill,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Bradley,	Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Scaver,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Walker,	Mr. Copland,
Mr. Creer,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. A. G. Taylor,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Howe,	Mr. Ryrle,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Colls,
Mr. Edmunds,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Cass,
(<i>Glen Innes</i>),	Mr. Goodchap,
Mr. See,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Want,
Mr. Toohy,	Mr. Gough,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. McRae,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Lakeman,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. John Wilkinson,
Mr. FitzGerald,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Wall,	Mr. Melville.
Mr. Wyman Brown,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Dowel,	
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Alexander Brown,
Mr. Grabame,	Mr. Hassall.

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Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Clubb,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Plumb,
Mr. Frank Smith,	Mr. A. Beckett,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Greene,
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. King,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. Teece,	Mr. Hutchison
Mr. Thompson,	(<i>Canterbury</i>),
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Curley,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Playfair,
Mr. Ritchie,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Dale,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Bowman,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Wheeler,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. O. O. Dangar,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Shepherd,	Mr. Vivian,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. William Stephen,	Mr. Ball.
Mr. Abigail,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Cullen,	
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Paul,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Martin.

The numbers being equal, Mr. Speaker stated that the duty devolved upon him to give a casting vote, and he found it laid down in May, Ninth Edition, page 410, that—

If the numbers should happen to be equal, the Speaker, who otherwise never votes, must give the casting voice. In the performance of this duty he is at liberty to vote like any other member, according to his conscience, without assigning a reason; but, in order to avoid the least imputation upon his impartiality, it is usual for him, when practicable, to vote in such a manner as not to make the decision of the House final, and to explain his reasons, which are entered in the Journals.

Again, at page 413 of the same authority it is stated that—

The principle by which the Speaker is usually guided, in giving his casting voice—that of interfering as little as possible with the judgment of the House itself—has been carried even further than in the case of Bills.

It has been decided by that great Speaker of the House of Commons, Mr. Denison, that—

With regard to questions of this character, it may be held that the rule which inculcates the duty of the Speaker to give a vote which shall allow the question to be raised again, applies to votes of want of confidence. The Speaker may properly decline taking the responsibility of a change in the Administration on his single vote.

On the 13th October, 1868, in this Assembly, on the opening of a new Parliament, and upon the Address-in-Reply to the Governor's Opening Speech, Sir John Robertson moved the following amendment—

But we feel that we should be wanting in our duty, if we did not, on the earliest opportunity of which we can avail ourselves, respectfully express to your Excellency our regret that, on the retirement of the late Colonial Secretary, your Excellency did not secure an Administration having the confidence of this House.

The votes were equal, and thereupon Mr. Speaker Arnold said—

That in giving his Casting Vote, he was influenced by the belief that, in the determination of a question of a purely party character, obviously raised for the purpose of displacing a Government, it would not be in accordance with his duty to throw his weight into the scale in such a way as to manifest party predilection or to precipitate the result aimed at.

And that following the principles laid down by Mr. Arnold, and the other precedents, he gave his Casting Vote with the *Noes*, and declared the Question to have passed in the *negative*.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 29 MAY, 1891, A.M.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.



PROCLAMATION.

NEW SOUTH WALES, } Proclamation by His Excellency The Right Honourable VICTOR ALBERT GEORGE,
 to wit. } EARL OF JERSEY, a Member of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council,
 (L.S.) Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and
 JERSEY, Saint George, 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, VICTOR ALBERT GEORGE, EARL OF JERSEY, 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 sixteenth day of June instant, and the same stand so prorogued accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at Government House, Sydney, this second day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one, and in the fifty-fourth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,
 HENRY PARKES.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!



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Given under my Hand and Seal, at Government House, Sydney, this sixth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one, and in the fifty-fourth year of Her Majesty's reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

HENRY PARKES.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

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1891.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

BUSINESS UNDISPOSED OF AT THE CLOSE OF THE SESSION.

(PROROGUED 2 JUNE, 1891.)

QUESTIONS :—

1. MR. THOMPSON *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 - (1.) How many contracts for the supply of coal to various Departments of the Government are now in existence?
 - (2.) What are the Departments to be supplied?
 - (3.) What are the names of the contractors?
 - (4.) Is any particular class of coal specified?
 - (5.) At what places are the coals to be delivered; at what prices; and for what periods of time?
2. MR. GARLAND *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR MINES AND AGRICULTURE,—Whether it is his intention to introduce a Mining on Private Property Bill early this Session?
3. MR. O'SULLIVAN *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
 - (1.) Is it a fact that a portion of the travelling stock reserve at the Big Hill, near Collector, has been leased?
 - (2.) If so, is he aware that the reserve is required by the drovers who take their stock to and from the Goulburn market?
 - (3.) Will he take steps to have the lease in question cancelled?
4. MR. SEE *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR MINES AND AGRICULTURE,—
 - (1.) Has the Government selected a site for a model farm in the North Coast district?
 - (2.) If so, where is the proposed farm situated, and what special advantage does it possess over other sites in other portions of the Northern district?
5. MR. MOLESWORTH *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—What are the names of the Electorates which are, or would be, entitled, under the provisions of the present Act, to additional representation at the next General Election?
6. MR. WRIGHT *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
 - (1.) Is it a fact that there are a number of towns in the Colony unprovided with town commons?
 - (2.) Is it not a fact that many towns have very large areas granted to them as permanent or temporary commons?
 - (3.) Will the Minister cause inquiries to be made with a view of cancelling unnecessary areas where granted, and of granting suitable areas for commons to townships unprovided with the same, and increasing the areas of commons, which, in his opinion, may be too small to meet the wants of the different towns?
7. MR. O. O. DANGAR *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
 - (1.) What public officer designed the light exhibited on Smoky Cape?
 - (2.) Has the Marine Board approved of the light?
 - (3.) Have any representations reached the Department from masters of steamboats voyaging on the coast?
 - (4.) Is it probable that any, and if so what, change will be made in connection with the light?
8. MR. RITCHIE *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Is it a fact that the surveyor or his assistants engaged in the Parramatta River, below Lennox bridge, have been incapacitated from work by illness caused by the stench arising in that part of the river?
9. MR. WALL *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) Is it a fact that a circular letter has been forwarded to the labourers or maintenance men employed on the public roads of the Colony, informing them that in future their pay will be deducted from them for Good Fridays and Christmas Days?
 - (2.) Is this intended to be a permanent rule, or is it only a temporary reduction?
10. MR. WALL *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) What was the date on which the tenders were first accepted for the erection of the Mulla-muddy bridge?
 - (2.) What has been the cause of delay in carrying out the work?

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11. **MR. WALL** to ask **THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS**,—
 (1.) Was a contract let by the Roads Department for 1,000 yards of maintenance metal on the Wollar Road without tenders having been called?
 (2.) To whom was such contract let, and at what price per cubic yard?
 (3.) What was the price paid to Christopher Robinson for metal in connection with his contract in the immediate locality?
12. **MR. HURLEY** to ask **THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS**,—Will he cause a reply to be sent to a letter, dated 19th January, 1891, addressed to the local office, by J. H. Richardson, hon. sec. Progress Committee, Oberon, in respect to a road from Henry Campbell's, near Five-mile Tree and Twelve and Fifteen-mile Tree?
13. **DR. ROSS** to ask **THE SECRETARY FOR MINES AND AGRICULTURE**,—Has the Government selected, or arrived at any decision in regard to, a site for a model farm in the Western District; if so, will he state where the proposed site is situated, or when the matter is likely to be settled?
14. **MR. STEVENSON** to ask **THE COLONIAL SECRETARY**,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce—in accordance with a promise given to the House last Session—a Bill for the amendment of the Friendly Societies Act; and, if so, could he say when?
15. **MR. LYNE** to ask **THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS**,—Can he state when tenders will be invited for the erection of bridges over the Murray River at Jingellic and Tintaldra?
16. **MR. STOKES** to ask **THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS**,—Is it the practice of the Department to allow the holder of a timber license, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884, to enter upon a conditional lease to cut and remove timber?
17. **MR. GARYAN** to ask **THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS**,—
 (1.) Has he brought the matter of the proposed Bega-Eden Railway before the Cabinet?
 (2.) Have the Government decided to invite Parliament to submit this work to the investigation of the Public Works Committee?
18. **MR. GORMLY** to ask **THE SECRETARY FOR MINES AND AGRICULTURE**,—
 (1.) Have the licenses to vaccinate with Pasteur's vaccine of anthrax been withdrawn for the purpose of adding some new conditions?
 (2.) Are not the new conditions, if applied to the vaccinators, practically putting a stop to vaccination?
 (3.) Have not the owners performed the duties now sought to be cast upon the vaccinators, and carried them out satisfactorily?
 (4.) Is there any reason why the owners cannot be called upon to perform the duty now sought to be put upon the vaccinators with regard to vaccinated sheep, but also to any unvaccinated sheep which may die of anthrax on their runs?
 (5.) Is it intended to insist that sheep which die of anthrax spontaneously contracted should be burnt, as well as those which die from vaccination?
 (6.) Is there any reason why the owners who are on the spot, and have every facility for doing so, should not be called upon to burn the vaccinated sheep?
 (7.) Have the vaccinators official authority to go upon land to destroy sheep if the owners object to their doing so?
 (8.) Will he obtain an opinion whether, under the 17th section of the Act, it is necessary for the vaccinators to have licenses at all?
19. **MR. STEVENSON** to ask **THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION**,—
 (1.) Is it the intention of the Department to remove the present old wooden school buildings at Mount View to the new site?
 (2.) How long have these buildings been erected, and what was their original cost?
 (3.) What amount has been expended upon the same annually since their erection?
 (4.) Were tenders called for further additions last year?
 (5.) Have the residents protested against the present school site as being unsuitable?
 (6.) Will he state what is the estimated cost of removing the old buildings?
 (7.) Will he have any objection to lay upon the Table of this House the report of the Inspector, and the Clerk of Works in reference to the matter?
20. **MR. BOWMAN** to ask **THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE**,—
 (1.) When does he intend to insist on the Police Magistrate of Windsor and Richmond attending the Richmond Court every Thursday?
 (2.) Is it a fact that last Thursday two cases had to be postponed for want of magistrates?
21. **MR. BOWMAN** to ask **THE COLONIAL TREASURER**,—
 (1.) Was Mr. George L. A. Davies, of Windsor, appointed to report upon the New South Wales Railways; if so, by whom?
 (2.) Did the Government go outside the Department to secure his services; if so, had they not competent officers capable of doing the work?
 (3.) Was Mr. Davies granted a free pass extending over a month; if so, for what reason?

Contingent Notices of Motions on Sir Henry Parkes' motion relative to Federation:—

1. **MR. TRAILL** to move, That all the words after the first word "That" be omitted, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words, "in the opinion of this House it is the duty of the Government to make provision for the sense of the people being taken by way of referendum, on the lines of one man one vote, as to whether they are favourable to any Federation of this Colony with the other Colonies of Australasia, and for direct election in the event of a majority being favourable to Federation of Delegates to an Australian National Convention, to frame a Constitution to be without delay submitted in like manner to the people for acceptance or rejection."
2. **MR. LAKEMAN** to move, That the words "approves of" in line 5 of the first Resolution be omitted, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "agrees to consider"; that the word "but" in line 6 be omitted, with a view to the insertion in its place of the word "and"; and that the word "finally" in line 8 be omitted.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. McMILLAN to move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.
2. MR. McMILLAN to move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
3. MR. McMILLAN to move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make better provision for the incorporation of Banks and Banking Companies; and for the regulation and inspection of the business of such Companies; and for the regulation of Note Issues; and for the protection of Moneys placed on Deposit; and to consolidate and amend the laws relating to Banking.
4. MR. McMILLAN to move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill, for the better regulation of the business of Life and Fire Insurance Companies; and to facilitate dealings with policies of insurance; and to consolidate and amend the laws relating to life, fire, and marine insurance.
5. SIR HENRY PARKES to move,—
 - (1.) That this House re-affirms its opinion in favour of the Federation of the Australian Colonies, and, taking into consideration all the circumstances of the constitution of the National Convention which met in Sydney in March last as a duly authorised body, appointed by all the Parliaments of Australia, and having due regard to the difficulties and the necessity for compromise in reconciling conflicting interests, and coming to a common ground of agreement, it hereby approves of the scheme for an adequate Federal Constitution, embodied in the draft Bill of the Convention; but it reserves to itself the right to propose omissions or amendments, to be fully set forth by the proposer in each case in a schedule, and to be finally considered, if deemed advisable, by another Convention similarly constituted, and in like manner representing all the Colonies.
 - (2.) That this House is further of opinion that the question as dealt with by this Parliament, should be submitted to the People in their electoral capacity for final approval.
6. SIR HENRY PARKES to move, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to divide New South Wales into District Government areas; to establish therein a system of local self-government; and for other purposes connected therewith.
7. SIR HENRY PARKES to move, 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 Establishment of a system of Registration; for the Abolition of Plural Voting; and for the Amendment of the Electoral Law in other respects.
8. SIR HENRY PARKES to move, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to divide New South Wales into Electoral Districts, to return each one Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly.
9. SIR HENRY PARKES to move, 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 and extend the provisions of the "Licensing Acts, 1882-1883," under which Publicans' Licenses are subject to Ratepayers' votes; and for other purposes in connection with the restriction of such Licenses.
10. MR. SYDNEY SMITH to move, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make better provision for the regulation of coal mines and collieries, and for other purposes connected therewith.
11. MR. SYDNEY SMITH to move, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to define and declare the respective rights of the Crown and of private persons to flowing water and other sources of water supply in New South Wales; to provide for the establishment of Trusts, and, in certain cases, to enable the Government to carry out works of water conservation and utilization, and of drainage; to empower such Trusts to raise loans, to be granted or guaranteed by the Government in certain cases and under certain conditions; to authorise the imposition of rates and charges for the purposes of such Trusts; to provide for the leasing of Crown Lands subject to drought and flood; for the acquisition of lands and water rights in certain cases; for the disposal thereof by sale or lease; for the licensing of works for water conservation or utilization; for granting water rights to private persons, subject to certain conditions and reservations; and for conferring powers and making provision generally for giving due effect to and carrying out the purposes aforesaid.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. WADDELL to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the matter of constructing locks and weirs across the Darling River, so as to conserve water for irrigation purposes and make the river permanently navigable, is a great national work, which the Government should immediately take steps to ascertain the practicability of carrying out.
2. MR. WADDELL to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should provide money for the Crown lessees who require it to fence their holdings in with rabbit-proof fencing.
 - (2.) That 8 per cent. per annum should be charged on all such loans—4 per cent. of such to go as interest, and 4 per cent. towards paying off the principal.
 - (3.) That the repayment of the said loans and interest should be a first charge on the respective holdings.

3. **MR. CRICKSHANK** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—
- (1.) The number of blocks of land, and the number of each portion measured for mining purposes in the parishes of Herbert, Clive, and Darby, county of Gough, and parish of Swinson, county of Harding; the number of valid leases now existing; also the names of the holders, and dates on which the said leases were taken up.
 - (2.) On what dates were the rents on each lease paid, and the amounts of arrears (if any).
 - (3.) The number of blocks (if any), and names of holders of lease, for which rent has been received after the ground had been reported for non-fulfilment of labour conditions.
4. **MR. O'SULLIVAN** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that a bridge should be erected over the Murrumbidgee River at Freshford, near Qucanbeyan, for the purpose of giving access to the lands recently thrown open for settlement, and affording a safe and reliable crossing for the numerous settlers in the trans-Murrumbidgee country.
5. **MR. O'SULLIVAN** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Lake George water scheme should be included in the first list of works undertaken for the purposes of irrigation and water conservation.
6. **MR. JONES** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers relating to George Vincent's conditional purchase of 640 acres, 22nd August, 1878, at Gundagai.
7. **MR. WILLIAM STEPHEN** to move,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is highly desirable, from a commercial, a sanitary, and a military point of view, that a railway should be constructed from Eveleigh to La Perouse, near the fortifications on Bare Island, at the entrance to Botany Bay.
 - (2.) That, from the commercial point of view, and in order that it should be a financial success, and conserve the interests of the public to the fullest extent, the said railway ought to pass through the most populous part of Botany.
 - (3.) That, for sanitary purposes, the said railway ought to pass as near as practicable to the public parks and recreation grounds, and within a convenient distance of Botany Bay.
 - (4.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
8. **MR. WILLIAM STEPHEN** to move,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that every borough, municipality, or municipal district in the Colony of New South Wales should have a public park set apart for the recreation of the people.
 - (2.) That every such park in all boroughs, municipalities, and municipal districts should be under the control and management of the Municipal Authorities within their respective jurisdictions.
 - (3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
9. **MR. WILLIAM STEPHEN** to move,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, and having in view the sanitary, commercial, and other interests of the Electorate of Redfern, and its utility as a great National work, it is desirable that the Shea's Creek canal should be proceeded with, and completed without unnecessary delay.
 - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
10. **MR. WILLIAM STEPHEN** to move,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, having in view the sanitary condition of the district, and in order to prevent a possible outbreak of typhoid fever or other diseases, it is desirable that the nuisance arising from the mud flats, and the accumulations of seaweed and other offensive matter on the north shore of Botany, between Bunnerong and the Sir Joseph Banks Hotel, should be abated.
 - (2.) That this work should be at once proceeded with by the Government.
 - (3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
11. **MR. THOMPSON** to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the "Masters and Servants Act" in certain particulars.
12. **MR. THOMPSON** to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the claim of Mr. Valentine Post for a reward as being the first person in the Colony of New South Wales who discovered gold under basaltic rock by deep sinking.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Wyman Brown, Mr. Dowel, Mr. Levien, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Cooke, and the Mover.
13. **MR. JOSEPH ABBOTT** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers relating to the suspension and dismissal from the Railway Service of Engine-driver David A. Gow.
14. **MR. INGLIS** to move,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient that a line of railway should be surveyed from the nearest convenient portion of the Main Northern Line to Walcha; and the necessary steps taken to submit the same to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.
 - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
15. **MR. INGLIS** to move,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient that a line of railway should be surveyed from Armidale to Hillgrove; and the necessary steps taken to submit the same to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.
 - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
16. **MR. FRANK SMITH** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should immediately take the necessary steps to have submitted to the Public Works Committee, for their inspection and report, a proposal for the construction of a railway to the deep waters of Port Jackson along the foreshore of Long Cove to Longnose Point.

17. MR. TRAILL 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,—
 (1.) Copies of all despatches to the Imperial Authorities having reference to the subject of (a) Federation of the Australasian Colonies, and (b) the Draft Bill to constitute the Commonwealth of Australia.
 (2.) Copies of all communications with the Agent-General of the Colony, having reference to the same subjects.
18. MR. BALL to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Calaghan's Conditional Purchases, Braidwood and Queanbeyan," brought up on 30th October, 1890, be now adopted.
19. MR. BALL to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Elizabeth Ann Cartwright's Additional Conditional Purchases," brought up on 6th November, 1890, be now adopted.
20. MR. SEE to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all reports, minutes, and other documents relating to the establishment of a model farm in the North Coast district.
21. MR. DOWEL to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all letters, documents, and reports referring to Mrs. Riely's claim for services rendered in connection with the Dundee Public School.
22. MR. WALL to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing all the appointments and promotions made in the Civil Service under the present Administration; such Return to show, in the case of appointments made from outside the Service, by whom recommended, and, in the case of promotions, the position as regards seniority of the officers promoted as compared with the other officers in his class.
23. MR. FULLER to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to alter the names of the Boroughs of Kiama and East Kiama to those of the Borough of Jamberoo and Borough of Kiama respectively.
24. MR. LEVIEN to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the selection made by James Connelly, at Tamworth, of a conditional purchase or conditional purchases, Nos. 98, 105, and 106, county of Inglis, parish of Attunga, and the subsequent legal proceedings in the Supreme Court of the actions of James Connelly against John Brogan, the elder, Patrick Brogan, John Brogan, the younger, and James Brogan.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Bruncker, Mr. Dowel, Mr. Hassall, Mr. Wall, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Miller, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Wyman Brown, and the Mover.
 (3.) That the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee of Session 1890 be referred to such Committee.
25. MR. GARRARD to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable "Mort's Dock and Engineering Company (Limited)" to close portions of certain streets at Mort Bay, in the Borough of Balmain, being the north-east end of College-street and the north-east end of Trouton-street (now called New John-street), and to establish a new street in lieu thereof.
26. MR. YOUNG to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all letters, documents, reports, minutes, &c., having reference to the reserve known as the Brush, within the town of Wingham, and its being placed under the charge of the Municipal Council of that town.
27. MR. O'SULLIVAN to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers, &c., relating to the dismissal from the railway service of Mr. Henry Hoyle, of Redfern Station, and Fettle Green, late of the Queanbeyan district.
28. MR. WILLIS to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers, correspondence, evidence, &c., having reference to the alleged misconduct of Acting-Gaoler Rooney, at Cobar.
29. MR. MOLESWORTH to move, That it be a Sessional Order,—
 (1.) That a book be kept upon the Table of this House, in which all votes, under the system or practice known as "pairs" may be entered by the Clerk, on the authority of the members so "pairing," or upon the certificate of the Parliamentary "Whips."
 (2.) That all such votes be entered upon the "Votes and Proceedings" of this House, and published in the *Hansard*.
30. MR. HOWE to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Mrs. Cunynghame, late Superintendent of Macquarie-street Asylum for Infirm and Destitute, Parramatta," brought up on 23rd September, 1890, be now adopted.
31. MR. CRICK to move,—
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, a Royal Commission should be appointed to inquire into and report upon the stability and general business of any Company registered under the Companies Act of 1874, trading as a savings or deposit bank.
 (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
32. MR. CRICK to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to define the rights of the people in and to the use and occupation of all lands granted, dedicated, or leased to, or otherwise occupied by, companies, clubs, or associations for horse-racing purposes; to provide for the establishment of a representative tribunal; to control all matters affecting horse-racing; to repeal, in part, the Australian Jockey Club Act; and for other purposes.
33. MR. CRICK to move, That, in the opinion of this House, all future locomotives, cars, rolling stock &c., required for the railways of this Colony should be manufactured in the Colony.
34. MR. CRICK to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Mr. Manning, Chairman of the Licensing Bench at Ryde," brought up on the 14th October, 1890, be now adopted.

35. Mr. SCHEY to move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to declare eight hours to be a legal day's labour; to regulate Sunday labour; to arrange for a half-holiday on Saturdays; to provide for the working of overtime, and the payments to be made therefor; and for other purposes connected therewith.
36. Mr. FRANK SMITH to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend the right of audience in Courts of Justice within the Colony of New South Wales.
37. Mr. HUTCHISON (*Glen Innes*) to move, That, in the opinion of this House, no scheme of Federation can possibly meet the wants and aspirations of the people of the Australian Colonies which does not secure to them the absolute right to legislate and enact such laws for the government and entire management of Australian affairs as an independent nation and people have a right to.
38. Mr. O'SULLIVAN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the survey fees imposed under the Land Act of 1839 are an impediment to the settlement of the people on the soil, and should be abolished.
39. Mr. DOWEL to move,—
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient that a line of railway should be surveyed from Tamworth to Barraba, *via* Manilla, and the necessary steps taken to submit the same to the Public Works Committee.
 (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
40. Mr. DIBBS to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to facilitate and regulate the supply of electricity for lighting and other purposes in the City of Sydney.
41. Mr. HURLEY to move,—
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the construction of a Post and Telegraph office for Hartley Vale is an urgent necessity, and that the Postmaster-General, after promising such accommodation for the general public, has exhibited negligence towards an important mining centre.
 (2.) That the fact of £10,380 having been paid for outward freight during the past year, independent of receipts for fares and freights to Hartley Vale, fully warrants the House in instructing the Department to provide and carry out such work.
42. Mr. HURLEY to move,—
 (1.) That, a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the case of Patrick Brown and others in regard to certain interests in gold or mineral leases.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Wright, Mr. Melville, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Wall, Mr. Tonkin, Mr. Torpy, Mr. Clubb, and the Mover.
43. Mr. CRICK to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to give Attorneys, Solicitors, and Proctors of the Supreme Court of the Colony of New South Wales right of audience in all Courts in the said Colony, and to enable such Attorneys, Solicitors, and Proctors to become Barristers of the said Supreme Court; and to enable Barristers of that Court to become Attorneys, Solicitors, and Proctors thereof; and for other purposes in connection therewith.
44. Mr. WALKER to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to lessen the cost of litigation.
45. Mr. WALKER to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to abolish distress for rent, and to abolish preferential payments in certain cases.
46. Mr. O'SULLIVAN to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend the rights of the legal profession.
47. Mr. GARRARD to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to give contractors and others employed in performing labour, and furnishing materials for improving land, by erecting, altering, or repairing houses, buildings, or other improvements thereon, protection against loss by reason of such improvements being effected.
48. Mr. STEVENSON to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the conditional purchase of 160 acres taken up by James Young, at Gosford, on the 31st of December, 1885.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Brunker, Mr. Dale, Mr. Turner, Mr. Hawthorne, Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Perry, Mr. Gormly, Mr. Colls, Mr. Stokes, and the Mover.
49. Mr. HAWTHORNE to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the authenticity of the case already stated in the petition of ex-Mounted Sergeant William Stafford, presented to and received by Parliament on the 2nd day of May, 1888, concerning his claim for superannuation allowance from the "Police Superannuation Fund," to which he contributed 3 per cent. of his salary for eighteen years as a provision for accident, infirmity, and old age, and whether the ex-Sergeant received such a wound and other injuries in the execution of his public duty as to render him now unfit to follow his occupation.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Ryrie, Mr. Frank Smith, Mr. Garrard, Mr. O'Sullivan, Dr. Ross, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Clubb, and the Mover.
 (3.) That the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee on this subject during the Session 1890, be referred to such Committee.
50. Mr. O'SULLIVAN to move,—
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, steps should be taken by the Government to lessen the disastrous results of droughts, by affording a cheap and speedy means for the removal of stock from the arid districts to the mountain runs of Monaro and New England.
 (2.) That, with a view to accomplishing this, as well as giving another connection between the Southern, Western, and Northern railway lines, a line of railway should be constructed without delay from Werris Creek to Nyngan, thence to Hay; and branch lines from the Southern railway should be extended from Wagga Wagga to Tumberumba, and from Yass to Queanbeyan.

51. **MR. TONKIN** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient that a line of railway should be constructed between Piper's Flat, on the Western Railway line, and Sunny Corner; and that the same be referred forthwith to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation.
52. **MR. O'SULLIVAN** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, a Royal Commission should be appointed to inquire into the validity of the titles of certain lands on the Berry Estate, and in the grants held by the A. A. and Peel River Companies.
53. **MR. WALKER** to move, That this House is of opinion that the Government should take all necessary steps for the establishment of a National Bank.
54. **MR. GRAHAME** to move,—
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the present system of employing labour upon the permanent ways of the railways of this Colony is unfair to the working classes and injurious to the best interests of the people, inasmuch as it tends to reduce the standard of payment, and by the employment of inferior workmen at a low rate of wages, the work performed is of an unsatisfactory character, and tends to increase the danger to the travelling public.
 (2.) That this House requests the Government to take immediate steps to abolish the present system and to revert to the system of employing permanent gangs, which has worked so satisfactorily in the past.
55. **MR. MORTON** to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the claim of Mr. John Bartholomew Casey, late Clerk of Petty Sessions, Agent for the sale of Crown Lands, &c., at Kempsey.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Ewing, Mr. O. O. Dangar, Mr. Perry, Mr. Waddell, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Collins, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. William Stephen, and the Mover.
 (3.) That the petition of Mr. J. B. Casey, received by this House on 18th December, 1890, be referred to the Committee.
56. **MR. DOWEL** to move,—
 (1.) That this House is of opinion that the branch of the Royal Mint which Her Majesty has been pleased to establish in this Colony should, with the utmost possible expedition, receive unassayed silver, or silver in bars, or ingots, which might be exchanged for the current silver coin of the Realm.
 (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
57. **MR. GOODCHAP** to move,—
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the question of the Federation of the Colonies should be submitted, without delay, to a plebiscite of the electors of New South Wales in the following terms:—
 Has the time arrived for the Federation of the Australian Colonies?
 Are you in favour of the Constitution Bill for the proposed Commonwealth, as prepared by the Convention?
 (2.) That, in the further opinion of this House, for the determining of the above questions, electoral rolls for this purpose exclusively, ought to be prepared, from which plural votes should be excluded, so that no man shall be able to give more than one vote.
 (3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
58. **MR. SEAYEN** to move, That this House considers that the action of the Minister of Mines, in not laying upon the Table of the House the report of the Royal Commission upon the working of the Department of Mines, is highly culpable and deserving of condemnation.
59. **MR. O'SULLIVAN** to move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following resolution:—That, in the opinion of this House, the sum of £1,000 should be devoted to the painting of a full-length portrait of the late Sir John Robertson, and that the picture should be hung upon the wall of the Legislative Assembly, side by side with that of William Charles Wentworth.
60. **MR. DALTON** to move, That the Report of the Select Committee on the "Claims of William Tom, James Tom, and J. H. A. Lister, as the first discoverers of gold in Australia," brought up on the 18th December, 1890, be now adopted.
61. **MR. BARBOUR** to move,—
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Report of the Select Committee on the Barratta forfeited conditional purchases, adopted 3rd December, 1889, discloses that Henry Ricketson, lessee of Barratta pastoral holding, obtained Crown grants to a large quantity of valuable land, containing valuable improvements, which land he purchased by claiming that the improvements were his own property, and that they entitled him to purchase land in virtue thereof, whereas the said improvements were the forfeited improvements of the several conditional purchases, and belonged to the Crown.
 (2.) That steps be taken to recall the said Crown grants, and that such other steps may be taken as the Crown Law Officers may advise, to vindicate the law in respect thereof.
 (3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
62. **MR. HUTCHISON** (*Glen Innes*) to move,—
 (1.) That this House recognises as a self-evident fact that the land is the result of the will, pleasure, and creative power of an all-wise and beneficent Creator.
 (2.) That it is self-evident that it was not created for the particular benefit of any man, or class of men, but as a home, and for the common benefit of all His creatures through all generations.
 (3.) That the land is, by Divine right, and every law of justice, the common property and heritage of all men, and equally so of future generations as of the present.

- (4.) That, as it was not created by any human effort or instrumentality of man, but through the will and power of God, which He has constituted the source of all wealth, and from whence man is sustained in life through the operation of labour, all men have equal rights thereto.
- (5.) That, as the alienation of the lands of the Colony is a violation of all Divine and natural law, and recognising that the acquisition and accumulation of land as private property is the foundation of monopoly, which is productive of enormous misery, this House is of opinion that because of such, and the great injustice inflicted, not only to the great mass of the people now living, but, if continued, on untold millions yet unborn, the time has arrived that the further alienation of the provincial lands of this Colony should immediately and for ever cease.
- (6.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
63. **MR. McCOURT** to move,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should forthwith introduce a Bill for the inspection and regulation of all Financial Institutions receiving money on deposit.
- (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
64. **MR. PLUMB** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient in the public interest that the Government bring in a Bill to vest in the State the ownership of all metals and minerals whatsoever below the surface of all lands which have been alienated, or are to be alienated in the future; and to declare that owners of alienated lands are entitled to only surface rights.
65. **MR. WADDELL** to move,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the duty now imposed on wire netting used for rabbit-proof fencing should be removed with as little delay as possible.
- (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
66. **MR. WALL** to move,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the present mode of disbursing the Prospecting Vote is highly objectionable, and that the said Vote should be expended under the supervision of Boards locally appointed.
- (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
67. **MR. WILLIS** to move,—
- (1.) That this House is of opinion that, having regard for the welfare of the people, and with a view of relieving the heavy burden of taxation now imposed upon the masses, the Customs Tariff should be amended, so as to remove the duties now placed upon tea, sugar, coffee, rice, currants, raisins, dried fruits, butter, bacon, and cheese.
- (2.) That the revenue lost to the State by such removal shall be made good by an ad valorem duty of 10 per cent. being placed upon the following articles:—Pianos, organs, musical instruments, music, silverware, silver-plated ware, furniture, harness, carriages, buggies, carts, drays, waggons, carpets, floor-cloths, artificial flowers, laces, furs, feathers, silks, satins, velvets, gold and silver jewellery, plated jewellery, diamonds, billiard tables, iron safes, firearms, fireworks, and pictures.
- (3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
68. **MR. O. O. DANGAR** to move,—
- (1.) That,—in view of the depressed condition of the agriculturalists of this Colony, to which the large importations of grain, hay, fruit, vegetables, and other products conveyed to our ports at low rates of freight have largely contributed; the fact that the other Australian Colonies have levied duties on all such products, thus to a certain extent closing their markets against our products; the further fact that the present tariff imposes duties on certain articles, the product of the farm, field, and dairy; and the necessity for adding to the public revenue in order to meet the expenditure already authorised by Parliament, and provide for further necessary works,—in the opinion of this House it is advisable that customs duties should be levied on all importations of maize, oats, chaff, bran, barley, wheat, flour, and other products of the farm and field.
- (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
69. **MR. WILLIS** to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorise a Water Trust to establish works; borrow money to purchase and lease land for conserving and utilising the waters of the River Barwon (or Darling) for water supply, irrigation, and other purposes; and to reclaim and use certain lands within the Land District of Bourke.
70. **MR. WILLIS** to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorise a Water Trust to establish works, purchase and lease land; to borrow money for conserving and utilising the waters of the River Barwon for water supply, irrigation, and other purposes; to reclaim and use certain lands within the Land District of Brewarrina.
71. **MR. MELVILLE** to move,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, all furniture manufactured in the Colony by Chinese, or imported from China, should be stamped, or bear a distinguishing mark, in a conspicuous place on such furniture, indicating that such furniture is the product of Chinese labour.
- (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
72. **MR. MELVILLE** to move,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, elementary education in the public schools should forthwith be made free.
- (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
73. **MR. BARBOUR** to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the conditional purchases of Neil Gallagher, Orange, C.P. 84-166, of 96 acres, and 84-169, of 84 acres, made at Orange in 1884.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Brunner, Mr. McFarlane, Mr. Jones, Dr. Ross, Mr. Torpy, Mr. Dalton, Mr. Hawthorne, Mr. Frank Smith, and the Mover.

- 74. MR. JONES to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon all the circumstances attending the conditional purchase made by one George Vincent, in the district of Gundagai, on the 22nd day of August, 1878, of 640 acres, parish of Mooney Mooney, county of Harden.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Brunker, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Ball, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Lakeman, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Gormly, Mr. McCourt, and the Mover.
- 75. MR. WALL to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the present regulation regarding the issue of miners' rights, by which they are made to terminate on the 31st of December, is objectionable, and should be amended.
 - (2.) That the price of miners' rights should be reduced to 5s. per annum.
- 76. MR. WALL to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the rental on gold-mining leases should be reduced to 5s. per acre per annum, as in the case of mineral leases.
 - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
- 77. MR. RYRIE to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is undesirable in future to grant licenses to persons known as travelling Indian hawkers.
- 78. MR. GORMLY to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Ryan's Conditional Purchases at Wagga Wagga," brought up on 18th December, 1890, be now adopted.
- 79. MR. GORMLY to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the forfeiture of J. J. Ray's selection, situated in the Wagga Wagga Land Board District.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Brunker, Mr. McCourt, Mr. Hawthorne, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Copland, Mr. Perry, Mr. Kidd, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Lakeman, and the Mover.
- 80. MR. BARNES to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Forfeiture of Henry Crowe's Conditional Purchase, county of Harden," brought up on the 12th December, 1890, be now adopted.
- 81. MR. WADDELL to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should immediately take the necessary steps to have submitted to the Public Works Committee, for their inspection and report, a proposal for the construction of a railway from Byerock to Brewarrina.
- 82. MR. SEAYER to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to tax the freehold lands of the Colony on their unimproved value.
- 83. MR. GORMLY to move, That the practice that has existed in this House, before Mr. Abbott became Speaker,—that when an Honorable Member submits a motion in writing that he dissents from a ruling then given by Mr. Speaker, the question shall at once be submitted to, and decided by the House,—shall not be departed from, except a Standing Order is passed to the contrary.
- 84. MR. HAWKEN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the present industrial conditions in Australia warrant the appointment of a Governmental Department of Labour, represented in Parliament by a Minister.
- 85. MR. HAWKEN to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the probable effect on the trade of the Colony, the City of Sydney, and the extension or contraction of the trade area of New South Wales, by the proposed federation of the several colonies with regard to interference with the tariff regulations of the railways of the Colony, and the abolition of differential tariffs or otherwise.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. King, Mr. Joseph Abbott, Mr. Frank Smith, Mr. Want, Mr. Crick, Mr. Molesworth, and the Mover.
- 86. MR. McFARLANE to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, in order to develop the agricultural resources of the country, and to enable our farmer to compete upon equal conditions with producers elsewhere, it is expedient that import duties be placed upon agricultural produce as follows:—Maize, wheat, oats, barley, and rye, 6d. per bushel; beans and peas, 4d. per bushel; bran and pollard, 2d. per bushel; hay, chaff, and potatoes, 10s. per ton; flour and meal, 20s. per ton; bananas 6d. per bunch.
 - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

- 1. Australian Banking Company of Sydney Bill (*as further amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
- 2. Wentworth Electorate Subdivision Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
- 3. Hay Athenæum Trustees Enabling Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
- 4. Hay and Deniliquin Tramway Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
- 5. Railway between Byerock and Brewarrina; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Willis,—
 - "(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the railway between Byerock and Brewarrina should be constructed forthwith.
 - "(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor."
- 6. Licensing Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to so amend the law regulating the liquor traffic as to enact that not more than one bar shall be allowed in each hotel; and to provide for the abolition of female labour therein; and for other purposes connected therewith. 7.

7. Early Closing Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the supervision, regulating, and closing of shops within prescribed hours ; and for other purposes.
8. Duties on Corn-flour, Maizena, Coffee, Rice, Sago, Tapioca, and Tea ; resumption of adjourned debate, on the motion of Mr. Waddell,—
“ (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the duties now imposed on ‘corn-flour, maizena,’ coffee, ‘rice, sago, tapioca, and tea, should be removed with as little delay as possible.
“ (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor,”—
Upon which Mr. O’Sullivan had moved, by way of amendment, That the words “corn-flour, “maizena,” be omitted.
9. Balranald Irrigation Bill ; second reading.
10. Law Vacations Abolition Bill ; second reading.
11. Employers Liability Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
12. Agreements Validating Act Repeal Bill ; second reading.
13. Mortgages Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
14. Dairies Supervision Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
15. Party Processions Act Repeal Bill ; second reading.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

ATTENDANCES OF MEMBERS IN DIVISIONS AND COUNTS-OUT,
DURING THE SESSION OF 1891.

	Divisions in the House.	Divisions in Committee.	Counts-out	Total
Abbott, Joseph, Esq.	8	.....	.....	8
Abbott, The Hon. Joseph Palmer, Esq., Speaker ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Abbott, William Edward, Esq.	1	.....	.....	1
A'Beckett, William Channing, Esq.	3	.....	.....	3
Abigail, Francis, Esq.	6	.....	.....	6
Alison, William, Esq.	2	.....	.....	2
Allen, Alfred, Esq.	4	.....	.....	4
Ball, Edward Joseph, Esq.	6	.....	.....	6
Barbour, Robert, Esq.	6	.....	.....	6
Barnes, John Frederick, Esq.	3	.....	.....	3
Black, Reginald James, Esq.	2	.....	.....	2
Bowman, Alexander, Esq.	6	.....	.....	6
Bradley, Walter, Esq.	6	.....	.....	6
Brown, Alexander, Esq.	3	.....	.....	3
Brown, Herbert Harrington, Esq.	4	.....	.....	4
Brown, Wyman, Esq.	5	.....	.....	5
Brunker, The Hon. James Nixon, Esq.	4	.....	.....	4
Burdekin, Sydney, Esq. ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Burns, John Fitzgerald, Esq.	8	.....	.....	8
Carruthers, The Hon. Joseph Hector, Esq.	4	.....	.....	4
Cass, George Edwin, Esq.	1	.....	.....	1
Chanter, John Moore, Esq.	6	.....	.....	6
Chapman, Michael, Esq.	3	.....	.....	3
Clarke, Henry, Esq.	6	.....	.....	6
Clubb, George, Esq.	8	.....	.....	8
Collins, Charles, Esq.	2	.....	.....	2
Colls, Thomas, Esq.	1	.....	.....	1
Cooke, Henry Harry, Esq.	7	.....	.....	7
Copeland, Henry, Esq.	3	.....	.....	3
Copland, David, Esq.	3	.....	.....	3
Creer, Joseph, Esq.	7	.....	.....	7
Crick, William Patrick, Esq.	7	.....	.....	7
Cruickshank, George Alexander, Esq.	4	.....	.....	4
Cullen, Joseph Francis, Esq.	6	.....	.....	6
Curley, James, Esq.	8	.....	.....	8
Dale, David, Esq.	7	.....	.....	7
Dalton, Thomas, Esq.	8	.....	.....	8
Dangar, Otho Orde, Esq.	8	.....	.....	8
Davis, William Walter, Esq.	5	.....	.....	5
Dawson, Henry, Esq.	8	.....	.....	8
Dibbs, George Richard, Esq.	7	.....	.....	7
Dickens, Edward Bulwer Lytton, Esq.	1	.....	.....	1
Dowel, William Springthorpe, Esq.	7	.....	.....	7
Edmunds, Walter, Esq.	4	.....	.....	4
Ewing, Thomas Thomson, Esq.	3	.....	.....	3
Farnell, Frank, Esq.	8	.....	.....	8
Fitzgerald, Robert George Dundas, Esq.	1	.....	.....	1
Fuller, George Warburton, Esq.	3	.....	.....	3
Garland, Charles Launcelet, Esq.	4	.....	.....	4
Garrard, Jacob, Esq.	8	.....	.....	8
Garrett, Thomas, Esq. ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Garvan, James Patrick, Esq.	7	.....	.....	7
Goodchap, Charles Augustus, Esq.	7	.....	.....	7
Gormly, James, Esq.	8	.....	.....	8
Gough, John George, Esq.	7	.....	.....	7
Gould, The Hon. Albert John, Esq.	8	.....	.....	8
Grahame, William, Esq.	7	.....	.....	7
Greene, George Henry, Esq.	8	.....	.....	8
Hassall, Thomas Henry, Esq.	3	.....	.....	3
Hawken, Nicholas, Esq.	8	8
Hawthorne, John Stuart, Esq.	4	4
Hayes, James, Esq.	7	7
Haynes, John, Esq.	3	3

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Hogan, Patrick, Esq.	1	1
Holborow, William Hillier, Esq.	3	3
Howe, James Peter, Esq.	8	8
Hurley, John, Esq.	6	.....	.....	6
Hutchison, Alexander, Esq. (<i>Canterbury</i>)	8	.....	.....	8
Hutchison, Alexander, Esq. (<i>Glen Innes</i>)	7	.....	.....	7
Inglis, James, Esq.	3	.....	.....	3
Jones, Travers, Esq.	1	.....	.....	1
Kidd, John, Esq.	3	.....	.....	3
King, Robert John, Esq.	7	.....	.....	7
Lakeman, Allen, Esq.	2	.....	.....	2
Lee, Charles Alfred, Esq.	3	.....	.....	3
Lees, Samuel Edward, Esq.	8	.....	.....	8
Levien, Robert Henry, Esq.	1	.....	.....	1
Lynn, William John, Esq.	5	.....	.....	5
Mackinnon, James Archibald, Esq.	3	.....	.....	3
Martin, James, Esq.	1	.....	.....	1
McCourt, William, Esq.	3	.....	.....	3
McFarlane, John, Esq.	7	.....	.....	7
McMillan, The Hon. William, Esq.	8	.....	.....	8
McRuc, Myles, Esq.	6	.....	.....	6
Melville, Ninian, Esq. (<i>Chairman of Committees</i>)	8	.....	.....	8
Miller, Gustave Thomas Carlisle, Esq.	4	.....	.....	4
Mitchell, Joseph, Esq. ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Molesworth, Edmund William, Esq.	6	.....	.....	6
Morton, Philip Henry, Esq.	8	.....	.....	8
Nicoll, Bruce Baird, Esq.	6	.....	.....	6
Nobbs, John, Esq.	7	.....	.....	7
O'Connor, The Hon. Daniel, Esq.	5	.....	.....	5
O'Sullivan, Edward William, Esq.	3	.....	.....	3
Parkes, The Hon. Sir Henry, G.C.M.G.	8	.....	.....	8
Paul, William Henry, Esq.	7	.....	.....	7
Perry, John, Esq.	6	.....	.....	6
Playfair, Thomas, Esq.	4	.....	.....	4
Plumb, John, Esq.	4	.....	.....	4
Reid, George Houstoun, Esq.	4	.....	.....	4
Ritchie, Robert Adam, Esq.	8	.....	.....	8
Ross, Andrew, Esq., M.D.	3	.....	.....	3
Ryrie, Alexander, Esq.	3	.....	.....	3
Schey, William Francis, Esq.	4	.....	.....	4
Scobie, Robert, Esq.	8	.....	.....	8
Seaver, Jonathan Charles Billing Pockrage, Esq.	2	.....	.....	2
See, John, Esq.	6	.....	.....	6
Shepherd, John, Esq.	2	.....	.....	2
Slattery, Thomas Michael, Esq.	6	.....	.....	6
Smith, The Hon. Bruce, Esq.	8	.....	.....	8
Smith, Frank James, Esq.	7	.....	.....	7
Smith, The Hon. Sydney, Esq.	7	.....	.....	7
Stephen, William, Esq.	4	.....	.....	4
Stevenson, Richard, Esq.	8	.....	.....	8
Stokes, Alfred, Esq.	3	.....	.....	3
Taylor, Adolphus George, Esq.	3	.....	.....	3
Taylor, Hugh, Esq.	3	.....	.....	3
Teccc, Cecil Bedford, Esq.	3	.....	.....	3
Thompson, Richard Windeyer, Esq.	1	.....	.....	1
Tonkin, James Ebenezer, Esq.	8	.....	.....	8
Toohy, James Matthew, Esq.	7	.....	.....	7
Torpy, James, Esq.	8	.....	.....	8
Traill, William Henry, Esq.	3	.....	.....	3
Turner, Edwin Woodward, Esq.	2	.....	.....	2
Vivian, Walter Hussey, Esq.	4	.....	.....	4
Waddell, Thomas, Esq.	8	.....	.....	8
Walker, Thomas, Esq.	8	.....	.....	8
Wall, William Chandos, Esq.	3	.....	.....	3
Want, John Henry, Esq.	7	.....	.....	7
Wheeler, John, Esq.	5	.....	.....	5
Wilkinson, John, Esq.	3	.....	.....	3
Wilkinson, Robert Bliss, Esq.	7	.....	.....	7
Willis, William Nicholas, Esq.	7	.....	.....	7
Wilshire, James Thompson, Esq. ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Woodward, Francis, Esq.	1	.....	.....	1
Wright, Francis Augustus, Esq.	8	.....	.....	8
Young, James Henry, Esq.	8	.....	.....	8

Legislative Assembly Offices,
Sydney, 2nd June, 1891.

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of Legislative Assembly.

1891.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

No. 1.

WEEKLY ABSTRACT
OF
PETITIONS RECEIVED

BY THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WHEN RECEIVED.	FROM WHOM AND WHENCE PRESENTED.	NUMBER OF SIGNATURES.	BY WHOM PRESENTED.	ABSTRACT OF PRAYER.
1891. May 20	Mort's Dock and Engineering Company (Limited)	Two	Mr. Garrard	Praying for leave to bring in the "Mort's Dock and Engineering Company (Limited) Enabling Bill."
„ 20	Thomas Frederick Thompson and Watkin Wynne.	Two	Mr. Dibbs	Praying for leave to bring in the "Sydney Electric Lighting Bill."

Legislative Assembly Offices,
Sydney, 22 May, 1891.

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of Legislative Assembly.

1891.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

No. 2

WEEKLY ABSTRACT

OF

PETITIONS RECEIVED

BY THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WHEN RECEIVED.	FROM WHOM AND WHENCE PRESENTED.	NUMBER OF SIGNATURES.	BY WHOM PRESENTED.	ABSTRACT OF PRAYER.
1891. May 26	Alexander Pentleton Stewart, Thomas Robertson, William Travis.	Three	Mr. Lakeman	Praying for leave to proceed with the "Hay Atheneum Trustees Enabling Bill," under the 65th Standing Order.
„ 26	Directors of the Australian Banking Company of Sydney.	Five	Mr. Burns	Praying for leave to proceed with the "Australian Banking Company of Sydney Bill," under the 65th Standing Order.
„ 26	Henry Hill, John Whitcombe, Alexander Pentleton Stewart, Thomas Robertson.	Three	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson	Praying for leave to proceed with the "Hay and Deniliquin Tramway Bill," under the 65th Standing Order.
„ 27	Certain householders and others.	Two thousand six hundred.	Mr. Alfred Allen.....	Praying that the closing of shops should be regulated by Act of Parliament.
„ 27	Certain Shop Employees ..	Thirteen hundred	Mr. Traill	do do
„ 27	John Davis, Chairman of a Conference held in the Temperance Hall, Pitt-street, Sydney.	One	Mr. Garrard	Stating that the Conference earnestly desire that the "Publicans' Licenses Further Restriction Bill" should pass into law; suggesting certain amendments therein; and praying favourable consideration for their Petition.
„ 27	Land Company of Australasia (Limited), of Sydney.	Two	Mr. Abigail	Praying for leave to proceed with the "Segenhoc Estate Irrigation Bill," under the 65th Standing Order.
„ 28	Caleb Gambling, Chairman of a Meeting of Residents of Castle Hill and the surrounding districts.	One	Mr. Nobbs	Stating that they earnestly desire that the "Publicans' Licenses Further Restriction Bill" should pass into law; suggesting certain amendments therein; and praying favourable consideration of their Petition.
„ 28	William James Arnstead, Chairman of the Lodge of the Star of Hope Division of Sons and Daughters of Temperance, Balmain.	One	Mr. Clubb	do do

Legislative Assembly Offices,
Sydney, 28th May, 1891.

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

1891.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

No. 1.

REGISTER OF PUBLIC BILLS ORIGINATED IN THE ASSEMBLY DURING THE SESSION OF 1891.

Short Titles.	By whom Initiated.	Originated in Committee of the Whole.	Message from Governor recommending provision for.	Ordered.	Presented and read 1 ^o .	Read 2 ^o and Committed.	Reported.	Recommitted.	Reported.	Read 3 ^o , passed, and sent to Council for concurrence.	Agreed to by Council without Amendment.	Agreed to by Council with Amendment.	Council's Amendments agreed to.	Order of the Day discharged and Bill withdrawn.	Bill dropped or laid aside.	Assent.	Number of Acts.	Remarks.
Agreements Validating Act Repeal	Mr. Howe	1891.	1891.	27 May	27 May	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	Stopped by Prorogation. Passed last Session.
Appropriation	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson	1891.	1891.	27 May	27 May	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	19 May	1891.	Stopped by Prorogation. Passed last Session.
Bahamald Irrigation	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson	1891.	1891.	27 May	27 May	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	19 May	1891.	Stopped by Prorogation. Passed last Session.
Census and Industries Returns	Mr. Morton	1891.	1891.	27 May	27 May	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	Stopped by Prorogation.
Dairies Supervision Act Amendment.	Mr. Gaird	1891.	1891.	27 May	27 May	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	19 May	1891.	Stopped by Prorogation. Passed last Session.
Employers Liability Act Amendment.	Mr. Gaird	1891.	1891.	27 May	27 May	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	19 May	1891.	Stopped by Prorogation. Passed last Session.
Hospital Elections	Mr. Walker	1891.	1891.	27 May	27 May	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	Stopped by Prorogation. Passed last Session.
Law Vacations Abolition	Mr. Walker	1891.	1891.	27 May	27 May	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	19 May	1891.	Stopped by Prorogation. Passed last Session.
Loan		1891.	1891.	27 May	27 May	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	19 May	1891.	Passed last Session.
Marrickville to Burwood Road Railway (No. 2).		1891.	1891.	27 May	27 May	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	19 May	1891.	Passed last Session.
Moore-street Improvement (changed from Metropolitan Street Improvements).		1891.	1891.	27 May	27 May	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	19 May	1891.	Passed last Session.
Mortgages Act Amendment	Mr. Alfred Allen	1891.	1891.	27 May	27 May	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	19 May	1891.	Passed last Session.
Ordinance Lands Transfer	Sir Henry Parkes	1891.	1891.	27 May	27 May	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	Stopped by Prorogation. Pro forma Bill.
Party Processions Act Repeal	Mr. Wm. Stephen	1891.	1891.	27 May	27 May	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	Stopped by Prorogation. Passed last Session.
Rabbit		1891.	1891.	27 May	27 May	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	Passed last Session.
Wentworth Electorate Subdivision Act Amendment.	Mr. Wymon Brown	1891.	1891.	26 May	26 May	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	Stopped by Prorogation.

No. 2.
REGISTER OF PRIVATE BILLS INTRODUCED UPON PETITION TO THE ASSEMBLY DURING THE SESSION OF 1891.

Short Titles.	By whom and when Petition presented.	Ordered.	Presented and read 1 st .	Referred to Select Committee.	Reported by Select Committee.	Read 2 nd and Committed.	Reported.	Report adopted.	Read 3 rd , passed, and sent to Council for concurrence.	Agreed to by Council without Amendment.	Agreed to by Council with Amendment.	Council's Amendments agreed to.	Bill dropped or laid aside.	Assent.	Remarks.
Australian Banking Company of Sydney	Mr. Dowel	26 May	26 May	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Proceeded under 63th Standing Order. Stopped by Prorogation.
Hay Athenaeum Trustees Enabling	Mr. Lakeman	26 May	26 May	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	do
Hay and Deniliquin Trauway	Mr. R. E. Wilkinson	26 May	26 May	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	do
Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	do
Katoomba Lighting.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Passed last Session.
Mort's Dock and Engineering Company (Limited) Enabling.	Mr. Garrard	20 May	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	do
Segezhoes Estate Irrigation.	Mr. Abigail	27 May	27 May	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Not reported on by Select Committee.
Sydney Electric Lighting	Mr. Dibbs	20 May	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	do
Wagga Wagga Cattle Sale Yards	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Passed last Session.

No. 3.
REGISTER OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE BILLS BROUGHT FROM THE COUNCIL DURING THE SESSION OF 1891.

Short Titles of	Brought up and read 1 st .	Read 2 nd , and committed.	Reported.	Report adopted.	Read 3 rd , passed without Amendment, and returned to Council.	Read 3 rd , passed with Amendments, and sent to Council for concurrence.	Agreed to by Council.	Bill dropped or laid aside.	Assent reported.	Remarks.
Public Bills.	
Private Bills.	
Land Company of Australia	19 May	Passed last Session.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

REGISTER OF ADDRESSES AND ORDERS FOR PAPERS DURING THE SESSION 1891.

NO. OF ADDRESS OR ORDER.	WHEN PASSED.		ON WHOSE MOTION.	PAPERS APPLIED FOR.		RETURN TO ADDRESS OR ORDER.	REGISTER NUMBER.	IF TO BE PRINTED.	
	No.	Date.		By Address.	By Order.			Date of Order.	When given to Clerk of Printing Branch.
1	6	27 May.....	4 Mr. Garran .....	.....	Proposed Railway extension, Eden to Beggs .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
2	7	28 May.....	3 Mr. Young .....	.....	Public School at Huntingdon, Hastings River .....	.....	.....	.....	.....

Legislative Assembly Offices,
Sydney, 2 June, 1891.

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of Legislative Assembly.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEES APPOINTED DURING THE SESSION OF 1891.

No. of COMMITTEE.	DESIGNATION OF COMMITTEE.	WHEN AND HOW APPOINTED.	MEMBERS.	CHAIRMAN.	No. of MEETINGS.		No. of WITNESSES EXAMINED.	WHEN REPORTED.
					Called.	Held.		
1	Governor's Opening Speech	19 May, 1891. Votes No. 1, Entry 9	{ Mr. Greene, Mr. Morton, Mr. Cullen, Mr. Curley, Mr. Vivian, Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Speaker, Mr. McMillan, Mr. Want, Mr. Dibbs, Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Speaker, Mr. Burns, Mr. Tynill, Mr. Ewing, Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Inglis, Mr. Henry Clarke, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Walker, Mr. Gould, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Hawthorne, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Brunker, Mr. Joseph Abbott, Mr. Slatery, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Greene, Mr. Lee, Mr. Wright, Mr. Abigail, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. W. E. Abbott, Mr. Cooke, Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Greene	1	1	None	19 May, 1891.
2	Standing Orders ¹	26 May, 1891. Votes No. 5, Entry 17	{ Mr. Greene, Mr. Morton, Mr. Cullen, Mr. Curley, Mr. Vivian, Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Speaker, Mr. McMillan, Mr. Want, Mr. Dibbs, Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Speaker, Mr. Burns, Mr. Tynill, Mr. Ewing, Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Inglis, Mr. Henry Clarke, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Walker, Mr. Gould, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Hawthorne, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Brunker, Mr. Joseph Abbott, Mr. Slatery, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Greene, Mr. Lee, Mr. Wright, Mr. Abigail, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. W. E. Abbott, Mr. Cooke, Mr. O'Sullivan,	.....	None	None	None	
3	Library ²	26 May, 1891. Votes No. 5, Entry 18	{ Mr. Greene, Mr. Morton, Mr. Cullen, Mr. Curley, Mr. Vivian, Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Speaker, Mr. McMillan, Mr. Want, Mr. Dibbs, Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Speaker, Mr. Burns, Mr. Tynill, Mr. Ewing, Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Inglis, Mr. Henry Clarke, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Walker, Mr. Gould, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Hawthorne, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Brunker, Mr. Joseph Abbott, Mr. Slatery, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Greene, Mr. Lee, Mr. Wright, Mr. Abigail, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. W. E. Abbott, Mr. Cooke, Mr. O'Sullivan,	.....	None	None	None	
4	Refreshment ³	26 May, 1891. Votes No. 5, Entry 19	{ Mr. Greene, Mr. Morton, Mr. Cullen, Mr. Curley, Mr. Vivian, Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Speaker, Mr. McMillan, Mr. Want, Mr. Dibbs, Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Speaker, Mr. Burns, Mr. Tynill, Mr. Ewing, Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Inglis, Mr. Henry Clarke, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Walker, Mr. Gould, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Hawthorne, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Brunker, Mr. Joseph Abbott, Mr. Slatery, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Greene, Mr. Lee, Mr. Wright, Mr. Abigail, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. W. E. Abbott, Mr. Cooke, Mr. O'Sullivan,	.....	None	None	None	
5	Management of the Orange Hospital	26 May, 1891. Votes No. 5, Entry 27	{ Mr. Greene, Mr. Morton, Mr. Cullen, Mr. Curley, Mr. Vivian, Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Speaker, Mr. McMillan, Mr. Want, Mr. Dibbs, Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Speaker, Mr. Burns, Mr. Tynill, Mr. Ewing, Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Inglis, Mr. Henry Clarke, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Walker, Mr. Gould, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Hawthorne, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Brunker, Mr. Joseph Abbott, Mr. Slatery, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Greene, Mr. Lee, Mr. Wright, Mr. Abigail, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. W. E. Abbott, Mr. Cooke, Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Walker	1	None	None	
6	Conditional Purchase made by Annie Nash O'Brien, at Corowa.	26 May, 1891. Votes No. 5, Entry 29	{ Mr. Greene, Mr. Morton, Mr. Cullen, Mr. Curley, Mr. Vivian, Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Speaker, Mr. McMillan, Mr. Want, Mr. Dibbs, Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Speaker, Mr. Burns, Mr. Tynill, Mr. Ewing, Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Inglis, Mr. Henry Clarke, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Walker, Mr. Gould, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Hawthorne, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Brunker, Mr. Joseph Abbott, Mr. Slatery, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Greene, Mr. Lee, Mr. Wright, Mr. Abigail, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. W. E. Abbott, Mr. Cooke, Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Hayes	1	1	None	
7	Elections and Qualifications	27 May, 1891. Votes No. 6, Entry 1	{ Mr. Greene, Mr. Morton, Mr. Cullen, Mr. Curley, Mr. Vivian, Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Speaker, Mr. McMillan, Mr. Want, Mr. Dibbs, Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Speaker, Mr. Burns, Mr. Tynill, Mr. Ewing, Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Inglis, Mr. Henry Clarke, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Walker, Mr. Gould, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Hawthorne, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Brunker, Mr. Joseph Abbott, Mr. Slatery, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Greene, Mr. Lee, Mr. Wright, Mr. Abigail, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. W. E. Abbott, Mr. Cooke, Mr. O'Sullivan,	.....	None	None	None	
8	Segenhoe Estate Irrigation Bill	27 May, 1891. Votes No. 6, Entry 16	{ Mr. Greene, Mr. Morton, Mr. Cullen, Mr. Curley, Mr. Vivian, Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Speaker, Mr. McMillan, Mr. Want, Mr. Dibbs, Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Speaker, Mr. Burns, Mr. Tynill, Mr. Ewing, Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Inglis, Mr. Henry Clarke, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Walker, Mr. Gould, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Hawthorne, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Brunker, Mr. Joseph Abbott, Mr. Slatery, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Greene, Mr. Lee, Mr. Wright, Mr. Abigail, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. W. E. Abbott, Mr. Cooke, Mr. O'Sullivan,	.....	None	None	None	

¹ Confers on subjects of mutual concernment with similar Committees of Legislative Council.

^{2, 3} These Committees act in conjunction with similar Committees appointed by the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly Offices,
Sydney, 2 June, 1891.

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of Legislative Assembly.

1891.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

THE RIGHT HONORABLE THE EARL OF JERSEY, P.C., G.C.M.G.,
GOVERNOR AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE COLONY OF
NEW SOUTH WALES.

(COMMISSION APPOINTING.)

Presented to Parliament by Command.

(L.S.) VICTORIA, R.I.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, Empress of India: To Our Right Trusty and Right Well-beloved Cousin and Councillor, VICTOR ALBERT GEORGE, Earl of Jersey, Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George: Greeting:

WE do by this Our Commission under Our Sign Manual and Signet appoint you the said VICTOR ALBERT GEORGE, Earl of Jersey, to be Our Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Our Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies during Our pleasure, with all the powers, rights, privileges, and advantages to the said Office belonging or appertaining.

II.—And we do hereby authorise, empower, and command you to exercise and perform all and singular the powers and directions contained in Our Letters Patent under the Great Seal of Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, bearing date at Westminster, the twenty-ninth day of April, 1879, in the Forty-second year of Our Reign, constituting the said Office of Governor and Commander-in-Chief, or in any other Our Letters Patent adding to, amending, or substituted for the same, according to such Orders and Instructions as Our said Governor and Commander-in-Chief for the time being hath already received or as you may hereafter receive from Us.

III.—And we do hereby appoint that, as soon as you shall have taken the prescribed oaths, and have entered upon the duties of your office, this Our present Commission shall supersede Our Commission, under Our Sign Manual and Signet, bearing date the Twentieth day of March, 1885, appointing Our Right Trusty and Well-beloved Councillor CHARLES ROBERT, BARON CARRINGTON, to be Our Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Our Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies.

IV.—And we do hereby command all and singular Our Officers, Ministers, and loving subjects in Our said Colony and its Dependencies, and all others whom it may concern, to take due notice hereof, and to give their ready obedience accordingly.

Given at Our Court at Osborne House, Isle of Wight, this Eighteenth day of August, 1890, in the Fifty-fourth year of Our Reign.

By Her Majesty's Command,

KNUTSFORD.

NOTE.—The Letters Patent constituting the office of Governor and Commander-in-Chief and Instructions were laid upon the Tables of both Houses on 28th October, 1879.

1891.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

APPOINTMENT OF THE RIGHT HONORABLE THE EARL
OF JERSEY AS GOVERNOR OF THE COLONY.

(MESSAGE No. 1.)

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 20 May, 1891.

JERSEY,
Governor.

Message No. 1.

The Right Honorable Albert Victor George, Earl of Jersey, has the honor to inform the Legislative Assembly that Her Majesty has been graciously pleased, by a Commission under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, bearing date at Osborne House, Isle of Wight, the eighteenth day of August, 1890, to appoint him to be Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Colony of New South Wales and its dependencies, and that on the fifteenth of January last he assumed the government of the Colony accordingly.

Government House,
Sydney, 19th May, 1891.

1891.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON
PUBLIC WORKS.

FIFTH GENERAL REPORT

TOGETHER WITH

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS.

Presented to Parliament in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act,
51 Vic. No. 37, section 8.

SYDNEY : GEORGE STEPHEN CHAPMAN, ACTING GOVERNMENT PRINTER.

1891.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The Honorable JOHN LACKEY, Chairman.
 The Honorable ANDREW GARRAN.
 The Honorable FREDERICK THOMAS HUMPHERY.
 The Honorable WILLIAM JOSEPH TRICKETT.
 The Honorable GEORGE HENRY COX.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

JACOB GARRARD, Esquire, Vice-Chairman.
 HENRY COPELAND, Esquire.
 JAMES EBENEZER TONKIN, Esquire.
 WILLIAM SPRINGTHORPE DOWEL, Esquire.
 EDWARD WILLIAM O'SULLIVAN, Esquire.
 CHARLES ALFRED LEE, Esquire.
 WILLIAM McCOURT, Esquire.
 JAMES PATRICK GARVAN, Esquire.

[On 22nd October, 1890, Mr. Joseph Palmer Abbott, having been appointed Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, resigned his position as Chairman and member of the Committee. The Hon. John Lackey, who at that time was Vice-Chairman of the Committee, was appointed Chairman in Mr. Abbott's place, and Mr. Jacob Garrard was chosen as Vice-Chairman. Mr. William McCourt was appointed a member of the Committee on 16th July, 1890, in the place of Mr. John Hurley, whose seat became vacant by reason of his resignation from the Legislative Assembly; and Mr. James Patrick Garvan was appointed a member on the 6th November, 1890, in the room of Mr. Joseph Palmer Abbott].

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS.

FIFTH GENERAL REPORT.

To His Excellency the Right Honorable VICTOR ALBERT GEORGE, EARL OF JERSEY, a Member of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, appointed during the first Session of the present Parliament, under the Public Works Act of 1888, 51 Vic. No. 37, and the Public Works Act Amendment Act of 1889, 52 Vic. No. 26, have the honor to submit the following General Report of their Proceedings since the date of their last General Report, 24 April, 1890:—

The present Committee, which is the third appointed since the passing of the Public Works Act, have been in office nearly twenty-three months, during which period 202 meetings have been held by the Committee, and 98 by Sectional Committees, and 432 witnesses examined by the Committee, and 755 by Sectional Committees; the number of proposed public works under consideration being thirty-two; and the amount of proposed expenditure represented by the works, £9,237,642.

At the date of the last General Report the Committee had been in office for a little more than ten months, and during that time there were before them twenty-six works, representing a proposed expenditure of £7,093,986. Of these they had passed eight as referred to them; five were recommended for adoption in a modified form; and eight, for reasons given in the reports accompanying the evidence respecting the works, had been negatived. Of the five other works, three had been partially inquired into, and two had not been dealt with.

Stated in another form, the results of the labours of the present Committee, at the date of their last General Report, were:—

Passed, as referred—eight works, representing an expenditure of	£2,840,619
Passed, in a modified form—five works, representing an expenditure of	1,450,300
Negatived—eight works, representing an expenditure of	631,230
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Total amount of proposed expenditure approved by the Committee	4,290,919
Total amount of proposed expenditure not approved by the Committee	2,023,530

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The two Committees that preceded the present one dealt with eight works, which, as referred to them, represented an expenditure of £615,176, and, as recommended by those Committees, £534,000. These works, added to those dealt with by the present Committee during their ten months of office preceding the date of their last General Report, brought the business of the three Committees, at that date, to the position shown in the following statement :—

Number of works referred to the three Committees	34	Total amount of proposed expenditure	£7,709,162
Number of works dealt with by the two preceding Committees	8	„ „ ...	£615,176
Number of works dealt with by the present Committee	21	„ „ ...	£6,314,449
Number of works partially dealt with or awaiting inquiry by the present Committee	5	„ „ ...	£779,537
Total amount of proposed expenditure on the works dealt with by the three Committees			£6,929,625
Total amount of expenditure recommended by the three Committees on the works dealt with			£4,824,919
Total amount of expenditure not approved by the three Committees			£2,139,644

In two instances the First Committee recommended an excess of expenditure over that proposed, and these recommendations represented £34,938. This amount, deducted from the total amount of expenditure not approved by the three Committees, £2,139,644, left a difference between the amount submitted and the amount recommended for expenditure, up to 24th April, 1890, of £2,104,706.

The five works which were before the present Committee at the date of the last General Report were :—

Railway from Molong to Parkes and Forbes	£433,000
Iron Bridge at Cowra	26,537
Cable Tramway from King-street, <i>via</i> William-street, to Ocean-street	80,000
Cable Tramway through George, Pitt, and Harris Streets, Sydney	120,000
Hospital for the Insane upon the Kenmore Estate, near Goulburn	120,000
	£779,537

Since the 24th April, 1890, the following works have been referred to the Committee :—

Railway to connect the North Shore Railway with Port Jackson, at Milson's Point	£231,156
Hospital Buildings, Macquarie-street	140,000
Railway from Cobar to Cockburn	1,168,000
Railway from Glen Innes to Inverell	492,000
Extension of Kiama to Nowra Railway into the Town of Nowra	75,000
College for the training of Teachers of Public Schools	37,500
	£2,143,656
Total	

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Of these two lists of works, numbering together eleven, the Committee have dealt with eight, and partially dealt with three. The eight works dealt with are:—

Railway from Molong to Parkes and Forbes...	£433,000
Iron Bridge at Cowra	26,537
Hospital for the Insane upon the Kenmore Estate, near Goulburn (withdrawn)	120,000
Railway to connect the North Shore Railway with Port Jackson at Milson's Point	231,156
Hospital Buildings, Macquarie-street... ..	140,000
Railway from Cobar to Cockburn	1,168,000
Extension of Kiama to Nowra Railway into the town of Nowra	75,000
College for the training of Teachers of Public Schools	37,500
	<u>£2,231,193</u>

The three works partially dealt with are:—

Cable Tramway from King-street, <i>via</i> William-street, to Ocean-street	£80,000
Cable Tramway through George, Pitt, and Harris Streets, Sydney	120,000
Railway from Glen Innes to Inverell	492,000
	<u>£692,000</u>

The evidence respecting the proposed Cable Tramway from King-street, *via* William-street, to Ocean-street has been closed, but the Committee have not yet arrived at a decision upon the proposal. The inquiry respecting this proposed work has been prolonged in consequence of a desire on the part of the Public Works and Railway Departments, and also the Committee, to ascertain by experiment between Randwick and Waverley the suitability or otherwise for Sydney of an electric tramway of the most approved description; and also to obtain from America, through an officer connected with the Railway Department of this Colony, specially appointed to visit that country for the purpose, the latest information concerning cable and electric tramways in the chief cities of the United States. The experiment between Randwick and Waverley has been carried out, and a report has been received from the railway officer who visited America, and the two will materially assist the Committee in arriving at a decision with regard to the proposed tramway, and to that which it is proposed to construct in George, Pitt, and Harris Streets.

In the case of the proposed Hospital for the Insane upon the Kenmore Estate, near Goulburn, the inquiry by the Committee was carried to a certain point, and then was brought to a termination by reason of a resolution being passed by the Legislative Assembly, rescinding the resolution by which the proposed work had been referred to the Committee for inquiry and report.

Some of the inquiries carried out by the Committee since the date of their last General Report have been of more than ordinary importance. That respecting the proposed cable tramways will in all probability affect tramway construction and management in Sydney for many years to come, for the fullest and most reliable information on the subject of tramways having been obtained by the Committee, the authorities of the Public Works and Railway Departments are in the best position for making alterations in the present tramway system in Sydney, if alterations should be considered desirable, or for introducing new tramways along routes where it may be proposed to construct them. The inquiry with regard to the railway to connect the North Shore Railway at its present terminus with the deep waters of the harbour at Milson's Point, represented the only instance which has so far occurred of a proposed work being resubmitted to the Committee by the Legislative Assembly for further consideration and report. When this railway was first before the Committee they did not consider the evidence relating to it such as to justify them in recommending its construction; but other circumstances coming to the knowledge of the Minister for Works, he induced the Legislative Assembly to send the proposal again to the Committee, and, in the second inquiry, reasons appeared which were sufficient to lead the Committee to alter their previous decision, and to recommend the construction of the line. One of these reasons was, that by further examination of the route it had been found by the Acting Engineer-in-Chief for Railways that the grade could be materially improved, and

and at the same time the total cost of the railway reduced. Another of the more important of the inquiries recently made by the Committee is that with reference to the completion of the Hospital Buildings in Macquarie-street. If those buildings had not been commenced before the question of their completion was referred to the Committee it is not too much to say that their erection would not have been approved, but having been carried to a certain height the Committee decided to recommend their completion in the best manner possible under the circumstances. The evidence given in this inquiry is of much value, as it discloses a very unsatisfactory condition of affairs in relation to the expenditure of public money on hospital construction, and, at the same time, gives a large amount of useful information on the subject of hospitals generally. In connection with this matter it may be here said that it would conduce to much greater judgment and economy in the expenditure of public money on the construction of new hospitals if the plans for such buildings were supervised by the Government Architect. In the case of the Sydney Hospital plans for a building to cost £209,000 were adopted by the Hospital Board, and £69,000 (of which £45,000 was money from the public funds) expended without an examination of the plans being made by any professional officer of the Government, or the Government knowing anything of what the actual cost of the building would be. One other inquiry calling for special remark is that relating to the proposed railway from Cobar to Cockburn, which the Committee have recommended should only be constructed as far as Broken Hill. This railway has been before the Committee chiefly as a national work intended to bring into direct communication with Sydney some of the most distant, and richest, districts in New South Wales. As a national work the railway is of considerable importance, and to this feature of the inquiry the Committee have given due attention; but, in addition to this, they have endeavoured to ascertain whether the line is likely to be a paying one, and they are led by the evidence to consider that there is a prospect of the line proving profitable.

The proposed railway from Glen Innes to Inverell has been before the Committee since December last, and the inquiry respecting it has only recently been commenced. The delay, however, has not been due to the Committee, but has been caused by a desire on the part of the authorities of the Public Works Department to have the inquiry postponed until the route for the line could be resurveyed, with a view to obtaining a better grade than that which the original survey showed—1 in 40. In a minute addressed to the Under Secretary for Public Works by the Acting Engineer-in-Chief for Railways, and forwarded to the Committee with a request from the Minister for Works that they should make arrangements in accordance with the terms of the minute, it was stated that, as since the completion of the survey work on the route of the proposed line from Glen Innes to Inverell no proper inspection by the engineer in charge of the Survey Branch appeared to have been made, and as there were many miles of gradient of 1 in 40 which it was desirable to cut out, surveyors had been instructed to take up the work with a view to obtaining flatter grades, and it was advisable that the Committee's inquiry respecting this proposed railway should be postponed for two months, to await the result of the surveyors' efforts. This postponement was arranged, and at the end of the two months the inquiry was further postponed. It was commenced on the 21st ultimo, and since then has been carried on with expedition. On the 30th ultimo a Sectional Committee left Sydney to inspect the route proposed for the railway, and others suggested for connecting Inverell with the Great Northern line, and to take evidence in the districts which the railway would serve, and in less than a fortnight they returned, after having visited and taken evidence at Glen Innes, Swan Vale, Inverell, Tingha, Wandsworth, Guyra, Armidale, Uralla, and Tamworth.

With respect to the improvement of grade on routes for proposed new railways, it has been a matter of great satisfaction to the Committee to find that since their efforts in their earlier inquiries to have heavy grades eliminated wherever there was a possibility of doing so, an earnest desire, supported by a re-examination of the country, and by fresh surveys carefully made, has been shown by the Acting Engineer-in-Chief for Railways to improve in this regard the routes of all new lines referred to the Committee. Instances of what has been done in this direction with the routes of railways recently under consideration are to be seen in the railway to connect the North Shore Railway with Milson's Point, the ruling grade of which was reduced from 1 in 40—the grade put before the Committee in their first inquiry respecting this

this line—to 1 in 50; in the proposed Railway from Cobar to Cockburn, the grade of which will not be greater than 1 in 100, though it was thought it would be 1 in 75, and in the route of the proposed line from Glen Innes to Inverell, which will be altered from 1 in 40 to 1 in 60. The importance of these efforts to reduce the grades on all new railway lines can scarcely be over-estimated, as they will not only greatly facilitate future railway operations, but result in a vast saving of expenditure in rolling stock and haulage.

In March last the Committee were visited by the Chairman and several other members of the Victorian Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways, who came specially to Sydney from Melbourne to acquaint themselves with the Committee's method of procedure. They were afforded several interviews, and attended some of the Committee's meetings, by which means, and the supply of copies of the reports, evidence, &c., published in connection with inquiries, which, up to that date, had been completed, they were able to fully inform themselves upon all points in the Committee's method of carrying out their duties. Considerable interest has been manifested by the Victorian Committee in the proceedings of this Committee from the time of the appointment of the Committee in Victoria; and inquiries for copies of the reports of this Committee and of the Acts under which they conduct their inquiries by the Government of Tasmania, indicate that the Committee and their proceedings have attracted attention in that colony also.

There have been some changes on the Committee since the date of the last General Report. On 22nd October, 1890, Mr. Joseph Palmer Abbott, having been appointed Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, resigned his position as Chairman and member of the Committee. The Hon. John Lackey, who at that time was Vice-Chairman of the Committee, was appointed Chairman in Mr. Abbott's place, and Mr. Jacob Garrard was chosen as Vice-Chairman. Mr. William McCourt was appointed a member of the Committee on 16th July, 1890, in the place of Mr. John Hurley, whose seat became vacant by reason of his resignation from the Legislative Assembly; and Mr. James Patrick Garvan was appointed a member on the 6th November, 1890, in the room of Mr. Joseph Palmer Abbott.

With the last General Report there was published a return giving a statement of the work of the three Committees from the date of the appointment of the first under the Public Works Act, and as a statement of this kind represents the results of the Committees' inquiries in a concise and complete form the return has been brought up to date and is republished with this Report. Attached to the Report will also be found a copy of the Committee's Minutes of Proceedings.

The return which is attached to this Report represents the result of the inquiries made by the present Committee and the two preceding Committees, up to the present date, as follows:—

Number of works dealt with	37
Total amount of expenditure proposed by the Government	£9,160,818
Total amount of expenditure recommended by the three Committees	£6,702,112
Amount in reduction of the expenditure proposed by the Government	£2,493,644
Number of works with reference to which the present Committee have not yet decided	3
Amount of expenditure proposed by the Government on the three works not yet decided	£692,000

The three works, with reference to which the present Committee have not yet arrived at a decision are:—

Cable Tramway from King-street, <i>via</i> William-street, to Ocean-street	£80,000
Cable Tramway through George, Pitt, and Harris Streets, Sydney..	120,000
Railway from Glen Innes to Inverell	492,000
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	£692,000

JOHN LACKEY,
Chairman.

Office of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works,
Sydney, 15 May, 1891.

List of Proposed Public Works inquired into by the three Committees, with the results of their inquiries, from 27 August, 1888, the date of the first sitting of the first Committee appointed under the Act, to 15 May, 1891.

Date of inquiry.	Proposed Work.	Expenditure proposed by the Government.	Expenditure recommended by the Committee.	Amount in excess of that proposed.	Amount in reduction of that proposed.	Remarks.
1888. 4 Sept. to 22 Oct.	Improvements to the Circular Quay.	£ 120,000	£ 125,000	£ 5,000	.....	The Committee recommended an alteration in the plan of these improvements, by which the total estimated cost would be increased to £125,000.
26 Sept. to 22 Oct.	Storage reservoir at Potts' Hill, and second line of pipes to Crown-street.	120,000	120,000	.....	.....
13 Sept. to 22 Oct.	New Central Police Court	48,000	48,000	.....	.....
4 Oct. to 22 Oct.	Drainage works, Manly...	34,114	22,000	.....	12,114	The Committee recommended the adoption of a modified plan of these drainage works, by which the total estimated cost would not exceed £22,000.
10 Oct. to 22 Oct.	Drainage works, North Shore.	77,062	107,000	29,938	.....	The Committee recommended the adoption of the complete scheme proposed in relation to this work, and the estimated cost of which, as shown by the evidence, is £107,000.
31 Aug. to 22 Oct.	Harbour improvements at Newcastle.	112,000	112,000	.....	.....
19 Sept. to 22 Oct.	Wharfage accommodation, Woolloomooloo Bay.	42,000	.....	.....	42,000	The Committee were of opinion that the proposed expenditure was not justified either by the requirements in connection with the wharfage accommodation of the port, or by the nature of the proposal if regarded as a scheme for the improvement of a very valuable Government property.
16 Nov. to 1889. 11 Jan.	Bridge at the Spit, Middle Harbour.	62,000	.....	.....	62,000	The Committee decided that the proposed expenditure was not justified by the evidence, and that a steam-punt would meet the requirements of the district in the vicinity of the proposed work for some years to come.
1888. 7 Dec. to 1889. 27 Aug.	Drainage works for the Western Suburbs.	830,304	830,304	.....	.....
26 June to 30 Sept.	Improvements to the entrance of the Richmond River.	326,000	326,000	.....	.....	The Committee recommend that the proposed works be carried out in a certain order, so that the results from the works first constructed may be ascertained before others are proceeded with.
9 Oct. to 11 Dec.	Railway to connect North Shore Railway with Port Jackson, at Milson's Point.	262,000	.....	.....	262,000	The Committee consider, for various reasons stated in their report on the subject, that the work as proposed should not be carried out.
29 Aug. to 12 Dec.	Railway from Culcairn to Corowa.	197,300 (or £4,184 per mile.)	164,500 (or £3,500 per mile.)	.....	32,800	The Committee are of opinion that this line should be constructed at a cost not exceeding £3,500 per mile.
22 Aug. to 19 Dec.	Railway from Goulburn to Crookwell.	198,300 (or £5,984 per mile.)	148,500 (or £4,500 per mile.)	.....	49,800	The Committee consider that the cost of this railway should not exceed £4,500 per mile, and that a saving should also be effected by utilizing a certain portion of the present main line instead of taking the proposed railway through a part of the city of Goulburn.
1890. 22 Jan. to 6 Feb. 1889.	Dredge and plant for Sydney Harbour.	30,000	.....	.....	30,000	The evidence shows that this class of dredge is not required.
25 Sept. to 1890. 18 Feb.	Railway from Nyngan to Cobar.	207,360	207,360	.....	.....	The Committee recommend the construction of this railway as part of a line which should be extended to Wilcannia and Broken Hill.
14 Jan. to 11 Feb.	Offices for the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage.	50,000	50,000	.....	.....
14 Jan. to 6 Feb.	Reticulation of the Western Suburbs Drainage Scheme.	713,592	713,592	.....	.....
14 Jan. to 11 Feb.	Extension of Sydney Water Supply to Southern Suburbs—Hurstville and Rockdale.	66,000	.....	.....	* 66,000	This expenditure is rendered unnecessary by reason of a temporary water-supply scheme being sufficient to meet requirements for some years.
19 Nov. to 2 April.	Railway from Marrickville to the Burwood Road.	90,250	90,250	.....	.....
23 Oct. to 24 April.	Improvements to the entrance of the Clarence River.	580,900	211,900	.....	369,000	In this case the Committee recommend the construction of only a portion of the works proposed, as they are of opinion that when this portion has been constructed it may be found that the remainder will not be required.

LIST of Proposed Public Works inquired into by the Committee, &c.—*continued.*

Date of inquiry.	Proposed Work.	Expenditure proposed by the Government.	Expenditure recommended by the Committee.	Amount in excess of that proposed.	Amount in reduction of that proposed.	Remarks.
		£	£	£	£	
31 Oct. to 15 April.	Breakwater at Byron Bay.	241,723	241,723	.....	.....	The original estimate for this work was £162,000; the increase is due to a difficulty in obtaining stone.
4 Dec. to 24 April.	Railway from Kiama to Nowra.	381,390	381,390	.....	.....	In this case there was an original estimate of £441,663. The reduction is due to an amended estimate made by the Acting Engineer-in-Chief for Railways since the railway was referred to the Committee.
12 Nov. to 24 April.	Railway from Grafton to the Tweed.	1,728,100	800,000	.....	928,100	The Committee recommend that this railway should be constructed from Lismore to Murwillumbah, instead of from Grafton to Murwillumbah, the Committee's recommendation involving a length of about 60½ miles as compared with 140 miles 76 chains, the length of the line as referred to them by the Legislative Assembly.
15 Jan. to 24 April.	Railway from Cootamundra to Temora.	138,000 (or £3,656 per mile.)	125,400 (or £3,300 per mile.)	.....	12,600	The Committee consider that the cost of constructing this railway should not exceed £3,300 per mile.
23 Jan. to 24 April.	Railway from Moss Vale to Robertson.	84,900	.....	.....	84,900	The Committee negatived this proposal because they consider another route, described in their report, is preferable.
23 Jan. to 25 Mar.	Railway from Mudgee to Gulgong.	109,330	.....	.....	109,330	The Committee have decided against this work, on the ground that any extension of the Mudgee Railway should form part of a more comprehensive proposal, the consideration of which should be deferred until after the suggestion for the connection of the Northern and Western systems, by a line between Dubbo and Werris Creek, has been dealt with.
12 Feb. to 24 April.	Bridge over Tarban Creek, Parramatta River.	26,000	.....	.....	26,000	The Committee consider this bridge to be unnecessary.
20 Feb. to 15 April.	Bridge over the Hunter River, at Jerry's Plains.	20,000	.....	.....	20,000	The Committee consider that a less expensive bridge would be sufficient to meet requirements.
25 Feb. to 24 April.	Bridge to connect Bullock Island with the mainland at Newcastle.	33,000	.....	.....	33,000	The Committee consider that this proposed expenditure is premature, pending certain reclamation works.
12 Feb. to 21 May.	Iron Bridge at Cowra ...	26,537	26,537	.....	.....	The original proposal represented an expenditure of £69,971, which amount was afterwards reduced to £26,537, as the result of a revision of the system of bridge-building in the Colony.
22 Jan. to 21 May.	Railway from Molong to Larkes and Forbes.	433,000	433,000	.....	.....
28 May to 8 July.	Hospital for the Insane upon the Kenmore Estate, near Goulburn.	120,000	.....	.....	120,000	This proposed work, after being partly considered, was withdrawn from the Committee by resolution of the Assembly.
28 May to 21 Aug.	Railway to connect the North Shore Railway with the deep waters of Port Jackson, at Milson's Point.	231,156	231,156	.....	.....	This proposal was before the Committee on a previous occasion (estimated cost, £262,000), when it was negatived; but having been referred to the Committee for further consideration, and circumstances appearing in the second inquiry which justified the construction of the railway, the Committee approved of the proposed work.
10 Dec. to 13 May, 1891.	Hospital Buildings, Macquarie-street.	140,000	56,000	.....	84,000	In this case, two sets of plans for the buildings were submitted to the Committee, one representing a design that was estimated to cost £140,000, and the other a design to cost £56,000, and the Committee approved of the latter.
11 Feb. to 25 Mar.	College for the Training of Teachers of Public Schools.	37,500	37,500	.....	.....
19 Feb. to 21 April.	Extension of the Kiama to Nowra Railway into the town of Nowra.	75,000	75,000	.....	.....
24 Feb. to 14 May.	Railway from Cobar to Cockburn.	1,168,000	1,018,000	.....	150,000	The Committee recommend the construction of this railway as far as Broken Hill only, which will reduce the proposed expenditure by £150,000.
		£ 9,160,818	6,702,112	34,938	2,493,644	

[NOTE.—The estimated cost of the railway to connect the North Shore Railway with Port Jackson at Milson's Point was, on the first reference, when the proposal was negatived, £262,000; and on the second reference, when the proposal was approved, £231,156; so that the total amount in reduction of the expenditure proposed in connection with the whole of the works which have been considered by the three Committees up to the present date is actually £2,262,488, instead of £2,493,644, as shown in the above return.]

WORK UPON WHICH THE COMMITTEE HAVE TAKEN EVIDENCE BUT HAVE NOT YET ARRIVED AT A DECISION.

Proposed Work.	Expenditure proposed by the Government.	Remarks.
Cable Tramway from King-street, via William-street, to Ocean-street.	£ 80,000	

WORKS RESPECTING WHICH INQUIRIES ARE PROCEEDING.

Proposed Work.	Expenditure proposed by the Government.	Remarks.
Cable Tramway through George, Pitt, and Harris Streets, Sydney.	£ 120,000	
Railway from Glen Innes to Inverell.....	492,000	

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS.

TUESDAY, 29 APRIL, 1890.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT :—

The Honorable John Lackey, Vice-Chairman.

The Hon. Andrew Garran,
The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery,
The Hon. William Joseph Trickett,
The Hon. George Henry Cox,
Jacob Garrard, Esq.,

James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esq.,
William Springthorpe Dowel, Esq.,
Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq.,
John Hurley, Esq.,
Charles Alfred Lee, Esq.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The following correspondence was laid on the table :—

Account for £11 15s. from Mr. A. S. Hamand, C.E., for travelling expenses in connection with the proposed Railway from Goulburn to Crookwell and the proposed Iron Bridge at Cowra.

Memorandum to the Chairman of the Committee, signed anonymously, from the writer of a letter which appeared in the *Sydney Morning Herald* on "Competitive Designs for Iron Bridges," forwarding a copy of the letter for the information of the Committee.

The account from Mr. Hamand was passed for payment; and, with regard to the anonymous memorandum, it was resolved that, because it had been forwarded to the Committee anonymously, it be not received.

The Committee considered their Report to the Legislative Assembly on the proposed Bridge to connect Bullock Island with the mainland at Newcastle.

The preamble and clauses 1 to 5 were passed.

On clause 6—Decision of the Committee—being proposed,—

Mr. Hurley moved the omission of the word "some" from the statement, "This temporary bridge will certainly be sufficient to meet the requirements of the traffic between Newcastle and Bullock Island for some years," &c.

The amendment was negatived, on division, by the casting vote of the Vice-Chairman.

Ayes, 5.

Mr. Cox,
Mr. Dowel,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Lee.

Noes, 5.

Mr. Lackey,
Dr. Garran,
Mr. Humphery,
Mr. Trickett,
Mr. Tonkin.

The votes being equal, the Vice-Chairman gave his casting vote with the *Noes*.

The clause and the remaining portion of the Report were then agreed to, and it was resolved that the Report be signed by the Chairman and presented to the Legislative Assembly.

The Committee considered their Report to the Legislative Assembly on the proposed Railway from Moss Vale to Robertson.

The Report was adopted, and it was resolved that it be signed by the Chairman and presented to the Legislative Assembly.

The Committee adjourned, at 25 minutes to 4, until 2 o'clock p.m. on Wednesday, the following day.

WEDNESDAY, 30 APRIL, 1890.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT :—

The Honorable John Lackey, Vice-Chairman.

The Hon. Andrew Garran,
The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery,
The Hon. William Joseph Trickett,
The Hon. George Henry Cox,
Jacob Garrard, Esq.,

James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esq.,
William Springthorpe Dowel, Esq.,
Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq.,
John Hurley, Esq.,
Charles Alfred Lee, Esq.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Committee further considered the proposed Iron Bridge at Cowra.

John Alexander M'Donald, Esq., Engineer for Bridges, was sworn, and further examined.

The Committee adjourned, at 25 minutes to 4, until 2 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, 6 May.

TUESDAY, 6 MAY, 1890.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Joseph Palmer Abbott, Esq., Chairman.

The Hon. Andrew Garran,	James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esq.,
The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery,	William Springthorpe Dowel, Esq.,
The Hon. William Joseph Trickett,	Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq.,
Jacob Garrard, Esq.,	John Hurley, Esq.,
	Charles Alfred Lee, Esq.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read the following correspondence:—

Letter from Mr. George Henry Cox, on the subject of the proposed Railway from Molong to Parkes and Forbes.

Letter from Mr. Charles Robinson, Principal Shorthand-writer, Parliamentary Debates Staff, with reference to a notice of motion on the Committee's business paper in favour of granting a bonus to Mr. B. H. Friend, Shorthand-writer and Acting Secretary to the Sectional Committee appointed in connection with the proposed Railway from Molong to Parkes and Forbes and the proposed Iron Bridge at Cowra.

The correspondence was received.

The Committee considered their Report to the Legislative Assembly on the proposed Railway from Mudgee to Gulgong.

The Report was adopted, and it was resolved that it be signed by the Chairman and presented to the Legislative Assembly.

The Committee further considered the proposed Cable Tramway from King-street, *via* William-street, to Ocean-street.

The Hon. John Macintosh, M.L.C., Charles Augustus Goodchap, Esq., M.P., and Henry Gilbert Carson Woods, Esq., were sworn, and examined.

The Committee adjourned, at 5 minutes past 4, until 2 o'clock p.m. on Wednesday, the following day.

WEDNESDAY, 7 MAY, 1890.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Joseph Palmer Abbott, Esq., Chairman.

The Hon. John Lackey,	Henry Copeland, Esq.,
The Hon. Andrew Garran,	James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esq.,
The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery,	William Springthorpe Dowel, Esq.,
The Hon. William Joseph Trickett,	Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq.,
Jacob Garrard, Esq.,	John Hurley, Esq.,
	Charles Alfred Lee, Esq.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read the following correspondence:—

Letter from Mr. Carson Woods, requesting to be heard before the Committee respecting the failure, or partial failure, of an electrical car tested at Botany about two years ago.

Letter from Mr. G. K. Kirkland, with reference to his being examined before the Committee on the proposed Cable Tramway from King-street, *via* William-street, to Ocean-street.

Letter from Mr. Robert Hickson, Commissioner and Engineer-in-Chief for Roads and Bridges, respecting the proposed Iron Bridge at Cowra, and Mr. A. S. Hamand's report in connection therewith.

Letter from the Auditor-General, asking for accounts in adjustment of the advance of £500 made to the Committee by the Government on 31st August, 1889.

The correspondence was received; and it was resolved that Mr. Robert Hickson's letter should be published as an appendix to his evidence on the proposed Iron Bridge at Cowra.

Mr. Tonkin moved,—“That, in the opinion of the Committee, it is not expedient that the proposed Iron Bridge at Cowra, at a cost of £69,971, as referred to the Committee by the Legislative Assembly, should be carried out; but, in the opinion of the Committee, a composite bridge, at a cost of £26,538, as now recommended by the Department of Public Works, should be erected.”

The motion was seconded by Mr. Lee, and passed.

Mr. Tonkin moved,—“That, in the opinion of the Committee, Mr. Friend, the Shorthand-writer and Acting Secretary to the Sectional Committee on the Molong to Parkes and Forbes Railway, be allowed a bonus or extra payment on account of his exceptional and arduous duties in connection with the investigation, and also considering he was detained by the Sectional Committee in taking evidence *re* the Cowra Bridge, thus causing him a great deal more work than has been the case with any other Shorthand-writer in other investigations.”

The motion, after discussion, was negatived.

The Committee further considered the proposed Cable Tramway from King-street, *via* William-street, to Ocean-street.

Mr. Thomas Midelton and Mr. Alfred Whiffen were sworn, and examined.

The Committee adjourned, at 16 minutes past 4, until 2 o'clock p.m. on Thursday, the following day.

THURSDAY,

THURSDAY, 8 MAY, 1890.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

The Honorable John Lackey, Vice-Chairman.

The Hon. Andrew Garran,
The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery,
The Hon. William Joseph Trickett,
Jacob Garrard, Esq.,
Henry Copeland, Esq.,

James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esq.,
William Springthorpe Dowel, Esq.,
Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq.,
John Hurley, Esq.,
Charles Alfred Lee, Esq.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read the following correspondence:—

Letter from the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor, acknowledging, on behalf of the Governor, with thanks, the General Report of the proceedings of the Committee.

Letter from Messrs. S. Hoffnung and Co., requesting to be heard before the Committee on the proposed Cable Tramway through George, Pitt, and Harris Streets, Sydney.

Letter from Mr. David Proudfoot, expressing a desire to give evidence with reference to the proposed Cable Tramway from King-street, *via* William-street, to Ocean-street.

The correspondence was received.

The Committee further considered the proposed Cable Tramway from King-street, *via* William-street, to Ocean-street.

The Honorable Samuel Charles, M.L.C., was sworn, and examined.

Henry Gilbert Carson Woods, Esq., was sworn, and further examined.

The Committee adjourned, at 24 minutes to 4, until 2 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, 13 May.

TUESDAY, 13 MAY, 1890.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Joseph Palmer Abbott, Esq., Chairman.

The Hon. John Lackey,
The Hon. Andrew Garran,
The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery,
The Hon. William Joseph Trickett,
Jacob Garrard, Esq.,

James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esq.,
William Springthorpe Dowel, Esq.,
Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq.,
John Hurley, Esq.,
Charles Alfred Lee, Esq.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read the following correspondence:—

Letter from the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, informing the Committee of the passing of a resolution by the Assembly on the 9th instant, remitting to the Committee, for further consideration and report, the proposed Railway to connect the North Shore Railway with the deep waters of Port Jackson, at Milson's Point.

Letter from Mr. Thomas Midelton, correcting an answer given by him when under examination by the Committee with reference to the proposed Cable Tramway from King-street, *via* William-street, to Ocean-street.

Letter from Mr. Henry Dennis, on the subject of the site for the proposed Bridge over the Lachlan River at Cowra.

Letter from Mr. Carson Woods, explaining some portions of his evidence given before the Committee with reference to the proposed Cable Tramway from King-street, *via* William-street, to Ocean-street, and enclosing an analysis of the Sydney Tramway and Omnibus Co.'s Tramway Bill.

The correspondence was received.

The Committee further considered the proposed Cable Tramway from King-street, *via* William-street, to Ocean-street.

Joseph Barling, Esq., Under Secretary for Public Works, and Hugh M'Lachlan, Esq., Secretary to the Railway Commissioners, were sworn, and further examined.

Mr. Garrard moved,—“That, in view of the proposed experiments by the Railway Commissioners with electricity, the further consideration of the Cable Tramways be postponed for two months.”

The motion was seconded by Mr. Humphery, and passed.

The Committee decided, in view of an approaching trial of an electrical tramway at Sandhurst, Victoria, that Mr. Garrard should be authorized to witness the trial on behalf of the Committee, and report to them upon it.

The Committee proceeded to consider the evidence on the proposed Railway from Molong to Parkes and Forbes, with a view to reporting on the subject to the Legislative Assembly.

The Report of the Sectional Committee and a letter from Mr. G. H. Cox were read by the Secretary.

Mr. Tonkin moved,—“That, in the opinion of the Committee, it is expedient the proposed Railway from Molong to Parkes and Forbes, as referred to the Committee by the Legislative Assembly, be carried out.”

The Committee adjourned, at a quarter past 4, until 2 o'clock p.m. on Wednesday, the following day.

WEDNESDAY,

WEDNESDAY, 14 MAY, 1890.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Joseph Palmer Abbott, Esq., Chairman.

The Hon. John Lackey,
The Hon. Andrew Garran,
The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery,
The Hon. William Joseph Trickett,
Jacob Garrard, Esq.,

Henry Copeland, Esq.,
James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esq.,
William Springthorpe Dowel, Esq.,
Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq.,
John Hurley, Esq.,

Charles Alfred Lee, Esq.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Chairman reported that Sir Henry Parkes had seen him with reference to the proposed Hospital for the Insane upon the Kenmore Estate, near Goulburn, and had informed him that the Government had decided to abandon the proposal, in view of one for the erection of a similar building on another site, and that the Principal Under Secretary would attend before the Committee for the purpose of stating the reasons for this course.

The Committee further considered the motion moved by Mr. Tonkin,—“That, in the opinion of the Committee, it is expedient the proposed Railway from Molong to Parkes and Forbes, as referred to the Committee by the Legislative Assembly, be carried out.”

The motion was passed, on the following division:—

Ayes, 10.

Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Lackey,
Dr. Garran,
Mr. Humphery,
Mr. Trickett,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Lee.

Noes, 2.

Mr. Copeland,
Mr. O'Sullivan.

The Committee adjourned, at 20 minutes to 4, until 2 o'clock p.m. on Wednesday, 21 May.

WEDNESDAY, 21 MAY, 1890.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

The Honorable John Lackey, Vice-Chairman.

The Hon. Andrew Garran,
The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery,
The Hon. William Joseph Trickett,
Jacob Garrard, Esq.,
Henry Copeland, Esq.,

James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esq.,
William Springthorpe Dowel, Esq.,
Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq.,
John Hurley, Esq.,
Charles Alfred Lee, Esq.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read the following correspondence:—

Letter from Mr. P. Bedford Elwell, with reference to his giving evidence before the Committee on the subject of Electrical Tramways, in relation to the proposed Cable Tramway from King-street, via William-street, to Ocean-street; and expressing a desire to be examined at once, in view of the probability of his being unable to attend at the date to which the inquiry respecting the proposed Cable Tramway had been adjourned.

Letter from Messrs. Booth, Ellson, & Co., Melbourne, with reference to certain information asked of them by the Committee respecting an electrical tramway now being constructed at Sandhurst, Victoria, and stating that a member of the firm would be in Sydney on an early day, and would place himself at the disposal of the Committee to furnish any information in his power.

Letter from Mr. C. A. Goodchap, M.P., forwarding, for the information of the Committee, respecting the width of streets used for tramways, a copy of a paper drawn up by him in 1879, when the first steam tramway in Sydney was started from Redfern to Hunter-street.

Telegram from the Town Clerk at Sandhurst, Victoria, with reference to the date for a trial of the electrical tramway in course of construction there.

Letter from Mr. Arthur S. Hamand, acknowledging the receipt of a cheque for £11 15s. in payment of his account against the Committee in connection with his reports upon the proposed Railway from Goulburn to Crookwell, and Bridge over the Lachlan River at Cowra.

Letter from Mr. Arthur S. Hamand, on the subject of the proposed Bridge over the Lachlan River at Cowra, explaining what he considers to be “the chief radical defects” in the design recommended, and “what should be done to remedy them, in order to increase the responsibility of the Department.”

The correspondence was received, and it was resolved that a copy of the letter from Mr. Arthur S. Hamand, on the subject of the Bridge over the Lachlan River at Cowra, should be forwarded to the Under Secretary for Public Works for the information of the Commissioner and Engineer-in-Chief for Roads and Bridges.

The Committee also resolved that the evidence of Mr. P. Bedford Elwell, and that of the member of the firm of Booth, Ellson, & Co., on electrical tramways, should be taken when available.

The Committee considered their Report to the Legislative Assembly on the proposed Iron Bridge at Cowra.

The preamble and clauses 1 to 8 were passed.

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On clause 9—Mr. A. S. Hamand's examination of the proposal before the Committee—being proposed, the Committee divided upon the question whether Mr. Hamand's letter of the 10th February, 1890, on the subject of bridge construction, should be retained in the clause.

Ayes, 6.
Mr. Lackey,
Dr. Garran,
Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Lee.

Noes, 5.
Mr. Humphery,
Mr. Trickett,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Dowel.

The letter was therefore retained, and the clause was passed.

The remaining portions of the Report were agreed to, and the Report, as a whole, having been adopted, it was resolved that it be signed by the Chairman, and presented to the Legislative Assembly.

The Committee considered their Report to the Legislative Assembly on the proposed Railway from Molong to Parkes and Forbes.

The preamble and the various clauses of the Report were passed, and the Report, as a whole, was adopted, on the following division:—

Ayes, 8.
Mr. Lackey,
Dr. Garran,
Mr. Humphery,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Lee.

Noes, 2.
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. O'Sullivan.

It was then resolved that the Report be signed by the Chairman, and presented to the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. O'Sullivan gave notice that he would move, at the next meeting of the Committee,—“That, before proceeding to consider additional evidence with reference to the proposed Railway to connect the North Shore Railway with the deep waters of Port Jackson, at Milson's Point, the Committee visit and inspect the route of the proposed Railway.”

The Committee adjourned, at ten minutes past 4, until 2 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, 27th May.

TUESDAY, 27 MAY, 1890.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

The Honorable John Lackey, Vice-Chairman.

The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery,
The Hon. William Joseph Trickett,
Jacob Garrard, Esq.,
Henry Copeland, Esq.,

James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esq.,
William Springthorpe Dowel, Esq.,
Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq.,
John Hurley, Esq.

Charles Alfred Lee, Esq.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read the following correspondence:—

Letters from Messrs. C. C. Bullock and Dugald Thompson, Hon. Secretaries to the Committee representing the residents of North Shore, Manly, and Gosford; Mr. Richard Porter and Mr. A. H. Collings, expressing a desire to give evidence before the Committee, with reference to the proposed Railway to connect the North Shore Railway with the deep waters of Port Jackson, at Milson's Point.

Letter from Mr. P. Bedford Elwell, respecting his giving evidence before the Committee on the subject of Electrical Tramways, in relation to the proposed Cable Tramway from King-street, *via* William-street, to Ocean-street.

Letter from Mr. H. G. Carson Woods, explaining evidence given by him before the Committee with reference to the proposed Cable Tramway from King-street, *via* William-street, to Ocean-street.

The correspondence was received.

The Committee further considered the proposed Cable Tramway from King-street, *via* William-street, to Ocean-street.

Paul Bedford-Elwell, Esq., Electrical Engineer, was sworn, and examined.

The Committee considered the subject of the proposed Railway to connect the North Shore Railway with the deep waters of Port Jackson, at Milson's Point.

Mr. O'Sullivan moved,—“That, after hearing the resubmission of the proposed Railway to connect the North Shore Railway with the deep waters of Port Jackson, at Milson's Point, the Committee visit and inspect the route of the proposed Railway.”

The motion was seconded by Mr. Dowel, and passed.

The Committee adjourned, at 4 o'clock, until 2 o'clock p.m. on Wednesday, the following day.

WEDNESDAY,

WEDNESDAY, 28 MAY, 1890.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT :—

Joseph Palmer Abbott, Esq., Chairman.

The Hon. John Lackey,	James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esq.,
The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery,	William Springthorpe Dowel, Esq.,
The Hon. William Joseph Trickett,	Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq.,
Jacob Garrard, Esq.,	John Hurley, Esq.,
Henry Copeland, Esq.,	Charles Alfred Lee, Esq.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Committee proceeded to consider the proposed Railway to connect the North Shore Railway with the deep waters of Port Jackson, at Milson's Point.

Joseph Barling, Esq., Under Secretary for Public Works, was sworn, and examined.

On the motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, it was resolved that the Committee meet at 1.30 p.m. on the following day, at the Prince's Stairs, Circular Quay, to proceed on a visit of inspection in connection with the proposed Railway.

The Committee proceeded to consider the proposed Hospital for the Insane upon the Kenmore Estate near Goulburn.

Joseph Barling, Esq., Under Secretary for Public Works, and Critchett Walker, Esq., Principal Under Secretary, were sworn, and examined.

The Committee adjourned, at 10 minutes past 3, until 1.30 p.m. on Thursday, the following day.

THURSDAY, 29 MAY, 1890.

The Committee met at the Prince's Stairs, Circular Quay, at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT :—

Joseph Palmer Abbott, Esq., Chairman.

The Hon. John Lackey,	James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esq.,
The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery,	William Springthorpe Dowel, Esq.,
The Hon. William Joseph Trickett,	Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq.,
Jacob Garrard, Esq.,	John Hurley, Esq.,
Henry Copeland, Esq.,	Charles Alfred Lee, Esq.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Committee, accompanied by Mr. Henry Deane, Acting Engineer-in-Chief for Railways, and Mr. G. H. Halligan, Chief Surveyor, Department of Harbours and Rivers, then proceeded in a steam launch to North Shore and carefully inspected the various water frontages connected with the proposal to extend the North Shore Railway from its present terminus to the deep waters of the harbour.

TUESDAY, 3 JUNE, 1890.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT :—

Joseph Palmer Abbott, Esq., Chairman.

The Hon. John Lackey,	James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esq.,
The Hon. Andrew Garran,	William Springthorpe Dowel, Esq.
The Hon. William Joseph Trickett,	Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq.,
Jacob Garrard, Esq.,	John Hurley, Esq.,
Henry Copeland, Esq.,	Charles Alfred Lee, Esq.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read the following correspondence :—

Letter from Mr. P. W. Glacken, expressing a desire to give evidence before the Committee with reference to the proposed Railway to connect the North Shore Railway with the deep waters of Port Jackson, at Milson's Point.

Letter from Mr. J. H. Geddes, offering to explain to the Committee the intentions of The Pastoralists' Association in relation to their warehouse now being erected at Kirribilli Point, North Shore.

The correspondence was received.

It was resolved that the Committee meet at a quarter past 1 o'clock p.m. on Wednesday, the following day, and proceed to Milson's Point for the purpose of inspecting the route of the proposed Railway to connect the North Shore Railway with the deep waters of Port Jackson, at Milson's Point.

The Committee further considered the proposed Hospital for the Insane upon the Kenmore Estate, near Goulburn.

Critchett Walker, Esq., Principal Under Secretary, was sworn, and further examined.

Frederic Norton Manning, Esq., M. P., Inspector-General of the Insane, and Medical Adviser to the Government, was sworn, and examined.

The Committee adjourned, at 25 minutes to 4, until a quarter past 1 o'clock p.m. on Wednesday, the following day.

WEDNESDAY,

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WEDNESDAY, 4 JUNE, 1890.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Joseph Palmer Abbott, Esq., Chairman.

The Hon. John Lackey,	Henry Copeland, Esq.,
The Hon. Andrew Garran,	James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esq.,
The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery,	William Springthorpe Dowel, Esq.,
The Hon. William Joseph Trickett,	Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq.,
Jacob Garrard, Esq.,	Charles Alfred Lee, Esq.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Committee proceeded to North Shore, and, accompanied by Mr. Henry Deane, Acting Engineer-in-Chief for Railways, inspected the route of the proposed Railway to connect the North Shore Railway with the deep waters of Port Jackson, at Milson's Point.

WEDNESDAY, 11 JUNE, 1890.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Joseph Palmer Abbott, Esq., Chairman.

The Hon. John Lackey,	James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esq.,
The Hon. Andrew Garran,	William Springthorpe Dowel, Esq.,
The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery,	Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq.,
The Hon. William Joseph Trickett,	John Hurley, Esq.,
The Hon. George Henry Cox,	Charles Alfred Lee, Esq.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read the following correspondence:—

Telegram from Mr. Garrard, dated from Sandhurst, Victoria, informing the Committee of his movements in relation to his inspection of the electrical tramway in that city.

Letter from the Under Secretary for Public Works, with reference to a request of the Committee for plans and specifications of a hydro-carbon tram motor invented by Mr. J. E. Friend, of Auckland, N.Z.

Letter from the Under Secretary for Public Works, acknowledging the receipt from the Committee of a letter from Mr. A. S. Hamand on the subject of the proposed composite bridge over the Lachlan River, at Cowra.

Memorandum from the Under Secretary for Public Works, forwarding, for the information of the Committee, a letter to the Minister for Works from Messrs. King, Walker, & Co., of Auckland, N.Z., with reference to the Electric Tram-car Syndicate of London, and Jarman's Electric Car.

Letter from Mr. P. Bedford-Elwell, stating his experiences as an Electrical Engineer.

Letters from Mr. W. F. Buchanan, Mr. W. L. Vernon, and Mr. J. H. Geddes, expressing a desire to give evidence before the Committee respecting the proposed Railway to connect the North Shore Railway with the deep waters of Port Jackson, at Milson's Point.

Letter from Mr. E. A. Rennie, Auditor-General, with reference to the adjustment of an advance of £500 made to the Committee by the Colonial Treasurer on 31st August, 1889.

The correspondence was received.

The Committee proceeded to further consider the proposed Railway to connect the North Shore Railway with the deep waters of Port Jackson, at Milson's Point.

Mr. Hurley moved,—“That the further consideration of the proposed Railway to connect the North Shore Railway with the deep waters of Port Jackson, at Milson's Point, be postponed until this day six weeks.”

The motion, after discussion, was withdrawn.

The Committee further considered the proposed Railway to connect the North Shore Railway with the deep waters of Port Jackson, at Milson's Point.

Henry Deane, Esq., Acting Engineer-in-Chief for Railways, was sworn, and examined.

The Committee adjourned, at 4 o'clock, until 2 o'clock p.m. on Thursday, the following day.

THURSDAY, 12 JUNE, 1890.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Joseph Palmer Abbott, Esq., Chairman.

The Hon. John Lackey,	James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esq.,
The Hon. Andrew Garran,	William Springthorpe Dowel, Esq.,
The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery,	Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq.,
The Hon. William Joseph Trickett,	John Hurley, Esq.,
Charles Alfred Lee, Esq.	

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read a letter from Mr. B. Jenkins, expressing a desire to give evidence with reference to the proposed Railway to connect the North Shore Railway with the deep waters of Port Jackson, at Milson's Point.

The letter was received.

The Committee further considered the proposed Railway to connect the North Shore Railway with the deep waters of Port Jackson, at Milson's Point.

Henry Deane, Esq., Acting Engineer-in-Chief for Railways, was sworn, and further examined.

It was resolved that, on Tuesday, the 17th inst., the Committee inspect the Cremorne route for connecting the North Shore Railway with the deep waters of Port Jackson.

The Committee adjourned, at seven minutes to 4, until 2 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, 17th June.

TUESDAY

TUESDAY, 17 JUNE, 1890.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Joseph Palmer Abbott, Esq., Chairman.

The Hon. Andrew Garran,
The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery,
The Hon. William Joseph Trickett,
Jacob Garrard, Esq.,

Henry Copeland, Esq.,
James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esq.,
William Springthorpe Dowel, Esq.,
Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq.,

Charles Alfred Lee, Esq.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. Copeland gave notice that he would move, at the next meeting of the Committee,—“That a Sectional Committee be appointed to proceed to Goulburn to inspect and take evidence on the proposal to erect a Hospital for the Insane upon the Kenmore Estate, near Goulburn.”

The Committee, accompanied by Mr. Henry Deane, Acting Engineer-in-Chief for Railways, then proceeded by steam launch to North Shore, and inspected the route proposed by the Acting Engineer-in-Chief for Railways in his suggestion for extending the North Shore Railway to the deep waters of Port Jackson, by bringing the passenger traffic to the eastern side of Lavender Bay, and carrying the goods traffic to Cremorne.

The Committee adjourned, at the termination of the inspection, until 2 o'clock p.m. on Wednesday, 25 June.

WEDNESDAY, 25 JUNE, 1890.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Joseph Palmer Abbott, Esq., Chairman.

The Hon. John Lackey,
The Hon. Andrew Garran,
The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery,
The Hon. William Joseph Trickett,
Jacob Garrard, Esq.,

Henry Copeland, Esq.,
James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esq.,
William Springthorpe Dowel, Esq.,
Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq.,
John Hurley, Esq.

Charles Alfred Lee, Esq.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read the following correspondence:—

Letter from Mr. Arthur S. Hamand, submitting a plan of a route proposed by him for the extension of the North Shore Railway to the deep waters of Port Jackson, at Milson's Point.

The letter was received.

Mr. Garrard brought up his Report on the Electrical Tramway at Sandhurst, Victoria.

It was ordered that the document be printed.

The Chairman submitted an account in adjustment of the advance of £500 made on the 31st August, 1889, by the Colonial Treasurer, for the service of the Committee, and the account was passed.

The Committee further considered the proposed Railway to connect the North Shore Railway with the deep waters of Port Jackson, at Milson's Point.

Henry Deane, Esq., Acting Engineer-in-Chief for Railways, was sworn, and further examined.

Mr. Copeland's motion for the appointment of a Sectional Committee to proceed to Goulburn to inspect and take evidence on the proposal to erect a Hospital for the Insane upon the Kenmore Estate, near Goulburn, was postponed until Wednesday, 2nd July.

The Committee adjourned, at 7 minutes to 4, until 2 o'clock p.m. on Thursday, the following day.

THURSDAY, 26 JUNE, 1890.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Joseph Palmer Abbott, Esq., Chairman.

The Hon. John Lackey,
The Hon. Andrew Garran,
The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery,
The Hon. William Joseph Trickett,
Jacob Garrard, Esq.,

Henry Copeland, Esq.,
James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esq.,
William Springthorpe Dowel, Esq.,
Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq.,
John Hurley, Esq.,

Charles Alfred Lee, Esq.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read the following correspondence:—

Letter from the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, Newcastle, stating that a Sub-Committee had been appointed to tender evidence with reference to the proposed Railway to connect the North Shore Railway with the deep waters of Port Jackson, at Milson's Point.

Letter from Mr. E. Clarence Wood, applying to give evidence respecting the proposed Cable Tramway from King-street, *via* William-street, to Ocean-street, and the subject of Electrical Tramways.

The correspondence was received.

Mr. Trickett drew attention to certain remarks with reference to the Committee, reported as having been made on the previous day in the Legislative Assembly by Mr. Copeland.

The Committee further considered the proposed Railway to connect the North Shore Railway with the deep waters of Port Jackson, at Milson's Point.

Mr.

Mr. Humphery moved,—“That Mr. Eddy, Chief Commissioner for Railways, be summoned as a witness before the Committee to give evidence with reference to the proposed Railway to connect the North Shore Railway with the deep waters of Port Jackson, at Milson's Point.”

The motion was negatived, on the following division :—

Ayes, 5.	Noes, 7.
Mr. Humphery,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Dowel,	Dr. Garran,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Hurley.	Mr. Copeland,
	Mr. Tonkin,
	Mr. Lee.

Cecil West Darley, Esq., Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers, was sworn, and examined. The Committee adjourned, at 5 minutes past 4, until 2 o'clock p.m. on Wednesday, 2nd July.

WEDNESDAY, 2 JULY, 1890.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT :—

Joseph Palmer Abbott, Esq., Chairman.

The Hon. John Lackey,	Jacob Garrard, Esq.,
The Hon. Andrew Garran,	Henry Copeland, Esq.,
The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery,	James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esq.,
The Hon. William Joseph Trickett,	William Springthorpe Dowel, Esq.,
The Hon. George Henry Cox,	Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq.,
	John Hurley, Esq.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read the following correspondence :—

Telegram from the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, Newcastle, asking whether Friday would be convenient to the Committee to examine the Sub-Committee appointed by the Chamber to give evidence with reference to the proposed Railway to connect the North Shore Railway with the deep waters of Port Jackson, at Milson's Point.

Letter from the Town Clerk, Sydney, stating that Mr. Alderman Jeanneret was desirous of being included among the aldermen prepared to give evidence with reference to the Cable Tramways under the consideration of the Committee.

The correspondence was received.

The following accounts were passed for payment :—

	£	s.	d.
<i>Daily Telegraph</i> Newspaper Company—advertising	0	7	6
S. Bennett— <i>Evening News</i> —advertising... ..	0	9	0
Australian Newspaper Company— <i>Star</i> —advertising	0	8	9
Tucker, Gillies, & Thompson— <i>Maitland Mercury</i> —advertising	0	14	0
Mudgee Newspaper Co.— <i>Western Post</i> —advertising	0	7	0
Marion Leatham— <i>Molong Express</i> —advertising	0	6	0
John Maclean— <i>Shoalhaven Telegraph and Broughton Creek Register</i> —advertising ...	1	10	0
Joseph Weston— <i>Kiama Independent</i> —advertising	0	15	6
George Baumann	6	0	6
Total	£10	18	3

Mr. Garrard moved,—“That letters be written to Messrs. Carolin, Denovan, Booth, and Cooper, of Sandhurst, conveying the thanks of the Committee for information given to the Committee, through Mr. Garrard.”

The motion was passed.

The Committee further considered the proposed Railway to connect the North Shore Railway with the deep waters of Port Jackson, at Milson's Point.

Captain John Jackson, Manager of Public Wharves, made a declaration, and was examined.

John Henry Geddes, Esq., Woolbroker, and William Frederick Buchanan, Esq., Pastoralist, were sworn, and examined.

The Committee adjourned, at a quarter past 4, until 2 o'clock p.m. on Thursday, the following day.

THURSDAY, 3 JULY, 1890.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT :—

Joseph Palmer Abbott, Esq., Chairman.

The Hon. John Lackey,	Jacob Garrard, Esq.,
The Hon. Andrew Garran,	Henry Copeland, Esq.,
The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery,	James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esq.,
The Hon. William Joseph Trickett,	William Springthorpe Dowel, Esq.,
The Hon. George Henry Cox,	Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq.,

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read the following correspondence :—

Letter from Mr. W. F. Buchanan, with reference to a statement in his evidence before the Committee regarding the cost of the buildings to be erected at North Shore by The Pastoralists' Association, Limited. Letter

Letter from the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, Newcastle, stating that the Sub-Committee appointed to give evidence before the Committee respecting the proposed Railway to connect the North Shore Railway with the deep waters of Port Jackson, at Milson's Point, would be in attendance on Wednesday, 9th July.

Letter from Mr. John Duff, Inspector of Forests, asking that his attendance before the Committee that day for examination, with reference to the Railway to connect the North Shore Railway with the deep waters of Port Jackson, be excused, on the ground of indisposition.

The correspondence was received.

Mr. Copeland's motion for the appointment of a Sectional Committee to proceed to Goulburn to inspect and take evidence on the proposal to erect a Hospital for the Insane upon the Kenmore Estate, near Goulburn, was withdrawn.

The Committee further considered the proposed Railway to connect the North Shore Railway with the deep waters of Port Jackson, at Milson's Point.

Arthur Samuel Hamand, Esq., was sworn, and examined.

The Committee adjourned, at 13 minutes to 4, until 2 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, 8 July.

TUESDAY, 8 JULY, 1890.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT :—

Joseph Palmer Abbott, Esq., Chairman.

The Hon. Andrew Garran,	Jacob Garrard, Esq.,
The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery,	Henry Copeland, Esq.,
The Hon. William Joseph Trickett,	James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esq.,
Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq.,	

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read the following correspondence :—

Letter from the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, informing the Committee of a Resolution passed by the Assembly on the 2nd instant, rescinding the Resolution referring to the Committee for inquiry and report the proposed Hospital for the Insane upon the Kenmore Estate, near Goulburn.

Letter from the Auditor-General, acknowledging the receipt of accounts in adjustment of the advance of £500 made to the Committee by the Colonial Treasurer on 31 August, 1889.

Letters from Mr. Carson Woods with reference to the New York Elevated Tramways, and a tunnel to North Shore.

The correspondence was received.

The Committee further considered the proposed Railway to connect the North Shore Railway with the deep waters of Port Jackson, at Milson's Point.

John Duff, Esq., Inspector of Forests; Hugh M'Lachlan, Esq., Secretary to the Railway Commissioners; and Tannatt William Edgeworth David, Esq., Geological Surveyor, Department of Mines, were sworn, and examined.

The Committee adjourned, at 5 minutes to 4, until 2 o'clock p.m. on Wednesday, the following day.

WEDNESDAY, 9 JULY, 1890.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT :—

Joseph Palmer Abbott, Esq., Chairman.

The Hon. John Lackey,	Jacob Garrard, Esq.,
The Hon. Andrew Garran,	Henry Copeland, Esq.,
The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery,	James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esq.,
The Hon. William Joseph Trickett,	William Springthorpe Dowel, Esq.,
The Hon. George Henry Cox,	Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq.,
Charles Alfred Lee, Esq.	

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read the following correspondence :—

Telegram from Mr. A. S. Hamand, stating that the section of his proposed Railway to connect the North Shore Railway with the deep waters of Port Jackson, at Milson's Point, would not be ready before Friday.

Letter from Mr. J. H. Geddes, asking to be permitted to give further evidence upon the proposed Railway to connect the North Shore Railway with the deep waters of Port Jackson, at Milson's Point.

Letter from Mr. Henry Deane, Acting Engineer-in-Chief for Railways, forwarding estimates in relation to the several routes mentioned in his evidence before the Committee with reference to the proposed Railway to connect the North Shore Railway with the deep waters of Port Jackson, at Milson's Point.

The correspondence was received.

The Committee further considered the proposed Railway to connect the North Shore Railway with the deep waters of Port Jackson, at Milson's Point.

William Bethel Sharp, Esq., Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, Newcastle; Henry E. Stokes, Esq., member of the Chamber of Commerce, Newcastle; Mr. Arthur Harrison Collings, Manager of the Gore Hill Brick-works, St. Leonards; Walter Liberty Vernon, Esq., Surveyor and Architect; and Mr. Richard Porter, fruit-grower, Gordon, Lane Cove, were sworn, and examined.

The Committee adjourned, at 12 minutes past 4, until 2 o'clock p.m. on Thursday, the following day.

THURSDAY,

THURSDAY, 10 JULY, 1890.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Joseph Palmer Abbott, Esq., Chairman.

The Hon. John Lackey,	Jacob Garrard, Esq.,
The Hon. Andrew Garran,	Henry Copeland, Esq.,
The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery,	James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esq.,
The Hon. William Joseph Trickett,	William Springthorpe Dowel, Esq.,
The Hon. George Henry Cox,	Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq.,
	Charles Alfred Lee, Esq.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read the following correspondence:—

Letter from Mr. Arthur S. Hamand with reference to plans and estimate in relation to his proposal for connecting the North Shore Railway with the deep waters of Port Jackson, at Milson's Point.

Letter from Mr. W. L. Vernon, respecting an alternative scheme recommended by him for connecting the North Shore Railway with the deep waters of Port Jackson, at Milson's Point.

Letter from Mr. P. W. Glacken, expressing his inability to attend before the Committee that day to give evidence on the proposed Railway to connect the North Shore Railway with the deep waters of Port Jackson, at Milson's Point.

The correspondence was received.

The Committee further considered the proposed Railway to connect the North Shore Railway with the deep waters of Port Jackson, at Milson's Point,

Captain Benjamin Jenkins, George Pile, Esq., C. C. Bullock, Esq., and Dugald Thompson, Esq., were sworn, and examined.

Mr. Lee moved,—“That Mr. David Kirkcaldie, Chief Traffic Manager, Railway Department, be summoned to give evidence before the Committee on Tuesday, 15th inst., with reference to the proposed Railway to connect the North Shore Railway with the deep waters of Port Jackson, at Milson's Point.”

The motion was seconded by Mr. Dowel and passed.

The Secretary was instructed to write to the Railway Commissioners, asking them to report upon the route for connecting the North Shore Railway with the deep waters of Port Jackson, at Milson's Point, proposed by Mr. Arthur S. Hamand.

The Committee adjourned, at a quarter-past 4, until 2 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, 15th July.

WEDNESDAY, 16 JULY, 1890.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Joseph Palmer Abbott, Esq., Chairman.

The Hon. John Lackey,	Jacob Garrard, Esq.,
The Hon. Andrew Garran,	Henry Copeland, Esq.,
The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery,	James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esq.,
The Hon. William Joseph Trickett,	William Springthorpe Dowel, Esq.,
The Hon. George Henry Cox,	Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq.,
	Charles Alfred Lee, Esq.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read the following correspondence:—

Letter from Mr. Arthur S. Hamand, accompanied by a plan, section, estimate of cost, and detailed description of the route proposed by him for connecting the North Shore Railway with Port Jackson, at Milson's Point, and an estimate of traffic earnings on the proposed extension.

The correspondence was received.

The Committee further considered the proposed Railway to connect the North Shore Railway with the deep waters of Port Jackson, at Milson's Point.

David Kirkcaldie, Esq., Chief Traffic Manager, Railway Department, was sworn, and examined.

John Henry Geddes, Esq., Wool-broker, was sworn, and further examined.

The Committee resolved to meet at a quarter to 1 o'clock p.m. on Thursday, the following day, and then to proceed to North Shore to examine the route proposed by Mr. Arthur S. Hamand for connecting the North Shore Railway with Port Jackson, at Milson's Point.

Mr. Copeland moved,—“That Mr. Arthur S. Hamand be invited to accompany the Committee during their examination of the route proposed by him for connecting the North Shore Railway with Port Jackson, at Milson's Point.”

Mr. Lee seconded the motion.

Mr. Garrard moved, as an amendment,—“That Mr. Henry Deane, Acting Engineer-in-Chief for Railways, be also invited to accompany the Committee.”

The amendment was negatived, and the motion was passed.

The Committee adjourned, at five minutes to 4, until a quarter to 1 o'clock p.m. on Thursday, the following day.

THURSDAY, .

THURSDAY, 17 JULY, 1890.

The Committee met at 12:45 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Joseph Palmer Abbott, Esq., Chairman.

<p>The Hon. John Lackey, The Hon. Andrew Garran, The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery, The Hon. William Joseph Trickett, Jacob Garrard, Esq.,</p>	<p>Henry Copeland, Esq., James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esq., William Springthorpe Dowel, Esq., Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq., Charles Alfred Lee, Esq.</p>
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William McCourt, Esq.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. William McCourt made and handed in the declaration necessary under the sixth clause of the Public Works Act, and took his seat as a member of the Committee.

The Committee, accompanied by Mr. Arthur S. Hamand, then proceeded to North Shore, and examined the route proposed by Mr. Hamand for connecting the North Shore Railway with the deep waters of Port Jackson, at Milson's Point.

TUESDAY, 22 JULY, 1890.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

The Honorable John Lackey, Vice-Chairman.

<p>The Hon. Andrew Garran, The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery, The Hon. William Joseph Trickett, Jacob Garrard, Esq., Henry Copeland, Esq.,</p>	<p>James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esq., William Springthorpe Dowel, Esq., Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq., Charles Alfred Lee, Esq., William McCourt, Esq.</p>
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The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Vice-Chairman informed the Committee that he had received from the Chairman the following letter:—

14, Castlereagh-street, Sydney, 21 July, 1890.

The Hon. John Lackey, M.L.C., Vice-President of Public Works Committee.

My dear Mr. Lackey,

Since Mr. Hamand forwarded to the Public Works Committee his letter, with the plan for the extension of the North Shore Railway from the present station at St. Leonards to Milson's Point, I have been in serious doubt as to whether I should continue to take any part in the further investigations by the Committee in reference to the proposal sent to that body by Parliament dealing with that question. Our visit of inspection, made on Thursday last, has convinced me that I ought not to do so, as the proposal of Mr. Hamand (if carried out) is one which will considerably add to the value of all the property held by me at the North Shore. I have no doubt of my own ability to do what is right with regard to his proposal and that of the Government; and I hold, as was held in the case of this North Shore Railway when it was previously before the Committee, that the circumstance of a member of the Committee being, in common with others, possibly benefited by the construction of the railway, does not necessarily make it incumbent upon that member to refrain from taking his part in the inquiry; but in the event of Mr. Hamand's proposal being adopted I should probably be considerably benefited, and whilst I am a member of the Committee I wish, so far as I can, to secure for it the confidence of the public. That confidence would be shattered if the public had any right to suspect the integrity of a member of the Committee; and this would be the case, I think, should I continue to act with the Committee in this matter, and it recommended a proposal which would have the effect of improving largely all my property at the North Shore. No one recognizes the value of the inquiries made by the Committee more than I do; but, for the reasons stated, I shall cease to take any part in the investigation now going on in reference to the North Shore line, and trust that you will kindly take my place until the present inquiry ceases.

Yours faithfully,
J. P. ABBOTT.

The Secretary read the following correspondence:—

Statement from Mr. A. S. Hamand, giving an estimate of the cost of connecting the North Shore Railway at Milson's Point with the Circular Quay, by tunnels in the rock on either side of the harbour, the length under the water to be built in iron tubes bedded in the silt, with their lines of rails at about 60 feet below the water level.

Letter from Mr. J. H. Geddes, with reference to the evidence given by him before the Committee on the 16th instant, in relation to the proposed Railway to connect the North Shore Railway with the deep waters of Port Jackson, at Milson's Point.

The correspondence was received.

The following account was passed for payment:—

William Shortall—Hire of vehicles in connection with the visit of the Committee to North Shore on the 17th inst. to examine the route proposed by Mr. A. S. Hamand for connecting the North Shore Railway with the deep waters of Port Jackson, at Milson's Point, £5 0s. 6d.

The Committee further considered the proposed Railway to connect the North Shore Railway with the deep waters of Port Jackson, at Milson's Point.

Henry Deane, Esq., Acting Engineer-in-Chief for Railways, was sworn, and further examined.

The Committee adjourned, at 12 minutes past 4, until 2 o'clock p.m. on Wednesday, the following day.

WEDNESDAY,

WEDNESDAY, 23 JULY, 1890.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

The Honorable John Lackey, Vice-Chairman.

The Hon. Andrew Garran,
The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery,
The Hon. William Joseph Trickett,
Jacob Garrard, Esq.,
Henry Copeland, Esq.,

James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esq.,
William Springthorpe Dowel, Esq.,
Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq.,
Charles Alfred Lee, Esq.,
William McCourt, Esq.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Committee further considered the proposed Railway to connect the North Shore Railway with the deep waters of Port Jackson, at Milson's Point.

Arthur Samuel Hamand, Esq., was sworn, and further examined.

Thomas Allright Dibbs, Esq., General Manager Commercial Banking Company, Sydney, was sworn, and examined.

The Committee adjourned, at 10 minutes past 4, until 2 o'clock p.m. on Thursday, the following day.

THURSDAY, 24 JULY, 1890.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

The Honorable John Lackey, Vice-Chairman.

The Hon. Andrew Garran,
The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery,
The Hon. William Joseph Trickett,
Jacob Garrard, Esq.,
Henry Copeland, Esq.,

James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esq.,
William Springthorpe Dowel, Esq.,
Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq.,
Charles Alfred Lee, Esq.,
William McCourt, Esq.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read the following correspondence:—

Letter from Mr. Henry Deane, Acting Engineer-in-Chief for Railways, drawing the attention of the Committee to an alleged error of grade in Mr. Arthur S. Hamand's section, and to certain other matters in relation to Mr. Hamand's proposal for connecting the North Shore Railway with the deep waters of Port Jackson, at Milson's Point.

Letter from Mr. William Fleming, with reference to the Judson System of Street Railways.

The correspondence was received.

The Committee further considered the proposed Railway to connect the North Shore Railway with the deep waters of Port Jackson, at Milson's Point.

Henry Deane, Esq., Acting Engineer-in-Chief for Railways, and Charles Cyrus Bullock, Esq., Surveyor, were sworn, and further examined.

The Committee adjourned, at 15 minutes past 4, until 2 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, 29 July.

TUESDAY, 29 JULY, 1890.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

The Honorable John Lackey, Vice-Chairman.

The Hon. Andrew Garran,
The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery,
The Hon. William Joseph Trickett,
Jacob Garrard, Esq.,

James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esq.,
William Springthorpe Dowel, Esq.,
Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq.,
Charles Alfred Lee, Esq.

William McCourt, Esq.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read the following correspondence:—

Letter from Mr. Joseph Barling, Under Secretary for Public Works, stating that the Minister for Works would like Mr. Foxlee, of the Railway Department, to be called as a witness in the inquiry with reference to the proposed Railway to connect the North Shore Railway with the deep waters of Port Jackson, at Milson's Point.

Letter from Mr. Arthur S. Hamand, with reference to the letter from Mr. Henry Deane, Acting Engineer-in-Chief for Railways, drawing the attention of the Committee to an alleged error in Mr. Hamand's section, and to certain other matters in relation to Mr. Hamand's proposal for connecting the North Shore Railway with the deep waters of Port Jackson, at Milson's Point.

Letter from Mr. Arthur S. Hamand, with regard to the difference in total length of line from Hornsby to Milson's Point by the two routes, *via* Berry's Bay and *via* Middle Harbour, in relation to the proposed Railway to connect the North Shore Railway with the deep waters of Port Jackson, at Milson's Point.

Letter from Mr. William Fleming, with reference to a model of Judson's System of Street Railways.

The correspondence was received, and it was decided that the Committee should visit Mr. William Fleming's warehouse, to view his model of Judson's System of Street Railways, on Thursday, 31st instant, at half-past 3 o'clock p.m.

The Committee further considered the proposed Railway to connect the North Shore Railway with the deep waters of Port Jackson, at Milson's Point.

Charles Cyrus Bullock, Esq., surveyor, was sworn, and further examined.

Charles Augustus Goodchap, Esq., M.P., was sworn, and examined.

The Committee adjourned, at five minutes past 4, until 2 o'clock p.m. on Wednesday, the following day.

WEDNESDAY,

WEDNESDAY, 30 JULY, 1890.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT :—

The Honorable John Lackey, Vice-Chairman.

<p>The Hon. Andrew Garran, The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery, The Hon. William Joseph Trickett, Jacob Garrard, Esq.,</p>	<p>James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esq., William Springthorpe Dowel, Esq., Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq., Charles Alfred Lee, Esq., William McCourt, Esq.</p>
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The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read the following correspondence :—

Letter from Mr. C. C. Bullock, with reference to certain evidence given before the Committee on the subject of the proposed Railway to connect the North Shore Railway with the deep waters of Port Jackson, at Milson's Point.

The correspondence was received.

The Committee further considered the proposed Railway to connect the North Shore Railway with the deep waters of Port Jackson, at Milson's Point.

William Theodore Foxlee, Esq., M. Inst. C.E., Deputy Engineer for Existing Lines, Railway Department, and Charles Billyard, Esq., were sworn, and examined.

Mr. Dowel gave notice that he would move, at the meeting of the Committee on Thursday, 7th August :—“That, in the opinion of the Committee, it is expedient the proposed Railway to connect the North Shore Railway with the deep waters of Port Jackson, at Milson's Point, as referred to the Committee by the Legislative Assembly, be carried out.”

The Committee adjourned, at eleven minutes past 4, until 3 o'clock p.m. on Thursday, the following day.

THURSDAY, 31 JULY, 1890.

The Committee met at 3 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT :—

The Honorable John Lackey, Vice-Chairman.

<p>The Hon. Andrew Garran, The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery, The Hon. William Joseph Trickett, Jacob Garrard, Esq., Henry Copeland, Esq.,</p>	<p>James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esq., William Springthorpe Dowel, Esq., Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq., Charles Alfred Lee, Esq., William McCourt, Esq.</p>
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The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Committee then proceeded to the warehouse of Mr. William Fleming, Clarence-street, where they inspected a model of Judson's System of Street Railways.

THURSDAY, 7 AUGUST, 1890.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT :—

The Honorable John Lackey, Vice-Chairman.

<p>The Hon. Andrew Garran, The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery, The Hon. William Joseph Trickett, Jacob Garrard, Esq., Henry Copeland, Esq.,</p>	<p>James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esq., William Springthorpe Dowel, Esq., Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq., Charles Alfred Lee, Esq., William McCourt, Esq.</p>
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The Secretary read the following correspondence :—

Letter from Mr. John Hay, one of the executors in the estate of the late David Berry, offering, on certain conditions, to give to the Government, free of cost, such land as may be required from the Berry Estate in connection with the proposed Railway to connect the North Shore Railway with the deep waters of Port Jackson, at Milson's Point.

Letter from Mr. C. C. Bullock, with reference to evidence given by him before the Committee respecting the grade on the Great Northern Railway, between Wyong and Newcastle, in connection with the Committee's inquiry respecting the proposed Railway to connect the North Shore Railway with the deep waters of Port Jackson, at Milson's Point.

Letter from Mr. H. M'Lachlan, Secretary to the Railway Commissioners, giving the original cost of constructing the suburban railway lines :—Sydney to Parramatta; Sydney to Hurstville; Strathfield to Hornsby; and Hornsby to St. Leonards.

Letter from Mr. H. Richardson, Railway Department, with reference to the size, weight, and carrying capacity of suburban trains on the Homebush and Parramatta, and Illawarra lines of railway.

Letter from Mr. Dugald Thomson, with reference to certain statements concerning his evidence before the Committee, made by Mr. C. A. Goodchap, M.P., in the Committee's inquiry respecting the proposed Railway to connect the North Shore Railway with the deep waters of Port Jackson, at Milson's Point.

The correspondence was received.

Mr.

Mr. Dowel moved,—“That Mr. Dugald Thomson's letter be printed as an appendix to his evidence.”

The motion was negatived on the following division :—

Ayes, 5.		Noes, 6.
Dr. Garran.		Mr. Lackey.
Mr. Humphery.		Mr. Trickett.
Mr. Garrard.		Mr. Copeland.
Mr. O'Sullivan.		Mr. Tonkin.
Mr. Dowel.		Mr. Lee.
		Mr. McCourt.

The Secretary was instructed to have the First Report of the Committee on the proposed Railway to connect the North Shore Railway with the deep waters of Port Jackson, at Milson's Point, with the Minutes of Evidence, Appendices, and Plans, as laid before the Legislative Assembly, republished as an Appendix to the proceedings in the Committee's present inquiry on the same subject.

Mr. Dowel moved,—“That, in the opinion of the Committee, it is expedient the proposed Railway to connect the North Shore Railway with the deep waters of Port Jackson, at Milson's Point, as referred to the Committee by the Legislative Assembly, be carried out.”

Mr. Garrard seconded the motion.

Mr. O'Sullivan moved as an amendment on the motion,—“That all the words after the word 'Point' be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the following:—‘as suggested in a modified form, with a 1 in 50 grade, and a passenger station near the head of Lavender Bay, being portion of a proposed line referred to the Committee by the Legislative Assembly, be carried out.’”

The Committee adjourned, at 10 minutes past 4, until 2 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, 12th August.

TUESDAY, 12 AUGUST, 1890.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT :—

The Honorable John Lackey, Vice-Chairman.

The Hon. John Lackey,	The Hon. Andrew Garran,	The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery,	The Hon. William Joseph Trickett,	Jacob Garrard, Esq.,	Henry Copeland, Esq.,	James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esq.,	William Springthorpe Dowel, Esq.,	Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq.,	Charles Alfred Lee, Esq.,	William McCourt, Esq.
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The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read the following correspondence :—

Letter from Mr. John Hay to the Under Secretary for Public Works, and forwarded to the Committee for their information, stating, in reply to an inquiry on the subject, that he could see no reason to deviate in any way from his letter of the 7th instant, offering to the Government, free of charge, on certain conditions, the land required from the Berry Estate for the proposed Railway to connect the North Shore Railway with the deep waters of Port Jackson, at Milson's Point.

Minute paper from Mr. Henry Deane, Acting Engineer-in-Chief for Railways, to the Under Secretary for Public Works, and forwarded to the Committee for their information, with reference to the suggestion for placing the passenger terminus of the North Shore Railway near the head of Lavender Bay, in connection with the proposed Railway to connect the North Shore Railway with the deep waters of Port Jackson, at Milson's Point.

The correspondence was received.

The Committee resumed consideration of the motion and amendment, moved by Mr. Dowel and Mr. O'Sullivan respectively, with reference to the proposed Railway to connect the North Shore Railway with the deep waters of Port Jackson, at Milson's Point.

With the concurrence of the Committee, Mr. Dowel's motion was amended as follows :—

“That, in the opinion of the Committee, it is expedient the proposed Railway to connect the North Shore Railway with the deep waters of Port Jackson, at Milson's Point, in accordance with the amended Government plan, showing a maximum grade of 1 in 50, be carried out.”

Upon which Mr. O'Sullivan had moved the following amendment :—“That all the words after the word 'Jackson' be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the following—‘as suggested in a modified form, with a 1 in 50 grade, and a passenger station near the head of Lavender Bay, being portion of a proposed line referred to the Committee by the Legislative Assembly, be carried out.’”

The amendment was negatived on the following division :—

Ayes, 3.		Noes, 7.
Mr. Copeland,		Dr. Garran,
Mr. O'Sullivan,		Mr. Humphery,
Mr. Lee.		Mr. Trickett,
		Mr. Garrard,
		Mr. Tonkin,
		Mr. Dowel,
		Mr. McCourt.

The motion was passed on the following division :—

Ayes, 7.		Noes, 4.
Dr. Garran,		Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Humphery,		Mr. Trickett,
Mr. Garrard,		Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Tonkin,		Mr. Lee.
Mr. Dowel,		
Mr. O'Sullivan,		
Mr. McCourt.		

Mr.

Mr. Copeland gave notice that he would move at the next meeting of the Committee,—“That, having disposed of all work submitted to it, with the exception of the proposed Cable Tramways, the Committee, at its rising, adjourn to some future date to be determined by the Chairman, or until the experimental electric tramway at Randwick be completed.”

The Committee adjourned, at 25 minutes to 4, until 2 o'clock p.m. on Wednesday, 20th August.

THURSDAY, 21 AUGUST, 1890.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

The Honorable John Lackey, Vice-Chairman.

<p>The Hon. Andrew Garran, The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery, The Hon. William Joseph Trickett, Jacob Garrard, Esq., Henry Copeland, Esq.,</p>	<p>James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esq., William Springthorpe Dowel, Esq., Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq., Charles Alfred Lee, Esq., William McCourt, Esq.</p>
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The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Attention having been drawn to the fact that, in a division with reference to the proposed Railway to connect the North Shore Railway with the deep waters of Port Jackson, at Milson's Point, recorded in the minutes of the last meeting, the Vice-Chairman had not voted in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, he explained that it was an omission on his part; and that had he voted, he would have voted with the noes.

The Committee considered their Report to the Legislative Assembly on the proposed Railway to connect the North Shore Railway with the deep waters of Port Jackson, at Milson's Point.

The preamble and clauses 1 to 9 were passed.

On clause 10—Mr. Hamand's scheme—being proposed,—

Mr. Garrard moved the omission of all the words after the word “Manly,” in the sixth line of the clause, on page 10, to the figures “70” in the thirty-second line of the clause, on page 11.

The amendment was negatived on the following division:—

<p>Ayes, 4. Mr. Trickett, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Dowel, Mr. McCourt.</p>	<p>Noes, 7. Mr. Lackey, Dr. Garran, Mr. Humphery, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Tonkin, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Lee.</p>
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The clause was then passed.

The remaining clauses of the Report were passed, and the Report was adopted on the following division:—

<p>Ayes, 7. Dr. Garran, Mr. Humphery, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Tonkin, Mr. Dowel, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. McCourt.</p>	<p>Noes, 4. Mr. Lackey, Mr. Trickett, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Lee.</p>
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The Vice-Chairman was authorised to sign the Report, as adopted, for presentation to the Legislative Assembly.

The following motion, of which Mr. Copeland had given notice, was, after discussion, withdrawn:—
“That, having disposed of all work submitted to it, with the exception of the proposed Cable Tramways, the Committee at its rising adjourn to some future date to be determined by the Chairman, or until the experimental electric tramway at Randwick be completed.”

The Committee decided to proceed with the inquiry respecting the proposed Cable Tramway from King-street, *via* William-street, to Ocean-street, on Tuesday, 26 August.

The Committee adjourned, at 10 minutes past 4, until 2 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, 26th August.

TUESDAY, 26 AUGUST, 1890.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

The Honorable John Lackey, Vice-Chairman.

<p>The Hon. Andrew Garran, The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery, The Hon. William Joseph Trickett, Jacob Garrard, Esq., Henry Copeland, Esq.,</p>	<p>James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esq., William Springthorpe Dowel, Esq., Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq., Charles Alfred Lee, Esq., William McCourt, Esq.</p>
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The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read the following correspondence:—

Telegram from Mr. W. D. C. Denovan, Town Clerk, Sandhurst, Victoria, with reference to the electrical tramway in Sandhurst.

The correspondence was received.

The Committee further considered the proposed Cable Tramway from King-street, *via* William-street, to Ocean-street.

The Hon. Charles Kinnaird Mackellar, M.D., M.L.C., Thomas Buckland, Esq., and John Randall Carey, Esq., were sworn, and examined. The

The Committee considered two letters written to them by Mr. Arthur Samuel Hamand (in which certain objectionable statements appeared) with reference to evidence given by two witnesses in the inquiry respecting the proposed Railway to connect the North Shore Railway with the deep waters of Port Jackson, at Milson's Point.

It was resolved that the letters be published in the Appendix to the evidence given before the Committee on the proposed Railway, with the objectionable statements eliminated.

The Committee adjourned, at 5 minutes past 4, until 2 o'clock p.m. on Wednesday, the following day.

WEDNESDAY, 27 AUGUST, 1890.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

The Honorable John Lackey, Vice-Chairman.

The Hon. Andrew Garran,

The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery,

The Hon. William Joseph Trickett,

Jacob Garrard, Esq.,

Henry Copeland, Esq.,

James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esq.,

William Springthorpe Dowel, Esq.,

Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq.,

Charles Alfred Lee, Esq.,

William McCourt, Esq.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read the following correspondence:—

Letter from Mr. Henry J. Daniels, Town Clerk, Sydney, submitting the names of three aldermen of the Municipal Council, Sydney, for examination before the Committee with reference to the proposed Cable Tramway from King-street, *via* William-street, to Ocean-street.

Letter from Mr. David Proudfoot, expressing his inability to attend before the Committee on Tuesday, 25th inst., for the purpose of giving evidence with reference to the proposed Cable Tramway from King-street, *via* William-street, to Ocean-street.

The correspondence was received.

The Committee further considered the proposed Cable Tramway from King-street, *via* William-street, to Ocean-street.

John Randall Carey, Esq., was sworn, and further examined.

Norman Selfe, Esq., was sworn, and examined.

The Committee adjourned, at 5 minutes past 4, until 2 o'clock p.m. on Thursday, the following day.

THURSDAY, 28 AUGUST, 1890.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

The Honorable John Lackey, Vice-Chairman.

The Hon. Andrew Garran,

The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery,

The Hon. William Joseph Trickett,

Jacob Garrard, Esq.,

Henry Copeland, Esq.,

James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esq.,

William Springthorpe Dowel, Esq.,

Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq.,

Charles Alfred Lee, Esq.,

William McCourt, Esq.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Committee further considered the proposed Cable Tramway from King-street, *via* William street, to Ocean-street.

Norman Selfe, Esq., was sworn and further examined.

Maxwell Bury, Esq., James Smail, Esq. (Engineer for Sewerage, Board of Water Supply and Sewerage), and Gustave Fischer, Esq. (Assistant Engineer for Tramway Construction, Department of Public Works), were sworn, and examined.

The Committee adjourned, at 4 minutes past 4, until 2 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, 2nd September.

TUESDAY, 2 SEPTEMBER, 1890.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Jacob Garrard, Esq., Temporary Chairman.

The Hon. Andrew Garran,

The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery,

The Hon. William Joseph Trickett,

James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esq.,

William Springthorpe Dowel, Esq.,

Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq.,

Charles Alfred Lee, Esq.,

William McCourt, Esq.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read the following correspondence:—

Letter from Mr. David Proudfoot, with medical certificate, expressing his inability to attend the meeting of the Committee that day to give evidence with reference to the proposed Cable Tramway from King-street, *via* William-street, to Ocean-street.

Letter from Mr. Maxwell Bury, enclosing a pamphlet on the American system of Cable Railways—Cable *versus* Electricity—by C. B. Holmes, President of the Chicago City Railway Company.

Letter from Mr. Carson Woods, with reference to evidence given before the Committee by Mr. J. E. Carey, relative to the proposed Cable Tramway from King-street, *via* William-street, to Ocean-street.

Letter

Letter from Mr. W. J. Spruson, expressing a desire to give evidence before the Committee on Electrical Tramways, in connection with the inquiry respecting the proposed Cable Tramway from King-street, *via* William-street, to Ocean-street.

Letter from Mr. M. Holroyd Smith, M.I.M.E., M.I.E.E., &c., to the Minister for Public Works, and forwarded to the Committee for their information, with reference to certain statements in Sir John Fowler's Report upon working tramways by electricity.

The correspondence was received, and it was decided that the letter from Mr. M. Holroyd Smith should be published as an appendix to the Proceedings of the Committee in the inquiry concerning the proposed Cable Tramway from King-street, *via* William-street, to Ocean-street.

The Committee further considered the proposed Cable Tramway from King-street, *via* William-street, to Ocean-street.

Alderman Samuel Edward Lees, Esq., M.P., Alderman Henry Chapman, Esq., and Alderman John Taylor, Esq., were sworn, and examined.

The Committee adjourned, at a quarter past 4, until 2 o'clock p.m. on Wednesday, the following day.

WEDNESDAY, 3 SEPTEMBER, 1890.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Joseph Palmer Abbott, Esq., Chairman.

The Hon. Andrew Garran, Jacob Garrard, Esq., James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esq.,		William Springthorpe Dowel, Esq., Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq., Charles Alfred Lee, Esq., William McCourt, Esq.
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The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read the following correspondence:—

Letter from Messrs. Westcott, Marshall, and Adams, stating the inability of Mr. G. K. Kirkland to attend before the Committee that day to give evidence with reference to the proposed Cable Tramway from King-street, *via* William-street, to Ocean-street.

The correspondence was received.

The Committee further considered the proposed Cable Tramway from King-street, *via* William-street, to Ocean-street.

Ebenezer Clarence Wood, Esq., and Alderman Charles Edward Jeanneret, Esq., were sworn, and examined.

Dr. Garran gave notice that he would move at the next meeting of the Committee:—"That, in the opinion of this Committee, it is not expedient to construct any new tram-lines within the city until the site for the new railway terminus has been determined, or until the efficiency of the electrical tramway has been fairly tested."

The Committee adjourned, at 25 minutes to 4, until 2 o'clock p.m. on Thursday, the following day.

THURSDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER, 1890.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Joseph Palmer Abbott, Esq., Chairman.

The Hon. Andrew Garran, The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery, Jacob Garrard, Esq., James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esq.,		William Springthorpe Dowel, Esq., Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq., Charles Alfred Lee, Esq., William McCourt, Esq.
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The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read the following correspondence:—

Letter from Professor W. C. Kernot, University of Melbourne, drawing the attention of the Committee to certain alleged defects in the construction of bridges and culverts on railways in New South Wales.

Letter from Mr. Maxwell Bury, with reference to cable and electric trams.

Letter from Mr. William Fleming, forwarding a pamphlet and diagrams descriptive of the Judson Pneumatic Street Railway.

The correspondence was received, and it was decided that Professor Kernot's letter should be printed for the information of the Committee, and that a copy of the letter should be forwarded to the Minister for Public Works.

The Committee further considered the proposed Cable Tramway from King-street, *via* William-street, to Ocean-street.

Richard Threlfall, Esq., Professor of Physics, University of Sydney, and Wilfred J. Spruson, Esq., were sworn, and examined.

Dr. Garran moved,—“That, in the opinion of this Committee, it is not expedient to construct any new tram-lines within the city until the site for the new railway terminus has been determined, or until the efficiency of the experimental electrical tramway at Randwick has been fairly tested.”

Mr. Dowel seconded the motion.

Mr. Humphrey moved the following amendment,—“That, in the opinion of this Committee, it is not expedient to further proceed with the inquiry as to constructing any new tram-lines within the city until the efficiency of the experimental electrical tramway at Randwick has been tested.”

The amendment was seconded by Mr. Lee, and passed.

The Committee adjourned at 11 minutes to 4 o'clock.

THURSDAY,

THURSDAY, 30 OCTOBER, 1890.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

The Honorable John Lackey, Vice-Chairman.	
The Hon. Andrew Garran,	James Ebenezzer Tonkin, Esq.,
The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery,	William Springthorpe Dowel, Esq.,
The Hon. William Joseph Trickett,	Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq.,
Jacob Garrard, Esq.,	Charles Alfred Lee, Esq.,
Henry Copeland, Esq.,	William McCourt, Esq.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read a letter to the Vice-Chairman from Mr. Joseph Palmer Abbott, Chairman, stating that, having been elected Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, he had forwarded to his Excellency the Governor, in terms of the Public Works Act, his resignation as a member of the Committee.

Mr. Garrard moved,—“That the letter be received, and that the Secretary convey, by letter, to Mr. Abbott, this Committee's appreciation of his work as Chairman of the Public Works Committee, and congratulate him upon his elevation to the position of Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.”

The motion was seconded by Mr. Trickett, and passed.

The Committee proceeded to elect a Chairman in the place of Mr. Joseph Palmer Abbott, resigned.

Mr. Tonkin moved,—“That the Hon. John Lackey be Chairman of the Committee.”

Dr. Garran seconded the motion.

Mr. O'Sullivan moved,—“That Mr. Henry Copeland be Chairman of the Committee.”

Mr. Dowel seconded the motion.

Mr. Copeland expressed a desire not to oppose the election of Mr. Lackey, and requested that the motion proposing him as Chairman be withdrawn.

The motion moved by Mr. O'Sullivan and seconded by Mr. Dowel was then withdrawn, and the motion moved by Mr. Tonkin, seconded by Dr. Garran, was passed.

Mr. Lackey, as Chairman, thanked the Committee for the honour conferred upon him.

Mr. Humphery moved,—“That Mr. Jacob Garrard be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Committee in the place of the Hon. John Lackey, elected Chairman.”

The motion was seconded by Mr. Lee, and passed, and Mr. Garrard returned thanks for his election.

The Secretary read the following correspondence:—

Letter from Mr. Hugh M'Lachlan, Secretary for Railways, stating that the experimental Electric Tramway at Randwick was now ready for testing, and that the Railway Commissioners would be glad to make a trial at any time that would be convenient to the Committee.

The Committee decided to have the trial made on Wednesday, 5th November, and to meet at half-past 1 p.m. that day to proceed by special tram to Randwick.

The Secretary read the following further correspondence:—

Letter from Mr. Gustave Fischer, forwarding a copy of a paper on “Electric Traction,” read by him before the Engineering Association of New South Wales, on June 12th last, and asking that it might be attached in the form of an appendix to his evidence on the proposed Cable Tramway from King-street, *via* William-street, to Ocean-street, to which letter a reply had been sent, under instructions from the Chairman, informing the writer that the paper could not be regarded as an explanation of his evidence, and therefore could not be made an appendix to that evidence.

Extract from the Melbourne *Argus* of 13th September, forwarded for the information of the Committee by Mr. Charles Alfred Lee, on a proposed change of system in connection with the Sandhurst and Eaglehawk Electric Tramway.

Letter from Mr. Carson Woods, enclosing several documents relating to electric traction.

Letter from Mr. Joseph Barling, Under Secretary for Public Works, acknowledging the receipt of a letter from the Secretary, forwarding a copy of a communication received by the Committee from Professor W. C. Kernot, of the Melbourne University, on the subject of certain alleged defects in the construction of railway bridges and culverts in New South Wales.

Letter from Mr. H. E. Barff, Librarian of the University of Sydney, acknowledging the receipt from the Committee of various reports, &c., on proposed public works.

The correspondence was received, and the Secretary was instructed to write to Mr. Gustave Fischer, asking for a dozen copies of his paper upon “Electric Traction.”

The following accounts were passed for payment:—

	£	s.	d.
Higinbotham and Robinson—For map of the Borough of Willoughby ...	5	5	0
B. H. Friend—Amount expended in excess of travelling allowance in connection with the Sectional Committee on the proposed Railway from Molong to Parkes and Forbes, and the Bridge over the Lachlan River, at Cowra ...	2	10	0
Leeming and Watson, <i>Shoalhaven News</i> —Advertising in connection with the Sectional Committee on the proposed Railway from Kiama to Nowra ...	1	1	0
Frederick Pinkstone, <i>Cootamundra Herald</i> —Advertising in connection with the Sectional Committee on the proposed Railway from Cootamundra to Temora ...	0	13	0
<i>Daily Telegraph</i> Newspaper Company—Advertising in connection with the proposed Railway to connect the North Shore Railway with the deep waters of Port Jackson, at Milson's Point ...	0	8	0
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The Committee adjourned, at 3 o'clock, until half-past 1 p.m. on Wednesday, 5th November.

WEDNESDAY,

WEDNESDAY, 5 NOVEMBER, 1890.

The Committee met at 1:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

The Honorable John Lackey, Chairman.	
The Hon. Andrew Garran,	James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esq.,
The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery,	William Springthorpe Dowel, Esq.,
Jacob Garrard, Esq.,	Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq.,
Henry Copeland, Esq.,	Charles Alfred Lee, Esq.,
	William McCourt, Esq.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Committee then proceeded by tram to Randwick, where they witnessed a trial of an experimental Electric Tramway, constructed there at the instance of the Railway Commissioners, the visit of the Committee being made in connection with their inquiry respecting the proposed Cable Tramway from King-street, *via* William-street, to Ocean-street.

THURSDAY, 6 NOVEMBER, 1890.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

The Honorable John Lackey, Chairman.	
The Hon. Andrew Garran,	James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esq.,
The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery,	William Springthorpe Dowel, Esq.,
Jacob Garrard, Esq.,	Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq.,
Henry Copeland, Esq.,	William McCourt, Esq.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read the following correspondence:—

Letter from Mr. Arthur S. Hamand on the subject of Electric Tramways.

Letter from Mr. Arthur S. Hamand with reference to the proposed Railway to connect the North Shore Railway with the deep waters of Port Jackson, at Milson's Point.

Letter from Mr. Maxwell Bury, forwarding an extract from a letter received by him from the Secretary to the American Cable Railway Company of New York, on the subject of Cable Tramways as compared with Electric Tramways.

Letter from Messrs. King, Walker, and Co., to the Minister for Works, and forwarded to the Committee for their information, on the Jarman Electric Car.

Pamphlet, with photograph, from Mr. Edward B. Price, Examiner of Public Works, on the Portrush and Giant's Causeway Electric Tramway, county Antrim, Ireland.

Newspaper article, from the *Engineer*, of 29th August, 1890, on "Comparative Tests of an Electric Motor and a Steam Locomotive on the Manhattan Elevated Railway, New York."

The correspondence was received.

The Committee further considered the proposed Cable Tramway from King-street, *via* William-street, to Ocean-street.

James J. Mahony, Esq., Electrician, Thomson-Houston Electric Tramway Company, was sworn, and examined.

The Committee adjourned, at 3 minutes past 4, until 2 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, 11th November.

TUESDAY, 11 NOVEMBER, 1890.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

The Honorable John Lackey, Chairman.	
The Hon. Andrew Garran,	William Springthorpe Dowel, Esq.,
The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery,	Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq.,
Jacob Garrard, Esq.,	Charles Alfred Lee, Esq.,
James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esq.,	William McCourt, Esq.,
	James Patrick Garvan, Esq.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read a letter from the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, forwarding a copy of a resolution passed by the Assembly on the 6th instant, appointing Mr. James Patrick Garvan a member of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, in the room of Mr. Joseph Palmer Abbott, resigned.

The Secretary also read a notice in the *Government Gazette*, notifying the appointment of Mr. Garvan to the Committee, and stated that he had received from Mr. Garvan the declaration necessary under the sixth clause of the Public Works Act, duly signed by him before a Justice of the Peace.

The correspondence was received.

Mr. Garvan took his seat as a member of the Committee.

The Committee further considered the proposed Cable Tramway from King-street, *via* William-street, to Ocean-street.

George Downe, Esq., Locomotive Engineer, Tramway Department, was sworn, and examined.

The Committee adjourned, at 7 minutes to 4, until half-past 1 p.m. on Wednesday, the following day.

WEDNESDAY,

WEDNESDAY, 12 NOVEMBER, 1890.

The Committee met at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

The Honorable John Lackey, Chairman.

The Hon. Andrew Garran,	William Springthorpe Dowel, Esq.,
The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery,	Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq.,
Jacob Garrard, Esq.,	Charles Alfred Lee, Esq.,
James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esq.,	William McCourt, Esq.,

James Patrick Garvan, Esq.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Committee proceeded by tram to Randwick, where, in connection with their inquiry respecting the proposed Cable Tramway from King-street, *via* William-street to Ocean-street, they witnessed a second trial, and made a further inspection of the experimental Electric Tramway, constructed at the instance of the Railway Commissioners.

THURSDAY, 13 NOVEMBER, 1890.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

The Honorable John Lackey, Chairman.

The Hon. Andrew Garran,	William Springthorpe Dowel, Esq.,
The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery,	Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq.,
Jacob Garrard, Esq.,	Charles Alfred Lee, Esq.,
Henry Copeland, Esq.,	William McCourt, Esq.,
James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esq.,	James Patrick Garvan, Esq.,

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read the following correspondence:—

Letter from the Hon. Joseph Palmer Abbott, in acknowledgment of the letter informing him of the resolution passed with reference to his resignation from the Committee.

Letter from Mr. Maxwell Bury, forwarding, for the information of the Committee, a letter received by him from Mr. C. B. Holmes, President of the Chicago City Railway Company, on "Cable v. Electrical Tramways."

Telegram from Mr. T. G. Watson, Parliament House, Melbourne, asking for copies of reports by Sectional Committees, and of any regulations framed by the Committee.

The correspondence was received.

The Committee further considered the proposed Cable Tramway from King-street, *via* William-street, to Ocean-street.

Edward Charles Cracknell, Esq., Superintendent of Telegraphs, was sworn, and further examined.

The Committee adjourned, at 5 minutes to 4, until 2 o'clock p.m., on Tuesday, 18th November.

TUESDAY, 18 NOVEMBER, 1890.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

The Honorable John Lackey, Chairman.

The Hon. Andrew Garran,	James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esq.,
The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery,	William Springthorpe Dowel, Esq.,
The Hon. George Henry Cox,	Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq.,
Jacob Garrard, Esq.,	Charles Alfred Lee, Esq.,
Henry Copeland, Esq.,	William McCourt, Esq.,

James Patrick Garvan, Esq.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Committee further considered the proposed Cable Tramway from King-street, *via* William-street, to Ocean-street.

Gustave Fischer, Esq., Assistant Engineer, Tramway Construction Branch, Department of Public Works, was sworn, and further examined.

The Committee adjourned, at 5 minutes to 4, until 2 o'clock p.m. on Wednesday, the following day.

WEDNESDAY, 19 NOVEMBER, 1890.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

The Honorable John Lackey, Chairman.

The Hon. Andrew Garran,	James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esq.,
The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery,	William Springthorpe Dowel, Esq.,
The Hon. George Henry Cox,	Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq.,
Jacob Garrard, Esq.,	Charles Alfred Lee, Esq.,
Henry Copeland, Esq.,	William McCourt, Esq.,

James Patrick Garvan, Esq.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Committee further considered the proposed Cable Tramway from King-street, *via* William-street, to Ocean-street.

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Richard Threlfall, Esq., Professor of Physics, University of Sydney, was sworn, and further examined.

Harry Hyde Kingsbury, Esq., Electrician, was sworn, and examined.

Mr. Garrard gave notice that he would move at the next meeting of the Committee,—“That Professor Threlfall and Mr. Gustave Fischer be requested to conduct certain tests in connection with the Electric Tramway installation at Randwick and the Cable Tramway at North Shore, and to report to this Committee on the loss of power between the power station and the cars of each system.”

The Committee adjourned, at 3 minutes past 4, until 2 o'clock p.m. on Thursday, the following day.

THURSDAY, 20 NOVEMBER, 1890.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

The Honorable John Lackey, Chairman.

<p>The Hon. Andrew Garran, The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery, The Hon. George Henry Cox, Jacob Garrard, Esq., Henry Copeland, Esq.,</p>		<p>James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esq., William Springthorpe Dowel, Esq., Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq., Charles Alfred Lee, Esq., William McCourt, Esq.,</p>
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James Patrick Garvan, Esq.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read a letter from Mr. Thomas Midelton with reference to evidence given before the Committee on the subject of the proposed Cable Tramway from King-street, *via* William-street, to Ocean-street.

The correspondence was received.

The Committee further considered the proposed Cable Tramway from King-street, *via* William-street, to Ocean-street.

Paul Bedford-Elwell, Esq., Electrical Engineer, and Hugh McLachlan, Esq., Secretary to the Railway Commissioners, were sworn, and further examined.

Mr. Garrard's notice of motion,—“That Professor Threlfall and Mr. Gustave Fischer be requested to conduct certain tests in connection with the Electric Tramway installation at Randwick and the Cable Tramway at North Shore, and to report to this Committee on the loss of power between the power station and the cars of each system,” was withdrawn.

The Committee adjourned, at 10 minutes past 4, until 2 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, 25th November.

TUESDAY, 25 NOVEMBER, 1890.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Jacob Garrard, Esq., Vice-Chairman.

<p>The Hon. Andrew Garran, The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery, The Hon. George Henry Cox, Henry Copeland, Esq., James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esq.,</p>		<p>William Springthorpe Dowel, Esq., Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq., Charles Alfred Lee, Esq., William McCourt, Esq., James Patrick Garvan, Esq.</p>
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The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read the following correspondence:—

Letter from the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, informing the Committee, of the passing by the Assembly on the 21st instant of a resolution referring to the Committee, for their report thereon, the erection of a College for the Training of Teachers of Public Schools, as submitted and explained by the Minister for Public Instruction.

Minute paper from Mr. Henry Deane, Acting Engineer-in-Chief for Railways, to the Under Secretary for Public Works, and

Report by Mr. Gustave Fischer, Assistant Engineer, Tramway Construction Branch, Department of Public Works, forwarded to the Committee for their information, on “Efficiency of the Locomotive and Electric Motor, with reference to a paper published in the *Engineer* of 29th August, 1890, on ‘Comparative Tests of an Electric Motor and a Tram Locomotive on the Manhattan Elevated Railway, New York.’”

The correspondence was received.

The Committee proceeded to consider the proposed Cable Tramway through George, Pitt, and Harris Streets, Sydney.

Henry Deane, Esq., Acting Engineer-in-Chief for Railways, and Gustave Fischer, Esq., Assistant Engineer, Tramway Construction Branch, Department of Public Works, were sworn, and examined.

Mr. O'Sullivan gave notice that he would move, at the next meeting of the Committee,—“That a Sectional Committee of four be appointed to visit Melbourne for the purpose of obtaining all the information available with regard to the working of Cable Tramways.”

Mr. Tonkin gave notice that he would move, at the meeting of the Committee on Wednesday, 3rd December,—“That in the opinion of the Committee it is not expedient the proposed Cable Tramway from King-street, *via* William-street, to Ocean-street, as referred to the Committee by the Legislative Assembly, be carried out, because the evidence shows that electricity would be the better service, inasmuch as the construction would be much less in cost, and the working expenses also would be about 50 per cent. less than cable.”

The Committee adjourned, at 12 minutes past 4, until 2 o'clock p.m. on Wednesday, the following day.

WEDNESDAY,

WEDNESDAY, 26 NOVEMBER, 1890.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Jacob Garrard, Esq., Vice-Chairman.

The Hon. Andrew Garran,
The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery,
The Hon. George Henry Cox,
Henry Copeland, Esq.,
James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esq.,

William Springthorpe Dowel, Esq.,
Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq.,
Charles Alfred Lee, Esq.,
William McCourt, Esq.,
James Patrick Garvan, Esq.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read the following correspondence:—

Letter from Mr. C. A. Goodchap, M.P., forwarding, for the information of the Committee, a letter received by him from the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company, Pittsburgh, U.S.A., on the subject of Electric Tramways.

The correspondence was received.

Mr. O'Sullivan moved,—“That a Sectional Committee of four be appointed to visit Melbourne, for the purpose of obtaining all the information available with regard to the working of Cable Tramways.”

Mr. Dowel seconded the motion.

Mr. Garvan moved,—“That the debate upon the motion be adjourned until Tuesday, 2nd December.”

Mr. Copeland seconded the motion for the adjournment of the debate.

The motion, that the debate be adjourned, was negatived, on the following division:—

Ayes, 3.
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Garvan.

Noes, 8.
Dr. Garran,
Mr. Cox,
Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Humphery,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Dowel,
Mr. McCourt.

The original motion was negatived, on the following division:—

Ayes, 4.
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Dowel,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. McCourt.

Noes, 7.
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Humphery,
Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Garvan,
Dr. Garran,
Mr. Cox,
Mr. Lee.

The Secretary was instructed to write to the Melbourne Tramways Trust for all information obtainable with regard to the cost of construction and working of the Cable Tramways in Melbourne.

The Committee further considered the proposed Cable Tramway through George, Pitt, and Harris Streets, Sydney.

The Hon. John Macintosh, M.L.C., and John Lebbeus Hordern, Esq., were sworn, and examined.

The Committee adjourned, at 3 minutes past 4, until 2 o'clock p.m. on Thursday, the following day.

THURSDAY, 27 NOVEMBER, 1890.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Jacob Garrard, Esq., Vice-Chairman.

The Hon. Andrew Garran,
The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery,
The Hon. William Joseph Trickett,
Henry Copeland, Esq.,
James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esq.,

William Springthorpe Dowel, Esq.,
Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq.,
Charles Alfred Lee, Esq.,
William McCourt, Esq.,
James Patrick Garvan, Esq.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read the following correspondence:—

Memorandum from Mr. Henry Deane, Acting Engineer-in-Chief for Railways, giving the width of cars on steam and on cable tramways.

Letter from Mr. Francis Abigail, M.P., with reference to electric railways and tramways inspected by him during a recent visit made by him to England.

Letter from Mr. John Musson, C.E., with reference to elevated light railways.

The correspondence was received.

Mr. Copeland moved, and Mr. Lee seconded the motion,—“That Mr. John Musson, C.E., be examined by the Committee on Tuesday, 2nd December.”

The motion was passed.

The Committee further considered the proposed Cable Tramway through George, Pitt, and Harris Streets, Sydney.

Benjamin Francis Marks, Esq., Thomas Dalton, Esq., M.P., Francis Augustus Wright, Esq., M.P., and William Henry Shortland, Esq., were sworn, and examined.

The Committee adjourned, at 15 minutes past 4, until 2 o'clock p.m., on Tuesday, 2nd December.

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, 2 DECEMBER, 1890.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

The Honorable John Lackey, Chairman.

The Hon. Andrew Garran,	James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esq.,
The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery,	William Springthorpe Dowel, Esq.,
The Hon. William Joseph Trickett,	Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq.,
Jacob Garrard, Esq.,	Charles Alfred Lee, Esq.,
Henry Copeland, Esq.,	William McCourt, Esq.,

James Patrick Garvan, Esq.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read the following correspondence:—

Letter from Mr. Hugh McLachlan, Secretary to the Railway Commissioners, stating the expenses and earnings of the electric tram between Waverley and Randwick, to the 28th November.

Letter from Mr. P. Bedford-Elwell, with reference to letters in the daily newspapers on the subject of cable and electric tramways.

Letter from Mr. W. A. Green, on the subject of electric trams.

The correspondence was received.

The Committee further considered the proposed Cable Tramway through George, Pitt, and Harris Streets, Sydney.

Thomas Peate, Esq., William Henry Paling, Esq., John Pomeroy, Esq., and John Musson, Esq., C.E., were sworn, and examined.

The Committee adjourned, at 5 minutes to 4, until 2 o'clock p.m. on Wednesday, the following day.

WEDNESDAY, 3 DECEMBER, 1890.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

The Honorable John Lackey, Chairman.

The Hon. Andrew Garran,	James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esq.,
The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery,	William Springthorpe Dowel, Esq.,
The Hon. William Joseph Trickett,	Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq.,
Jacob Garrard, Esq.,	Charles Alfred Lee, Esq.,
Henry Copeland, Esq.,	William McCourt, Esq.,

James Patrick Garvan, Esq.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read the following correspondence:—

Letter from Mr. P. Bedford-Elwell with reference to a letter in the *Sydney Morning Herald*, signed W. A. Green, on "Electric Trams."

The correspondence was received.

Mr. Tonkin's notice of motion,—“That in the opinion of the Committee it is not expedient the proposed Cable Tramway from King-street to Ocean-street, as referred to the Committee by the Legislative Assembly, be carried out, because the evidence shows that electricity would be the better service, insomuch as the construction would be much less in cost, and the working expenses also would be about 50 per cent. less than cable”—was postponed.

The Committee further considered the proposed cable Tramway through George, Pitt, and Harris Streets, Sydney.

Frederick Lassetter, Esq., was sworn, and examined.

Mr. O'Sullivan gave notice that he would move as an amendment on Mr. Tonkin's motion relative to the proposed Cable Tramway from King-street, *via* William street, to Ocean-street,—“That in the opinion of the Committee it is expedient to construct a Cable Tramway up King-street, from the Parramatta Ferry to the old Immigration Depôt; and that an Electrical Tramline should be constructed from the junction of Park and Elizabeth streets to Ocean-street, Woollahra, along Park and William streets, and the New South Head road.”

The Committee adjourned, at 27 minutes past 3, until 2 o'clock p.m. on Thursday, the following day.

THURSDAY, 4 DECEMBER, 1890.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

The Honorable John Lackey, Chairman.

The Hon. Andrew Garran,	James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esq.,
The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery,	William Springthorpe Dowel, Esq.,
The Hon. William Joseph Trickett,	Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq.,
Jacob Garrard, Esq.,	Charles Alfred Lee, Esq.,
Henry Copeland, Esq.,	William McCourt, Esq.,

James Patrick Garvan, Esq.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read the following correspondence:—

Letter from the Under Secretary for Public Works, informing the Committee that the Minister for Public Works had approved, on the recommendation of Mr. Deane, Acting Engineer-in-Chief for Railways, of sending Mr. Fischer, Assistant Engineer for Tramways, to America, for the purpose of thoroughly inquiring into and reporting upon the systems of Electric Tramways now in use in that country, and that Mr. Fischer's report would be placed at the disposal of the Committee as soon as it was received.

Letter

Letter from the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, forwarding a copy of a resolution passed by the Assembly on the 3rd instant, on the motion of Sir Henry Parkes, referring to the Committee the original plans and estimates relating to the Hospital Buildings in Macquarie-street, and also the plans and estimates for the buildings on a reduced scale of two storeys only, and any other question of construction arising in the course of investigation, and requesting the Committee to report forthwith.

Letter from the Town Clerk, Sydney, with reference to the Mayor giving evidence before the Committee, respecting the proposed Cable Tramway through George, Pitt, and Harris Streets, Sydney.

The correspondence was received.

The Committee further considered the proposed Cable Tramway through George, Pitt, and Harris Streets, Sydney.

George Pile, Esq., Francis Abigail, Esq., M.P., and William A. Green, Esq., were sworn, and examined.

Mr. Humphery gave notice that he would move at the next meeting of the Committee, as an amendment on the motion of which Mr. Tonkin had given notice, relative to the proposed Cable Tramway to King-street, *via* William-street, to Ocean-street,—“That, having regard to the importance of the question submitted for their consideration, it is expedient that the Committee should postpone their recommendation for a period of three months in order to be more fully satisfied as to the superiority and greater economy of an Electric over a Cable System before deciding in favour of the former.”

Mr. Copeland gave notice that he would move at the next meeting of the Committee,—“That, in acknowledging the receipt of the letter from the Honorable the Secretary for Public Works, intimating the intention of the Government to send Mr. Fischer, Assistant Engineer for Tramways, to America, to inquire into the working of the Electric Tramway Systems, he be requested to include the Cable System in his inquiry, particularly at St. Louis and New York, and that he be furnished with a copy of Mr. Maxwell Bury's and Mr. W. A. Green's correspondence with the Committee.

The Committee adjourned, at 5 minutes past 4, until 2 o'clock, p.m., on Tuesday, 9th December.

TUESDAY, 9 DECEMBER, 1890.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

The Honorable John Lackey, Chairman.

The Hon. Andrew Garran,
The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery,
The Hon. William Joseph Trickett,
Jacob Garrard, Esq.,
James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esq.,

William Springthorpe Dowel, Esq.,
Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq.,
Charles Alfred Lee, Esq.,
William McCourt, Esq.,
James Patrick Garvan, Esq.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read the following correspondence:—

Letter from Mr. A. J. Riley, with reference to his giving evidence before the Committee respecting the proposed Cable Tramway through George, Pitt, and Harris Streets, Sydney.

Letter from Mr. Sydney Burdckin, M.P., Mayor of Sydney, with reference to his giving evidence before the Committee on the subject of the completion of the Hospital buildings, Macquarie-street.

Letter from Mr. Carson Woods on the subject of Electrical Tramways.

The correspondence was received.

The Committee further considered the proposed Cable Tramway through George, Pitt, and Harris Streets, Sydney.

William A. Green, Esq., was sworn, and further examined.

Alfred Edward, Esq., Registrar, Metropolitan Transit Commission, and Paul Bedford-Elwell, Esq., were sworn, and examined.

Mr. Tonkin's notice of motion,—“That in the opinion of the Committee it is not expedient the proposed Cable Tramway from King-street to Ocean-street, as referred to the Committee by the Legislative Assembly, be carried out, because the evidence shows that electricity would be the better service, inasmuch as the construction would be much less in cost, and the working expenses also would be about 50 per cent. less than cable,” was withdrawn.

Mr. O'Sullivan's proposed amendment on Mr. Tonkin's motion,—“That in the opinion of the Committee it is expedient to construct a Cable Tramway up King-street, from the Parramatta Ferry to the old Immigration Depot; and that an Electrical Tramline should be constructed from the junction of Park and Elizabeth streets to Ocean-street, Woolahra, along Park and William streets, and the New South Head-road,” was also withdrawn.

Mr. Humphery, with the concurrence of the Committee, amended the motion of which he had given notice, with reference to the proposed Cable Tramway from King-street, *via* William-street, to Ocean-street, and moved it in the following form,—“That, having regard to the importance of adopting the best system of street tramways for the city and suburbs, and also to the intimation from the Public Works Department, that the Assistant Engineer for Tramways is about to visit America to inquire into the working of tramways there, it is expedient that the Committee defer for three months their further consideration of the proposed tramways now submitted to them, in order that fuller information as to the cost of construction and working expenses of the Electric and Cable Systems, respectively, may be obtained.”

The motion was seconded by Mr. Garrard, and passed.

Mr.

Mr. O'Sullivan, for Mr. Copeland, moved,—“That, in acknowledging the receipt of the letter from the Honorable the Secretary for Public Works, intimating the intention of the Government to send Mr. Fischer, Assistant Engineer for Tramways, to America, to inquire into the working of the Electric Tramway Systems, he be requested to include the Cable System in his inquiry, particularly at St. Louis and New York, and that he be furnished with a copy of Mr. Maxwell Bury's and Mr. W. A. Green's correspondence with the Committee.”

Mr. Garvan moved, as an amendment on the motion,—“That all the words after the word ‘inquiry’ be omitted.”

Mr. McCourt seconded the amendment.

The amendment was negatived on the following division:—

Ayes, 2.		Noes, 9.	
Mr. McCourt,		Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Garvan.		Dr. Garran,	Mr. Dowel,
		Mr. Humphery,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
		Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Lee.
		Mr. Garrard,	

Mr. Garrard moved,—“That the motion be amended by the omission of all the words after the word ‘with,’ and the insertion in their place of the words ‘copies of all papers and minutes of evidence taken by this Committee on the subject.’”

Mr. Trickett seconded the amendment.

The amendment was agreed to, and the motion as amended was passed.

The Committee adjourned, at 2 minutes to 4, until 2 o'clock p.m. on Wednesday, the following day.

WEDNESDAY, 10 DECEMBER, 1890.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

The Honorable John Lackey, Chairman.

The Hon. Andrew Garran,	James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esq.,
The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery,	William Springthorpe Dowel, Esq.,
The Hon. William Joseph Trickett,	Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq.,
The Hon. George Henry Cox,	Charles Alfred Lee, Esq.,
Jacob Garrard, Esq.,	William McCourt, Esq.,

James Patrick Garvan, Esq.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read the following correspondence:—

Letter from Mr. W. A. Green, with reference to his evidence before the Committee on the subject of Cable and Electric Tramways.

The correspondence was received.

The Committee proceeded to consider the proposed Hospital Buildings, Macquarie-street, and deliberated as to the terms of the resolution of the Legislative Assembly, referring the matter to the Committee, and as to the powers of the Committee under the 12th clause of the Public Works Act.

Mr. Trickett moved,—“That, in dealing with the question of the Hospital Buildings, Macquarie-street, the Committee recognise that the resolution submitting the question to the Committee limits the inquiry to that of construction only, and does not relate to the eligibility of site.”

Mr. O'Sullivan seconded the motion.

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

Ayes, 4.		Noes, 8.	
Mr. Trickett,		Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Garrard,		Dr. Garran,	Mr. Dowel,
Mr. O'Sullivan,		Mr. Humphery,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Lee.		Mr. Cox,	Mr. Garvan.

Critchett Walker, Esq., Principal Under Secretary, and the Hon. Arthur Renwick, M.D., M.L.C., were sworn, and examined.

It was decided that the Committee should meet at the site of the Hospital Buildings, Macquarie-street, at 2 o'clock p.m. on Thursday, the following day.

The Committee adjourned, at 4 o'clock, until 2 o'clock p.m. on Thursday, the following day.

THURSDAY, 11 DECEMBER, 1890.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

The Honorable John Lackey, Esq., Chairman.

The Hon. Andrew Garran,	James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esq.,
The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery,	William Springthorpe Dowel, Esq.,
The Hon. William Joseph Trickett,	Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq.,
The Hon. George Henry Cox,	Charles Alfred Lee, Esq.,
Jacob Garrard, Esq.,	William McCourt, Esq.,

James Patrick Garvan, Esq.

The Committee met at 2 p.m. at the site of the proposed Hospital Buildings, Macquarie-street, and, accompanied by the Hon. Arthur Renwick, M.D., M.L.C., President of the Board of Directors, Sydney Hospital; Dr. Hull, House Physician; and Mr. H. D. Russell, Secretary to the Hospital; and Mr. Thomas Rowe, Architect of the proposed new buildings, inspected the new buildings as far as they have been erected, and the temporary buildings now in use.

At the close of the inspection the Committee met in their ordinary meeting room.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Papers

Papers in manuscript, and printed papers relating to the Sydney Hospital, received from the Principal Under Secretary, were laid on the table.

The papers were received.

The Committee further considered the proposed Hospital Buildings, Macquarie-street.

Thomas Rowe, Esq., Architect, was sworn, and examined.

The Committee adjourned, at 6 minutes past 4, until 2 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, 16th December.

TUESDAY, 16 DECEMBER, 1890.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

The Honorable John Lackey, Chairman.

The Hon. Andrew Garran,

The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery,

The Hon. William Joseph Trickett,

The Hon. George Henry Cox,

Jacob Garrard, Esq.,

Henry Copeland, Esq.,

James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esq.,

William Springthorpe Dowel, Esq.,

Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq.,

Charles Alfred Lee, Esq.,

William McCourt, Esq.,

James Patrick Garvan, Esq.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read the following correspondence:—

Letter from the Secretary of the Melbourne Tramways Trust, with reference to the Cable Tramways in Melbourne.

The correspondence was received.

The Committee further considered the proposed Hospital Buildings, Macquarie-street.

Henry Denham Russell, Esq., Secretary to the Sydney Hospital, and Frederic Norton Manning, Esq., M.D., President of the Board of Health, and Medical Adviser to the Government, were sworn, and examined.

The Committee adjourned, at 4 o'clock, until 2 o'clock p.m. on Wednesday, the following day.

WEDNESDAY, 17 DECEMBER, 1890.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

The Honorable John Lackey, Chairman.

The Hon. Andrew Garran,

The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery,

The Hon. William Joseph Trickett,

The Hon. George Henry Cox,

Jacob Garrard, Esq.,

Henry Copeland, Esq.,

James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esq.,

William Springthorpe Dowel, Esq.,

Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq.,

Charles Alfred Lee, Esq.,

William McCourt, Esq.,

James Patrick Garvan, Esq.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read the following correspondence:—

Letter from the Principal Under Secretary, forwarding a *procès* of the papers relating to the Hospital Buildings, Macquarie-street, made out from the date of the stoppage of the works.

The correspondence was received.

The Committee further considered the proposed Hospital Buildings, Macquarie-street.

The Hon. Charles Kinnaird Mackellar, M.B., M.L.C., and John Kirkpatrick, Esq., Architect, were sworn, and examined.

Mr. Garrard gave notice that he would move at the next meeting of the Committee,—“That the Committee at its rising this day adjourn until the first Tuesday in February, 1891.”

The Committee adjourned, at 5 minutes past 4, until 2 o'clock p.m. on Thursday the following day.

THURSDAY, 18 DECEMBER, 1890.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

The Honorable John Lackey, Chairman.

The Hon. Andrew Garran,

The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery,

The Hon. William Joseph Trickett,

The Hon. George Henry Cox,

Jacob Garrard, Esq.,

Henry Copeland, Esq.,

James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esq.,

William Springthorpe Dowel, Esq.,

Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq.,

Charles Alfred Lee, Esq.,

William McCourt, Esq.,

James Patrick Garvan, Esq.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read the following correspondence:—

Letter from Mr. J. Horbury Hunt, expressing a desire to give evidence before the Committee with reference to the proposed Hospital Buildings, Macquarie-street.

John Kirkpatrick, Esq., Architect, was sworn, and further examined.

The Hon. Henry Norman MacLaurin, M.D., M.L.C., was sworn, and examined.

Mr. Garrard moved:—“That the Committee at its rising this day adjourn until the first Tuesday in February, 1891.”

The motion was seconded by Mr. Lee, and passed.

The Committee adjourned, at 6 minutes to 4, until 2 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, 3rd February, 1891.

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, 3 FEBRUARY, 1891.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

The Honorable John Lackey, Chairman.

<p>The Hon. Andrew Garran, The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery, The Hon. William Joseph Trickett, Jacob Garrard, Esq., James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esq.,</p>	<p>William Springthorpe Dowel, Esq., Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq., Charles Alfred Lee, Esq., William McCourt, Esq., James Patrick Garvan, Esq.</p>
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The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read the following correspondence:—

Letter from the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, stating for the information of the Committee that resolutions were passed by the Legislative Assembly on 19 December, 1890, referring to the Committee for consideration and report the expediency of constructing a line of railway from Cobar to Cockburn, and a line of railway from Glen Innes to Inverell, and of extending the Kiama to Nowra railway from the present proposed terminus across the Shoalhaven River into the town of Nowra.

Minute by the Medical Adviser to the Government, Dr. C. K. Mackellar, dated 30 January, 1883, and Minute by the Colonial Secretary, the late Sir Alexander Stuart, dated 31 January, 1883, on the necessity for the establishment of a Lock Hospital in Sydney, forwarded to the Committee by Dr. Mackellar in relation to his evidence before the Committee on the subject of the proposed Hospital Buildings, Macquarie-street.

Letter from Mr. H. D. Russell, Secretary to the Board of Directors, Sydney Hospital, with a copy of all minutes of the Board bearing upon the adoption of the plans of the proposed new Hospital Buildings, Macquarie-street.

Letter from the Secretary to the Melbourne Tramway and Omnibus Company, with reference to the cable tramways in Melbourne.

Letter from the Auditor-General asking for accounts in adjustment of an advance of £10 made on 18 September, 1890, to the Secretary of the Committee, for petty cash purposes, which accounts, signed by the Chairman, the Secretary explained, had since been forwarded to the Auditor-General.

The correspondence was received.

The following accounts, signed by the Chairman since the previous meeting of the Committee, and forwarded to the Treasury in order that they might be paid out of the vote to meet the expenses of the Committee for 1890, were passed:—

	£	s.	d.
James Mehan, advertising in connection with visit of Sectional Committee	1	2	0
Lassetter & Co.	2	0	0
George Baumann	6	9	6
Total	£9	11	6

The Committee further considered the proposed Hospital Buildings, Macquarie-street.

W. Odillo Maher, Esq., M.D., was sworn, and examined.

The Committee, desiring to avail themselves of the presence in Sydney of Mr. Hugh Thom Jordan, Treasurer of the Melbourne Tramways Trust, by examining him on the subject of the Melbourne cable tramways, in connection with their inquiries respecting the proposed Cable Tramways from King-street, via William-street, to Ocean-street, and through George, Pitt, and Harris Streets, Sydney, decided that Mr. Jordan's evidence should be taken.

Hugh Thom Jordan, Esq., Treasurer, Melbourne Tramways Trust, was sworn, and examined.

The Committee adjourned, at 4 o'clock, until 2 o'clock p.m. on Wednesday, the following day.

WEDNESDAY, 4 FEBRUARY, 1891.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

The Honorable John Lackey, Chairman.

<p>The Hon. Andrew Garran, The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery, The Hon. William Joseph Trickett, Jacob Garrard, Esq., Henry Copeland, Esq.,</p>	<p>James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esq., William Springthorpe Dowel, Esq., Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq., Charles Alfred Lee, Esq., William McCourt, Esq., James Patrick Garvan, Esq.</p>
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The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read the following correspondence:—

Minute from the Acting Engineer-in-Chief for Railways to the Under Secretary for Public Works, and forwarded to the Committee with a request from the Under Secretary, approved by the Minister for Public Works, that the Committee make arrangements in accordance with the terms of the minute, stating that, as since the completion of the survey work on the route of the proposed line from Glen Innes to Inverell no proper inspection by the engineer in charge of the Survey Branch appeared to have been made, and as there were many miles of gradient of 1 in 40 which it was desirable to cut out, surveyors had been instructed to take up the work with a view to obtaining flatter grades, and it was advisable that the Committee's inquiry respecting this proposed railway should be postponed for two months, to await the result of the surveyors' efforts.

The Committee decided that the inquiry should be postponed as requested.

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The Committee further considered the proposed Hospital Buildings, Macquarie-street. Sir Alfred Roberts, Alexander Dean, Esq., and Sydney Burdekin, Esq., M.P., were sworn, and examined.

The Committee adjourned, at 15 minutes past 4, until 2 o'clock p.m. on Thursday, the following day.

THURSDAY, 5 FEBRUARY, 1891.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

The Honorable John Lackey, Chairman.

The Hon. Andrew Garran,	James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esq.,
The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery,	William Springthorpe Dowel, Esq.,
The Hon. William Joseph Trickett,	Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq.,
Jacob Garrard, Esq.,	Charles Alfred Lee, Esq.,
Henry Copeland, Esq.,	William McCourt, Esq.,

James Patrick Garvan, Esq.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read the following correspondence:—

Letter from the Principal Under Secretary, forwarding information promised by him when giving evidence before the Committee on the proposed Hospital Buildings, Macquarie-street.

Letter from Mr. Sydney Burdekin, M.P., giving a statement of cases admitted to the Sydney Hospital during 1889 and 1890.

Papers, plans, and specifications from the Under Secretary of Public Instruction, relating to the proposed College for the Training of Teachers of Public Schools.

The correspondence was received.

The Committee further considered the proposed Hospital Buildings, Macquarie-street.

Hon. Henry Norman MacLaurin, M.D., M.L.C., was sworn, and further examined.

Horbury Hunt, Esq., President of the New South Wales Institute of Architects, was sworn, and examined.

The Committee adjourned, at 4 o'clock, until 2 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, 10 February.

TUESDAY, 10 FEBRUARY, 1891.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

The Honorable John Lackey, Chairman.

The Hon. Andrew Garran,	James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esq.,
The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery,	William Springthorpe Dowel, Esq.,
The Hon. William Joseph Trickett,	Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq.,
The Hon. George Henry Cox,	Charles Alfred Lee, Esq.,
Jacob Garrard, Esq.,	William McCourt, Esq.,
Henry Copeland, Esq.,	James Patrick Garvan, Esq.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read the following correspondence:—

Letter from the Mayor of Glen Innes with reference to the visit of a Sectional Committee to Glen Innes, upon the subject of the proposed Railway from Glen Innes to Inverell.

Letter from Mr. Thomas Rowe, expressing a desire to be further examined with reference to the proposed Hospital Buildings, Macquarie-street, and stating that he would attend before the Committee for that purpose on Wednesday, the 11th instant.

The correspondence was received.

The Committee further considered the proposed Hospital Buildings, Macquarie-street.

Hon. Richard Ryther Steer Bowker, M.D., M.L.C.; Frederick Milford, Esq., M.D.; and Walter Liberty Vernon, Esq., Government Architect, were sworn, and examined.

Mr. O'Sullivan gave notice that he would move at the meeting of the Committee on Tuesday, 17 February,—“That the Committee proceed to consider the evidence on the proposal to complete the Hospital Buildings in Macquarie-street, with a view to reporting on the subject to the Legislative Assembly.”

The Committee adjourned, at 4 minutes past 4, until 2 o'clock p.m. on Wednesday, the following day.

WEDNESDAY, 11 FEBRUARY, 1891.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

The Honorable John Lackey, Chairman.

The Hon. Andrew Garran,	James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esq.,
The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery,	William Springthorpe Dowel, Esq.,
The Hon. William Joseph Trickett,	Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq.,
The Hon. George Henry Cox,	Charles Alfred Lee, Esq.,
Jacob Garrard, Esq.,	William McCourt, Esq.,
Henry Copeland, Esq.,	James Patrick Garvan, Esq.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Committee further considered the proposed Hospital Buildings, Macquarie-street.

Thomas Rowe, Esq., Architect of the Buildings, was sworn, and further examined.

The Committee proceeded to consider the proposed College for the Training of Teachers of Public Schools.

Edwin Johnson, Esq., Under Secretary of Public Instruction, was sworn, and examined.

The Committee adjourned, at 10 minutes past 4, until 2 o'clock p.m. on Thursday, the following day.

THURSDAY,

THURSDAY, 12 FEBRUARY, 1891.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

The Honorable John Lackey, Chairman.

The Hon. Andrew Garran,	James Ebenezzer Tonkin, Esq.,
The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery,	William Springthorpe Dowel, Esq.,
The Hon. William Joseph Trickett,	Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq.,
The Hon. George Henry Cox,	Charles Alfred Lee, Esq.,
Jacob Garrard, Esq.,	William McCourt, Esq.,
Henry Copeland, Esq.,	James Patrick Garvan, Esq.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read the following correspondence:—

Letter from Mr. H. McLachlan, Secretary to the Railway Commissioners, informing the Committee that Mr. Thow, the officer of the Railway Department appointed to inquire respecting cable and electrical tramways in America, had left San Francisco, and was expected to arrive in Sydney on 9th March.

Letter from Mr. E. Weitzel, forwarding a copy of *The Builder* containing a paper by Mr. Keith D. Young, F.R.I.B.A., on "The planning and construction of Hospitals."

The correspondence was received.

The Committee deliberated as to whether Mr. Sydney Burdekin, M.P., should, in response to a request from him, as Treasurer of the Sydney Hospital, be furnished with a copy of the evidence on the proposed Hospital Buildings, Macquarie-street, in order that he might reply, in writing, to any points in the evidence which he might consider should be answered.

The Committee decided, on the following division, that a copy of the evidence should be furnished to Mr. Burdekin:—

Ayes, 9.	Noes, 4.
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Garrard,
Dr. Garran,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Humphery,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. McCourt.
Mr. Cox,	
Mr. Tonkin,	
Mr. Dowel,	
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. Garvan.	

The Committee further considered the proposed College for the Training of Teachers of Public Schools.

William Edmund Kemp, Esq., Architect of Public Schools; John Charles Maynard, Esq., Chief Inspector of Public Schools; and James Conway, Esq., Principal of the Training School, Fort-street, were sworn, and examined.

The Committee adjourned, at 14 minutes past 4, until 2 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, 17th February.

TUESDAY, 17 FEBRUARY, 1891.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

The Honorable John Lackey, Chairman.

The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery,	Henry Copeland, Esq.,
The Hon. William Joseph Trickett,	James Ebenezzer Tonkin, Esq.,
The Hon. George Henry Cox,	Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq.,
Jacob Garrard, Esq.,	Charles Alfred Lee, Esq.,
	James Patrick Garvan, Esq.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read the following correspondence:—

Letter from Dr. Huxtable, Honorary Physician to the Sydney Hospital, stating that the Honorary Medical and Surgical Staff of the Hospital desired to submit to the Committee a statement of their view of the question of completing the Sydney Hospital Buildings, together with a series of important facts and figures relating to the matter.

Letter from Mr. Frank Senior, suggesting Dr. Woodward, of Liverpool-street, as a witness in the inquiry respecting the proposed Hospital Buildings, Macquarie-street.

Statements from Mr. Thomas Rowe with reference to the Hospital Buildings, Macquarie-street.

The correspondence was received.

The Committee further considered the proposed College for the Training of Teachers of Public Schools.

Henry Ebenezer Barff, Esq., M.A., Registrar, University of Sydney, and Walter Liberty Vernon, Esq., Government Architect, were sworn, and examined.

Mr. O'Sullivan's notice of motion for the consideration of the evidence on the inquiry respecting the proposed Hospital Buildings, Macquarie-street, with a view to reporting on the subject to the Legislative Assembly, was postponed till Thursday, 19 February.

The Committee further considered the proposed Hospital Buildings, Macquarie-street.

Walter Liberty Vernon, Esq., Government Architect, was sworn, and further examined.

The Committee adjourned, at 22 minutes past 3, until 2 o'clock p.m. on Wednesday, the following day.

WEDNESDAY,

WEDNESDAY, 18 FEBRUARY, 1891.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT :—

The Honorable John Lackey, Chairman.

The Hon. Andrew Garran,	Henry Copeland, Esq.,
The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery,	Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq.,
The Hon. William Joseph Trickett,	Charles Alfred Lee, Esq.,
The Hon. George Henry Cox,	William McCourt, Esq.,
Jacob Garrard, Esq.,	James Patrick Garvan, Esq.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read the following correspondence :—

Telegram from Mr. T. G. Watson, Clerk of Committees, Parliament House, Melbourne, asking for information with reference to the sitting days of the Committee, and the hour of meeting.

Letter from Mr. Benjamin Backhouse, with reference to the subject of the proposed Hospital Buildings, Macquarie-street.

The Committee further considered the proposed Hospital Buildings, Macquarie-street.

Louis Ralston Huxtable, Esq., M.B., Mast. Surg., Honorary Physician, Sydney Hospital, and Oswald H. Lewis, Esq., architect, were sworn, and examined.

Thomas Rowe, Esq., Architect of the Buildings, was sworn, and further examined.

Mr. O'Sullivan's notice of motion for the consideration of the evidence on the inquiry respecting the proposed Hospital Buildings, Macquarie-street, was further postponed till Tuesday, 24 February.

The Committee adjourned, at 2 minutes past 4, until 2 o'clock p.m. on Thursday, the following day.

THURSDAY, 19 FEBRUARY, 1891.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT :—

The Honorable John Lackey, Chairman.

The Hon. Andrew Garran,	Henry Copeland, Esq.,
The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery,	James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esq.,
The Hon. William Joseph Trickett,	Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq.,
The Hon. George Henry Cox,	Charles Alfred Lee, Esq.,
Jacob Garrard, Esq.,	William McCourt, Esq.,
	James Patrick Garvan, Esq.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Committee proceeded to consider the proposed extension of the Kiama to Nowra Railway into the town of Nowra.

Joseph Barling, Esq., Under Secretary for Public Works; Henry Deane, Esq., Acting Engineer-in-Chief for Railways; John Wright, Esq., District Engineer, Department of the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways; and Hugh McLachlan, Esq., Secretary to the Railway Commissioners, were sworn, and examined.

Mr. Trickett gave notice that he would move at the meeting of the Committee on Tuesday, 24 February,—"That, in the opinion of the Committee, it is expedient the proposed College for the Training of Teachers of Public Schools, as referred to the Committee by the Legislative Assembly, be carried out."

The Committee adjourned at 7 minutes to 4, until 2 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, 24 February.

TUESDAY, 24 FEBRUARY, 1891.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT :—

The Honorable John Lackey, Chairman.

The Hon. Andrew Garran,	Henry Copeland, Esq.,
The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery,	James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esq.,
The Hon. William Joseph Trickett,	Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq.,
The Hon. George Henry Cox,	Charles Alfred Lee, Esq.,
Jacob Garrard, Esq.,	William McCourt, Esq.,
	James Patrick Garvan, Esq.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read the following correspondence :—

Letter from Mr. W. L. Vernon, Government Architect, asking to be allowed to postpone presenting to the Committee his report on the proposed College for the Training of Teachers of Public Schools until the middle of the week.

Letter from Dr. Hull, Medical Superintendent, Sydney Hospital, forwarding a copy of the statement read by Dr. Huxtable before the Committee with reference to the proposed Hospital Buildings, Macquarie-street, signed by the members of the Honorary Medical and Surgical Staff of the Hospital.

Letter from Mr. W. Lovegrove, expressing a desire to give evidence in the inquiry respecting the proposed extension of the Kiama to Nowra Railway into the town of Nowra.

Letter from Mr. T. G. Watson, Clerk of Committees, Parliament House, Melbourne, to the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, New South Wales, and forwarded by him to the Committee, asking to be supplied, for the use of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways, Victoria, with copies of the Act, and Amending Act, constituting the New South Wales Committee, and copies of all the Committee's Reports.

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The correspondence was received, and it was decided that the request of the Melbourne Committee be complied with.

The Secretary informed the Committee that the report promised by Mr. W. L. Vernon, Government Architect, on the proposed Hospital Buildings, Macquarie-street, had been sent by Mr. Vernon to the Under Secretary for Public Works to be forwarded to the Committee, but that the Minister for Works objected to its being sent on to the Committee, except as the report of Mr. Vernon in the capacity of a private architect.

Dr. Garran moved,—“That Mr. Vernon, the Government Architect, be requested to attend before the Committee on Thursday, to give further evidence with reference to the proposed Hospital Buildings, Macquarie-street.”

The motion was seconded by Mr. Trickett, and passed.

On the motion of Mr. Trickett, it was decided that Mr. Vernon should also be requested to attend before the Committee on Thursday, to give further evidence with reference to the proposed College for the Training of Teachers of Public Schools.

Mr. O'Sullivan's notice of motion for the consideration of the evidence in the inquiry respecting the proposed Hospital Buildings, Macquarie-street, and Mr. Trickett's notice of motion with reference to the proposed College for the Training of Teachers of Public Schools, were postponed till Tuesday, 3 March.

The Committee proceeded to consider the proposed Railway from Cobar to Cockburn.

Joseph Barling Esq., Under Secretary for Public Works, and Henry Deane Esq., Acting Engineer-in-Chief for Railways, were sworn, and examined.

The Committee adjourned, at 3 minutes to 4, until 2 o'clock p.m. on Wednesday, the following day.

WEDNESDAY, 25 FEBRUARY, 1891.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Jacob Garrard, Esq., Vice-Chairman.

<p>The Hon. Andrew Garran, The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery, The Hon. William Joseph Trickett, The Hon. George Henry Cox, Henry Copeland, Esq.,</p>		<p>James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esq., Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq., Charles Alfred Lee, Esq., William McCourt, Esq., James Patrick Garvan, Esq.</p>
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The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read the following correspondence:—

Letter from Mr. W. L. Vernon, Government Architect, forwarding his report upon his proposed widening of Macquarie-street, and the necessary removal of a portion of the Sydney Hospital Buildings, now partially erected.

The correspondence was received.

The Committee further considered the proposed Railway from Cobar to Cockburn.

Henry Deane, Esq., Acting Engineer-in-Chief for Railways, was sworn, and further examined.

Thomas Rhodes Firth, Esq., Acting Inspecting Engineer, Department of the Engineer-in Chief for Railways, was sworn, and examined.

The Committee adjourned, at 11 minutes to 4, until 2 o'clock p.m. on Thursday, the following day.

THURSDAY, 26 FEBRUARY, 1891.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

The Honorable John Lackey, Chairman.

<p>The Hon. Andrew Garran, The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery, The Hon. William Joseph Trickett, The Hon. George Henry Cox, Jacob Garrard, Esq., Henry Copeland, Esq.,</p>		<p>James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esq., William Springthorpe Dowel, Esq., Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq., Charles Alfred Lee, Esq., William McCourt, Esq., James Patrick Garvan, Esq.</p>
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The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read the following correspondence:—

Letter from Mr. John Maclean, expressing his willingness to give evidence before the Committee on the subject of the proposed extension of the Kiama to Nowra Railway into the town of Nowra.

Letter from Mr. T. G. Watson, Clerk of the Committees, Parliament House, Melbourne, stating that the Chairman and some of the other members of the Victorian Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways, purposed visiting Sydney the following week to personally interview the Committee here regarding their method of procedure.

The Committee further considered the proposed Hospital Buildings, Macquarie-street.

Walter Liberty Vernon, Esq., Government Architect, and Thomas Rowe, Esq., Architect of the Buildings, were sworn, and further examined.

The Committee further considered the proposed College for the Training of Teachers of Public Schools.

Walter Liberty Vernon, Esq., Government Architect, was sworn, and further examined.

The Committee adjourned, at 18 minutes past 4, until 2 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, 3rd March.

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, 3 MARCH, 1891.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

The Honorable John Lackey, Chairman.

The Hon. Andrew Garran,	James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esq.,
The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery,	William Springthorpe Dowel, Esq.,
The Hon. William Joseph Trickett,	Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq.,
The Hon. George Henry Cox,	Charles Alfred Lee, Esq.,
Jacob Garrard, Esq.,	William McCourt, Esq.,
Henry Copeland, Esq.,	James Patrick Garvan, Esq.,

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read the following correspondence:—

Telegram from the Assistant Secretary of the Victorian Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways, stating that the members of the Committee visiting Sydney, for the purpose of conferring with the New South Wales Committee, would arrive in Sydney on Tuesday, the 3rd instant.

Letter from Dr. H. J. Tarrant, Chairman of the Medical Committee, Sydney Hospital, and letter from Dr. W. Hull, Medical Superintendent, Sydney Hospital, requesting the Committee to receive from Dr. Hull, a statement with reference to the proposed Hospital Buildings, Macquarie-street.

The correspondence was received.

The Committee decided to invite those members of the Victorian Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways, visiting Sydney, to meet them on Wednesday, the following day, for the purpose of inspecting some of the more important public works, completed or proposed, in, or adjacent to, Sydney Harbour, and at the same time to confer with them upon the method adopted in their inquiries.

The Committee further considered the proposed Hospital Buildings, Macquarie-street. The following members of the Victorian Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways, attended for the purpose of witnessing the Committee's proceedings:—The Hon. Thomas Bent, Chairman; Mr. John Woods, Mr. A. L. Tucker, Mr. A. Young, Mr. J. M'Intyre, Mr. J. W. Taverner, Mr. R. Aytoun, Assistant Secretary.

Walter Hull, Esq., M.D., Medical Superintendent, Sydney Hospital, was sworn, and examined.

The Committee further considered the proposed College for the Training of Teachers of Public Schools.

Edwin Johnson, Esq., Under Secretary of Public Instruction, and William Edmund Kemp, Esq., Architect of Public Schools, were sworn, and further examined.

Mr. O'Sullivan moved,—“That the Committee proceed to consider the evidence on the proposal to complete the Hospital Buildings in Macquarie-street, with a view to reporting on the subject to the Legislative Assembly.”

The motion was seconded by Mr. Lee, and passed.

Mr. Garrard gave notice that he would move at the next meeting of the Committee,—“That, in the opinion of the Committee, the Sydney Hospital should be completed in stone on the modified plan submitted to them, viz.: The completion of the present north, south, and east pavilions three storeys high, and the administrative buildings four storeys high, at a cost of £56,000, giving accommodation for 144 beds; also, that the present southern wing with its 78 beds be retained.”

Mr. O'Sullivan gave notice that he would move at the next meeting of the Committee, as an amendment on Mr. Garrard's motion,—“That all the words after the word ‘That’ be omitted, for the purpose of inserting the following:—‘In the opinion of this Committee it is expedient that the proposal to construct the Sydney Hospital should be carried out; but in view of the proposal to increase the width of Macquarie-street to over 100 feet, all the present buildings on the site which stand in the way of that improvement should be removed, and a hospital of the latest design, capable of accommodating 200 beds, should be erected in their place’ ”.

Mr. Trickett's notice of motion with reference to the proposed College for the Training of Teachers of Public Schools was further postponed.

The Committee adjourned, at 3 minutes to 4, until 2 o'clock p.m., on Thursday, 5 March.

THURSDAY, 5 MARCH, 1891.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

The Honorable John Lackey, Chairman.

The Hon. Andrew Garran,	Henry Copeland, Esq.,
The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery,	James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esq.,
The Hon. William Joseph Trickett,	William Springthorpe Dowel, Esq.,
The Hon. George Henry Cox,	Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq.,
Jacob Garrard, Esq.,	Charles Alfred Lee, Esq.,
	James Patrick Garvan, Esq.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read the following correspondence:—

Letter from Mr. Alexander Brown, M.P., expressing a desire to give evidence before the Committee on the subject of the proposed Railway from Cobar to Cockburn.

Letter from Mr. H. McLachlan, Secretary to the Railway Commissioners, forwarding, in relation to the Committee's inquiry respecting the proposed extension of the Kiama to Nowra Railway into the town of Nowra, a return showing the traffic to and from Kiama Railway Station, for the years 1889 and 1890.

The correspondence was received.

The Committee further considered the proposed extension of the Kiama to Nowra Railway into the town of Nowra.

David Kirkaldie, Esq., Chief Traffic Manager, Railway Department, and William Lovegrove, Esq., were sworn, and examined.

During the inquiry, the members of the Victorian Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways, who were present at the previous meeting of the Committee, again attended to further witness the Committee's method of procedure, and the Chairman (Hon. Thomas Bent) expressed the thanks of himself and his colleagues for the courtesy extended, and the information afforded them.

The Committee adjourned, at 6 minutes to 4, until 2 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, 10 March.

TUESDAY, 10 MARCH, 1891.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT :—

Jacob Garrard, Esq., Vice-Chairman.

The Hon. Andrew Garran, The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery, The Hon. William Joseph Trickett, The Hon. George Henry Cox, Henry Copeland, Esq.,	}	James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esq., Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq., Charles Alfred Lee, Esq., William McCourt, Esq., James Patrick Garvan, Esq.
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The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read the following correspondence :—

Letter from Mr. G. M. Pitt, on the subject of the North Shore Railway.

Letter from Mr. Alexander Brown, M.P., stating, in answer to a letter from the Secretary, that he would attend before the Committee, on Wednesday, 15th instant, to give evidence respecting the proposed Railway from Cobar to Cockburn.

The correspondence was received.

Letter from Mr. Sydney Burdekin, M.P., with reference to the evidence given before the Committee on the proposed Hospital Buildings, Macquarie-street.

Mr. Lee moved,—“That the letter from Mr. Sydney Burdekin, M.P., be received but not printed.”

The motion was seconded by Dr. Garran, and passed on the following division :—

Ayes, 8. Mr. Garrard, Dr. Garran, Mr. Humphrey, Mr. Cox, Mr. Tonkin, Mr. Lee, Mr. McCourt, Mr. Garvan.		Noes, 3. Mr. Trickett, Mr. Copeland, Mr. O'Sullivan.
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The Committee deliberated as to the order in which the notices of motion on the business paper should be taken.

Mr. Copeland moved :—“That motions Nos. 1 and 2, with reference to the proposed Hospital Buildings, Macquarie-street, stand after motion No. 3, relative to the proposed College for the Training of Teachers of Public Schools.”

The motion was seconded by Mr. Cox, and passed on the following division :—

Ayes, 7. Mr. Garrard, Dr. Garran, Mr. Trickett, Mr. Cox, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Tonkin, Mr. O'Sullivan.		Noes, 4. Mr. Humphrey, Mr. Lee, Mr. McCourt, Mr. Garvan.
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Mr. Trickett moved,—“That, in the opinion of the Committee, it is expedient the proposed College for the Training of Teachers of Public Schools, as referred to the Committee by the Legislative Assembly, be carried out.”

Mr. Copeland seconded the motion (*pro forma*).

Mr. O'Sullivan moved,—“That the motion be amended by adding to it the following words : ‘But recommend that the designs for the residence of the Principal, and the Porter's Lodge, be less costly in character.’”

The amendment was not seconded.

The motion was passed on the following division :—

Ayes, 9. Mr. Garrard, Dr. Garran, Mr. Humphrey, Mr. Trickett, Mr. Tonkin, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Lee, Mr. McCourt, Mr. Garvan.		Noes, 2. Mr. Cox, Mr. Copeland.
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Mr. Garrard's notice of motion and Mr. O'Sullivan's amendment, with reference to the proposed Hospital Buildings, Macquarie-street, were postponed till Thursday, the 12th inst.

The Committee adjourned, at 5 minutes to 4, until 2 o'clock p.m. on Wednesday, the following day.

WEDNESDAY,

WEDNESDAY, 11 MARCH, 1891.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Jacob Garrard, Esq., Vice-Chairman.

The Hon. Andrew Garran,	Henry Copland, Esq.,
The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery,	James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esq.,
The Hon. William Joseph Trickett,	Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq.,
The Hon. George Henry Cox,	Charles Alfred Lee, Esq.,
William McCourt, Esq.	

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read the following correspondence:—

Telegrams from Thomas Edwards, Nowra, informing the Committee that Mr. Robert Patterson, Mayor of Nowra, and Mr. John Maclean, had left Nowra to give evidence before the Committee on the proposed extension of the Kiama to Nowra Railway into the town of Nowra.

The correspondence was received.

The Committee further considered the proposed Railway from Cobar to Cockburn.

Hugh McLachlan, Esq., Secretary to the Railway Commissioners, was sworn, and examined.

The Committee further considered the proposed extension of the Kiama to Nowra Railway into the town of Nowra.

Robert Patterson, Esq., Mayor of Nowra, and John Maclean, Esq., were sworn, and examined.

Mr. Humphery gave notice that he would move at the meeting of the Committee on Tuesday, 17th inst.,—"That, in the opinion of the Committee, it is expedient the proposed extension of the Kiama to Nowra Railway from the present proposed terminus, across the Shoalhaven River, into the town of Nowra, as referred to the Committee by the Legislative Assembly, be carried out."

The Committee adjourned, at 10 minutes past 4, until 2 o'clock p.m. on Thursday, the following day.

THURSDAY, 12 MARCH, 1891.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

The Honorable John Lackey, Chairman.

The Hon. Andrew Garran,	Henry Copland, Esq.,
The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery,	James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esq.,
The Hon. William Joseph Trickett,	Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq.,
The Hon. George Henry Cox,	Charles Alfred Lee, Esq.,
Jacob Garrard, Esq.,	William McCourt, Esq.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. Garrard moved,—“That, in the opinion of the Committee, the Sydney Hospital should be completed in stone on the modified plan submitted to them, viz.: The completion of the present north, south, and east pavilions three storeys high, and the administrative buildings four storeys high, at a cost of £56,000, giving accommodation for 144 beds; also, that the present southern wing with its 78 beds be retained.”

Mr. O'Sullivan moved as an amendment on the motion,—“That all the words after the word ‘That’ be omitted for the purpose of inserting the following:—‘In the opinion of this Committee it is expedient that the proposal to construct the Sydney Hospital should be carried out; but in view of the proposal to increase the width of Macquarie-street to over 100 feet, all the present buildings on the site which stand in the way of that improvement should be removed, and a hospital of the latest design, capable of accommodating 200 beds, should be erected in their place.’”

After discussion Mr. O'Sullivan's amendment was, with the consent of the Committee, amended so that it should read as follows:—“That all the words after the word ‘That’ be omitted for the purpose of inserting the following:—‘In the opinion of this Committee it is expedient that the proposal to construct the Sydney Hospital should be carried out; but in view of the proposal to increase the width of Macquarie-street to over 100 feet, all the present buildings on the site which stand in the way of that improvement should be removed, and an accident and emergency hospital of the latest design, capable of accommodating 200 beds in the new structure, should be erected in their place. The Committee are further of opinion that the back wall of the main building, and also the whole of the east pavilion, should be in brick.’”

The Committee divided on the question,—“That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question?”:—

Ayes, 6.

Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Humphery,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Copland,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. McCourt.

Noes, 5.

Dr. Garran,
Mr. Trickett,
Mr. Cox,
Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. O'Sullivan.

The amendment was therefore negatived.

Mr. Copland moved,—“That the motion be amended by omitting all the words after the word ‘the’ before the words ‘modified plan’ in the second line, and inserting the words ‘plans of Mr Rowe as submitted to this Committee, at a cost not exceeding £80,000, and the Committee recommend that the proposal of the Government Architect, as to widening Macquarie-street, be carried out to the extent of taking the east side of the street up to the steps of the proposed hospital.’”

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The amendment was seconded by Mr. McCourt, and negatived on the following division :—

<p>Ayes, 3.</p> <p>Mr. Lackey, Mr. Copeland, Mr. McCourt.</p>	<p>Noes, 8.</p> <p>Dr. Garran, Mr. Humphery, Mr. Trickett, Mr. Cox, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Tonkin, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Lee.</p>
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The original motion was then passed on the following division :—

<p>Ayes, 7.</p> <p>Mr. Lackey, Mr. Humphery, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Tonkin, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Lee.</p>	<p>Noes, 3.</p> <p>Dr. Garran, Mr. Cox, Mr. McCourt.</p>
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The Committee adjourned, at a quarter past 4, until 2 o'clock p.m., on Tuesday, 17 March.

TUESDAY, 17 MARCH, 1891.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT :—

The Honorable John Lackey, Chairman.

<p>The Hon. Andrew Garran, The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery, The Hon. William Joseph Trickett, The Hon. George Henry Cox, Jacob Garrard, Esq.,</p>	<p>Henry Copeland, Esq., James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esq., Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq., William McCourt, Esq., James Patrick Garvan, Esq.</p>
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The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read the following correspondence :—

Letters from Mr. T. G. Watson, Clerk of Committees, Parliament House, Melbourne, thanking the members of the Committee for the courtesy and attention shown by them to the members of the Victorian Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways, during their recent visit to Sydney, and acknowledging the receipt of copies of all the Reports, &c., of the Committee, to date.

The correspondence was received.

Mr. Humphery moved,—“That, in the opinion of the Committee, it is expedient the proposed extension of the Kiama to Nowra Railway, from the present proposed terminus across the Shoalhaven River, into the town of Nowra, as referred to the Committee by the Legislative Assembly, be carried out.”

Dr. Garran seconded the motion.

Mr. Garvan moved, as an amendment on the motion :—“That all the words after the word ‘ Committee,’ in the first line, be omitted with a view to insert the following—‘ it is inexpedient to approve of the construction of a bridge over the Shoalhaven River until it is proposed to extend the railway into the country south of that river.’ ”

Mr. Cox seconded the amendment.

The amendment was negatived on the following division :—

<p>Ayes, 2.</p> <p>Mr. Cox, Mr. Garvan.</p>	<p>Noes, 9.</p> <p>Mr. Lackey, Dr. Garran, Mr. Humphery, Mr. Trickett, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Tonkin, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. McCourt.</p>
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The motion was passed on the following division :—

<p>Ayes, 9.</p> <p>Mr. Lackey, Dr. Garran, Mr. Humphery, Mr. Trickett, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Tonkin, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. McCourt.</p>	<p>Noes, 2.</p> <p>Mr. Cox, Mr. Garvan.</p>
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The Committee further considered the proposed Railway from Cobar to Cockburn.

Harrie Wood, Esq., Under Secretary for Mines, and Charles Smith Wilkinson, Esq., Geological Surveyor, Department of Mines, were sworn, and examined.

The Committee adjourned, at 9 minutes past 4, until 2 o'clock, p.m., on Wednesday, the following day.

WEDNESDAY,

WEDNESDAY, 18 MARCH, 1891.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

The Honorable John Lackey, Chairman.

The Hon. Andrew Garran,	James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esq.,
The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery,	William Springthorpe Dowel, Esq.,
The Hon. William Joseph Trickett,	Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq.,
The Hon. George Henry Cox,	William McCourt, Esq.,
Henry Copeland, Esq.,	James Patrick Garvan, Esq.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Committee further considered the proposed Railway from Cobar to Cockburn.

Alexander Brown, Esq., M.P., was sworn, and examined.

Mr. Cox gave notice that he would move at the next meeting of the Committee,—“That the Committee, at its rising this day, adjourn until Tuesday, 7 April.”

Mr. O'Sullivan gave notice that he would move at the meeting of the Committee on Tuesday, 24th March,—“That this Committee are of opinion that the vote arrived at in regard to the Hospital Buildings in Macquarie-street, on 12 March, should be rescinded, with a view to its reconsideration.”

The Committee adjourned, at four minutes to 4, until 2 o'clock p.m. on Thursday, the following day.

THURSDAY, 19 MARCH, 1891.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

The Honorable John Lackey, Chairman.

The Hon. Andrew Garran,	Henry Copeland, Esq.,
The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery,	James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esq.,
The Hon. William Joseph Trickett,	William Springthorpe Dowel, Esq.,
The Hon. George Henry Cox,	Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq.,
Jacob Garrard, Esq.,	William McCourt, Esq.,

James Patrick Garvan, Esq.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read the following correspondence:—

Letter from Mr. T. G. Watson, Clerk of Committees, Parliament House, Melbourne, with reference to the attendance of Mr. A. S. Hamand before the Victorian Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways.

Letter from King, Walker, & Co., Melbourne, to the Minister for Works, and forwarded to the Committee for their information on the subject of Jarman's Electric Car.

The correspondence was received.

Mr. Cox moved,—“That the Committee, at its rising this day, adjourn until Tuesday, 14 April.”

Mr. Garrard seconded the motion.

Mr. Garvan moved as an amendment,—“That the words ‘this day’ be omitted, with a view to insert the words next Wednesday.”

The amendment was seconded by Mr. Tonkin, and passed on the following division:—

Ayes, 7.	Noes, 3.
Dr. Garran,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Cox,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Garrard.
Mr. Dowel,	
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. McCourt,	
Mr. Garvan.	

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to.

The Committee further considered the proposed Railway from Cobar to Cockburn.

David Kirkcaldie, Esq., Chief Traffic Manager, Railway Department, was sworn, and examined.

The Committee adjourned, at five minutes past 4, until 2 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, 24 March.

TUESDAY, 24 MARCH, 1891.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

The Honorable John Lackey, Chairman.

The Hon. Andrew Garran,	William Springthorpe Dowel, Esq.,
The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery,	Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq.,
The Hon. William Joseph Trickett,	Charles Alfred Lee, Esq.,
Henry Copeland, Esq.,	William McCourt, Esq.,
James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esq.,	James Patrick Garvan, Esq.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Committee further considered the proposed Railway from Cobar to Cockburn.

David Kirkcaldie, Esq., Chief Traffic Manager, Railway Department, was sworn, and further examined.

R. Nicholas Williams, Esq., Mining Manager, was sworn, and examined.

Mr. O'Sullivan's notice of motion to rescind the vote arrived at by the Committee, on 12 March, with reference to the Hospital Buildings, Macquarie-street, was postponed until Tuesday, 14 April.

The Committee adjourned, at twelve minutes past 4, until 2 o'clock p.m. on Wednesday, the following day.

WEDNESDAY,

WEDNESDAY, 25 MARCH, 1891.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

The Honorable John Lackey, Chairman.

<p>The Hon. Andrew Garran, The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery, The Hon. William Joseph Trickett, Henry Copeland, Esq., James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esq.,</p>	<p>William Springthorpe Dowel, Esq., Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq., Charles Alfred Lee, Esq., William McCourt, Esq., James Patrick Garvan, Esq.</p>
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The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read the following correspondence:—

Letter from Mr. J. P. Abbott, M.P., expressing a desire to give evidence before the Committee respecting the proposed Railway from Cobar to Cockburn.

Telegram from Mr. E. B. L. Dickens, M.P., Wilcannia, with reference to certain evidence given before the Committee in their inquiry respecting the proposed Railway from Cobar to Cockburn, and expressing his preparedness to produce evidence on the subject.

The correspondence was received.

The Committee further considered the proposed Railway from Cobar to Cockburn.

Richard Nicholas Williams, Esq., Mining Manager, was sworn, and further examined.

The Committee considered their Report to the Legislative Assembly on the proposed College for the Training of Teachers of Public Schools.

The preamble and clauses 1 to 5 were passed.

In clause 6—whether the plans will provide the accommodation necessary,—

Dr. Garran moved,—“That the clause be amended by inserting, after the word ‘students’ in the eleventh line, the words ‘an opinion in which the Committee are disposed to concur.’”

The amendment was negatived on the following division:—

<p>Ayes, 4. Dr. Garran, Mr. Humphery, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. McCourt.</p>	<p>Noes, 5. Mr. Lackey, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Tonkin, Mr. Dowel, Mr. Lee.</p>
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The clause and the remaining clauses of the Report were then passed.

The Report was adopted, and the Chairman was authorised to sign it for presentation to the Legislative Assembly.

The Committee adjourned, at six minutes past 4, until 2 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, 14 April.

TUESDAY, 14 APRIL, 1891.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

The Honorable John Lackey, Chairman.

<p>The Hon. Andrew Garran, The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery, The Hon. George Henry Cox, Jacob Garrard, Esq., Henry Copeland, Esq.,</p>	<p>James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esq., William Springthorpe Dowel, Esq., Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq., Charles Alfred Lee, Esq., William McCourt, Esq.</p>
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The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read the following correspondence:—

Telegrams and letter from Mr. E. B. L. Dickens, M.P., with reference to his giving evidence before the Committee, respecting the proposed Railway from Cobar to Cockburn.

Telegrams and letter from Mr. Alexander Brown, M.P., with reference to his giving further evidence in the Committee's inquiry respecting the proposed Railway from Cobar to Cockburn.

Telegram from Mr. J. G. Morgan, Mayor of Broken Hill, asking that a Sectional Committee, or the whole of the Committee, should visit Broken Hill to take fresh and confirmatory evidence as to the necessity of constructing the proposed Railway from Cobar to Cockburn.

Letter from Mr. J. J. Weston, Manager, New Mount Hope Copper Mining Co. (Limited), urging the advisableness of adopting the Lachlan route for railway extension to Wilcannia.

Letter from Mr. Wyman Brown, M.P., expressing a desire to give evidence before the Committee in support of the proposed Railway from Cobar to Cockburn.

Letter from Mr. Harrie Wood, Under Secretary, Department of Mines, enclosing a return showing the number of leases issued, &c., in the divisions of Broken Hill, Silverton, Milparinka, Wilcannia, and Cobar.

Diagram from Mr. Hugh T. Jordan, Treasurer, Tramways Trust, Melbourne, showing the width of the narrowest streets used in connection with the Melbourne Tramway system.

The correspondence was received, and the Secretary was intructed to inform the Mayor of Broken Hill that the Committee would receive any evidence of the kind indicated by him, if it could be placed before them in Sydney by some representative witness coming from Broken Hill for the purpose.

On the motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. O'Sullivan, it was decided that the return furnished by Mr. Harrie Wood, Under Secretary, Department of Mines, should be printed and published with the proceedings in the Committee's inquiry respecting the proposed Railway from Cobar to Cockburn.

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The following account was passed for payment:—George Baumann, entertaining the members of the Victorian Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways, during their visit to Sydney to inquire into the Committee's method of procedure—£20.

The Committee further considered the proposed Railway from Cobar to Cockburn.

Joseph Palmer Abbott, Esq., M. P., was sworn, and examined.

Mr. O'Sullivan's notice of motion to rescind the vote arrived at by the Committee on 12th March, with reference to the Hospital Buildings, Macquarie-street, was further postponed until Thursday, 16 April.

The Committee adjourned, at 2 minutes to 4, until 2 o'clock p.m. on Wednesday, the following day.

WEDNESDAY, 15 APRIL, 1891.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

The Honorable John Lackey, Chairman.

The Hon. Andrew Garran,	James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esq.,
The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery,	William Springthorpe Dowel, Esq.,
The Hon. George Henry Cox,	Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq.,
Jacob Garrard, Esq.,	Charles Alfred Lee, Esq.,
Henry Copeland, Esq.,	William McCourt, Esq.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read the following correspondence:—

Letter from Mr. E. B. L. Dickens, M.P., with reference to his giving evidence before the Committee respecting the proposed Railway from Cobar to Cockburn.

Letter from Mr. Edward Heaton, expressing a desire to give evidence respecting the proposed Railway from Cobar to Cockburn.

The correspondence was received.

The Secretary reported that the Under Secretary for Public Works had forwarded to the Committee the report on the Cable and Electric Systems of Tramways in America, by Mr. William Thow, M. Inst. C.E., Chief Mechanical Engineer New South Wales Railways.

The report was received.

The Committee further considered the proposed Railway from Cobar to Cockburn.

William Alison, Esq., M.P., was sworn, and examined.

The Committee adjourned, at 7 minutes to 4, until 2 o'clock p.m. on Thursday, the following day.

THURSDAY, 16 APRIL, 1891.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Jacob Garrard, Esq., Vice-Chairman.

The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery,	William Springthorpe Dowel, Esq.,
The Hon. George Henry Cox,	Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq.,
Henry Copeland, Esq.,	Charles Alfred Lee, Esq.,
James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esq.,	William McCourt, Esq.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Committee further considered the proposed Railway from Cobar to Cockburn.

Wyman Brown, Esq., M.P., John James Weston, Esq., and Edward Heaton, Esq., were sworn, and examined.

Mr. Copeland moved (*with the concurrence of the Committee*)—"That the Secretary of the Silverton Tramway Company be summoned to give evidence on the Committee's inquiry respecting the proposed Railway from Cobar to Cockburn, and to produce a list of the Company's shareholders, and the number of shares held by each."

The motion was seconded by Mr. Lee, and passed.

Mr. O'Sullivan's notice of motion to rescind the vote arrived at by the Committee on 12th March, with reference to the Hospital Buildings, Macquarie-street, was withdrawn.

The Committee adjourned, at five minutes past 4, until 2 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, 21st April.

TUESDAY, 21 APRIL, 1891.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

The Honorable John Lackey, Chairman.

The Hon. Andrew Garran,	James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esq.,
The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery,	William Springthorpe Dowel, Esq.,
The Hon. William Joseph Trickett,	Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq.,
Jacob Garrard, Esq.,	Charles Alfred Lee, Esq.,
Henry Copeland, Esq.,	William McCourt, Esq.,

James Patrick Garvan, Esq.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read the following correspondence:—

Telegram from Mr. J. G. Morgan, Mayor of Broken Hill, stating that representative witnesses from Broken Hill would be in Sydney on Tuesday, 28 April, to submit to the Committee evidence respecting the proposed Railway from Cobar to Cockburn.

Letters

Letters from Mr. E. B. L. Dickens, M.P., Mr. Alexander Brown, M.P., Mr. James Linton, Mr. J. J. Weston, and Mr. F. M. Drake, with reference to giving evidence before the Committee respecting the proposed Railway from Cobar to Cockburn.

Letter from Mr. A. S. Hamand, recommending that all future lines of railway be so constructed that the gauge can afterwards, if required, be widened from 4 ft. 8½ in. to 5 ft. 3 in.

Description, with diagram, of an electric tramway in Budapest, and extract from the "Electrical World" on the subject of Electrical Tramways in New York; forwarded to the Committee by Mr. Gustave Fischer.

The correspondence was received.

The Committee proceeded to consider their Report to the Legislative Assembly on the proposed extension of the Kiama to Nowra Railway into the town of Nowra.

The preamble and clauses 1 to 7 were passed.

In clause 8—Extension of the railway beyond Nowra—the words "at no very distant date" were omitted from between the word "extended" and the word "and" in the seventh line of the clause, on the following division:—

Ayes, 6.	Noes, 6.
Mr. Lackey,	Dr. Garran,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Humphery,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Trickett,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Garvan.	Mr. O'Sullivan.

The votes being equal, the Chairman gave his casting vote with the *ayes*.

The clause was then passed, as was also clause 9.

In clause 10—Decision of the Committee—Mr. Garvan moved the omission of subsection 4.

The amendment was seconded by Mr. Trickett, and negatived on the following division, upon the question, "That the subsection stand part of the clause":—

Ayes, 10.	Noes, 2.
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Trickett,
Dr. Garran,	Mr. Garvan.
Mr. Humphery,	
Mr. Garrard,	
Mr. Copeland,	
Mr. Tonkin,	
Mr. Dowel,	
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. Lee,	
Mr. McCourt.	

The clause, and the remaining portion of the Report, were then passed.

The Report, as amended, was adopted, on the following division:—

Ayes, 11.	Noes, 1.
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Garvan.
Dr. Garran,	
Mr. Humphery,	
Mr. Trickett,	
Mr. Garrard,	
Mr. Copeland,	
Mr. Tonkin,	
Mr. Dowel,	
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. Lee,	
Mr. McCourt.	

The Chairman was authorised to sign the Report for presentation to the Legislative Assembly.

The Committee proceeded to consider the proposed Railway from Glen Innes to Inverell.

Joseph Barling, Esq., Under Secretary for Public Works, was sworn, and examined.

The Committee adjourned, at 15 minutes past 4, until 2 o'clock p.m. on Wednesday, the following day.

WEDNESDAY, 22 APRIL, 1891.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Jacob Garrard, Esq., Vice-Chairman.	
The Hon. Andrew Garran,	James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esq.,
The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery,	Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq.,
The Hon. William Joseph Trickett,	Charles Alfred Lee, Esq.,
Henry Copeland, Esq.,	William McCourt, Esq.,
	James Patrick Garvan, Esq.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read the following correspondence:—

Letter from Mr. W. Macnicol, Secretary, Silverton Tramway Company, with reference to his giving evidence in the inquiry respecting the proposed Railway from Cobar to Cockburn.

The correspondence was received.

The Committee further considered the proposed Railway from Glen Innes to Inverell.

Joseph Barling, Esq., Under Secretary for Public Works, was sworn, and further examined.

Percy Scarr, Esq., Acting Examiner of Public Works, was sworn, and examined.

Mr. Garrard gave notice that he would move, at the next meeting of the Committee,—“That a Sectional Committee be appointed to inspect, take evidence, and report with reference to the proposed Railway from Glen Innes to Inverell.”

The Committee adjourned, at 5 minutes past 4, until 2 o'clock p.m. on Thursday, the following day.

THURSDAY,

THURSDAY, 23 APRIL, 1891.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

The Honorable John Lackey, Chairman.

The Hon. Andrew Garran,
The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery,
The Hon. William Joseph Trickett,
Jacob Garrard, Esq.,
Henry Copeland, Esq.,

James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esq.,
Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq.,
Charles Alfred Lee, Esq.,
William McCourt, Esq.,
James Patrick Garvan, Esq.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read the following correspondence:—

Telegram from Mr. E. B. L. Dickens, M.P., with reference to his giving evidence before the Committee respecting the proposed Railway from Cobar to Cockburn.

Letter from Mr. A. Stokes, M.P., requesting that the Mayors of Forbes and Condobolin, and Mr. Gatenby, of Towyal, be heard in evidence before the Committee in support of a railway line from Woodstock to Menindie, in opposition to the proposed Railway from Cobar to Cockburn.

The correspondence was received.

Mr. Garrard moved,—“That a Sectional Committee be appointed to inspect, take evidence, and report with reference to the proposed Railway from Glen Innes to Inverell.”

The motion was seconded by Mr. O'Sullivan, and passed.

Mr. Copeland moved,—“That Mr. Trickett, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Tonkin, Mr. O'Sullivan, and Mr. McCourt be appointed the Sectional Committee to inspect, take evidence, and report with reference to the proposed Railway from Glen Innes to Inverell.”

The motion was seconded by Dr. Garran, and passed.

The Committee further considered the proposed Railway from Cobar to Cockburn.

Alexander Brown, Esq., M.P., was sworn and further examined.

Edward Bulwer Lytton Dickens, Esq., M.P., was sworn and examined.

The Committee adjourned, at five minutes past 4, until 2 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, 28th April.

TUESDAY, 28 APRIL, 1891.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

The Honorable John Lackey, Chairman.

The Hon. Andrew Garran,
The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery,
The Hon. William Joseph Trickett,
The Hon. George Henry Cox,
Jacob Garrard, Esq.,
Henry Copeland, Esq.,

James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esq.,
William Springthorpe Dowel, Esq.,
Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq.,
Charles Alfred Lee, Esq.,
William McCourt, Esq.,
James Patrick Garvan, Esq.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read the following correspondence:—

Letter from Mr. T. B. Johnson, Council Clerk, Lithgow, stating that Messrs. Hurley and Wilton would give evidence before the Committee with reference to the proposed Railway from Cobar to Cockburn.

Letter from Mr. J. P. Abbott, M.P., recommending Mr. Goodwin as a witness in the inquiry respecting the proposed Railway from Cobar to Cockburn.

The correspondence was received.

The Committee further considered the proposed Railway from Cobar to Cockburn.

Walter Maenicol, Esq., secretary of the Silverton Tramway Co., Silverton; George John Morgan, Esq., Mayor of Broken Hill; and Thomas Wilton, Esq., colliery proprietor, Lithgow, were sworn and examined.

Mr. Copeland gave notice that he would move at the next meeting of the Committee,—“That it is desirable that the Sectional Committee on the proposed Railway from Glen Innes to Inverell defer their visit for a few days, so as to admit of the Committee completing its Reports on the Hospital, the Tramways, and the Cobar to Cockburn Railway, and bringing the same before Parliament without delay.”

The Committee adjourned, at twenty minutes past 4, until 2 o'clock p.m. on Wednesday, the following day.

WEDNESDAY, 29 APRIL, 1891.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

The Honorable John Lackey, Chairman.

The Hon. Andrew Garran,
The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery,
The Hon. William Joseph Trickett,
The Hon. George Henry Cox,
Joseph Garrard, Esq.,

Henry Copeland, Esq.,
William Springthorpe Dowel, Esq.,
Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq.,
Charles Alfred Lee, Esq.,
William McCourt, Esq.,

James Patrick Garvan, Esq.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Committee further considered the proposed Railway from Cobar to Cockburn.

J. H. Cummins, Esq., of Broken Hill; Lewis Lloyd, Esq., and Francis Martin Drake, Esq., were sworn and examined.

Mr. Trickett gave notice that he would move at the next meeting of the Committee,—“That, in the opinion of this Committee, it is expedient that the proposed Railway from Cobar to Cockburn, as referred to the Committee by the Legislative Assembly, be carried out.”

Mr. O'Sullivan gave notice that he would move, as an amendment on Mr. Trickett's motion,—“That after the words ‘carried out’ the following words be added: ‘as far as Broken Hill.’”

The motion of which Mr. Copeland had given notice, with reference to the Sectional Committee in connection with the inquiry respecting the proposed Railway from Glen Innes to Inverell, was postponed until Thursday, the following day.

The Committee adjourned, at eighteen minutes past 4, until 2 o'clock p.m. on Thursday, the following day.

THURSDAY, 30 APRIL, 1891.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

The Honorable John Lackey, Chairman.

The Hon. Andrew Garran,	Henry Copeland, Esq.,
The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery,	William Springthorpe Dowel, Esq.,
The Hon. William Joseph Trickett,	Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq.,
The Hon. George Henry Cox,	Charles Edward Lee, Esq.,
Jacob Garrard, Esq.,	William McCourt, Esq.,
	James Patrick Garvan, Esq.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. Copeland moved,—“That it is desirable that the Sectional Committee on the proposed Railway from Glen Innes to Inverell defer their visit for a few days, so as to admit of the Committee completing its Reports on the Hospital, the Tramways, and the Cobar to Cockburn Railway, and bringing the same before Parliament without delay.”

The motion was seconded by Dr. Garran, and negatived on the following division:—

Ayes, 4.	Noes, 8.
Dr. Garran,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Humphery,	Mr. Trickett,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Cox,
Mr. Dowel.	Mr. Garrard,
	Mr. O'Sullivan,
	Mr. Lee,
	Mr. McCourt,
	Mr. Garvan.

Mr. Trickett moved,—“That, in the opinion of this Committee, it is expedient that the proposed Railway from Cobar to Cockburn, as referred to the Committee by the Legislative Assembly, be carried out.”

Mr. Dowel seconded the motion.

Mr. O'Sullivan moved as an amendment,—“That after the words ‘carried out,’ the following words be added: ‘as far as Broken Hill.’”

Mr. Copeland seconded the amendment.

The Committee divided upon the question, “that the words proposed to be added be so added,” with the following result:—

Ayes, 9.	Noes, 3.
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Dowel,
Dr. Garran,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Humphery,	Mr. Garvan.
Mr. Trickett,	
Mr. Cox,	
Mr. Garrard,	
Mr. Copeland,	
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. Lee.	

The amendment was therefore passed, and the motion as amended was adopted on the following division:—

Ayes, 8.	Noes, 4.
Mr. Lackey,	Dr. Garran,
Mr. Humphery,	Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Cox,	Mr. Garvan.
Mr. Garrard,	
Mr. Copeland,	
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. Lee.	

The Committee further considered the proposed Railway from Glen Innes to Inverell.

Charles James Saunders, Esq., Chief Draftsman, Department of Lands; and Hugh McLachlan, Esq., Secretary to the Railway Commissioners, were sworn, and examined.

The Committee adjourned at ten minutes past 4, until 2 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, 5th May.

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, 5 MAY, 1891.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

The Honorable John Lackey, Chairman.

The Hon. Andrew Garran,	William Springthorpe Dowel, Esq.,
The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery,	Charles Alfred Lee, Esq.,
Henry Copeland, Esq.,	James Patrick Garvan, Esq.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read the following correspondence:—

Telegram from the Chairman of the Sectional Committee appointed in connection with the proposed Railway from Glen Innes to Inverell, reporting the progress of the Sectional Committee up to Saturday, 2nd instant.

Letter from Mr. H. McLachlan, Secretary to the Railway Commissioners, with Return showing the results of the working of the Electric Tramway between Randwick and Waverley to the 16th ultimo.

Letter from Mr. Carson Woods on the subject of Electrical Tramways.

The correspondence was received.

The Committee further considered the proposed Cable Tramway from King-street, *via* William-street, to Ocean-street.

George Downe, Esq., Locomotive Superintendent of Tramways, was sworn, and further examined.

William Thow, Esq., Chief Mechanical Engineer, Department of Railways, was sworn and examined.

The Committee adjourned at 4 o'clock, until 2 o'clock p.m. on Wednesday, the following day.

WEDNESDAY, 6 MAY, 1891.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

The Honorable John Lackey, Chairman.

The Hon. Andrew Garran,	William Springthorpe Dowel, Esq.,
The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery,	Charles Alfred Lee, Esq.,
Henry Copeland, Esq.,	James Patrick Garvan, Esq.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read the following correspondence:—

Telegrams from the Chairman of the Sectional Committee appointed in connection with the proposed Railway from Glen Innes to Inverell, reporting the progress of the Sectional Committee up to Wednesday, 6th instant.

Letter from Mr. H. Deane, Acting Engineer-in-Chief for Railways, with reference to the report by Mr. W. Thow on the Cable and Electric Systems of Tramways in America.

Letter from Mr. W. Macnicol, Secretary of the Silverton Tramway Company, stating that the Directors of the Company could not comply with the request of the Committee to furnish them with a copy of the contract made by the Company with the mining companies of Broken Hill.

Letter from Mr. W. A. Green, with newspaper extract, on the subject of tramways in New York.

The correspondence was received.

The Committee further considered the proposed Cable Tramway from King-street, *via* William-street, to Ocean-street.

William Thow, Esq., Chief Mechanical Engineer, Department of Railways, was sworn, and further examined.

Mr. Humphery gave notice that he would move at the meeting of the Committee on Thursday, 14th instant,—“That it is expedient that the proposed construction of a line of Cable Tramway from King-street, *via* William-street, to Ocean-street, be carried out.”

The Committee adjourned at five minutes to 4, until 2 o'clock p.m. on Thursday, the following day.

THURSDAY, 7 MAY, 1891.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

The Honorable John Lackey, Chairman.

The Hon. Andrew Garran,	William Springthorpe Dowel, Esq.,
The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery,	Charles Alfred Lee, Esq.,
Henry Copeland, Esq.,	James Patrick Garvan, Esq.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read the following correspondence:—

Letter from Mr. R. J. Hardy, with reference to a new engine invented by him.

Letter from Mr. W. Thow, with a specimen of worn-out wire cable used on the cable tramways in San Francisco.

Letter from Mr. J. J. Mahoney, with reference to the evidence given by Mr. G. Downe in the inquiry respecting the proposed Cable Tramway from King-street, *via* William-street, to Ocean-street.

The correspondence was received.

The Committee further considered the proposed Cable Tramway from King-street, *via* William-street, to Ocean-street.

Henry Deane, Esq., Acting Engineer-in-Chief for Railways, and Gustave Fischer, Esq., Assistant Engineer, Tramway Construction Branch, Department of Public Works, were sworn, and further examined.

The Committee adjourned, at five minutes to 4, until 2 o'clock p.m., on Tuesday, 12 May.

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, 12 MAY, 1891.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

The Honorable John Lackey, Chairman.

The Hon. Andrew Garran,	Henry Copeland, Esq.,
The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery,	Charles Alfred Lee, Esq.,
The Hon. William Joseph Trickett,	James Patrick Garvan, Esq.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read the following correspondence:—

Telegrams from the Chairman of the Sectional Committee appointed in connection with the proposed Railway from Glen Innes to Inverell, reporting the progress of the Sectional Committee to Monday, 11th instant.

Letter from Messrs. King, Walker, and Co., Melbourne, with reference to Jarman's Electric Car.

Letter from Mr. Carson Woods, drawing the attention of the Committee to a report and an article in the *Electrical Engineer* of 4 March, 1891, on the subject of tramways.

Letter from Mr. H. H. Kingsbury, and letter from Mr. William Thow, with reference to evidence given before the Committee in the inquiry concerning the proposed Cable Tramway from King-street, *via* William-street, to Ocean-street.

The correspondence was received.

The Committee further considered the proposed Cable Tramway from King-street, *via* William-street, to Ocean-street.

Paul Bedford Elwell, Esq., Electrical Engineer; Gustave Fischer, Esq., Assistant Engineer, Tramway Construction Branch, Department of Public Works; and Hugh McLachlan, Secretary to the Railway Commissioners, were sworn, and further examined.

The Committee adjourned, at five minutes past 4, until 2 o'clock p.m. on Wednesday, the following day.

WEDNESDAY, 13 MAY, 1891.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

The Hon. John Lackey, Chairman.

The Hon. Andrew Garran,	James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esq.,
The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery,	Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq.,
The Hon. William Joseph Trickett,	Charles Alfred Lee, Esq.,
Jacob Garrard, Esq.,	William McCourt, Esq.,
Henry Copeland, Esq.,	James Patrick Garvan, Esq.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read the following correspondence:—

Letter from the Council Clerk of the Borough of Woollahra, requesting that the consideration of the proposed Cable Tram service to Woollahra be deferred until the report from the Royal Commission on the Eastern Suburbs Railway has been received by Parliament.

The correspondence was received.

The Committee further considered the proposed Cable Tramway from King-street, *via* William-street, to Ocean-street.

Hugh McLachlan, Esq., Secretary to the Railway Commissioners, was sworn, and further examined.

The Committee proceeded to consider their Report to the Legislative Assembly on the proposed Hospital Buildings, Macquarie-street.

The preamble and clause 1 were passed.

In clause 2—Decision of the Committee to inquire into the whole question—

Dr. Garran moved,—“That the word ‘simply’ be inserted after the word ‘should’ in the third line.”

The amendment was passed on the following division:—

Ayes, 6.

Mr. Lackey,
Dr. Garran,
Mr. Humphery,
Mr. Trickett,
Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. O'Sullivan.

Noes, 4.

Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Garran.

The clause as amended was then agreed to.

Clauses 3 to 8 were passed.

In clause 9—Cost of the proposed buildings according to the original plans—

Mr. Garvan moved—“That the following words be inserted after the word ‘be’ in the last line but two of the clause: ‘Mr. Rowe stated in his evidence that he intended to charge a commission of 5 per cent. upon the total estimate of cost of the Buildings, whether the Hospital were erected or not.’”

The amendment was negatived on the following division:—

Ayes, 4.

Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Garvan.

Noes, 7.

Mr. Lackey,
Dr. Garran,
Mr. Humphery,
Mr. Trickett,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Lee.

The clause was then passed.

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In clause 10—Cost of the Buildings according to the modified plans—

Mr. Garvan moved,—“That the following words be added to the clause after the figures ‘£125,000’: ‘exclusive of the architect’s commission. Mr. Rowe, the architect, has already been paid £3,226, and he claims commission on the whole transaction, as will be seen from question and answer 2203—You would expect a commission upon the original plans? I am entitled to it. What I would do is a different thing. If this work is never completed I shall most distinctly claim my percentage on the transaction, and dead or alive it is a part of my estate.’”

The amendment was passed on the following division :—

Ayes, 8.	Noes, 3.
Dr. Garran,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Humphery,	Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Copeland.
Mr. Tonkin,	
Mr. O’Sullivan,	
Mr. Lee,	
Mr. McCourt,	
Mr. Garvan.	

The clause as amended was then agreed to.

Clauses 11 to 16 were passed.

Dr. Garran moved that the following be clause 17 of the Report,—“The Committee suggest that if the plans of the Hospital Buildings are in any respect further revised they should be submitted for the consideration of Mr. Vernon, for, though the Hospital Committee’s Architect is not officially subject to the Government Architect, it is so important that the public buildings on that site should harmonise with the Government Architect’s scheme that no large sum of money should be spent there unless the Government has control over the design.”

The motion was passed on the following division :—

Ayes, 6.	Noes, 4.
Dr. Garran,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Humphery,	Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. McCourt.
Mr. O’Sullivan,	
Mr. Garvan.	

The Report was then adopted on the following division :—

Ayes, 6.	Noes, 4.
Mr. Lackey,	Dr. Garran.
Mr. Humphery,	Mr. Trickett,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. O’Sullivan,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Garvan.
Mr. Tonkin,	
Mr. McCourt.	

The Chairman was authorised to sign the Report for presentation to the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. O’Sullivan gave notice that he would move at the next meeting of the Committee,—“That to-morrow, Friday, be an extra sitting day of the Committee.”

The Committee adjourned, at thirty-two minutes past 4, until 2 o’clock p.m. on Thursday, the following day.

THURSDAY, 14 MAY, 1891.

The Committee met at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT :—

The Honorable John Lackey, Chairman.

The Hon. Andrew Garran,	James Ebenczer Tonkin, Esq.,
The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery,	Edward William O’Sullivan, Esq.,
The Hon. William Joseph Trickett,	Charles Alfred Lee, Esq.,
Jacob Garrard, Esq.,	William McCourt, Esq.,
Henry Copeland, Esq.,	James Patrick Garvan, Esq.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. O’Sullivan moved,—“That to-morrow, Friday, be an extra sitting day of the Committee.”

The motion was seconded by Mr. Tonkin, and passed.

The Committee proceeded to consider their Report to the Legislative Assembly on the proposed railway from Cobar to Cockburn.

The preamble and clauses 1 to 5 were passed.

In clause 6—Towns and Districts to be served by the Railway,—

Mr. Humphery moved the omission of the words “combining agriculture with grazing,” after the words “small holdings.”

The amendment was passed on the following division :—

Ayes, 6.	Noes, 4.
Mr. Lackey,	Dr. Garran,
Mr. Humphery,	Mr. Trickett,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. O’Sullivan.
Mr. McCourt,	
Mr. Garvan.	

The clause, as amended, was then agreed to.

Clauses 7 and 8 were passed.

In clause 9—Evidence in favour of the Railway,—

Mr. Humphery moved the omission of the words “and ultimately certain,” after the word “development,” in the sixteenth line.

The amendment was negatived on the following division :—

<p>Ayes, 3. Mr. Lackey, Mr. Humphery, Mr. Garvan.</p>	<p>Noes, 8. Dr. Garran, Mr. Trickett, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Tonkin, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Lee, Mr. McCourt.</p>
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The clause and the remaining clauses of the Report were passed, and the Report was then adopted on the following division :—

<p>Ayes, 8. Mr. Lackey, Mr. Humphery, Mr. Trickett, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Tonkin, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Lee.</p>	<p>Noes, 3. Dr. Garran, Mr. McCourt, Mr. Garvan.</p>
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The Chairman was authorised to sign the Report for presentation to the Legislative Assembly. The Committee adjourned at nine minutes past 4 until 3 o'clock p.m. on Friday, the following day.

FRIDAY, 15 MAY, 1891.

The Committee met at 3 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT :—

Jacob Garrard, Esq., Vice-Chairman.

<p>The Hon. Andrew Garran, The Hon. Frederick Thomas Humphery, The Hon. William Joseph Trickett,</p>	<p>James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esq., William Springthorpe Dowel, Esq., Edward William O'Sullivan, Esq., Charles Alfred Lee, Esq.</p>
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The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Committee proceeded to consider their General Report to His Excellency the Governor.

The preamble and paragraphs 1 to 11 were passed.

In paragraph 12, Mr. Lee moved the omission of the following words :—“In connection with this matter it may be here said that it would conduce to much greater judgment and economy in the expenditure of public money on the construction of new hospitals if the plans for such buildings were supervised by the Government Architect.”

The amendment was seconded by Mr. Dowel, and negatived on the following division :—

<p>Ayes, 3. Mr. Garrard, Mr. Dowel, Mr. Lee.</p>	<p>Noes, 5. Dr. Garran, Mr. Humphery, Mr. Trickett, Mr. Tonkin, Mr. O'Sullivan.</p>
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The paragraph and the remaining portions of the Report were passed.

The Report was then adopted, and the Chairman was authorised to sign it for presentation to His Excellency the Governor.

The Committee adjourned, at twenty-six minutes past 4, until 2 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, 19th May.

1891.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

PARLIAMENTARY REPORTING STAFF.
(CORRESPONDENCE RESPECTING EMPLOYMENT OF.)

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 26 May, 1891.

RETURN to an *Order* made by the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, dated 4th December, 1890, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

“ Copies of all correspondence that has passed between the *Hansard* staff and the President and Speaker in reference to the reporting of the Public Works Committee proceedings; and other matters up to present date.”

(*Mr. Waddell.*)

No. 1.

The Principal Shorthand-writer to The Clerk of the Parliaments.

Sir,

29 August, 1888.

I shall be glad if you will refer the enclosed communication from the Chairman of the Public Works Committee to the Honorable the President and the Honorable the Speaker, with my request that I may be favoured with their instruction thereupon.

The staff have just concluded the compilation of the index to the “ Debates,” and I anticipate that Parliament will reassemble within two months.

The pressure of the work last session was without parallel, the “ Debates Reports” having exceeded by 1,000 pages those of the “ Land Bill Session” (thirteen months), and the number of Select Committees having been unprecedentedly large. I believe I am well within a sober statement of fact when I say that the work done by the Debates Staff is about double that of any similar staff connected with the Parliaments of Australia, and is far in excess of that of ordinary members of the Public Service. The staff is not now on an efficient footing, the vacancy caused by the retirement of Mr. Scarr not having been filled, and the type-writers nominated for appointment not being available, it was with very great difficulty that we were able to keep to our work during the closing months of last session; and if deprived of the opportunity for rest which the next month or six weeks should afford, we shall not be in a state of health to efficiently discharge the work of next session.

When the staff undertook to report Royal Commissions the appointment of a permanent body such as the Public Works Committee was probably not thought of, and it was made an express condition that the work of Parliament should not suffer. The staff have more than fulfilled every obligation under that arrangement, and the work of Parliament has been very much increased since it was made. We often work fourteen and sixteen hours per diem for several weeks in succession, and, under heavy pressure, towards the close of last session we had to struggle through thirty and forty hours consecutively as best we could. Inasmuch therefore as we are now taxed to the utmost limit of our powers of endurance, I trust that should the Honorable the President and the Honorable the Speaker see fit to direct the staff to undertake the work of reporting the Public Works Committee evidence, they will, at the same time, authorize such additions to the staff as will enable the duty to be satisfactorily performed.

Under existing circumstances it will be my duty to request the appointment of an additional reporter (at £450) at the beginning of the next session; and if the duty of reporting the Public Works Committee be added, I estimate that a further sum of not less than £300 per annum will be required.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES ROBINSON,
Principal Shorthand-writer.

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[*Enclosure.*]

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[Enclosure.]

Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.
 Public Works Department, 28 August, 1888.
 Sir, A meeting of this Committee will be held in the Tender Board Room of the Public Works Department on Friday afternoon next, at 2 o'clock, and as it is the intention of the Committee to examine several witnesses, I shall be glad if you will make arrangements for a member of your staff to be present and take the evidence.
 I have, &c.,
 JOHN LACKEY,
 Chairman of the Committee.
 The Principal Shorthand-writer, Parliamentary Hansard Staff.

No. 2.

The President of the Legislative Council to The Principal Shorthand-writer.

Dear Sir, Australian Club, 3 September, 1888.
 I have carefully read your letter, and that enclosed from Mr. Lackey, and sent them to the Speaker, with my observations, for his consideration.
 I think you will have to arrange so as to provide the Parliamentary Committee for Public Works with the necessary means of reporting their proceedings and evidence, if they need it. In the meantime you may do so, as it seems to me, without *any very great inconvenience or expense*. *Any absolutely unavoidable expenditure* must be met.
 It is impossible at present to estimate what in the end it may come to. Until there is some experience to go upon the matter must be treated as it arises.
 It is a pity your type-writers were not appointed to enter on their duties at once; it would have aided you in the emergency.
 Yours truly,
 JOHN HAY.

Mr. J. W. Roberts to The Speaker.

Hansard Office, 6 September, 1888.
 Sir, I have the honor, on behalf of the members of the Hansard Staff, to request that you will be so good as to favour us with a personal interview respecting the proposal which has been made to cast upon us the duty of reporting the evidence taken by the Public Works Committee.
 I may state that the staff view the proposal with extreme dissatisfaction, and we feel that we could more effectively represent our case if you would favour us with a personal interview.
 Should you deem it advisable to accede to our request, I shall be pleased to know the date which will suit your convenience.
 I have, &c.,
 J. WHEAR ROBERTS.

Replied that any representations had better be made to and through Mr. Robinson, who would convey to me and the President.—J.H.Y.

Memo. for The Speaker.

MR. ROBINSON has sent me the enclosed letter from the Chairman of the Parliamentary Public Works Committee, requesting that arrangements should be made for reporting the evidence at a meeting to take place on Friday next (the letter being dated on the 28th August, Tuesday). Mr. Robinson's letter was apparently left at the Council on the 30th, but in point of fact I did not see it until the afternoon of the 31st (Friday). It could not therefore be satisfactorily considered, and even now I do not know if the Speaker has returned from the country.

In his letter accompanying the above, Mr. Robinson asks our instructions with respect to the communication from the Chairman of the Committee, and after going into various explanations he says that he trusts that if the President and the Speaker see fit to direct his staff to take the work of reporting the Parliamentary Public Works Committee they will at the same time authorize such additions to be made to his staff as to enable the work to be satisfactorily done. He says that "under existing circumstances" it will be his duty to request the appointment of an additional reporter at a salary of £450 *at the beginning of the next Session*; and that if the duty of reporting the Public Works Committee be added, he estimates that a further sum of not less than £300 will be required.

With regard to this, I am not sure that I see exactly what is meant. At present it seems that the question really is, whether we are to authorize the necessary reporting of the Public Works Committee to be made while Parliament is out of session. I think it was understood that all Parliamentary reporting was to be done through the Hansard Staff. I therefore am of opinion that Mr. Robinson will have to arrange for it. But as I understand Mr. Robinson to say that he cannot at present do the work through his existing staff without some assistance, and as I quite believe that some relaxation must be provided for members of that staff to enable them to resume their ordinary Parliamentary duties with efficiency, I am willing to sanction such additional assistance as he may find absolutely required to meet the present demand of the Public Works Committee. It is a pity that Mr. Robinson did not avail himself of the opportunity he had the other day of appointing the type-writers to enter upon their engagement at once. I think it would be impossible to say what the requirements of the Public Works Committee in the future may be. By-and-bye he will be better able to form an estimate of the necessary increase to his staff. *At present he will have to arrange how the work is to be done; and in so far as that may require immediate additional expenditure, we will have to sanction it.*

J. HAY,
 President.

Memo. for The President.

Speaker's Room, Sydney, 10 September, 1888.
 I THINK it would be unfair to expect the present Hansard Staff to take up the work of this Committee at the present time. The last session was so protracted and also severe that I consider they are entitled to as much relaxation as possible in a three months' recess. Perhaps Mr. Robinson might be instructed to provide the necessary reporters for the Committee from outside sources for the present, at any rate, leaving the ultimate decision as to who should undertake the duty to be considered later on.

After the 17th instant I shall probably remain in Sydney, and shall be glad to meet the President at any time he may fix.
 J.H.Y.

No. 3.

No. 3.

The Principal Shorthand-writer to The Clerk of the Parliaments.

Sir,

Debates Office, 8 September, 1888.

I have to request that you will be so good as to submit to Mr. President and Mr. Speaker the enclosed letter, addressed to me by five members of the staff.

On the 4th September I received a non-official note from Mr. President, in which he intimated that it would be necessary for me to arrange for the reporting of the Parliamentary Committee on Public Works. Mr. Speaker being absent from Sydney, official intimation could not be given. I thereupon wrote to the Chairman of the Committee that, pending Mr. President's and Mr. Speaker's determination upon his application, I would make certain provision for reporting their evidence; and I, at the same time, called the Debates Staff together, with a view to fix the appointments for attendance on dates which would best suit their convenience, and make the duty fall as little burdensomely as possible. The staff, finding that I was in a position only to request and not instruct them to attend the Committee, declined the duty, and the letter which I enclose is the outcome. Pending the receipt of Mr. President's and Mr. Speaker's instruction upon Mr. Lackey's letter, I have arranged for the attendance at the Committee of a shorthand-writer on Tuesday next.

The staff say that the Committee will add materially to the extent of their work. My estimate is based on the work as it at present stands, namely, two sittings of the Committee per week, one on Tuesday and the other on Friday, and if that should remain as the permanent appointment of the Committee, I have no hesitation in saying that the work of the staff would not be increased *during the session of Parliament*. If, however, the Committee should determine to sit every day, or even to change their days of meeting to Wednesday and Thursday (which contingency I had considered and dismissed as improbable), *when both Houses of Parliament sit simultaneously*, then a second reporter would have to be employed.

As to the staff's objection that confusion would arise from our work being irregular and complicated, I am quite unable to perceive that irregularity or complexity could arise any more than if an additional Select Committee were appointed.

Their objection that they would be "altogether deprived of the short recesses for relaxation" appears to me a valid one, with this modification, that they would not be "altogether" deprived of the recess. Having regard to the organization of the staff, and to the fact that the addition of one or two members will in many cases greatly increase the working power of all the rest, I entertain no doubt whatever that the work of the Committee could be done by the staff with far greater economy and despatch than it would be possible to do it by the creation of a separate staff; and the only question appears to me to be as to whether these advantages to the general public are to be obtained at the expense of the leisure of the Debates Staff during the recess. If the Legislative Assembly habitually adjourned before midnight, and if the Parliament of New South Wales could conclude its business within a period of say six months, I should, for my part, see no objection to undertaking any amount of work which would be likely to arise from the Public Works Committee; but—closing the Session as we do, with the life almost crushed out of us by post-midnight sittings, and after having worked more hours in nine months than the rest of the Civil Servants are required to work in twelve, I think I might even say fifteen,—I cannot but sympathise with the feeling of alarm which appears to have dictated the letter upon which I am now commenting. At the same time, however, I ought to point out that it is not now known whether the Committee's work will be much or little; and if Mr. President and Mr. Speaker direct me to undertake it, I shall do so in the full assurance that they will authorise such additions to the staff as experience may show to be necessary to enable the duty to be satisfactorily performed.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES ROBINSON,
Principal Shorthand-writer.

[Enclosure.]

To the Principal Shorthand-writer,—

Hansard Office, 6 September, 1888.

Sir,

Referring to the interview which we had with you yesterday as to our being called upon to report the evidence taken by the Public Works Committee, we beg to state that we have given the whole question the fullest consideration, and have arrived at the following conclusions:—

As parties to the agreement which was entered into in 1884, when the two Parliamentary shorthand-writing staffs were amalgamated, we cannot concede that it directly or impliedly embraces a permanent Committee—such as the Public Works Committee; and even if it were possible to interpret it so as to make it applicable in such a case, we submit that it would be grossly unfair to so apply it in the instance of this Committee—the creation of which was never contemplated when the arrangement was made. We would point out that there would be just as much reason in asking the Clerks of Parliament to perform the clerical work of the Committee as there is in asking us to do the shorthand-writing. The Committee is not a Parliamentary "Select Committee." One of the bases of agreement was that extra Parliamentary reporting should not be cast upon us if it would tend in any way to disarrange our Parliamentary work; and we believe that if we have to undertake the work of this Committee it will seriously interfere with our ordinary duties when Parliament is in session. It will add materially to the extent of our work, which is already arduous in the extreme, and it will altogether deprive us of any chance of getting much-needed relaxation in the recess.

It seems to us that the adoption of the suggestion that in consideration of another reporter being appointed we might undertake the extra work will not afford us any relief or be an advantage in any way. Our work is so irregular and complicated that we fear that it would not be possible to so arrange it as to make the appointment of another reporter compensate for the extreme inconvenience to which we should be subjected when Parliament is in session, and the hardship of being altogether deprived of the short recesses for relaxation.

We wish to direct attention to the following facts respecting the work of other official reporting staffs:—

In Victoria, where the sittings of the Assembly are limited to three nights a week, and, except towards the end of the session, there is a general understanding, which is invariably observed, that the House shall rise before 11.30 p.m., the lowest salary paid to any Hansard reporter is £510. The average length of the sessions there is six months. The members of the Hansard staff are not called upon to do any work other than that of reporting debates. There is a separate staff for Commission and Committee work. The note-takers employed on that staff receive salaries in excess of ours, and they are relieved of the drudgery of transcription, which is done by trained clerks.

In New Zealand the members of the Hansard staff get a fixed salary for four months' work, and bonuses should the session exceed that period. During the recess, which generally extends over eight months of the year, the reporters are at liberty to do as they please. They have priority of claim for reporting Commissions, &c., and for this work they are paid at current rates. There are many other sources from which they may supplement their incomes.

In Queensland the permanent members of the staff receive salaries almost equal to ours. There five months is considered a very long session. In the recess some of the reporters are called upon to do Government work, but for this they receive substantial bonuses.

If we may be allowed to make a suggestion, our idea is, that if the shorthand work in connection with the Committee is more than the gentlemen already appointed can do, it would be much more satisfactory to all parties that another shorthand-writer should be appointed in that department.

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Any proposal to put the work on to us must, in our opinion, be a departure from the written agreement which we have entered into; and so fully convinced are we that the proposals which have been made would operate unfairly and harshly against us that we feel compelled to state that we cannot willingly give our consent to any of them. If any departure is to be made from the agreement, we submit that it ought to be in the direction of lessening our work, and the period over which it extends, rather than of, possibly, materially increasing it.

We therefore respectfully, but firmly, ask you to be so good as to request the proper authorities to make other arrangements for the performance of the shorthand work of the Public Works Committee.

We have, &c.,

J. W. ROBERTS.
B. H. FRIEND, *per* J.W.R.
W. DRAKE.
S. K. JOHNSTONE.
ANGELO J. SMITH.

No. 4.

Draft Estimate of the Probable Expenditure of the Department of Parliamentary Reporting Staff for the year 1889.

Name.	Designation.	Salary voted for 1888.	Salary proposed for 1889.
Chas. Robinson	Principal Shorthand-writer	£ 860	£ 860
John B. Laing	Second "	650	650
B. H. Friend	Shorthand-writer "	550	550
J. W. Roberts	" "	550	550
A. J. Smith	" "	550	550
Wm. Drake	" "	550	550
S. K. Johnstone	" "	490	490
Herbert P. Robinson	Shorthand Type-writer	200	200
David Ferguson	Type-writer	200	200
	Sessional shorthand-writing	100	100
	Incidental expenses	10	10
		£ 4,710	4,710
	(a) Shorthand-writer ... ..	.....	450
	(b) Sessional shorthand-writing ... ..	.....	300
		£	5,460

(a) The reasons for the appointment of an additional shorthand-writer were fully set forth in my letter to the Clerk of the Parliaments, of 8th September, 1888. In illustration of the increase in the work, I may repeat that for the session 1879-80 the Assembly sat 127 days, at 5 hours 33 minutes per diem, and the report of the debates was 3,273 pages. In 1887-88 the Assembly sat 121 days, at 9 hours 11 minutes per sitting, and the report of the debates was 6,832 pages.

During the period 1879 to 1888, Parliament appointed 114 Select Committees, and appropriated £1,450 to pay for the shorthand-writing—an amount which was often exceeded.

During 1884-1887, Parliament appointed 283 Select Committees, and they were reported by the Debates Staff.

When drawing up last year's Estimates for submission to Mr. President and Mr. Speaker, I thought it would not be necessary to appoint another shorthand-writer in the room of Mr. Scarr, retired. Since then, however, there have been several new appointments to the Legislative Council, and six of the gentlemen appointed made 448 speeches during last session. Also, since that estimate was framed, the Legislative Assembly has changed its procedure in two important particulars, namely, the practice of reading out notices of questions has been discontinued, and the House has met at 3.30 p.m. instead of 4.30 p.m. This has thrown fully one hour and a half's note-taking upon the staff, and it would not have been possible to have done the work had not provision been made from the Treasurer's Advance Fund to meet the cost of assistance required. The shorthand-writing required by Parliament has been nearly doubled during the last nine years, but, with the additional reporter now asked for, the staff will not be numerically greater than it was for the eight years preceding 1888.

(b) The addition of £300 for sessional shorthand-writing is asked for in anticipation of Mr. President and Mr. Speaker requiring the staff to report the evidence of the Parliamentary Committee upon Public Works.—CHAS. ROBINSON, Principal Shorthand-writer, October 1/88.

J. HAY, President,
J. H. YOUNG, Speaker, } Oct. 5, 1888.

No. 5.

The President of the Legislative Council to The Principal Shorthand-writer.

MEMO.—The President and Speaker direct the attention of the Principal Shorthand-writer to the allegations contained in the papers herewith. In reporting he is invited to state how he proposes to meet the work imposed upon him in reporting the debates in both Houses, the evidence taken by Royal Commissions, and that before not only ordinary Parliamentary Committees, but also that procured by the Joint Committee on Public Works. He is invited to say if he thinks this can be done without any intolerable pressure on the members of his staff, and without depriving them of a reasonable amount of relaxation. In connection with all this he may revert to the question of the adequacy of the estimate framed by him for the year 1889.

December 7, 1888.

For self and Speaker,

J. HAY.

[Enclosures.]

Sir,

Hansard Office, 28 November, 1888.

I desire to remind you of a fact which seems to have escaped your memory when you assigned me to attend Thursday's meeting of the Public Works Committee. The nature of my duties as a member of the Hansard Staff was definitely defined to me by yourself, both verbally and in writing, before I accepted the position. The duty of attending this Committee, or doing any work (Governmental or Parliamentary) other than what is defined in your letter to me of March, 1885, does not come

come within the terms of my engagement. It would involve a serious addition to my already onerous labours, and entail a considerable increase in my expenditure; and in the absence of any communication from yourself as to whether the acceptance of this work would be compensated for by an addition to my salary, or in some other practical form, I have to request that you will not press the engagement upon me.

The Principal Shorthand-writer, Parliamentary Debates Staff.

Yours truly,

S. K. JOHNSTONE.

Dear Sir,

28 November, 1888.

Replying to your note of to-day, I must adhere to the appointment I have made, namely, that you attend the Public Works Committee at 2 p.m. to-morrow.

Your statement that it will involve a "serious addition to your already onerous labours" is entirely at variance with the fact; and that it will "entail a considerable addition to your expenditure" appears to me to be purely imaginary. I have no authority for holding out to you any expectation of an addition to your salary; and I have already pointed out to you verbally that the assistance given to the staff by the employment of an additional shorthand-writer this session not only "compensates" for this additional duty, but has greatly diminished the work of the staff, which is now less than it has been at any former period.

S. K. Johnstone, Esq.

Yours truly,

CHAS. ROBINSON.

The Clerk of the Parliaments.—C.R., 30 Nov., /88.

Sir,

Parliamentary Debates Offices, 30 November, 1888.

I have attended, at your request, the meeting of the Public Works Committee held to-day, and I feel that I cannot accept this entirely new and exceedingly laborious duty without protest, which I beg you to be so good as to bring under the notice of the Honorable the President of the Legislative Council and the Honorable the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly at your earliest convenience. My chief reason for this course will be found set forth in the communication addressed by the staff to the President and Mr. Speaker a few months ago; but they have been in one aspect emphasised by my experience during the recent recess.

I was then requested by the Government, in an emergency arising out of the illness of one of its officers, to place my services at its disposal in the office of Secretary to the Tramway Frauds Inquiry Commission. Although the Minister of the Department and the Commissioners were good enough to order that I should be specially remunerated for my services to them, I soon became conscious that this remuneration did not adequately compensate me for the severe strain imposed upon me at the close of an exceedingly trying session, and I had no sooner undertaken than I requested to be relieved of the duty. That course was unfortunately deemed impracticable. I mention this circumstance in order to impress upon the President and Mr. Speaker my view, which I am assured is shared by the staff, that neither additional assistance nor remuneration would adequately compensate for the sacrifice of our liberty during recess. This liberty, in every Colony in which a Hansard Staff exists, is regarded as an invaluable privilege of its officers, and is consequently jealously guarded. In its absence the severe strain imposed upon the New South Wales Hansard Staff when Parliament is sitting would be unbearable. I am aware that you, sir, in your office of Principal Shorthand-writer, have endeavoured to the utmost of your ability to preserve this liberty for the staff; but it seems to me obvious that the new duty requested of us in connection with the Public Works Committee would seriously interfere with any such arrangement in the future, while it would, at the same time, neutralise to a great extent the beneficial effects of the relief recently afforded by the President and Mr. Speaker to our overworked staff.

C. Robinson, Esq., Principal Shorthand-writer.

I have, &c.,

B. HARRY FRIEND.

The Clerk of the Parliaments, November 30/88.—C.R.

Sir,

Hansard Office, 3 December, 1888.

I shall be obliged to you if you will forward the enclosed letter to its destination at your earliest convenience.

Yours truly,

S. K. JOHNSTONE.

The Principal Shorthand-writer.

[Sub-enclosure.]

The Honorable the President and the Speaker,—
Gentlemen,

Hansard Office, 3 December, 1888.

On Tuesday last I was directed by the Principal Shorthand-writer, acting on a "verbal" instruction from yourselves, to attend a meeting of the Public Works Committee. I reminded him that this was not one of the duties which I undertook to perform when I accepted a position on the staff; but he said that in the event of my not keeping the engagement he would have no option but to suspend me; and finally I wrote in the engagement book, "This engagement is accepted under protest conditionally on its not being regarded as establishing a precedent that the staff are responsible under their agreement for the performance of the shorthand work of the Public Works Committee."

In 1885 the Principal Shorthand-writer sent me a letter in which, after saying that he was instructed to inform me of my appointment, he stated for my information the exact duties which were attached to the position. On the strength of his official statement I accepted the appointment; and, therefore, I consider it is a breach of agreement to force this work upon me.

I would respectfully urge that the Principal Shorthand-writer be requested to adhere to the terms of my engagement.

I have, &c.,

S. K. JOHNSTONE.

The Clerk of the Parliaments.—C.R., December 3/88.

No. 6.

The Principal Shorthand-writer to The Clerk of the Parliaments.

In attention to the memo. of the Honorable the President on the papers returned herewith, I have the honor to report:—

1. The shorthand-writing services required by Parliament are dealt with as a whole, and I am decidedly of opinion that any other method would lead to a great waste of working power and consequent increase of expense. At 10 o'clock each night, or earlier, the Clerks of Select Committees inform me what Committee appointments have been made for the following day; and I have similar information at the beginning of each week from the Parliamentary Standing Committee. At that hour I am able to judge of the state of the work arising out of the debates in each House, and also to form an opinion as to what the demands upon the staff for the remainder of the night will be. If the subject of inquiry by a Committee is technical or special in any respect, I select the shorthand-writer whom I think best qualified to attend it, and I continue his attendance until the whole of the evidence has been taken. A reporter who has a Committee to attend on the following day is relieved from gallery work in time to secure him the rest which he needs. If the arrangements which existed prior to 1884 were reverted to and extended to the Standing Committee, an expenditure of from £1,500 to £2,000 per annum, in addition to what is now required, would have to be incurred. The work would not be done better than it is now, and certainly not with anything like the same quickness. If the business were exclusively a matter of private concernment, I should act just as I always have done. I am unable to recommend any change

as being advantageous to the Public Service, or as being required in the interests of the staff. I do not place upon any member of the staff a heavier burden than I am willing to bear—I may say, in fact, that my share of the work involves from twelve to fifteen hours more per week than that of other members of the staff. Subject, therefore, to the direction of Mr. President and Mr. Speaker, I do not purpose to make any change.

2. The staff is subject to a severe strain when the Assembly sits much beyond midnight. When the sittings are protracted through the following day and night by relays of fresh Members, or when a sitting of the Council follows a twenty-four hours sitting of the Assembly, the strain upon the staff is almost insupportable. What is known as a stonewall is rarely set up before 3 or 4 o'clock in the morning, and cannot be foreseen. I provide for every relief possible under the circumstances.

3. I deem the estimate for 1889 adequate for the work to be done. Should circumstances which I cannot foresee make additional expenditure requisite, I presume Mr. President and Mr. Speaker, upon being satisfied on that head, will recommend the Government to provide it. I believe, however, that it will not be necessary to spend the whole of the sessional vote.

I may now refer to the special allegations contained in the letters returned herewith.

Mr. Johnstone's complaint.

A. Mr. Johnstone appears to have deluded himself into the belief that he entered the service on the strength of a special agreement made by me, and that it was only after he had assured himself that the terms of that agreement were satisfactory that he "accepted" the position. The fact is that he *sought* the appointment, and his letter applying for it contained no stipulations as to the terms upon which he would consent to accept it. I have to-day obtained from Mr. Johnstone a copy of the letter upon which he bases his claim (letter appended). I did not suppose, when I wrote it, that I was drawing out a contract—and I was never authorised to make one.

B. "It would involve a considerable increase in my expenditure." This is a still stranger hallucination. The Standing Committee does not charge for admission, and their office is only three minutes' walk from Parliament House.

C. Mr. Johnstone and Mr. Friend agree in regarding the work of the Standing Committee as a serious addition to their labours.

I do not expect them to work a miracle—to be in two places at the same time. I am able, by the employment of type-writers, to reduce the present work of the Standing Committee to from twelve to sixteen hours per week for one man (not necessarily Mr. Johnstone or Mr. Friend). As against that, there must be set the services of the temporary shorthand-writer, who takes his full share of all the work which may have to be done. During the session of Parliament, therefore, the work of the staff is reduced,—as I earnestly pressed upon Mr. President and Mr. Speaker that it should be,—not increased.

Mr. Friend's complaint.

D. In addition to what Mr. Johnstone has advanced, Mr. Friend states that he was employed by the Government to do some work for the Tramway Frauds Commission, the special remuneration for which did not adequately compensate him, &c.

I understand that he did about two months' work for the Commission, for which he received about £200. I knew nothing of the matter at the time. If the Government had communicated their request through the ordinary official channel, I think it likely that Mr. Friend would have had to do his share of the work without receiving any pay whatever.

E. "Neither additional assistance nor remuneration would adequately compensate for the sacrifice of our liberty during the recess."

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CHAS. ROBINSON,
Principal Shorthand-writer.

10 December, 1888.

[Enclosure.]

The original of this letter not submitted, but I have no reason to doubt the accuracy of the copy.—C.R., 10 December, 1888.

Sir,

Legislative Assembly Offices, 18 March, 1886.

I am desired by the Honorable the President of the Legislative Council and the Honorable the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly to inform you that they have appointed you to the office of Shorthand-writer on the Parliamentary Reporting Staff, and have fixed your salary at the rate of £450 per annum.

It will be your duty to assist in reporting the debates in Parliament, evidence taken before Select Committees, Royal Commissions, and Government Boards of Inquiry, to assist in the preparation of indices to the Parliamentary Debates, and to act generally under the direction of the Principal Shorthand-writer.

Your appointment is probationary; but it is intended that it shall be made in the ordinary course by the Governor in Council, after you have proved your fitness and ability to perform the duties.

I have, &c.,

CHAS. ROBINSON,
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S. K. Johnstone, Esq., *Daily Telegraph*.

Received, 10 December, 1888. For the information of the President and Mr. Speaker.—J.J.C., 10 December, 1888. See within.—J.H.

For the Speaker's perusal.—J.H.

Perused and returned, with minute at end.—J.H.Y.

Sydney,

Sydney, 12 December, 1888.

On this report by the Principal Shorthand-writer it is, I think, clear that, so far as the work of reporting the new Committee on Public Works can be at present estimated, the assistance of an extra shorthand-writer (as provided for in the Estimates for 1889) will be more than an equivalent for the extra work imposed on the staff as a whole by their having to report that Committee; and as it also seems clear that reporting that Committee by an independent staff would cause a considerable increase to the public expenditure, I think it would be inadvisable to make the change. The right of the reporting staff to relaxation during recess after a long sitting of Parliament should, I think, be recognised within reasonable limits; and this Mr. Robinson proposes to do, and thinks he will be able to do, with the staff provided. If, however, the new work becomes larger than it is now expected to do, or if any unforeseen circumstances arise which would make this impossible without further assistance, that further assistance can always be sanctioned. But as this relaxation is for needful rest, to enable those to whom it is allowed to recuperate their health and energies, they should use it solely for that purpose, and not accept other employment.

I think Mr. Johnstone might therefore be informed that having regard to a report from the Principal Shorthand-writer, and to a copy of the letter referred to in his communication, we are unable to recognise his right to refuse or object to report the proceedings of the Public Works Committee when told off for that duty by the Principal Shorthand-writer.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

I quite agree with Mr. Speaker's minute and the Principal Shorthand-writer, and Mr. Johnstone may therefore be informed accordingly.—J. HAY, President, 12 Dec., 1888. Secn.—B.H.F.; S.K.J.

No. 7.

Messrs. B. H. Friend, A. J. Smith, and W. Drake to The Principal Shorthand-writer.

Sir,

Legislative Assembly Offices, Sydney, 18 June, 1890.

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We have, &c.,

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(CORRESPONDENCE.)

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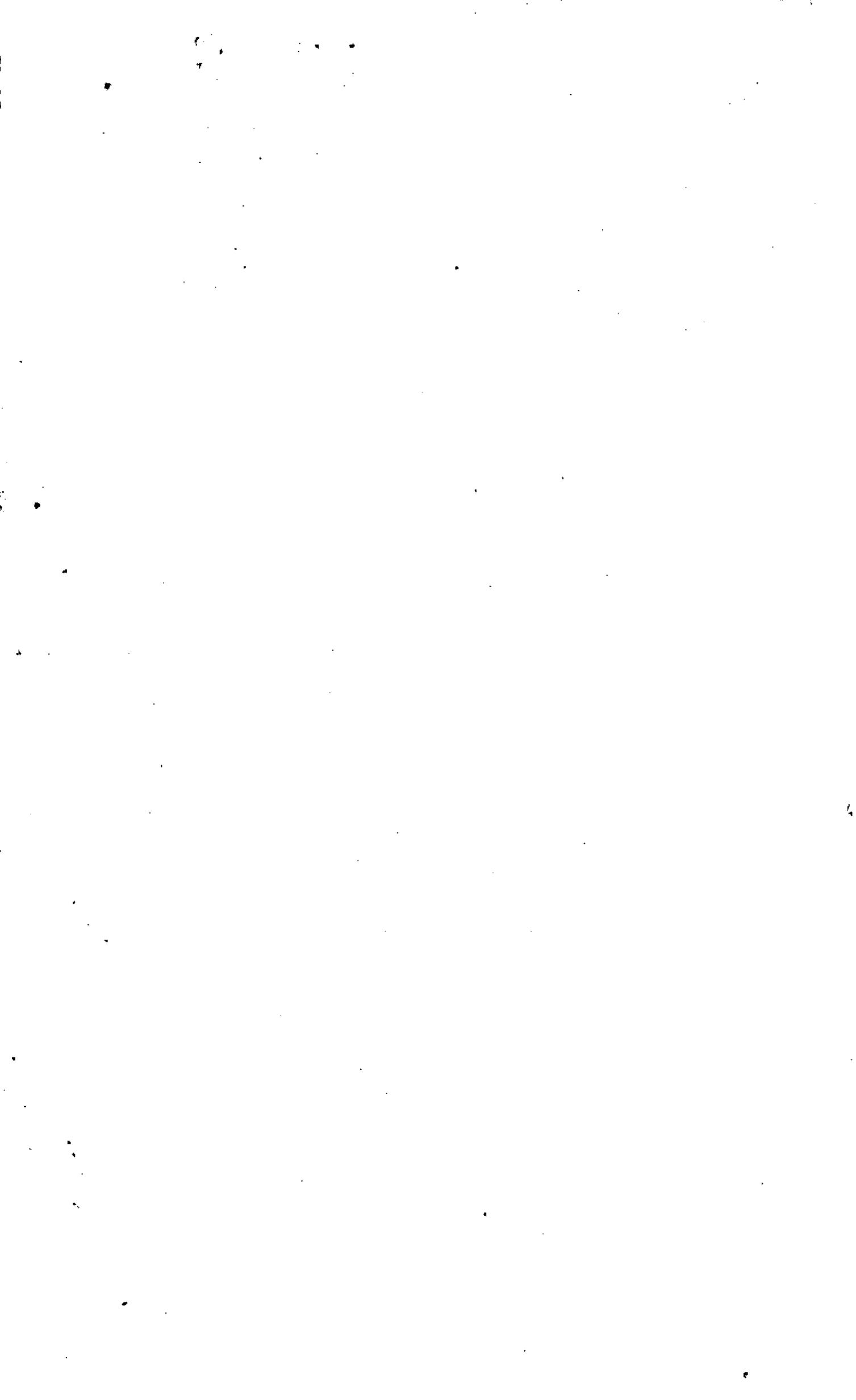
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