

Votes

New South Wales.

No. 1.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 26 NOVEMBER, 1889.

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-eighth day of October, 1889.

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 CHARLES ROBERT,
“ to wit. } BARON CARRINGTON, a Member of Her Majesty's Most Honorable
“ (L.S.) } Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order
“ CARRINGTON, } of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-
“ Governor. } Chief of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies.

“ WHEREAS the Parliament of New South Wales now stands prorogued to Tuesday, the fifth day of November proximo: Now, I, CHARLES ROBERT, BARON CARRINGTON, 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 twenty-sixth day of November 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 twenty-sixth day of November next, at twelve o'clock at noon, in the buildings known as the Council Chambers, situate in Macquarie-street, in the City of Sydney: And the Members of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly respectively are hereby required to give their attendance at the said time and place accordingly.

“ Given under my hand and Seal, at Government House, Sydney, this twenty-eighth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine,
“ and in the fifty-third year of Her Majesty's Reign.

“ By His Excellency's Command,

“ HENRY PARKES.

“ GOD SAVE THE QUEEN ! ”

2. **ELECTORATE OF NEWCASTLE**:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that, upon the passing of a Resolution during the late Session, declaring the Seat of William Grahame, Esquire, one of the Members for the Electoral District of Newcastle, vacant, he had issued a Writ for the Election of a Member to serve in the room of Mr. Grahame; and that such Writ had been duly returned, with a Certificate endorsed thereon by the Returning Officer of the election of James Curley, Esquire.
3. **MEMBER SWORN**:—James Curley, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance and signed the Roll of the House, took his Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of Newcastle.
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 a quarter past Twelve o'clock, until Four o'clock This Day.

The House resumed, pursuant to adjournment.

5. **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*.
6. **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,—

It is with much regret that I have summoned you from your private pursuits, after so short a recess and at a season of the year so unfavourable for your attendance upon your Parliamentary duties; but the necessity for the constitutional provision for the Public Service did not admit of delay, and I know I can rely upon your devotion to the public interests to make the sacrifice which is required.

2. Important measures will be ready to be submitted for your consideration, which it is believed will meet many wants of the country and be received with general satisfaction.

3. Foremost of these measures will be a Bill to establish a system of Local Government within defined Local Government Districts throughout the territory. The object of this great measure will be to place in the hands of the people in their respective districts the management of their own affairs, in respect to all works and improvements below the classification of National undertakings. Its provisions will be found to clothe the local governing bodies with ample authority, and with the requisite powers of taxation and expenditure, for carrying out the various objects of their organization, while they will be liberally endowed from the public revenue.

4. In connection with the new system of Local Government, a Bill will be introduced for collecting more correct data for national purposes, such as the adjustment of the burdens in supporting those classes which become a charge on the State, the framing of measures of public revenue, and ensuring a fuller and more complete census of the people.

5. The system by which the electors return Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly has been under close examination, and you will be invited to deliberate on the enactment of material reforms. It will be proposed to alter the present distribution of Seats, so as to free the working of the representative principle from impediments, and render it more effective and definite in result; and stringent provisions will be submitted for securing the elector's right and guarding the ballot-box from abuse and fraud.

6. A comprehensive measure will be introduced to amend the laws relating to mining, by which it is hoped many benefits will be conferred on the valuable classes inhabiting the colliery districts and other fields of mining industry.

7. A Bill has been carefully prepared to amend the "Criminal Law Amendment Act of 1883" and the law of evidence in important particulars, where experience has proved that amendment is required.

8. The organization of a Department of Agriculture has engaged the attention of my Advisers during the recess, and a Bill will be submitted to give effect to their proposals.

9. Other subjects on which legislation will be necessary have engaged the attention of the Government, including the better management of our inland rivers, the conservation of water, and the promotion of works for irrigation purposes.

10. The several measures enumerated, to a large extent embody the policy of the Government for the immediate future, and my Advisers are anxious to proceed with their consideration at the earliest period and in the manner most calculated to ensure their success; but representations have been made to Ministers which satisfy them that it would most conform to the wishes of Honorable Members to proceed only with the necessary financial business of the year in the present Session, in order to avoid the inconvenience and discredit of Temporary Supply Bills, and to call Parliament together not later than April for the business of next year. After mature consideration, the Government have decided to adopt this course, and to invite Honorable Members to confine the Session to the consideration of the Estimates and the consequent appropriations, believing that the public business admitted to be urgent will ultimately be found as fully advanced by this means as by proceeding with legislation under present disadvantages. The District Government Bill and other measures will be laid before Parliament, to enable the country to examine and consider their provisions before the opening of the next Session.

GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

11. The Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure will be laid before you without delay, and I rely with confidence upon your wisdom to make just provision for the Public Service.

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

12. Circumstances have lately presented the ground for raising a question of nobler magnitude than any other that can possibly engage the intellect or enkindle the patriotism of the Australian populations: that of the several Colonies occupying Australian territory rising and uniting in the formation of one powerful Australian nation. The Government has opened negotiations with the other Australian Governments, with a view to this momentous step in national life being taken at no distant date; and you will be glad to learn that, with such differences of opinion as to modes of procedure as were reasonably to be expected, the most friendly disposition towards the one great object is manifested in all the Colonies. The birth of a nation is an epoch which can have no succeeding parallel, and the national sentiment awakened in the Parent Colony is a sure presage of the august time which is approaching in her fortunes. There is every prospect of the Colonies cordially meeting in consultation on such preliminary steps as may be deemed advisable, and no reason to doubt but that free intercourse will lead to patriotic agreement. Copies of the correspondence which has taken place on this subject will be laid before you on an early day.

13. Papers will be laid before you relating to the works of defence and changes in military organization, to which your attention will be invited.

14. The question of railway extension into the city of Sydney, and the construction of railways to other centres of population and settlement, and the expediency of other important public improvements, will be brought before you.

15. I now leave you to the performance of your onerous labours, with the prayer that the Almighty may direct all your endeavours to the advancement of the public welfare and honour.

Mr. Curley then moved, and Mr. Fuller 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. Fuller, Mr. Black, Mr. Cullen, Mr. Dale, Mr. Dowel, Mr. Hawken, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

And the Committee retired to prepare the Address.

And Mr. Curley 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 CHARLES ROBERT, BARON CARRINGTON, 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. We regret that circumstances render it inexpedient to proceed at the present moment with the important measures announced in your Excellency's Speech, and we fully approve of the assembling of Parliament early in the coming year for their consideration.

3. We view with deep interest the proceedings of the several Australian Governments in the cause of Australian Federation, and we trust that under the ordering of the Great Ruler of Nations the counsels prevailing may lead to the creation of a Federal Australia on a foundation of mutual goodwill and enduring friendship.

4. The proposals submitted for meeting the exigencies of the Public Service shall receive our fullest and most careful consideration.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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.

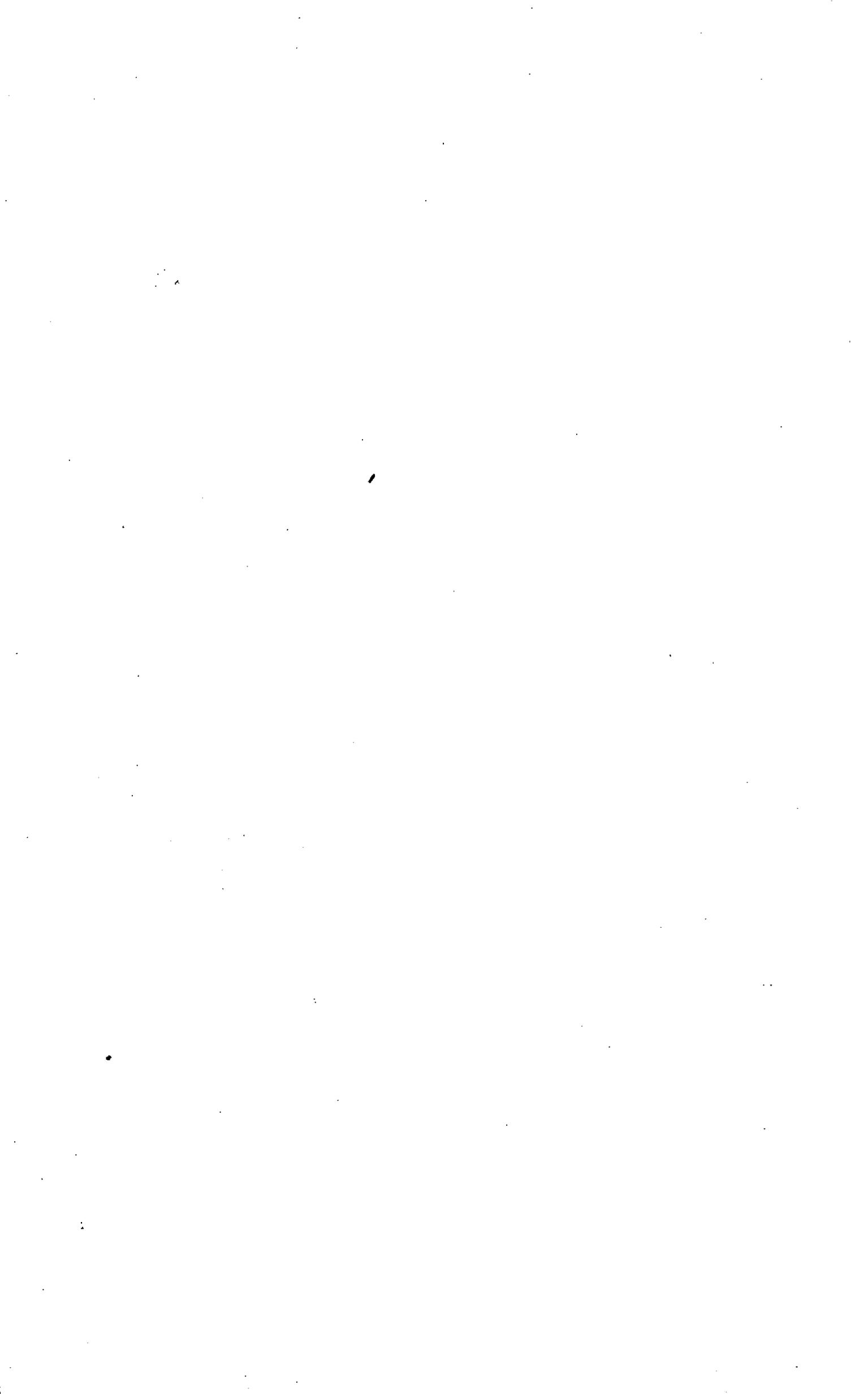
7. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn until to-morrow at half-past Three o'clock.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at seven minutes before Nine o'clock, until to-morrow at half-past Three o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 2.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 27 NOVEMBER, 1889.

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.

27th November, 1889.

CARRINGTON.

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—

" Joseph Palmer Abbott, Esquire,

" James Hayes, Esquire,

" Charles Alfred Lee, Esquire,

" Alexander Ryrie, Esquire,

" Frank James Smith, Esquire,

" John Rendell Street, Esquire, and

" Robert Bliss Wilkinson, 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 twenty-seventh day of November, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight

" hundred and eighty-nine.

" JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
" Speaker."

3. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Culcairn to Corowa Railway:—*Mr. Crick*, for Mr. Lyne, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In view of the favourable report of the Public Works Committee, when will he submit the proposed Culcairn to Corowa railway for the consideration of this House?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—I desire to say that, so far, I have not yet received an official report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works upon the proposed line; but as soon as I do so, if the state of public business will admit of it, I shall introduce the proposed work to the House.

(2.) Rabbit Nuisance:—*Mr. Crick*, for Mr. Lyne, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it the intention of the Government to take legislative action, with a view to check the great increase of rabbits which is taking place throughout the interior of the Colony?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The subject referred to is one of considerable importance, and has engaged my attention during the recess. The Government will be prepared to legislate upon the matter at the earliest possible period.

(3.)

(3.) Remission of Sentence passed on Hugh Elliott at Bathurst:—Mr. Crick asked the Minister of Justice,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House, all papers, petitions, and other documents relating to the application for remission of sentence passed on Hugh Elliott at Bathurst?

Mr. Gould answered,—If the honorable gentleman desires these papers to be laid upon the Table, the proper plan will be for him to move for their production in the usual way.

(4.) Mr. Manning, Chairman of Licensing Bench at Ryde:—Mr. Crick asked the Minister of Justice,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House, all papers relating to the charge made by Mr. O'Maley against Mr. Manning, the Chairman of the Licensing Bench at Ryde?

Mr. Gould answered,—I reply to this question in similar terms to No. 3.

4. REDHEAD COAL-MINE RAILWAY ACT AMENDING BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Hurley presented a Petition from the Redhead Coal-mining Company (Limited), of Sydney, representing that the Redhead Coal-mine Railway Act Amending Bill which was introduced into this House during the last Session of Parliament, and passed through several stages, was interrupted by the close of the Session; and praying that leave may be granted to proceed with the said Bill during the present Session.

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

Petition received.

(2.) Mr. Hurley then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Redhead Coal-mine Railway Act of 1883,'*"—which was read a first time.

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

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

(5.) Mr. Hurley then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to amend the 'Redhead Coal-mine Railway Act of 1883.'*"

Question put and passed.

(6.) Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act to amend the 'Redhead Coal-mine Railway Act of 1883,'*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 27th November, 1889.

5. PAPERS:—

Mr. McMillan laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return of Officers in the Customs Department performing Regular or Constant Duty, who are paid from the Vote for Extra Tide-waiters, and for Occasional Clerical Assistance, &c.

(2.) General Abstract of Bank Liabilities and Assets for Quarter ended 30th September, 1889.

(3.) General Summary of Liabilities and Assets of the Banking, Land, Building, and Investment Companies for Quarter ended 30th September, 1889.

(4.) Report of Railway Commissioners for Quarter ended 30th September, 1889.

(5.) Annual Report of the Railway Commissioners for the Year ended 30th June, 1889.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bruncker laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order made on the 11th September, 1889—"Road from Hoskington to the Bungendore Road."

(2.) Supplementary Return to an Order made on the 22nd May, 1889—"Opening of Macnamara's Road, Parish of Kembla, County of Camden."

Ordered to be printed.

(3.) Return to an Order made on the 20th August, 1889—"Land Boards at Hay and Deniliquin."

6. ILLAWARRA HARBOUR AND LAND CORPORATION BILL:—Mr. Chapman presented a Petition from the Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation (Limited), praying for leave to bring in a Bill 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 situate 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.

And Mr. Chapman having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Daily Telegraph*, the *Illawarra Mercury*, and the *Reporter and Illawarra Journal*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—

Petition received.

7. WEST WALLSEND COAL COMPANY (LIMITED) BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Burns presented a Petition from the West Wallsend Coal Company (Limited), representing that the Wallsend Coal Company (Limited) 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 confirm the removal by the West Wallsend Coal Company (Limited) of its registered office to Sydney, and for providing that the Articles of Association adopted by the Company immediately after its registration shall have the same efficacy as if the same had been the original Articles of Association of the Company,*"—which was read a first time.

(3.) Ordered, that the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 10th December.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 58.

Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Greene,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. McRae,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Plumb,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Crick,
Mr. Creer,	Mr. W. E. Abbott,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Traill,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Lync,	Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Cass,
Mr. Street,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Curley,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Wilshire,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Copland,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Foohey,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Lees,	Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Levien.
Mr. Gough,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hurley,	
Mr. Wyman Brown,	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Ryrie,	Mr. Edmunds.

Noes, 24.

Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Dale,
Mr. Playfair,
Mr. Toukin,
Mr. William Stephen,
Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Inglis,
Mr. Hutchison
(<i>Canterbury</i>),
Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Cullen,
Mr. King,
Mr. Abigail,
Mr. Morton,
Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Clubb,
Mr. Tecce,
Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Wall.

Tellers,

Mr. Paul,
Mr. O'Sullivan.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

9. 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.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Melville made his acknowledgments to the House.

10. 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.

Question put and passed.

11. 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.

12. 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.

13. 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.

14. 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.

15. **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.
- Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
16. **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.
17. **TRANSMISSION OF MESSAGES BETWEEN THE TWO HOUSES (Sessional Order)** :—Mr. McMillan, for 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.
18. **COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY (Sessional Order)** :—Mr. McMillan, for 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.
19. **COMMITTEE OF WAYS AND MEANS (Sessional Order)** :—Mr. McMillan, for 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.
20. **BALLOTING FOR SELECT COMMITTEES (Sessional Order)** :—Mr. McMillan, for 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.
21. **VOTE OF CHAIRMAN OF SELECT COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE BILLS (Sessional Order)** :—Mr. McMillan, for 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.
22. **STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE (Sessional Order)** :—Mr. McMillan, for Sir Henry Parkes, moved, pursuant to amended Notice, That the Standing Orders Committee for the present Session shall consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. McMillan, Mr. J. P. Abbott, Mr. Want, Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Melville, Mr. Street, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Edmunds, and Sir Henry Parkes, 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.

23. **LIBRARY COMMITTEE (Sessional Order)** :—*Mr. McMillan*, for Sir Henry Parkes, moved, pursuant to amended Notice, That the Library Committee for the present Session shall consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Burns, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Ewing, Mr. McMillan, Mr. Reid, Dr. Ross, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Stevenson, and Sir Henry Parkes, 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.
Question put and passed.
24. **REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE (Sessional Order)** :—*Mr. McMillan*, for Sir Henry Parkes, moved, pursuant to amended Notice, That the Refreshment Committee for the present Session shall consist of Mr. Bowman, Mr. Burdekin, Mr. Henry Clarke, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Creer, Mr. Seaver, Mr. Cooke, and Sir Henry Parkes, 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.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
25. **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.
26. **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.
Question put and passed.
27. **SUPPLY** :—*Mr. McMillan* moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.
Question put and passed.
28. **WAYS AND MEANS** :—*Mr. McMillan* moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Question put and passed.
29. **ADJOURNMENT** :—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 3.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 28 NOVEMBER, 1889.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Manufactories in Electorate of Balmain:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the names and addresses of the seventy-three manufactories, &c., that, according to the Statistical Register, exist in the Electorate of Balmain.

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I have this statement: Information regarding each work cannot be given, as the particulars are supplied to the collectors on the distinct understanding that no information will be divulged regarding the individual business of any person. That seems really a very fair principle; but, notwithstanding that, I will make special inquiry about the matter, because I can assure the Honorable Member that he is no more anxious than I am for the discovery of any attempt at evasion, misinformation, let alone fraud, in the answers to these inquiries. If we have no manufactories, I don't want to imagine that we have them.

- (2.) New Government Dock at Biloela:—Mr. Frank Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) What is the cause of delay in opening the new dock at Cockatoo Island?
(2.) When is it proposed to open this dock to the use of the public?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1.) The delay arises from the necessity which exists for the removal of the reef of rocks on which the coffer dam was founded. The carrying out of this work requires great caution, as any careless blasting would injure the pier heads. That work is now being proceeded with.
(2.) About the end of January.

- (3.) Case of Powell v. Powell:—Mr. Tonkin, for Mr. William Stephen, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Referring to the Magistrate's decision in the case Powell v. Powell, did he receive a letter dated 16th September, 1889?

(2.) What action (if any) has he taken in the case?

Mr. Gould answered,—No such letter has been received.

- (4.) Channel at Moama Wharf:—Mr. Chanter asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders be invited for the excavation of a channel at the wharf, Moama?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—I find the old survey and information available are insufficient to base a contract upon; but steps will be taken at once to have a fresh survey made.

- (5.) Railway between Jerilderie and Deniliquin:—Mr. Chanter asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When does he intend appointing officers to inspect and report upon the proposed construction of a line of railway between Jerilderie and Deniliquin?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—As soon as suitable persons can be selected for the purpose; and I can only repeat the reply I gave the Honorable Member for Braidwood yesterday—namely, that I am exercising more than ordinary care in the selection of suitable gentlemen to fill these positions.

- (6.) Tramway between Jerilderie and Berrigan:—Mr. Chanter asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the survey of the proposed tram-line between Jerilderie and Berrigan be completed?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—As soon as the Inspectors of proposed railway extensions and other public works proposals are appointed, the question referred to by the Honorable Member will be dealt with.

- (7.) Bridge over River Murray at Tocumwal:—Mr. Chanter asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has he yet received any communication from the authorities in Victoria, consenting to make provision to cover their moiety of the cost of constructing a bridge over the River Murray at Tocumwal?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—I have this day seen the Honorable the Commissioner for Public Works of Victoria, and have made such arrangements as have enabled me to give directions for the immediate preparation of the necessary plans, &c., for this and several other bridges.

- (8.) Payments to Members of Public Works Committee:—Mr. Toohy asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) The amount of payments for sittings and expenses (separate) paid by the Government, up to the 1st November, to the Committee of Public Works?

(2.) The number of sittings of each member, and the amount paid for sittings and expenses to the individual members?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The information asked for by the Honorable Member will be prepared and laid upon the Table as a Return in a day or two.

- (9.) The Murray River:—Mr. Lyne asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has any action been taken to arrange a Joint Commission between New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia, in reference to the question of the Murray waters?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I cannot give any direct answer to these questions. It is by no means certain that we shall recommend the appointment of this Joint Commission. What we are desirous of doing, and what I explained to Parliament we intended to do, is to ascertain—and we think we have pretty well done that—the exact rights and authority of this Colony in respect to the River Murray. We then think of appointing—and that we have very nearly done—a distinct new means of management of the river; and if we have any rights we wish to find them out, have them defined, and support them. That being done, we are then willing to extend the commercial advantages of the waters, not only to the two neighbouring Colonies, but also to all the world, under proper Regulations. We have been taking active steps to bring that state of things about, and I hope to be able to inform Parliament in a few days that it has been done.

- (10.) Influx of Criminals from other Colonies and Foreign States:—Mr. Crick asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a measure, having for its object the prevention of the influx of criminals from the neighbouring Colonies and Foreign States?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I am fully alive to the necessity of legislation for this purpose, and I can promise the honorable gentleman and the House that a measure will be prepared to effect the end in view. A measure was introduced by me a year or two ago, but very strong objections were raised in different quarters to the drastic provisions of that Bill. Representations were made to us even from England; but it must be obvious that any Bill to effect this purpose must be of a very stringent character, or it will fail; and the ground has to be very carefully considered, so as not to unnecessarily invade any right or to shut up our Colony as an asylum against persons who have a moral right to occupy it as an asylum; but I am very sensible of the mischief arising from the cause to which my attention is directed. I can assure the House that a measure will be prepared for the purpose at an early date. I think, however, that it is very unlikely that a measure will be brought forward this Session.

2. 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, 10th December.

3. ILLAWARRA HARBOUR AND LAND CORPORATION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

- (1.) Mr. Chapman moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill 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 situate 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.

Question put and passed.

- (2.) Mr. Chapman having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to empower the 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 there-*

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with; 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 situate 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,"—read a first time.

4. LEAVE OF ABSENCE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Plumb moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave of absence be granted to Charles Launcelet Garland, Esquire, a Member for the Electoral District of Carcoar, during the present Session.
Question put and passed.

5. MR. MANNING, CHAIRMAN OF LICENSING BENCH, RYDE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Crick moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, all papers relating to the charge made by Mr. O'Maley against Mr. Manning, the Chairman of the Licensing Bench at Ryde.
Question put and passed.

6. PARLIAMENTARY SESSIONS BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Copeland moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill, making provision for fixing the times of commencement and limiting the duration of future Sessions of Parliament, and providing for the unfinished work of one Session in certain cases being proceeded with in the next ensuing Session of the same Parliament, and for other purposes.
Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Copeland then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to make provision for fixing the commencement and limiting the duration of future Sessions of Parliament, and for providing for the unfinished work of any Session in certain cases being proceeded with in the next ensuing Session of the same Parliament,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 10th December.

7. EIGHT HOURS BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Crick, for Mr. Schey, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to declare eight hours to be a legal day's labour, and for other purposes in connection therewith.
Question put and passed.

8. WIFE-BEATERS PUNISHMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Hurley moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide special punishment for wife-beaters.
Question put and passed.

9. PAPERS:—

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report on the State Children's Relief Department for year ended 5th April, 1889.
- (2.) By-laws of the Borough of North Botany.
- (3.) By-laws of the Borough of Dundas.
- (4.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Merewether.
- (5.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Prospect and Sherwood.
- (6.) By-law of the Municipal District of Hay.
- (7.) By-laws of the Municipality of Smithfield and Fairfield.
- (8.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Strathfield, under the Nuisances Prevention Act 1875.
- (9.) By-laws of the Borough of North Botany, under the Nuisances Prevention Act 1875.
- (10.) By-laws of the Borough of Waverley, under the Municipalities Act of 1867, and Nuisances Prevention Act 1875.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sydney Smith laid upon the Table,—Regulations under the Mining Act of 1889.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Gould laid upon the Table,—Return to an Address adopted on the 27th September, 1889—
"Convictions for Garotting."

Ordered to be printed.

10. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Gough rising to move the adjournment of the House,—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice, under the Additional Standing Order respecting motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House "for the purpose of calling attention to the administration of the Mining Laws by the Minister and Officers of the Department of Mines."

And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the Motion,—

Mr. Gough moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twelve minutes before Nine o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 4.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 3 DECEMBER, 1889.

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

DEPUTY SPEAKER'S COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER THE OATH OF ALLEGIANCE:—Mr. Speaker reported that he had received a Commission, under the Seal of the Colony, dated 28th November, 1889, and signed by His Excellency the Governor, empowering Ninian Melville, Esquire, Chairman of Committees of the Legislative Assembly, in the absence of the Speaker, to administer to Members the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance required by law, which Commission was read by the Clerk, as follows:—

By His Excellency the Right Honorable CHARLES ROBERT, BARON CARRINGTON, 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.

"To all to whom these presents shall come,

"Greeting:

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

"Given under my Hand and Seal of the Colony, at Government House, Sydney, in New South Wales aforesaid, this twenty-eighth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine, and in the fifty-third year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

"CARRINGTON.

"By His Excellency's Command,

"HENRY PARKES."

2. VACANT SEAT:—Mr. Speaker reported that he had received a certificate, under the hands of two of the Members of this House, notifying the death of Harold Wilberforce Hindmarsh Stephen, Esquire, and then read the same to the House, as follows:—

"We, whose names are underwritten, being two Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, do hereby certify that Harold Wilberforce Hindmarsh Stephen, Esquire, lately serving in the said Assembly as one of the Members for the Electoral District of Monaro, died on the 30th day of November, 1889.

"We give you this notice, to the intent that you may acquaint the Assembly therewith, in order to the issue of a new Writ for the election of a Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly for the said Electoral District, in the room of the said Harold Wilberforce Hindmarsh Stephen, Esquire.

"Given under our hands, at Sydney, this 3rd day of December, 1889,—

"To the Honorable the Speaker
"of the Legislative Assembly."

"HENRY DAWSON,
"E. W. O'SULLIVAN.

Sir Henry Parkes then moved, That the Seat of Harold Wilberforce Hindmarsh Stephen, Esquire, lately serving in this House as one of the Members for the Electoral District of Monaro, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of the death of the said Harold Wilberforce Hindmarsh Stephen, Esquire, as certified, under the hands of two of the Members of this House, in the notice now communicated to it by the Honorable the Speaker.

Question put and passed.

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3. QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Payment of Rents at nearest Land Office :—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has he taken into consideration the advisability of making arrangements, so that pastoral tenants and homestead lessees will be able to pay their rents at the nearest Land Office, instead of having to send them direct to the Treasury at Sydney ?

Mr. Brunker answered,—I have been furnished by the Treasury Department with the following reply to the Honorable Member's question :—"No better arrangements can be made for the purpose mentioned by the Honorable Member than those which now exist, under which pastoral tenants and homestead lessees can pay their rents at the nearest Land Office if they so please. As a matter of fact, the bulk of these payments is made in Sydney by financial agents and others, who pay direct into the Treasury."

- (2.) Mr. D. D. Henderson, of Parramatta :—Mr. Crick asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Was Mr. D. D. Henderson, of Parramatta, fined £30, in October last, for selling liquor without a license, and sentenced to a term of imprisonment in default of payment ?
 - (2.) Did he apply for time to pay such fine, and was he allowed a month ?
 - (3.) During such month, was he gazetted a Justice of the Peace ?
 - (4.) Is it a fact that the said fine is not yet paid ; or, if it is paid, on what date ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I understand from Mr. Henderson that during his absence a bottle of spirits was sold, and money received ; and as a summons was issued against him, he attended and pleaded guilty. The Bench granted him one month, on account of a case then pending from Ryde similar to his own, with an appeal to the Supreme Court. Mr. Henderson was gazetted a Justice of the Peace during the month. I do not know on what date. The fine has been paid.

- (3.) Tenderers for Shipping Coal at Newcastle :—Mr. Curley asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) The number of tenderers for shipping coal at Newcastle ?
 - (2.) Their names and respective prices ?
 - (3.) Was the present contractor allowed the privilege of submitting an amended tender after the other tenders were opened ?
 - (4.) The schedule price of the successful tenderer ?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1 and 2.) My honorable colleague has been informed that the tenders received for shipping coal at Newcastle were as follow :—

Name.	Rate— Contractors renewing Boilers, &c.	Rate— Department renewing Boilers, &c.
J. R. Rigg... ..	2½d. per ton	2d. per ton.
Jno. Henderson	2¾d. " "	2½d. "
James Stins & Co. ... ..	.....	1½d. "
James Russell & Co.	2d. per ton	1½d. "
James McMahon & Co. ... ..	.....	1½d. "
J. and A. Brown	1½d. per ton	1½d. "

- (3.) The present contractor was not allowed to submit any amended tender, as indicated.
- (4.) An uniform rate of 1½d. per ton for the shipment of coal, &c. (the Department renewing boilers, &c.), has been accepted.
- (4.) District Survey and Land Board Offices Inquiry Commission :—Mr. Street asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Has the Report of the Departmental Board of Inquiry, into the working of the various District Survey Offices been received ?
 - (2.) If so, would he state when the Report in question will be considered and finally disposed of ?
- Mr. Brunker answered,—The Report has been received, and will be considered as early as practicable.

- (5.) Site for Fruit Market :—Mr. Nobbs asked the Colonial Secretary,—Have any steps been taken by the Government with respect to the resumption of a site for the purpose of the erection thereon of markets for the fruitgrowers of the Colony ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I can only say in reply that this question has received consideration, but that no decision has been arrived at.

- (6.) Inspection of Imported Fruit :—Mr. Nobbs asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will the Government take into consideration, at an early date, the question as to the desirableness of appointing an expert to inspect arrivals of imported fruits, with a view to check the spread of fruit diseases in the Colony ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I can only give an answer similar to the last.

- (7.) Cost of Waterworks at Wagga Wagga, Bathurst, Goulburn, Albury, Hay, and Wilcannia :—Mr. Copland asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What is the amount of money that has been expended on each of the waterworks in the country towns of Wagga Wagga, Bathurst, Goulburn, Albury, Hay, and Wilcannia, and the amount of revenue that has been received in interest and repayment of capital ?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—Wagga Wagga, £38,001 2s. 8d. ; Bathurst, £51,498 15s. 8d. ; Goulburn, £58,926 15s. 5d. ; Albury, £43,078 10s. 4d. ; Hay, £7,072 5s. 9d. ; Wilcannia, £8,159 10s. 7d. None of the above municipalities have ever been called upon to pay either principal or interest. The Act under which the money was advanced provides that when the work is complete the amount to be repaid may be reduced in the discretion of the Minister. In the above cases, so far as I can ascertain, no such reduction has ever been made, and the whole matter of adjusting these several obligations has been in abeyance from some months in some cases to some years in others. I may inform the Honorable Member that I have now in preparation a Bill which I propose to submit to the Cabinet by which these obligations, instead of being distributed over a period of twenty-eight years, as provided

provided by the "Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act," shall be extended over a longer period of sixty years; so that, by the annual payment of about 4 per cent., the interest of 3½ per cent. and the principal itself will be paid off at the end of that term. I may add that there seems to me to be no reason why the inhabitants of the city and suburbs of Sydney should not be called upon to discharge their indebtedness for similar purposes over a similar period; and I intend to ask the Cabinet to consider the propriety of placing the obligations of the Water and Sewerage Board on a similar footing, as the combined percentage is low, and one which should not be difficult to meet, even with the large expenditure which has been involved. I would further add that I have already made arrangements for an officer to visit the above works, to ascertain their revenue-producing condition, and to report upon their actual revenue respectively, with a view to my determining as to their capacity for sustaining the burden thus proposed to be placed upon them.

(8.) Removal of Randwick Toll-bar:—Mr. Alfred Allen asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it his intention to remove the Randwick toll-bar at an early date?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—I will cause inquiry to be made into this matter.

(9.) Brookong Shearers:—Mr. Lyne asked the Minister of Justice,—Has the Government decided that the men who were sentenced for the Brookong riot shall serve the full term of their various sentences, or will the cases be immediately considered, with a view to leniency?

Mr. Gould answered,—This matter has not been reconsidered by the Government since my reply to Mr. Gormly's question on the same subject in August last, nor does it appear that the time has yet arrived for such reconsideration.

4. DUTIES ON IMPORTED AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS:—Mr. Plumb presented a Petition from certain Farmers, Producers, Storekeepers, Labourers, and others in the Cowra District, directly or indirectly interested in the productions and manufactures of the Colony, praying that the House will take their Petition into consideration, and, with the view of assisting them and promoting the welfare of the Colony, will cause measures to be passed, imposing duties upon all agricultural and other products imported into New South Wales, as well as upon such manufactured articles as can be reasonably made within the Colony.
Petition received.

5. KATOOMBA LIGHTING BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Hurley presented a Petition from Edward Neave and John Ewan Palmer, both of Sydney, representing that the Katoomba Lighting Bill, which was introduced into this House during the last Session of Parliament, and passed through several stages, was interrupted by the close of the Session; and praying that leave may be granted to proceed with the said Bill during the present Session.

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

(2.) Mr. Hurley then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill 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*,"—which was read a first time.

(3.) Ordered, that the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 10th December.

6. AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES LEASE BILL:—Mr. Martin presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of Sydney, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Municipal Council of Sydney to lease a portion of the Sydney Common to the Agricultural Society of New South Wales.

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

7. ELECTORAL ACT (PLURAL VOTE ABOLITION) AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Traill moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the amendment of the Electoral Law (44 Vic. No. 13).

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Traill then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill for the amendment of the Electoral Law (44th Victoria No. 13)*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 7th January.

8. LAW OF EVIDENCE AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Crick moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law of Evidence, so as to enable an accused person to give evidence on his own behalf.

Question put and passed.

9. NEW CENTRAL FRUIT MARKETS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Frank Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, new central fruit markets should be established in the City of Sydney without delay.

Question put and passed.

10. ILLAWARRA HARBOUR AND LAND CORPORATION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Chapman moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation 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. Bruce Smith, Mr. Woodward, Mr. Cullen, Mr. McMillan, Mr. McCourt, Mr. Frank Smith, Mr. Brunker, Mr. Tonkin, Mr. Abigail, and the Mover.

(3.) That the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee of Session 1889 on the Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation Bill be referred to such Committee.

Question put and passed.

11. **LAW RELATING TO JUDICIAL OATHS** :—Mr. Alfred Allen moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the time has arrived when the Government should introduce a Bill to repeal the present Law relating to judicial oaths.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
12. **CLAIM OF ISAAC BARCLAY** :—Mr. Morton moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Claim of Isaac Barclay," brought up on 17th July, 1889, be now adopted.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
13. **AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES** :—Mr. Gormly moved, pursuant to Notice,—That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolutions :—
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, a sum should be granted in aid of Agricultural Societies, equal to the annual income of such societies.
(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
14. **MR. MANNING, CHAIRMAN OF LICENSING BENCH AT RYDE** :—Mr. Crick 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 charges made by Mr. O'Maley against Mr. Manning, the Chairman of the Licensing Bench at Ryde.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Gould, Mr. Plumb, Mr. Wall, Mr. Kidd, Mr. Frank Smith, Mr. Abigail, Mr. Hugh Taylor, Mr. Willis, and the Mover.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
15. **CONDITIONAL PURCHASES MADE UPON BARRATTA RUN** :—Mr. Barbour moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Conditional Purchases made upon Barratta Run," brought up on 4th September, 1889, be now adopted.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
16. **CONDITIONAL PURCHASES OF C. H. THATCHER, FORBES LAND DISTRICT** :—Mr. Greene moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the circumstances surrounding the forfeiture of the conditional purchases of C. H. Thatcher, in the Forbes Land District.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Lyne, Mr. J. P. Abbott, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Stokes, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Inglis, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Bruncker, and the Mover.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
17. **AGENT-GENERAL OF THE COLONY** :—Mr. Torpy moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the office of Agent-General of the Colony in London should not be held by any one occupant for a period exceeding five years.
(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Lyne moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday, 24th December.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 5.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 4 DECEMBER, 1889.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Crown Land Sales:—Mr. Turner asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he consider the advisableness of making it a condition at all future land sales, conditional and otherwise, that the Crown reserves to itself the right to tax the land to the full amount of the unearned increment?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—An answer to the Honorable Member's question involves the consideration of a policy which has not yet been determined by Parliament.

- (2.) Government Printing Office:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the labourers at the Government Printing Office have to work from 6 a.m. till 6 p.m.

(2.) Why are these men compelled to work ten hours per day when the recognized standard for a day's work in all other Government Departments is eight hours?

(3.) Will he have an inquiry made into the matter, and ascertain if it be possible to concede the eight hours' system to these men?

Mr. McMillan answered,—Inquiry will be made into the matter referred to by the Honorable Member at an early date.

- (3.) Mr. E. L. Maitland:—Mr. Crick asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) When was Mr. E. L. Maitland gazetted a Justice of the Peace for the Colony of New South Wales, and on whose recommendation?

(2.) Is it a fact that the day following his appointment to the Commission of the Peace Mr. Maitland was appointed Police Magistrate and Clerk of Petty Sessions at Milparinka?

(3.) If so, on whose recommendation, and at what salary?

Mr. Gould answered,—Mr. Maitland having been appointed Mining Warden at Milparinka, with a salary of £300 per annum, was appointed Police Magistrate and Clerk of Petty Sessions at that place without additional salary, in accordance with a practice established in my predecessor's time in the interests of economy, between the Departments of Mines and Justice, in certain cases where it was considered the several duties could be efficiently carried out by one officer, these several offices having been held by the officer whom Mr. Maitland succeeded as Mining Warden, &c. It was necessary that Mr. Maitland should be appointed a Justice of the Peace before his appointment as Police Magistrate, and this was done in the usual course, at the instance of the Department. His appointment as a Justice of the Peace was gazetted on 22nd November; but his appointment as Police Magistrate and Clerk of Petty Sessions took effect from 1st instant.

- (4.) Illawarra Railway:—Mr. Tonkin asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) When was the contract for No. 3 section, Illawarra railway, finished?

(2.) When was the final certificate prepared, and for what amount?

(3.) Is it a fact that the Crown Law Officers have advised that there is no objection to the payment of the moneys to the contractors; and, if so, why have they not been paid, and what is the cause of delay?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) On the 20th March, 1888.

(2.) The final certificate has not been prepared, as no settlement could be arrived at with the contractors; but the final measurements were completed by the District Engineer in July, 1888.

(3.) The opinion of the Crown Solicitor has just been received. I have not, however, had time to peruse it; but I shall do so at once and come to a decision thereon.

(5.)

- (5.) Division of Electorate of Central Cumberland :—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Colonial Secretary,—When the Government is considering the question of electoral reform, will he provide for the division of the Electorate of Central Cumberland ?
Sir Henry Parkes answered,—Yes.
- (6.) Military Secretary :—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Colonial Secretary,—When is it likely the appointment of Military Secretary will be made ?
Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The delay is caused by the difficulty in finding a suitable man, or a man who would give satisfaction after his appointment.
- (7.) Reformatory Buildings at Rookwood :—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) To what use are the Reformatory buildings at Rookwood to be put ?
(2.) Is it a fact that the white ants are causing much damage to the buildings ?
Sir Henry Parkes answered,—It is not decided, though it is probable it will be decided to use this building for the purposes of an Agricultural College. It is not correct that the white ant is in the building.
- (8.) Bridge over George's River, at Liverpool :—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) Has he considered the question of the erection of a bridge over George's River, at Liverpool ?
(2.) Is it a fact that over thirty lives have been lost at the present crossing during flood time ?
Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—
(1.) I have commenced to consider this question, and I am still considering it.
(2.) I am not aware that thirty lives have been lost, although I have been informed so.
- (9.) Locomotive Department, Wellington :—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Is it the intention of the Railway Commissioners to remove the locomotives which are at present at Wellington to Dubbo ?
(2.) What amount has been expended in the erection of cleaning sheds, offices, and cottages in connection with the Locomotive Department at Wellington ?
Mr. McMillan answered,—
(1.) I am informed that the Railway Commissioners are not considering this question in any way.
(2.) The cost of the locomotive buildings at Wellington has been £8,250.
- (10.) Police Magistrate for Parramatta :—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Minister of Justice,—Has the Government considered the question of the appointment of a Police Magistrate for Parramatta and district ; if so, what is the result ?
Mr. Gould answered,—Steps are now being taken for the appointment of a Police Magistrate.
- (11.) Proposed Tumberumba Railway :—Mr. Chanter, for Mr. Lyne, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the report of the Railway Commissioners, *re* the proposed Tumberumba railway, be made public ?
Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—No decision has yet been arrived at by the Cabinet with regard to this extension, and I am unable therefore at present to answer this question.
- (12.) Courts of Quarter Sessions and District Court at Brewarrina :—Mr. Davis asked the Minister of Justice,—Is it the intention of the Government to establish Courts of Quarter Sessions and District Court at Brewarrina ?
Mr. Gould answered,—No application has been made to me respecting the necessity for establishing these Courts ; but I find that the subject was under consideration by one of my predecessors in 1886, and it did not then appear to be necessary to establish such Courts.
- (13.) Railway from Byrock to Brewarrina :—Mr. Davis asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to take into consideration, at an early date, the extension of the railway from Byrock to Brewarrina ?
Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—This matter will be considered when the railway policy of the Government is before the Cabinet.
- (14.) Inspector Anderson, of the Police Force :—Mr. Martin asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) What is the length of service of Inspector Robert Anderson, who has lately expressed his wish to retire from the Police Force of New South Wales on pension ?
(2.) Was he by several years the senior Inspector of the Colony, eligible for the higher position of Superintendent ?
(3.) How many vacancies now exist in the rank of Superintendent, and for how long has each such vacancy existed ?
(4.) Did Inspector Anderson efficiently discharge the duties of Metropolitan Superintendent while the Inspector-General was in England on leave ?
(5.) Have any Inspectors of junior service been getting special allowances that made their salaries equal to that of Superintendents ?
(6.) Did Inspector Anderson apply for promotion to the rank of Superintendent a year ago ; if so, why was he not promoted ?
Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The following answers have been supplied by the Inspector-General of Police, *viz.* :—
(1.) Thirty-five years.
(2.) He was fourteen months senior to the next Inspector on the list. The third has served thirty-eight years.
(3.) Two ; since August and September, 1887.
(4.) Yes ; but the Metropolitan Superintendent remained in Sydney and had general control.
(5.) Yes ; three who are Acting-Superintendents in charge of country districts, receive an allowance of £75 per annum.
(6.) He did so apply, but he was not qualified to take charge of a country district. He subsequently applied to be superannuated " by reason of physical infirmities, some of long standing."
(15.)

(15.) Stock Conference held at Melbourne:—*Mr. Chanter*, for *Mr. Lyne*, asked the Secretary for Mines,—What action do the Government intend to take upon the resolutions agreed to at the Stock Conference held at Melbourne, in reference to the Importation of stock into this Colony?
Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—The report of the resolutions passed at the Stock Conference has not yet been received; but it will receive consideration as soon as it reaches the Department.

(16.) Disturbance at Bathurst Gaol:—*Mr. Crick* asked the Minister of Justice,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House, all papers, documents, &c., relative to the recent disturbance at the Bathurst gaol?

Mr. Gould answered,—As this matter is now under consideration, it would be inexpedient at the present time to publish the papers.

(17.) Appointment of Members of Land Court:—*Mr. Chanter* asked the Secretary for Lands,—As he has stated that no Land Court has been appointed, as required by the Amending Land Act now in force, will he state the cause of delay in making the necessary appointments of its members?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The Amending Act only became the law of the land within the past three days, and as the appointment of the members of the Court is not a matter of extreme urgency, it cannot be said that any unnecessary delay has taken place. I have already intimated to this House that, as soon as the state of public business permits, these appointments will be made.

2. ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1890:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by *Mr. McMillan*, and read by *Mr. Speaker*:—

CARRINGTON,

Message No. 1.

Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the accompanying Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1890.

Government House,

Sydney, 4th December, 1889.

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

3. MUNICIPALITIES OF RYDE AND HUNTER'S HILL BILL:—

(1.) *Mr. Frank Farnell* presented a Petition from *George Lovell*, Mayor of the Municipal District of Ryde, and *Alfred Weeks*, Mayor of the Municipal District of Hunter's Hill, representing that the Municipalities of Ryde and Hunter's Hill 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 the House permitting of the prayer of the Petitioners being entertained,—

Petition received.

(2.) *Mr. Farnell* then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to extend and make exchange of certain portions of the Municipal Districts of Ryde and Hunter's Hill*,"—which was read a first time.

(3.) Ordered, that the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 7th January.

4. PAPERS:—

Mr. Brunker 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 Names and Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the 107th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

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

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

(5.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th and 101st sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. McMillan laid upon the Table,—Return respecting payments to Members of the Public Works Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bruce Smith laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Notification of Resumption, under the General Post Office (Approaches Improvement) Act, of Land in the City of Sydney, Parish of St. James, and County of Cumberland.

(2.) Notification of Resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of Land in Parish of Botany, County of Cumberland, in connection with erection of Cottage for Caretaker, Botany.

(3.) Notification of Resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of Land in Parish of Pitt Town, County of Cumberland, for General Cemetery, Pitt Town.

(4.) Notification of Resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of Land, Parish of Corowa, County of Hume, for Additions to Lock-up in Township of North Wahgunyah.

(5.) Notification of Resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of Land, Parish of Petersham, County of Cumberland, in connection with Water Supply of Ashfield—(In lieu of Notification laid upon Table on 16th July, 1889).

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Gould laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on the 28th November, 1889—"Mr. Manning, Chairman of Licensing Bench, Ryde."

Ordered to be printed.

5. STOCKTON GAS AND ELECTRICITY BILL :—
- (1.) *Mr. Melville*, for *Mr. Fletcher*, presented a Petition from the Stockton Gas and Electricity Company, representing that the Stockton Gas and Electricity 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. Melville* then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable Mahlon Clarke Cowlshaw to construct Gas-works and Electric-works within the Town and Suburbs of Stockton,*"—which was read a first time.
 - (3.) Ordered, that the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday next.
6. INDUSTRIAL RETURNS BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. Waddell* moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make better provision for obtaining returns of manufactories, mills, works, and other industrial statistics.
Question put and passed.
7. AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES LEASE BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—
- (1.) *Mr. Martin* moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the Municipal Council of Sydney to lease a portion of the Sydney Common to the Agricultural Society of New South Wales.
Question put and passed.
 - (2.) *Mr. Martin* having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable the Municipal Council of Sydney to Lease a portion of the Sydney Common to the Agricultural Society of New South Wales,*"—read a first time.
8. LEGAL PRACTITIONERS BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—
- (1.) *Mr. Crick* moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend and modify the Rights of Barristers, Attorneys, Solicitors, and Proctors of the Supreme Court of the Colony of New South Wales.
Question put and passed.
 - (2.) *Mr. Crick* then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to extend and modify the rights of Barristers, Attorneys, Solicitors, and Proctors of the Supreme Court of the Colony of New South Wales,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 7th January.
9. LAW OF EVIDENCE AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—
- (1.) *Mr. Crick* moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to so amend the Law of Evidence, that, on the trial of an accused person, such person, his or her husband or wife, may give evidence.
Question put and passed.
 - (2.) *Mr. Crick* then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Law of Evidence, so as to enable an accused person, or the husband or wife of such person, to give evidence,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 7th January.
10. DETENTION OF THE STEAMSHIP "YARRA" (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. Wilshire* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers, correspondence, and telegrams, &c., in possession of the Board of Health, or any Government Department, relating to the detention of the s.s. "Yarra" and its passengers for alleged smallpox.
Question put and passed.
11. MR. HAMMOND, POSTMASTER AT MOAMA (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. Chanter* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers and other correspondence relating to the suspension of *Mr. Hammond*, Postmaster at Moama.
Question put and passed.
12. SELECT COMMITTEES ON PRIVATE BILLS :—*Mr. Barbour* moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be a Sessional Order,—
- (1.) That, before any Private "Bill" shall be read a first time, the sum of £50 (in addition to the £25 required under Standing Order No. 64) shall be paid to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, and a certificate of such payment shall be produced by the Member having charge of the Bill.
 - (2.) That, out of the said sum of £50, each Member serving upon the Select Committee of such Bill shall be paid a fee of three guineas for each sitting.
 - (3.) That such fee shall be paid by the Colonial Treasurer upon the certificate of the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.
 - (4.) That, in the event of the fees exceeding the sum of £50 so paid, a further sum of £25 shall, from time to time, as may be demanded by the Clerk, be paid by the parties applying for the Bill to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, and a certificate of such additional payments shall be produced before further proceeding with the Bill.
 - (5.) That, on the passing, rejection, or withdrawal of such Bill, the promoters may obtain from the Clerk a certificate of the actual expenses in fees, with a view to the refund of any amount found to be overpaid.
- Debate ensued.

Mr. Abigail moved, That the Question be amended by the insertion, after the word "Bill" in the first paragraph, of the words, "except Bills for charitable, philanthropic, or educational purposes."

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

Debate continued.

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

Original Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Creer,
Mr. Traill,
Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Abigail,
Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Woodward,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Howe.

Tellers,

Mr. Hutchison
(*Glen Innes*),
Mr. Burhour.

Noes, 60.

Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. O. O. Dangar,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. William Stephen,
Mr. Toohey,	Mr. Bruce Smith,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Clubb,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Curley,
Mr. John Wilkinson,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Playfair,	Mr. Turner,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Tecece,
Mr. Dickons,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Ritchie,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Plumb,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Sec,	Mr. McRae,
Mr. Mitchell,	Mr. Copland,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Wiltshire,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Willis,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Dalton,	Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Dale,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Frank Farnell.
Mr. Seaver,	Tellers,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Crick,
Mr. A'Becket,	Mr. Paul.
Mr. Edmunds,	

And so it passed in the negative.

13. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. McMillan, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

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

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

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

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

(1.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £2,194 to defray the expenses of the establishment of His Excellency the Governor for the year 1890.

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

14. WAYS AND MEANS (*Financial Statement*):—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. McMillan, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

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

15. PAPER:—Mr. McMillan laid upon the Table,—Estimates of the Ways and Means of the Government of New South Wales for the year 1890.

Ordered to be printed.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,

Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 6.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 5 DECEMBER, 1889.

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, 27th November last, 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*:—James Hayes, Esquire, and Frank James Smith, Esquire, came to the Table, and were sworn by the Clerk as members of the Committee.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) *Entrance to the Richmond River*:—Mr. Perry asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will he submit the proposed improvements to the entrance of the Richmond River?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—The report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works will be submitted for the consideration of the House as soon as business will permit.

(2.) *Bridge over River Murray at Mulwala*:—Mr. Hayes asked the Secretary for Public Works,—(1.) Is it a fact that very little work has been done under the contract for the erection of the bridge over the River Murray at Mulwala?

(2.) Will he insist on the contractor proceeding with the work without further delay?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) Owing to the constant floods on the River Murray the work on this contract has been considerably delayed. The local officer reports that this winter has been the wettest since 1870, and that the work has been pushed on quite as fast as circumstances would admit.

(2.) Every effort will be made to have the bridge completed with as little delay as possible.

(3.) *Timber used for Public Buildings, Richmond River*:—Mr. Perry asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is foreign timber specified to be used in public buildings on the Richmond River, where local timbers of a superior description are in abundance; if so, for what reason?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—No foreign timber is specified to be used when suitable colonial timber can be obtained.

3. *EXPENDITURE OF PROSPECTING VOTE (Formal Motion)*:—Mr. Crick moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing—

(1.) The amount expended by the Government under the head "Prospecting Vote."

(2.) The names of the parties who have received any share of such Vote, with the amounts and the Electorates for which same have been granted.

(3.) Any information that can be supplied, showing what benefits have accrued from such expenditure.

Question put and passed.

4. *DISTRESS FOR RENT ABOLITION BILL (Formal Motion)*:—Mr. Crick, for Mr. Walker, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to abolish distress for rent, and to abolish preferential payments in certain cases.

Question put and passed.

5. AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES LEASE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Martin moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That the Agricultural Society of New South Wales Lease 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. See, Mr. Kidd, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Playfair, Mr. Lyne, Mr. Wilshire, Mr. Morton, and the Mover.
- Question put and passed.
6. DETENTION OF DR. ON LEE AT ALBURY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Chanter moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers and other correspondence relating to the detention of Dr. On Lee by Customs Officer Simpson at Albury.
- Question put and passed.
7. BROKEN HILL WATER SUPPLY BILL:—
- (1.) Mr. Ewing presented a Petition from the Directors of "The Barrier Ranges and Broken Hill Water Supply Company (Limited)," representing that the Broken Hill Water Supply 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. Ewing then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable the 'Barrier Ranges and Broken Hill Water Supply Company (Limited)' to establish a system of water supply within the Police Districts of Broken Hill and Silverton, and to confer upon the said Company certain powers and authorities*,"—which was read a first time.
 - (3.) Bill, on motion of Mr. Ewing, read a second time.
 - (4.) Ordered, that the committal of the Bill stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

The House adjourned, at twenty minutes before Five o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 7.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 10 DECEMBER, 1889.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
INDUSTRIAL RETURNS BILL:—Mr. Waddell presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to make better provision for obtaining Returns of Manufactories, Mills, Works, and other Industrial Statistics,*"—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 21st January.
2. **ST. LEONARDS SCHOOL OF ARTS ENABLING BILL:**—Mr. Cullen presented a Petition from Frederick Alfred Adolphus Wilson, Robert Dalziel Ward, and John William Guise, all of St. Leonards, Trustees of the St. Leonards Mechanics' School of Arts, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to declare the Trusts of the site of the Saint Leonards Mechanics' School of Arts; and to authorize the sale, mortgage, or lease thereof; and to declare the trusts of moneys to be produced by such sale, mortgage, or lease; and for other purposes.
 And Mr. Cullen having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Daily Telegraph* and the *North Shore Gazette and Manly Express*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
 Petition received.
3. **AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES LEASE BILL:**—Mr. Martin, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and Report this Bill was referred on 5th December, 1889, together with a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.
 Ordered to be printed.
 Mr. Martin then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday next.
 Question put and passed.
4. **DUTIES ON IMPORTED AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS:**—Mr. Roberts presented a Petition from certain Farmers, Producers, Labourers, and others in the settled portion of the Hastings River District, directly or indirectly interested in the productions and manufactures of the Colony, praying that the House will take their Petition into consideration, and, with the view of assisting them and promoting the welfare of the Colony, will cause measures to be passed, imposing duties upon all agricultural and other products imported into New South Wales, as well as upon such manufactured articles as can be reasonably made within the Colony.
 At the request of Mr. O'Sullivan, the Petition was read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, and received.
5. **SYDNEY TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY'S BILL:**—Mr. Want presented a Petition from the Sydney Tramway and Omnibus Company (Limited), praying for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the "Sydney Tramway and Omnibus Company (Limited)," or a Tramways Trust, to construct, take over, purchase, acquire, and lease tramways in the city and suburbs of Sydney and elsewhere, and for other purposes.
 And Mr. Want having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Echo*, the *Newtown Independent*, the *Newtown Chronicle*, the *Leichhardt and Petersham Guardian*, the *Suburban Times*, and the *Waverley Guardian*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
 Petition received.

6. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
- (1.) Parliamentary Sessions Bill; second reading;—*until Tuesday, 7th January.*
 - (2.) Agricultural Societies; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Resolutions;—*until Tuesday, 21st January.*
 - (3.) West Wallsend Coal Company (Limited) Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—*until Tuesday, 24th December.*
 - (4.) Mortgages Act Amendment Bill; second reading;—*until Tuesday, 24th December.*
 - (5.) Katoomba Lighting Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—*until Tuesday next.*
 - (6.) Stockton Gas and Electricity Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—*until Tuesday, 24th December.*
 - (7.) Broken Hill Water Supply Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); to be considered in Committee;—*until Tuesday, 24th December.*
 - (8.) Eight Hours Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to declare eight hours to be a legal day's labour, and for other purposes in connection therewith;—*until Tuesday, 7th January.*

7. **COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS**:—Charles Alfred Lee, Esquire, and John Rendell Street, Esquire, came to the Table, and were sworn by the Clerk as Members of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

8. **FINANCIAL POLICY OF THE GOVERNMENT**:—**VOTE OF CENSURE**:—Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Government has failed to carry out its pledges with regard to its financial policy.

(2.) That an immediate revision of the tariff is necessary, with the view to the imposition of duties of a protective character to encourage agriculture and to develop trade and manufactures, the taxing of luxuries, and the admission free of all necessaries of life which cannot be advantageously produced within our own territory.

(3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker having called the attention of the House to continued irrelevance on the part of the Honorable Member for West Macquarie, Mr. Crick, directed him to discontinue his speech, as provided in Additional Standing Order (4),—

And that Honorable Member requiring the Speaker to put the Question that he be further heard,—
Question put,—That the Honorable Member for West Macquarie be further heard.

The House divided.

Ayes, 6.

Mr. Crick,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Willi,
Mr. Lync.

Tellers,

Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Levien.

Noes, 47.

Mr. Mitchell,	Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Hutchison
Mr. Roberts,	(<i>Canterbury</i>),
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Wilshire,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Paul,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Copland,
Mr. Bruncker,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. Curley,	Mr. Greene,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Lees,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Plumb,
Mr. Wheeler,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Want,	Mr. J. P. Abbott,
Mr. FitzGerald,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Street,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. William Stephen,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. T. G. Dangar,	Mr. Chapman.
Mr. Playfair,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Black,	Mr. King.
Mr. A'Beckett,	

And so it passed in the negative.

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.

9. **PAPERS**:—

Mr. Bruncker laid upon the Table,—Regulations made in pursuance of the "Crown Lands Act of 1884," and the "Crown Lands Act of 1889" (including Timber, State Forests, and Quarry Regulations).

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. McMillan laid upon the Table,—Correspondence between the Colonial Treasurer and the Chairman of the Associated Banks in reference to the Renewal of the Banking Contract.

Ordered to be printed.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at a quarter before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 8.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 11 DECEMBER, 1889.

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

POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day of Government Business postponed until to-morrow:—

- (1.) Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
- (2.) Supply; resumption of the Committee.

2. **CONDITIONAL IMPROVEMENT PURCHASE BY W. H. WILLIAMS, AT ALBURY:**—Mr. Lyne moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers and other documents in connection with the conditional improvement purchase No. 78, 140 acres, portion 13, county Goulburn, applied for by W. H. Williams, at Albury, on the 3rd September, 1875.
Question put and passed.
3. **SYDNEY TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY'S BILL:**—
(1.) Mr. Want moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorize the "Sydney Tramway and Omnibus Company (Limited)," or a Tramways Trust, to construct, take over, purchase, acquire, and lease tramways in the city and suburbs of Sydney and elsewhere, and for other purposes.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Want having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorize the 'Sydney Tramway and Omnibus Company (Limited),' or a Tramways Trust, to construct, take over, purchase, acquire, and lease Tramways in the City and Suburbs of Sydney and elsewhere, and for other purposes,*"—read a first time.
4. **MINERAL APPLICATION BY MR. J. F. O'DONOHUE:**—Mr. Cruickshank moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers, correspondence, and documents in connection with Mr. J. F. O'Donohue's mineral application for portions 1,012, and 1,013.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
5. **RABBIT NUISANCE:**—Mr. Lakeman moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the compulsory contribution by adjoining owners to rabbit-proof fencing.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
6. **FINANCIAL POLICY OF THE GOVERNMENT—VOTE OF CENSURE:**—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Dibbs,—
" (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Government has failed to carry out its pledges with regard to its financial policy.
" (2.) That an immediate revision of the tariff is necessary, with the view to the imposition of duties of a protective character to encourage agriculture and to develop trade and manufactures, the taxing of luxuries, and the admission free of all necessaries of life which cannot be advantageously produced within our own territory.
" (3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor,"—

And

And the Question being again proposed,—the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until to-morrow, and (*by consent*) take precedence of all other business.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 9.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 12 DECEMBER, 1889.

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

FINANCIAL POLICY OF THE GOVERNMENT—VOTE OF CENSURE:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Dibbs,—

“ (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Government has failed to carry out its pledges with regard to its financial policy.

“ (2.) That an immediate revision of the tariff is necessary, with the view to the imposition of duties of a protective character to encourage agriculture and to develop trade and manufactures, the taxing of luxuries, and the admission free of all necessaries of life which cannot be advantageously produced within our own territory.

“ (3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor,— And the Question being again proposed,—the House resumed the said adjourned Debate. Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 52.

Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. McRae,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Wyman Brown,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Coils,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. John Wilkinson,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Cruickshank,	Mr. Creer,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Gough,
Mr. Copland,	Mr. O. O. Dangar,
Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Howe,	Mr. Traill,
Mr. Walker,	Mr. Melville.
Mr. Toohey,	
Mr. Edmunds,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Fitzgerald,
Mr. Rynie,	Mr. Dowel.
Mr. Barbour,	
Mr. Crick,	
Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. See,	
Mr. Henry Clarke,	
Mr. Hogan,	
Mr. Hutchison	
(<i>Glen Innes</i>),	
Mr. Cass,	
Mr. Alison,	
Mr. Stevenson,	
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. Alexander Brown,	

Noes, 64.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. Dale,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Bruncker,	Mr. Clubb,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. King,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Greene,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Curley,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Want,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Bruce Smith,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Ritchie,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Abigail,
(<i>Canterbury</i>),	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Wilshire,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Woodward,	Mr. Seobie,
Mr. A'Beckett,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Paul,	Mr. Plumb,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. B. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. Playfair,
Mr. Lees,	Mr. T. G. Dangar,
Mr. Street,	Mr. Holborow.
Mr. Lamb,	
Mr. Cullen,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. William Stephen,	Mr. Morton.
Mr. Nobbs,	

And so it passed in the negative.

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

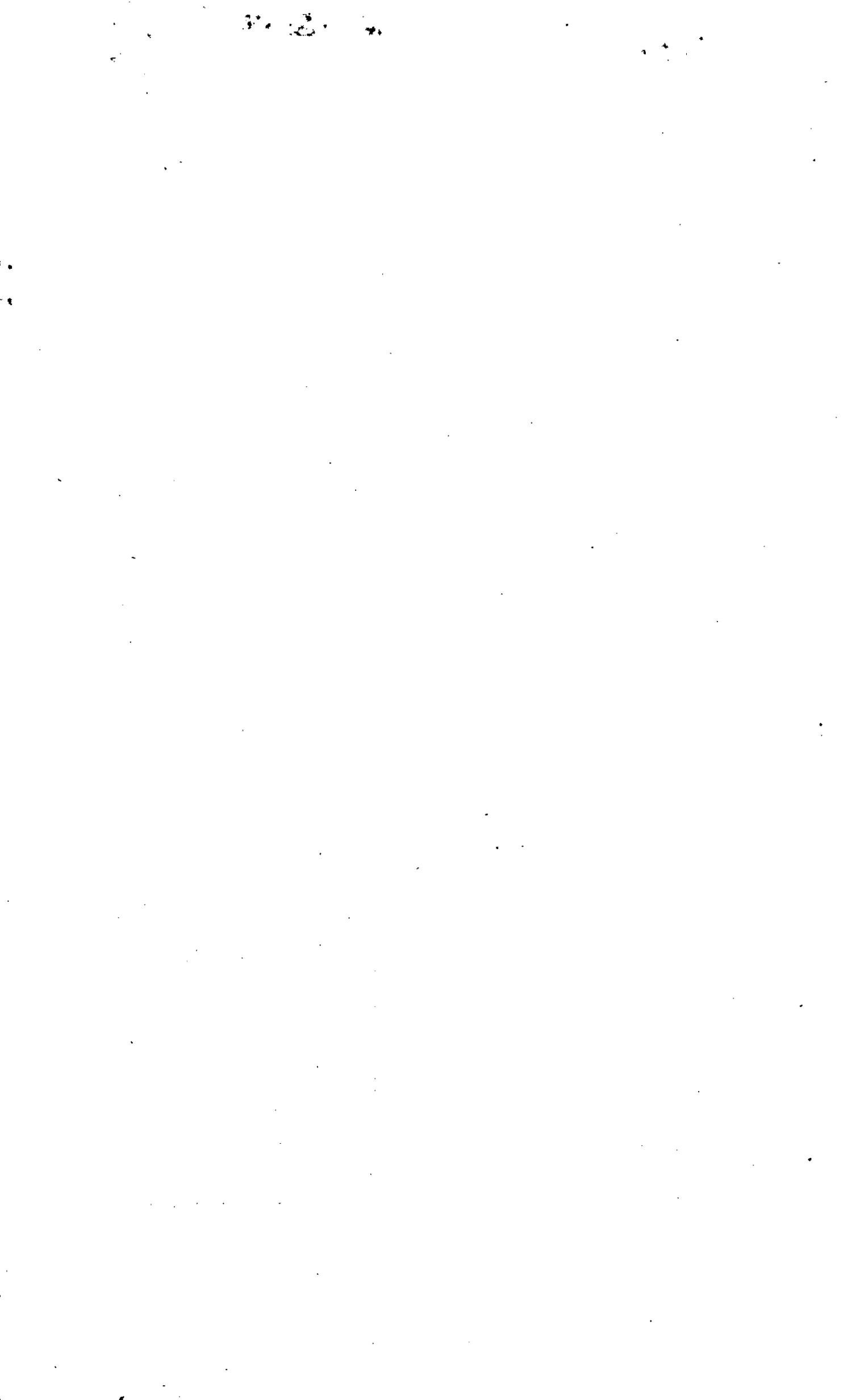
Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,

Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 10.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 17 DECEMBER, 1889.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Carriage of Mails to and from General Post Office and Steamships:—Mr. William Stephen asked the Postmaster General,—

(1.) What were the dates of calling for and the closing of tenders for the present contract for carrying the mails to and from the General Post Office and various mail steamships on their arrival in port?

(2.) How many tenders were sent in for the said service?

(3.) What was the name of each tenderer, and the amount of each tender respectively?

(4.) Who was the successful tenderer, and what was the amount of his tender?

(5.) Did Mr. James McMahon send in a tender for the said service, and what was the amount of his tender?

(6.) Was the tender of Mr. McMahon lower than that of the successful tenderer?

(7.) If so, for what reason or reasons was his tender refused?

Mr. O'Connor answered,—

(1.) Tenders were called on the 5th September, 1889, and closed on the 21st October, for the contract which will be commenced on the 1st January next.

(2.) Two.

(3.) J. McMahon & Co., at £128 per annum, and J. P. Flannery, at £150 per annum.

(4.) J. P. Flannery; £150 per annum.

(5.) See answer to Question No. 3.

(6.) Yes.

(7.) In consequence of the unsatisfactory manner in which his contract, terminating on the 31st instant, has been carried out.

(2.) Fitting Goods Trains with Automatic Brake:—Mr. Goodchap asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) The Railway Commissioners having in their Annual Report stated that they will gradually introduce a continuous automatic brake for the goods waggons, what is the estimated gross cost for fitting the whole of the present stock of waggons?

(2.) Is it the intention to accomplish this object by the extension of the present form of brake—viz., the Westinghouse—or will the brake to be adopted be determined upon after open competition and trials?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

(1.) The Railway Commissioners inform me that the form of brake to be adopted is at present under consideration, and as no definite decision has been come to, no price can be given as to the probable estimated cost. Certain figures were worked out by a Board which reported upon the subject, and the Report was laid upon the Table of the House on the 23rd July, 1888.

(2.) The fullest inquiry will be made into the merits of the various brakes before any action is taken, in addition to which, in view of the probable adoption of an universal gauge, it is desirable that uniformity in regard to brakes should be arrived at by the various Colonies, so as to avoid the difficulties which are being experienced in Great Britain, owing to the adoption of several forms of brake, and steps are being taken to bring this about.

(3.) Removal of Post Office from Western Road, Balmain:—Mr. Clubb asked the Postmaster General,—Will he have any objection to lay upon the Table of this House, copies of all reports, letters, petitions, or other documents in his possession, in connection with the removal of the post office, Western Road, Balmain, to other premises situated at 677, Darling-street, Balmain?

Mr. O'Connor answered,—I have no objection, if the Honorable Member will move for them in the usual way.

(4.)

(4.) Duplication of the Botany Tram-line:—Mr. William Stephen asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What steps (if any) have been taken to proceed with the duplication of the Botany tram-line?
- (2.) When are the arrangements likely to be completed, and the work commenced?

Mr. McMillan answered,—My honorable colleague is informed that, owing to the want of materials, nothing can at present be done towards the duplication of the line. Materials were, however, ordered on the 27th September last.

(5.) Seaweed Nuisance, North Shore of Botany Bay:—Mr. William Stephen asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Having in view the preservation of the health of the people, is it the intention of the Government to mitigate the nuisance arising from the accumulation of decaying seaweed on the north shore of Botany Bay?
- (2.) Have any steps been taken towards the abovementioned object, and to prevent an increase of the nuisance by further accumulation?
- (3.) Will the Government make provision to abolish this constantly increasing nuisance during the year 1890?

Mr. McMillan answered,—This matter has already received full consideration, and it has been determined that the work cannot be undertaken, on account of its great cost.

(6.) Railway, *via* Botany, to La Perouse:—Mr. William Stephen asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has the Government decided upon the route for the railway, *via* Botany, to La Perouse?
- (2.) Has the survey for the abovenamed railway been completed; if so, when is the work likely to be commenced?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The surveys are not yet finished, as an alternative route is now being surveyed, and nothing can be determined until the reports are before me.

(7.) Shea's Creek Canal:—Mr. William Stephen asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to proceed with the construction of the Shea's Creek canal in the direction of the railway at Eveleigh?
- (2.) If so, when is the work likely to be recommenced?

Mr. McMillan answered,—Owing to the difficulties which have arisen in regard to the resumption of the land, I am not at present in a position to state definitely what are the intentions of the Government in the matter.

(8.) Site for New Fruit Markets:—Mr. William Stephen asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) When are the Government, likely to come to a decision in selecting a site for the proposed new markets?
- (2.) Will the Government in selecting a site, take into consideration the great advantages to be obtained by the various producers by erecting the markets on the proposed site at Redfern, in consequence of its proximity to the railway?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—My honorable friend asks the Government whether they are prepared to erect fruit markets, and whether they are prepared to consider certain interests which, in dealing with any question of this kind, must be considered. I would remind the Honorable Member that the question asked, and which appears to be thought so easy of solution, is one presenting very considerable difficulties. First of all arises the question whether the Government is justified in paying for fruit markets entirely out of the public revenue; then arises the question of situation; then the question of extent, involving more or less large expenditure. These various grounds of difficulty must present sufficient reason for careful consideration; and though I am not prepared now to give any definite answer, I can say that as it is a question which so deeply concerns the public, the Government will be prepared during the recess to give the fullest consideration to the matter; but I can say nothing definite at the present moment.

(9.) General Post Office Sculptures:—Mr. Traill asked the Postmaster General,—Does he contemplate the early removal from the Pitt-street Façade of the General Post Office of the so-called sculptures thereon?

Mr. O'Connor answered,—Before answering the Honorable Member's question, I prefer perusing the somewhat voluminous correspondence on this question, which I will take an early opportunity of doing.

(10.) Free Public Library:—Mr. Kidd asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is it his intention to place in the Reference Branch of the Free Public Library, the large, valuable, and complete collection of literature on hydraulic science, together with the reports, maps, plans, &c., collected and compiled by the late Water Conservation Commission?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—All the reports, plans, &c., published by the Water Conservation Commission will be supplied to the Reference Branch of the Free Public Library. Of the works obtained from Europe and India there is only one copy of each report, and these reports are required by the officers of this Department for reference.

(11.) Jenolan Caves:—Mr. Kidd asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) What is the salary paid to the caretaker at Jenolan Caves?
- (2.) Is the accommodation house which he occupies the property of the Government?
- (3.) Under what terms does he cater to the public?
- (4.) Does the Department get the profits arising from the prices charged to visitors for lighting while visiting the caves?
- (5.) If so, what does it amount to per annum?

- (6.) Is it a fact that the accommodation is altogether inadequate to the requirements of the large number of visitors to the caves during the summer months?
 (7.) Is it his intention to at once see that larger and better accommodation is provided?
 (8.) Has he any objection to selling or leasing a block of land adjacent to the caves to private individuals, to erect sufficient hotel accommodation to meet the growing wants of the public?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

- (1.) £175 per annum.
 (2.) No.
 (3.) Under a tariff fixed by the Department.
 (4.) No; the electric light is supplied by Government free of cost; the magnesian wire is supplied by the keeper at a price fixed by tariff.
 (5.) Answered by No. 4.
 (6.) The accommodation, although sufficient for the average number of visitors, is no doubt insufficient at holiday seasons, such as Christmas and Easter.
 (7 and 8.) The matter is under consideration.
- (12.) Vineyards affected with *Phylloxera Vastatrix*:—Mr. Ritchie asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) What is the total area of vineyards affected with *phylloxera vastatrix* in this Colony?
 (2.) The districts in which the affected vineyards are situated, and the area of such vineyards?
 (3.) The dates when all these vineyards were reported to be affected with *phylloxera*?
 (4.) What steps have been taken by the Vine Diseases Board in regard to these vineyards?
 (5.) Is it the intention of the Government to place the work of extermination of this disease under the proposed Department of Agriculture after the present Act expires (31st December), or to renew the present Act?
 (6.) Will the Government lay upon the Table of this House the reports upon the vineyards affected with *phylloxera*?
 (7.) What has been the cost of working the Vine Diseases Board to date?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) 43 acres and 36 perches.
 (2.) Camden, 30 acres 2 roods 33½ perches; Toongabbie and Seven Hills, 12 acres 2 roods and 2½ perches.
 (3.) At various times between October, 1886, and November, 1889.
 (4.) The vines were cut down below the surface and burnt, then treated with poisonous specifics, and subsequently uprooted and destroyed by fire, the ground thoroughly trenched, and remaining pieces burnt. Three small vineyards adjoining those trenched are now being dealt with similarly.
 (5.) It is impossible at this moment to state what course the Government will take in this respect.
 (6.) The Inspectors reports may be seen by the Honorable Member on application. A general report will be made early next year.
 (7.) The total amount for compensation, wages, and expenses of all description, from 23rd October, 1886, to date, is £7,490 17s. 3d. If Victoria and South Australia bear their share, the amount expended by this Colony will be £2,496 19s. 1d.

- (13.) Vine Diseases Act:—Mr. Croer, for Mr. Hayes, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) As the *Phylloxera* Act expires at the end of this year, is it the intention of the Government to renew it?
 (2.) If not, what steps do they propose to take for protecting the work already carried out and preventing the further spread of the disease?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The answer I gave to section No. 5 of the last question must apply to this. I can say nothing at the present moment as to the course we shall take.

- (14.) Conditional Purchases on Barratta Run:—Mr. Crick, for Mr. Barbour, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Will he bring under the notice of the Attorney-General the Report of the Select Committee (adopted by Parliament) upon the conditional purchases on Barratta Run (Henry Ricketson, owner), with a view to the cancellation of the Crown grants?
 (2.) Will he also bring under the notice of the Attorney-General the facts elicited in the above inquiry, along with the written applications made by Henry Ricketson for such improvement purchases, with a view to a criminal prosecution?

Mr. Brunker answered,—There is nothing disclosed in the report to necessitate a submission of the case to the Attorney-General.

- (15.) New Public Cemetery at Thirlmere:—Mr. Kidd asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Has there been any delay in dedicating and appointing trustees for the new public cemetery site on the eastern side of the railway line at Thirlmere; if so, what is the cause?
 (2.) Will he, in view of the fact that this cemetery has to meet the requirements of Picton, Upper Picton, Thirlmere, and surrounding district, cause this matter to be finally dealt with without further delay?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

- (1.) Yes; a cemetery near the station was dedicated and partially cleared, but was afterwards objected to by those interested. Another site has been selected, and steps are now being taken to measure the various portions and dedicate the land. As soon as this is done, trustees will be appointed.
 (2.) Yes.

- (16.) Resumption of Pember's Land at Bowral for Public Cemetery:—Mr. Kidd asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Has his promise to the people of Bowral to resume Pember's land for a public cemetery been carried out; if not, what is the cause of the delay?

(2.)

- (2.) Is it a fact that his promise was made on Mr. Deering's recommendation, and at the almost unanimous request of the residents of Bowral, that Pember's land was the most suitable site for a public cemetery?
- (3.) Is it a fact that Mr. Riley, Government Surveyor, has been requested to report on another site, which had been, previous to the Minister's promise to resume Pember's land, unfavourably reported upon by Mr. Deering; if so, at whose instance and direction has the question been re-opened?
- (4.) Is it a fact that the Department received due notice of the date of sale of Pember's subdivision?
- (5.) Is it a fact that the sale did not take place till two months after his promise to resume?
- (6.) Is it a fact that at this sale the block in question was knocked down at £51 per acre, and that no improvement has been made on the land since the sale?
- (7.) Is it a fact that a public meeting was held at Bowral on the 3rd instant, at which a resolution in favour of Pember's site was unanimously carried?
- (8.) Will he cause Pember's site to be resumed without further delay?

Mr. Brunker answered,—A decision was given to resume the site known as Pember's; but as representations were made that part of the land had been sold, and that an equally suitable area was available, I directed a survey of that known as Carter's, and I also called upon the District Surveyor to furnish a further report. This is now to hand, and is to the effect that Pember's is the most suitable site for a cemetery. I have therefore directed that immediate action be taken to resume the land.

- (17.) Removal of Macdonaldtown Railway Station:—Mr. Molesworth asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the Railway Commissioners contemplate the removal of the present station from Macdonaldtown; if so, where to, and when?
- (2.) Is it not a fact that the approaches to the said station have all been given by the owners of the adjacent properties and vested in the public, in consideration of the Government erecting and maintaining a passenger station there?

Mr. McMillan answered,

- (1.) I am informed that it is probable, in connection with the duplication of the suburban line, that the Macdonaldtown platforms will have to be removed slightly towards Sydney, the distance between the western end of the present platform and the booking offices for the new station will be about 120 yards.
- (2.) The question raised as to the approaches to the present station having been given, cannot at present be determined; but the position of the new station will be more convenient for the bulk of the people than the present one.

- (18.) Glebe Island Abattoirs:—Mr. Fletcher asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What is the cost per annum of desiccating blood and offal at Glebe Island Abattoirs; also, cost of puntage, and incidental expenses?
- (2.) What returns are derived from the sale of manure thus manufactured, and who are the purchasers, and at what terms?
- (3.) What system is now used?
- (4.) Is it a fact that offers have been made to the Government to perform the work cheaper and more efficaciously?
- (5.) What are the conditions under which the present manager was appointed?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

- (1.) Total cost of desiccating process, £4,032 16s. per annum; punt service, £195 per annum. Incidental expenses are included in the above sums.
- (2.) From £3,250 to £4,000. Mr. F. E. Joseph, of O'Connell-street, is the present purchaser, who takes all manures at £5 per ton as weighed into store, by monthly payments.
- (3.) The McGovern system.
- (4.) Not that I am aware of.
- (5.) The present manager was appointed, on the retirement of Mr. Jager, as Inspector of the Abattoir, with superintendence of its sanitary arrangements. It has been found highly desirable that the head of this Department should have a special knowledge of all abattoir requirements, and the gentleman in question having been engaged for the last nine years in carrying out works in connection with the refrigerating and desiccating operations at the abattoir, was deemed to be the most eligible officer for the appointment. I may add that my object has not been so much a matter of pounds, shillings, and pence, as to see that the harbour is not polluted in that vicinity. We are making arrangements now for a special punt by which all the refuse matter shall be carried out to the deep sea, and not one atom of matter in connection with the abattoirs shall be allowed to go into that part of the harbour.

- (19.) Grant to Mr. Thomas Holt, Deeney Bay:—Mr. W. E. Abbott, for Mr. J. P. Abbott, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Under what Act was Mr. Thomas Holt allowed to purchase 327 acres, Deeney Bay, below low-water mark?
- (2.) What were the terms and conditions under which the grant was made?
- (3.) Is it a fact that the public are prohibited from fishing in this bay?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

- (1.) Under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.
- (2.) The payment of £100 as purchase money, and the usual reservations of mines of coal and power to make and conduct through the land all common or public drains and sewers.
- (3.) I am unable to say; but would suggest that inquiry be made of the Fisheries Commission.

2. STOCKTON GAS AND ELECTRICITY BILL:—Mr. Fletcher presented a Petition from certain Residents of the Borough of Stockton, representing that the Petitioners are in favour of the Municipal Council (which is to be elected during this month) constructing and maintaining Gas-works for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Municipality; and praying that the House will refuse to pass the Stockton Gas and Electricity Bill now before the House.
Petition received.
3. MR. MANNING, CHAIRMAN OF LICENSING BENCH AT RYDE:—Mr. Molesworth presented a Petition from John Elye Manning, now residing at Ryde, praying that he may be heard by counsel and attorney, and personally, before the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the charges made by Mr. O'Maley against the Petitioner, with the right to call witnesses and adduce evidence, and to examine and cross-examine such witnesses.
Petition received.
Mr. Molesworth (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the prayer of the Petitioner be granted.
Question put and passed.
4. LLLAWARRA HARBOUR AND LAND CORPORATION BILL:—Mr. Chapman, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 3rd December, 1889, together with Appendix and a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Chapman then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday next.
Question put and passed.
5. PAPERS:—Mr. McMillan laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Return to an Order made on the 5th December, 1889—"Detention of Dr. On Lee at Albury."
(2.) Schedule to the Estimates-in-Chief for 1890, showing Total Remuneration received by all Public Officers who hold more than one Office, or who received any Fees, Special Allowance, Quarters, Fuel, or Light, in addition to their fixed Annual Salaries, during the year 1889.
Ordered to be printed.
6. MR. MANNING, CHAIRMAN OF LICENSING BENCH AT RYDE:—Mr. Crick (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Return to an Order made on 28th November, 1889, laid upon the Table on 4th December, 1889, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the case of "Mr. Manning, Chairman of Licensing Bench at Ryde."
Question put and passed.
7. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes stated the intentions of the Government in the transaction of Public Business.
8. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—Robert Bliss Wilkinson, Esquire, came to the Table, and was sworn by the Clerk as a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.
9. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day of General Business postponed until Tuesday next:—
(1.) Agricultural Society of New South Wales Lease Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
(2.) Katoomba Lighting Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
10. EXPUNGED BY ORDER:—
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Mr. Abigail moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of all the words after the word "That," in the first line, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words, "the action of the Honorable Member for West Macquarie, Mr. W. P. Crick, in giving notice of a motion in unworthy and offensive terms, impugning the conduct, ability, and impartiality of Mr. Speaker, is deserving of and now receives the condemnation of this House; and that no record of the Honorable Member's motion be entered upon the proceedings of this House."
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
Debate ensued.
Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.
Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted be so inserted,—put and passed.
Question then,—That the action of the Honorable Member for West Macquarie, Mr. W. P. Crick, in giving notice of a motion in unworthy and offensive terms, impugning the conduct, ability, and impartiality of Mr. Speaker, is deserving of and now receives the condemnation of this House; and that no record of the Honorable Member's motion be entered upon the proceedings of this House,—put and passed.
11. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. McMillan, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.
12. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 11.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 18 DECEMBER, 1889.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Sheds for Agricultural Produce, Darling Harbour:—Mr. Tonkin asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Has the Farm Produce Depôt at Darling Harbour been taken by the Railway Commissioners for other purposes than the storage of farm produce?
 - (2.) If so, what provision (if any) has been made for the storage of farm produce?
 - (3.) Will all preparations be made in time to receive the coming harvest?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The Farm Produce Depôt on the eastern side of Darling Harbour, which was erected in 1887 at a cost of £4,085, has not been used since it was finished, and the officers of the Department pronounce it unsuitable for the purpose for which it was intended; and as it is an obstruction to the carrying on of the ordinary traffic, the Railway Commissioners propose to utilise the materials elsewhere. The shed on the western side is being modified so as to provide a convenient goods receiving shed for the outward goods traffic of Sydney, which is much required. Provision is being made at Redfern and Eveleigh for farm produce traffic. The accommodation for this class of traffic will be better in the coming season than it has been hitherto.

- (2.) Land taken up under 47th Clause of Crown Lands Act of 1884:—*Mr. Abigail*, for Mr. Greene, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) What is the price of land conditionally purchased under the 47th clause of the Crown Lands Act of 1884?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the Under Secretary for Lands has instructed Land Agents to the effect that the price of land taken up under 47th clause is to be double that of land selected in the ordinary way?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—

- (1.) £2 per acre, in the case of ordinary Crown land.
- (2.) Yes.

- (3.) Conditional Purchase made by Charles Tucker, jun., at Molong:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Why is the confirmation of the conditional purchase made by one Charles Tucker, jun., of 640 acres at Forbes, on the 5th May, 1881, been delayed?
- (2.) Have all conditions as to residence and improvements, &c., been duly complied with according to the Act?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—

(1.) Mr. Secretary Garrett, upon the 25th November, 1887, approved that the conditional purchase be declared void, on account of Charles Tucker, jun., not being of the age of sixteen years at date of application—5th May, 1881; but such action has been deferred, pending production of birth certificate.

(2.) The Board considered the improvements were sufficient, and, in view of the position in life of the selector, thought the residence might pass. The non-production of the birth certificate, however, is the cause of the delay.

(4.)

- (4.) Conditional Purchase made by Michael Madden at Parkes:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Has he yet decided to refund the amount of deposit money, viz., £60, on the 600 acres of land which was conditionally purchased by one Michael Madden, at Parkes, at the beginning of the year?
 - (2.) Was the land allowed by the Local Land Board the same piece of land that the selector applied for?
- Mr. Bruncker answered,—
- (1.) No.
 - (2.) Yes.
- (5.) Tank on Town Common at Molong:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) What is the reason that the construction of the tank on the Town Common at Molong is not being proceeded with?
 - (2.) Has this work received the approval of several Ministers of the Crown, especially Ministers in Mines Department?
 - (3.) Will he see that the work is proceeded with without further delay?
- Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—This work has been authorized, and will be proceeded with as early as possible.
- (6.) Locking of Darling River:—Mr. Willis asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will the Government take steps to lock the Darling River, and thereby conserve the waters?
- Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The expediency of locking the River Darling has been under the consideration of the Government for some time, and some steps have been taken towards it.
- (7.) Tenders for Boring for Artesian Water:—Mr. Willis asked the Secretary for Mines,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House, copies of the successful tenders for the boring for artesian water?
- Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—I have no objection to lay the information upon the Table of the House.
- (8.) Byrock-Brewarrina Railway:—Mr. Willis asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House, all correspondence, letters, plans, papers, &c., in connection with the Byrock-Brewarrina railway?
- Mr. McMillan answered,—It is the intention of the Government to lay these papers upon the Table of the House, and they are now being compiled.
- (9.) Rabbit Nuisance:—Mr. Willis asked the Secretary for Lands,—What steps (if any) will the Government take to prevent the increase of rabbits?
- Mr. Bruncker answered,—The matter is being fully considered, with a view to future legislation.
- (10.) Bill to abolish Usury:—Mr. Willis asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will the Government bring in a Bill to curb the practice of usury?
- Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I notice that the Government is asked whether they will bring in a Bill to curb the practice of usury. The Government would as soon think of bringing in a Bill to curb the actions of a wild lion. If the Honorable Member means whether we would introduce a Bill to regulate the interest on money, I should only say that the question is one very large, very complicated, and which would require much attention before the Government could undertake to bring in such a Bill.
- (11.) Road between Molong and Parkes, at Garra:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he see that immediate steps are taken to put the main road between Molong and Parkes, at Garra, near Mr. Rubie's, in a proper state of repair, to avoid the loss of life?
- Mr. McMillan answered,—This matter has been referred to the local officer for report, and when this is received a decision will be arrived at without delay.
- (12.) Promotion of Mr. Haynes, Government Printing Office:—Mr. Chanter asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it a fact that a brother of the Honorable Member for Mudgee, Mr. John Haynes, has lately been promoted over the heads of numerous other employes in the Government Printing Office, who are more entitled to promotion by reason of ability, length of service, and every other necessary qualification?
- Mr. McMillan answered,—I have made inquiry, and find that the case is not as represented by the Honorable Member. Mr. Haynes received his promotion in the regular way.
- (13.) Woorooloolgen Run:—Mr. Ewing asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the papers with reference to the Woorooloolgen exchange be laid upon the Table of this House?
- Mr. Bruncker answered,—The papers are now being copied, and will be laid upon the Table of the House before the Session closes, if possible.
- (14.) Mumulgen Reserve, Casino Land District:—Mr. Ewing asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the papers in connection with the Mumulgen reserve be laid upon the Table of this House?
- Mr. Bruncker answered,—The papers will be laid upon the Table of the House on Friday evening next.
- (15.) Tarana-Oberon Road:—Mr. Tonkin asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) How much of the £800 granted for the Tarana-Oberon Road has been expended upon said road?
 - (2.) In what manner has the said money been expended?
 - (3.) The names of the contractors, and amount of each contract?
- Mr. McMillan answered,—I shall presently lay this information upon the Table of the House in the shape of a Return.

(16.) Advertising on Back of Postage Stamps :—*Mr. Melville*, for *Mr. Garvan*, asked the Postmaster General,—

- (1.) Has the money stipulated to be paid for the contract for advertising on the back of postage stamps been so paid?
- (2.) If not paid, has the tenderer's right to said contract ceased?
- (3.) If the tenderer or any one on his behalf tenders the amount stipulated, will the Government receive same, and enter into a contract for advertising on back of postage stamps?
- (4.) Has all right on behalf of tenderer absolutely ceased, he having failed to pay the sum stipulated on or before the day agreed upon?

Mr. O'Connor answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) I think so ; but it is a question for legal advice.
- (3 and 4.) I am not prepared to give a decided answer to these questions until we receive the legal opinion of the Law Officer of the Crown, to whom the matter has been referred.

(17.) Duplication of Illawarra Railway Line :—*Mr. Melville*, for *Mr. Garvan*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Did the Railway Commissioners consider that the traffic on the Illawarra railway justified the duplication of the line as far as the Metropolitan Coal Company's property?
- (2.) Will he lay the whole of the papers connected with this work upon the Table of this House?

Mr. McMillan answered,—This question is evidently aimed at me individually. I have no reply to make.

(18.) Duplication of Railway Line, Teralba to Adamstown :—*Mr. Melville*, for *Mr. Garvan*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Have the Railway Commissioners reported in favour of the duplication of the railway line, Teralba to Adamstown?
- (2.) Will he lay all the papers connected with this work upon the Table of the House?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I will lay all the papers connected with this matter upon the Table of the House.

(19.) Contract with the Metropolitan Coal Company for supply of Coal :—*Mr. Garvan* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Have the Government entered into a contract with the Metropolitan Coal Company for supply of coal during ensuing year?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the Honorable William McMillan, the Minister for Railways, is the holder of a large number of shares in the Metropolitan Coal Company?
- (3.) Do the Government think it a desirable principle to establish, viz., the entering into a contract by the Government with a company in which one of the Ministers is largely interested?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I am not officially acquainted with anything regarding any contract that has been entered into between the Railway Commissioners and the Metropolitan Coal Company. If anything has been done, I know nothing of it as head of the Department.

(20.) Cablegram to England *re* Financial Statement :—*Mr. Garvan* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has the Government sent any telegram to England with reference to the Financial Statement of the Colonial Treasurer?
- (2.) If so, will he give the House the text of said telegram, also cost of sending same?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—A telegram was sent to London, giving the substance of the Financial Statement, which I believe has been usual for some years past with all Governments. There is no objection whatever to lay a copy of the telegram upon the Table to-morrow.

2. DUTIES ON IMPORTED AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS :—*Mr. Ball* presented a Petition from certain Farmers, Producers, Storekeepers, Labourers, and others in the settled portion of the Big Hill District, directly or indirectly interested in the productions and manufactures of the Colony, praying that the House will take their Petition into consideration, and, with the view of assisting them and promoting the welfare of the Colony, will cause measures to be passed, imposing duties upon all agricultural and other products imported into New South Wales, as well as upon such manufactured articles as can be reasonably made within the Colony.

At the request of *Mr. O'Sullivan*, the Petition was read by the Clerk, by direction of *Mr. Speaker*, and received.

3. PAPERS :—

Mr. Gould laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return respecting Prisoners coming under the Additional Regulations for Reformatory Prison Treatment.

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

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Brunner 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.

Ordered to be printed.

4. **WAYS AND MEANS**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. McMillan, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour of the day.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

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

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

- (1.) *Resolved*,—That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Service of the year 1890, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales the sum of £2,194 for the expenses of the establishment of His Excellency the Governor for the year 1890.

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

5. **SUPPLY**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. McMillan, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

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

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to certain Resolutions.

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

The Chairman then reported the Resolutions, which were read a first time, as follows:—

ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE—1890.

No. I.—SCHEDULES.

- (2.) *Resolved*, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1890, a sum not exceeding £989, to defray pensions not provided for by Schedule B to Schedule No. 1 of the Act of the Imperial Parliament, 18 and 19 Vic., cap. 54.

No. II.—EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE.

- (3.) *Resolved*, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,210, for Executive Council, for the year 1890.

- (4.) *Resolved*, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,995, for Legislative Council, for the year 1890.

- (5.) *Resolved*, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,832, for Legislative Assembly, for the year 1890.

- (6.) *Resolved*, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,092, for Legislative Council and Assembly, for the year 1890.

- (7.) *Resolved*, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,815, for Parliamentary Library, for the year 1890.

- (8.) *Resolved*, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,490, for Parliamentary Reporting Staff, for the year 1890.

- (9.) *Resolved*, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £255 for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1890.

No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

- (10.) *Resolved*, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,050, for Department of Colonial Secretary, for the year 1890.

- (11.) *Resolved*, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £21,595, for Forest Conservancy Branch, for the year 1890.

- (12.) *Resolved*, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £415, for Department of Vice-President of the Executive Council and Representative of the Government in the Legislative Council, for the year 1890.

- (13.) *Resolved*, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,490, for Aborigines Protection Board, for the year 1890.

- (14.) *Resolved*, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,813, for Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces—General Staff, for the year 1890.

- (15.) *Resolved*, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £980, for Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces—Military Instructors, for the year 1890.

- (16.) *Resolved*, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £54,999, for Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces—Artillery Force, for the year 1890.

- (17.) *Resolved*, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,007, for Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces—Permanent Submarine Miners, for the year 1890.

- (18.) *Resolved*, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,292, for Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces—Permanent Mounted Infantry, for the year 1890.

- (19.) *Resolved*, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £103,857, for Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces—Volunteer Force, for the year 1890.

- (20.) *Resolved*, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,720, for Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces—Works of Defence, for the year 1890.

- (21.) *Resolved*, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £22,110, for Ordnance and Barrack Department, for the year 1890.

- (22.) *Resolved*, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,814, for Naval Brigade, for the year 1890.

- (23.) *Resolved*, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £770, for Volunteer Naval Artillery, for the year 1890.

- (24.) *Resolved*, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,500, for Training-ship "Wolverene," for the year 1890.

- (25.) *Resolved*, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,000, for Torpedo Defence, for the year 1890.

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- (26.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £291,903, for Police, for the year 1890.
- (27.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £92,643, for Lunacy for the year 1890.
- (28.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,295, for Department of Master in Lunacy, for the year 1890.
- (29.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £100, for Medical Board, for the year 1890.
- (30.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £32,206, for Medical Adviser to the Government, for the year 1890.
- (31.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £11,671, for Department of Audit, for the year 1890.
- (32.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £27,700, for Department of Registrar-General, for the year 1890.
- (33.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,515, for Department of Government Statistician, for the year 1890.
- (34.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,571, for Department of Agent-General for the Colony, for the year 1890.
- (35.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,000, for Immigration, for the year 1890.
- (36.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £915, for City of Sydney Improvement Board, for the year 1890.
- (37.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £61,625, for Charitable Institutions, for the year 1890.
- (38.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,537, for Fisheries Commission, for the year 1890.
- (39.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,930, for Fire Brigades, for the year 1890.
- (40.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,305, for Civil Service Board, for the year 1890.
- (41.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,302, for Botanic Gardens, for the year 1890.
- (42.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £700, for Nursery Garden, Campbelltown, for the year 1890.
- (43.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,268, for Government Domains, for the year 1890.
- (44.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,070, for Garden Palace Grounds, for the year 1890.
- (45.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £36,183, for Charitable Allowances, for the year 1890.
- (46.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £110,383, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1890.

NO. IV.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

- (47.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £25,270, for the Department of the Treasury, for the year 1890.
- (48.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,600, for Stamp Duties Department, for the year 1890.
- (49.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £61,016, for Customs Department, for the year 1890.
- (50.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £205, for Gold Receivers, for the year 1890.
- (51.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,500, for Gold and Escort, for the year 1890.
- (52.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £65,928, for Government Printer's Department, for the year 1890.
- (53.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £114,744, for Stores and Stationery, for the year 1890.
- (54.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,347, for Board of Health, for the year 1890.
- (55.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £120, for Board of Pharmacy, for the year 1890.
- (56.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,177, for Shipping Masters, for the year 1890.
- (57.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,111, for Glebe Island Abattoirs, for the year 1890.
- (58.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £51,291, for Marine Board of New South Wales, for the year 1890.
- (59.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,300, for Lifeboats, for the year 1890.
- (60.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,249, for Public Wharves, for the year 1890.
- (61.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £115,096, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1890.
- (62.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £200,000, for Advance to Treasurer.

IV.—RAILWAYS.

- (63.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,852,762, for Railways and Tramways, Existing Lines—Working Expenses, for the year 1890.
 (64.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £11,000, for Railways and Tramways—Miscellaneous, for the year 1890.

No. V.—THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

- (65.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,364, for Department of the Attorney-General, for the year 1890.
 (66.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,060, for Department of Parliamentary Draftsman, for the year 1890.
 (67.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,286, for Department of Crown Solicitor, for the year 1890.
 (68.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £25,215, for Quarter Sessions, for the year 1890.

No. VI.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

- (69.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £64,731, for Department of Lands, for the year 1890.
 (70.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,530, for Rabbit Branch, for the year 1890.
 (71.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,600, for Minor Roads, for the year 1890.
 (72.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £78,080, for Land Agents, Appraisers, and others, for the year 1890.
 (73.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £22,158, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1890.
 (74.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £219,037, for Survey of Lands, for the year 1890.
 (75.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £14,937, for Triangulation and General Survey of the Colony, for the year 1890.

No. VII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

- (76.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £103,459, for Department of Public Works—Establishment, for the year 1890.
 (77.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £167,564, for Harbours and Rivers Navigation and Water Supply, for the year 1890.
 (78.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £151,420, for Architect, for the year 1890.
 (79.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £665,000, for Roads and Bridges, for the year 1890.
 (80.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,000, for Sewerage for the year 1890.
 (81.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £19,350, for Military Works, for the year 1890.
 (82.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,002, for Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, for the year 1890.
 (83.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £63,510, for Water Supply and Sewerage Board, for the year 1890.

No. VIII.—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

- (84.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,388, for Department of Justice, for the year 1890.
 (85.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,544, for Department of Master-in-Equity, for the year 1890.
 (86.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £14,832, for Department of Prothonotary, for the year 1890.
 (87.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £200, for Divorce Court, for the year 1890.
 (88.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,375, for Department of Curator, for the year 1890.
 (89.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £23,263, for Department of Sheriff, for the year 1890.
 (90.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,485, for Bankruptcy Court, for the year 1890.
 (91.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,217, for District Courts, for the year 1890.
 (92.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,520, for Coroners, for the year 1890.
 (93.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £88,946, for Petty Sessions, for the year 1890.
 (94.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £108,403, for Prisons, for the year 1890.
 (95.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £953, for the Shaftesbury Reformatory for Girls, for the year 1890.
 (96.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,560, for Patents and Copyright, for the year 1890.
 (97.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,690, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1890.

No. IX.—PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

- (98.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £654,720 for Public Instruction, under the Act 43 Vic. No. 23, for the year 1890.
- (99.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,455 for Industrial Schools, for the year 1890.
- (100.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,054 for Observatory, for the year 1890.
- (101.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,420, for Museum, for the year 1890.
- (102.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,658, for Free Public Library, for the year 1890.
- (103.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,250, for Church and School Lands, for the year 1890.
- (104.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £40,050, for Grants in aid of Public Institutions, for the year 1890.
- (105.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,310, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1890.

No. X.—SECRETARY FOR MINES.

- (106.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £82,265, for Department of Mines, for the year 1890.
- (107.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £18,045, for Prevention of Scab in Sheep, for the year 1890.
- (108.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,920, for Imported Stock, for the year 1890.
- (109.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,705, for Registration of Brands, for the year 1890.
- (110.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £350, for Management of Pounds and Commons, for the year 1890.
- (111.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £18,210, for Water Conservation and Irrigation, for the year 1890.
- (112.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £15,000, for Agricultural Branch, for the year 1890.
- (113.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,250, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1890.

No. XI.—THE POSTMASTER GENERAL.

- (114.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £449,475, for Post Office, for the year 1890.
- (115.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £14,100, for Money Order and Savings Bank Branch, for the year 1890.
- (116.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £170,751, for Electric Telegraph Department, for the year 1890.
- (117.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,489, for Telephone Branch, for the year 1890.
- (118.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,373, for Electric Lights Branch, for the year 1890.
- (119.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £13,772, for British and Australian Cable Subsidy, for the year 1890.

On motion of Sir Henry Parkes, the Resolutions were read a second time, and agreed to.

6. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

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

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

- (2.) *Resolved*,—That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Service of the year 1890, the sum of £6,961,019 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

On motion of Sir Henry Parkes, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

7. APPROPRIATION BILL:—

- (1.) Ordered, on motion of Sir Henry Parkes, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolutions of Ways and Means (Nos. 1 and 2), to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Services of the year 1890.
- (2.) Sir Henry Parkes then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain Sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Service of the year 1890*,"—which was read a first time.

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

8. PAPER:—Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—Schedules A. to F, Public Works Department, Estimates for 1890 (including Schedules for Subordinate Roads).

Ordered to be printed.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 12.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 19 DECEMBER, 1889.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Mounted Infantry:—Mr. Kidd asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the allowances and contingencies due to the Mounted Infantry for the month of November ultimo have not as yet been paid; if not, what is the cause of delay?

(2.) Will he take such early steps as are necessary to ensure the speedy payment of same?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—A delay has been caused by a difficulty which cannot readily be overcome, but no time will be lost in making the necessary payment.

(2.) Reservation at Head of Mossman's Bay:—Mr. Lees asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the North Shore Ferry Company is paying rent to a private individual for the use of a portion of the public reservation at the head of Mossman's Bay, such reservation being Government property?

(2.) If so, will he take steps to have this discontinued, or to have the rent spent on the wharf and approaches, which are in a very dilapidated condition?

(3.) Will he cause these reservations to be dedicated to public use and recreation, in terms of the Department's (Mr. Garrett's) letter to the St. Leonards Council of 12th February, 1887?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

(1 and 2.) I am not aware, but inquiry will be made.

(3.) The subject is now under consideration, and will be dealt with as early as practicable.

(3.) Regina v. Christensen:—Mr. Willis asked the Minister of Justice,—What action will the Government take *re* the release of Charles Christensen?

Mr. Gould answered,—In view of the important interests affecting the administration of justice involved in dealing with a matter of this kind, and the short time I have had for its consideration since receipt of the Judge's report upon the additional evidence obtained, I have not been able, as yet, to give the case that full consideration which its importance deserves; but in a few days I will submit a recommendation to the Governor and Executive Council, and will cause the Honorable Member to be informed of the determination arrived at.

(4.) Salmon Ova from United States:—Mr. Copland, for Mr. Gormly, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Did the Commissioners of Fisheries, as reported recently in the *Sydney Daily Telegraph*, apply to the American Consul for a supply of salmon ova from the United States?

(2.) Did the United States Government in reply offer a gift of 500,000 white fish ova and 200,000 Californian salmon ova?

(3.) Did the Commissioners decline the gift, on the grounds that the hatchery was not ready?

(4.) How long would it take to get the hatchery ready?

(5.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House, copies of all minutes, memorials, letters &c., respecting the introduction of this ova?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I am not in a position to furnish the facts asked for; but, in answer to question 5, I will lay upon the Table copies of all the minutes and other papers relating to the matter, which, I presume, will suffice.

(5.) Duplication of Botany Tram-line—Erection of Clock, Redfern Post Office:—Mr. William Stephen asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Referring to his Financial Statement, in which he says that savings to a considerable amount will be effected in the expenditure of the present year, will he state in what manner these savings will be effected?

(2.)

(2.) Will the sum of money voted for the duplication of the tram-line to Botany be included in these savings ?

(3.) Will the amount voted for the erection of a clock in the tower of the post and telegraph offices at Redfern be included in these savings ?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The savings referred to will not include the duplication of the tram-line to Botany, which is payable from a Loan Vote. The amount voted for the turret clock is available till 31st December, 1890.

(6.) Administration of Justice at Redfern:—Mr. William Stephen asked the Minister of Justice,—What steps (if any) have been taken to provide for the proper administration of justice in Redfern ?

Mr. Gould answered,—It is anticipated that a suitable site for the erection of a Court-house will be secured at an early date.

(7.) Administration of Justice at Nambucca and Bellinger Districts:—Mr. O. O. Dangar asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Will he please state what arrangements (if any) he has made for the better administration of justice in the Nambucca and Bellinger Districts ?

(2.) How soon will such arrangements (if any) be carried out ?

Mr. Gould answered,—

(1.) (a) The erection of a brick Court-house at Macksville (Central Nambucca) has been authorized ; (b) the Bench of Magistrates in the Bellinger District have been asked to form a roster, so as to ensure the attendance of some one or more magistrates on each Court day ; (c) the Police Magistrate of the Macleay District has been instructed to visit the Courts held at Boat Harbour, monthly.

(2.) (a) The building of the Court-house at Macksville will be proceeded with so soon as the site has been surveyed ; (b) arrangements for the conduct of business, as stated in answer No. 1, it is presumed, are already in operation.

(8.) Thomas Lee, Chinese Trader:—Mr. O. O. Dangar asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that Thomas Lee, a Chinese trader, and Andrew Milroy, formerly a clerk, were charged during last week with stealing ten bags of grass seed from the wharf of Howard, Smith, and Co. ?

(2.) By whom was the information against the said parties sworn ?

(3.) Was Andrew Milroy admitted to bail ; and, if so, in what amount, and by what magistrate ?

(4.) Was bail refused the Chinese trader, even although merchants in this city expressed their willingness to enter into recognizances on his behalf to the extent of £1,000 ?

(5.) Will he call for an explanation from the magistrate dealing with these parties, and a statement of his reasons for his action ?

Mr. Gould answered,—

(1.) Yes ; on separate informations.

(2.) William George Slaytor.

(3.) Yes ; self in £40, with two sureties in £20 each, or one in £40. Bail was allowed by Mr. Delohery, D.S.M.

(4.) Thomas Lee (Chinese trader) was refused bail.

(5.) I am informed that the reason bail was refused in Lee's case was that the magistrate who adjudicated considered that the ends of justice would have been defeated by his granting it, and the police in charge of the case opposed the application for bail. It was, however, and still is, within the power of the accused to apply to the Supreme Court for bail, should he consider the refusal an injustice.

(9.) Tenders for Public Works:—Mr. Hutchison (*Glen Innes*) asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What are the reasons why fresh tenders are so often called for the same works ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—If the Honorable Member will have the goodness to specify any cases of the kind, I will undertake that full explanations of the circumstances shall be furnished to him.

(10.) Tenders for Additions to Museum:—Mr. Hutchison (*Glen Innes*) asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that when tenders were recently called for additions to the Museum, the tender of a contractor was accepted, and he afterwards threw the contract up and had his deposit money returned ?

(2.) Has that same contractor now his name on the list to again tender ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) The tender was withdrawn before it was accepted.

(2.) The contractor has not been noted as ineligible for future contracts ; but, in the event of his submitting another tender for the same work, it will be a question for the President of the Tender Board to decide whether, under the terms of the Regulations, it can be considered.

(11.) Insurance Companies:—Mr. Willis asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he introduce a Bill dealing with Insurance Companies ?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I still adhere to my intention, as expressed in my answer to the Honorable Member on 18th July last, and a general Bill will probably be introduced next Session of Parliament.

(12.) Works at Richmond River Heads:—*Mr. Perry*, for *Mr. Ewing*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he endeavour to bring in a Bill to authorize the construction of works at Richmond River Heads this Session ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee has been laid upon the Table of the House ; but there has been no opportunity of proceeding further with the matter at present.

(13.) Nyngan-Cobar Railway:—Mr. Waddell asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will the Government take steps to sanction the construction of the Nyngan-Cobar railway this Session?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee has not yet been laid upon the Table of the House.

(14.) Technical and Agricultural Colleges:—Mr. Nicoll asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—When is it his intention to deal with the establishment of Technical and Agricultural Colleges throughout the Colony?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—The matter is being dealt with as expeditiously as the circumstances will permit.

(15.) Sand-pump Dredge for Tweed River:—Mr. Nicoll asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the sand-pump dredge be ready to send to the Tweed River, which was promised some months since?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I am unable at present to state when a dredge of the kind mentioned will be ready to be sent to the Tweed River; but my honorable colleague will communicate with the Honorable Member as soon as he has received a report on the subject which he has called for from the Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers.

(16.) Harbour Works, Brunswick Heads:—Mr. Nicoll asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the harbour works at Brunswick Heads be commenced, to give relief to the residents?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The local officer is now engaged in making the necessary preliminary investigation as to what available stone exists for carrying out the work.

(17.) Railway Cars for Chilled Meat:—Mr. Waddell asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it the intention of the Railway Commissioners to provide suitable cars for carrying chilled meat on the railway from Bourke and other inland towns to the metropolis?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The papers from the Department have not yet reached me; but I may inform the Honorable Member that this is a matter which has engaged my attention very seriously during the last six months. I desire in every way possible to facilitate the sending of meat from the far interior of the Colony to Sydney, so as to prevent the over-doing of the abattoirs at Glebe Island. I will do everything in my power to forward the matter.

(18.) Tanks on Road, Wanaaring to Louth:—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the road from Wanaaring to Louth is becoming an important stock route?

(2.) If so, will he take immediate steps to have either tanks or artesian bores put down on this road?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

(1.) Yes; if there were sufficient water to enable stock to use it.

(2.) Bores are preferable to tanks, and tenders for boring on this road will be invited with the least possible delay.

(19.) Bores for Water on Angledool-Collarendabri Road:—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Mines,—What is the cause of delay in proceeding with the two bores authorized on the Angledool-Collarendabri road?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—Tenders have been twice invited without success. It is now intended to advertise in the other Colonies, as well as in this Colony.

(20.) Assessment under Rabbit Act:—Mr. Waddell asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it the intention of the Government to continue to collect the assessment under the Rabbit Act, notwithstanding that all subsidy for the destruction of rabbits has been withdrawn?

Mr. McMillan answered,—I have not yet had an opportunity of conferring with my colleagues on this question.

(21.) Bores for Water at Yellow Waterholes:—Mr. Howe, for Mr. Chanter, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) When will the contractors for the bore at the Yellow Waterholes commence work?

(2.) What period of time has been allowed the contractors within which to complete the work?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

(1.) The contract in which the bore at Yellow Waterholes is included will be commenced within six weeks.

(2.) The contract is to be completed within two years.

(22.) Channel at Moama Wharf:—Mr. Howe, for Mr. Chanter, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When does he propose calling for tenders for the completion of the channel at the Moama wharf?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—Tenders will be called for the work as soon as the survey which is now in progress is completed.

(23.) Appointment of Members of Land Court:—Mr. Howe, for Mr. Chanter, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Have any persons been appointed as members of the Land Court?

(2.) If so, has he any objection to informing this House the names and professions of the persons so appointed?

(3.) If no appointments have been made, will he state when he intends making such appointments?

Mr. Brunker answered,—I cannot add anything to the reply given yesterday to the Honorable Member for West Macquarie.

- (24.) Tramway between Jerilderie and Berrigan:—*Mr. Howe*, for *Mr. Chanter*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Referring to the proposals for the construction of a tramway between Jerilderie and Berrigan, and of a railway line between Jerilderie and Tocumwal, will he state when the said lines will be surveyed?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I find that the Minister for Public Works answered this question a short time ago, to the effect that so soon as the Inspectors of the proposed railway extension and other public work proposals were appointed, he would give an answer. I now learn that these Inspectors are not yet appointed.

- (25.) Reserves in Murray Electorate:—*Mr. Howe*, for *Mr. Chanter*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Does he propose, during the recess, to declare open for selection any of the reserves in the Murray Electorate?
 - (2.) If so, can he state the localities and area of such reserves?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

- (1.) It is probable that a number of reserves within the Murray Electorate will be revoked during the recess, as reports have been received from the local officers, and will shortly be dealt with.
- (2.) The area and localities of the reserves which will be revoked cannot at present be specified, but will be duly notified.

- (26.) Dismissal of William Stafford from Police Force:—*Mr. Hawthorne*, for *Dr. Ross*, asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that ex-Mounted Sergeant Wm. Stafford was dismissed from the Police Force, upon the reports of his accusers, for "attempting to defraud the Government," by means of his having submitted a claim to the District Superintendent for 36s. travelling allowance, without submitting the alleged charge to a Bench of Magistrates to hear and determine in the usual way?
- (2.) Is it a fact that Mr. Stafford has now more than justified his claim for 36s. by the evidence of well established custom and precedents, which is now in the hands of the Inspector-General of Police, and authenticated by affidavit?
- (3.) Is it a fact that, in lieu of the 36s. in question, he has submitted a *bona-fide* claim to the Inspector-General for £8 1s., with all the particulars and details asked for by the Inspector-General in his letter to Mr. Stafford of the 7th March, 1889?
- (4.) Has the Inspector-General taken any steps to pay Mr. Stafford's claim for £8 1s. in lieu of 36s. stated to be due?
- (5.) Does the fact of the claim for £8 1s. being a correct claim, wipe away all suspicion of a fraudulent intent in the claim for 36s., although the latter was slightly informal?
- (6.) Is it a fact that there was never one *bona-fide* complaint made nor proved against him during his eighteen year's service in the police; if not a fact, who made such complaints, the nature of such complaints (if any), when, and before whom was any complaint proved?
- (7.) Is it a fact that up to the date of the alleged fraud there was no complaint against Stafford's character, and that he served with diligence and fidelity?
- (8.) Has Mr. Stafford petitioned for his superannuation allowance?
- (9.) Does the Government intend to take any action in his case?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The following answers have been supplied by the Inspector-General of Police:—

- (1.) The papers laid before Parliament on the 5th and 12th April, 1878, contain all the information respecting the circumstances of this case.
- (2.) No.
- (3.) Such a claim has been made, but it cannot, after this lapse of time, be checked or authorized. The Superintendent in charge of the district at the date of claim is dead, and the local officer has retired and is in England.
- (4.) No.
- (5.) No.
- (6.) Particulars of all reports against Senior-Constable Stafford for misconduct are contained in the Parliamentary papers above referred to.
- (7.) No.
- (8.) Yes.
- (9.) No.

- (27.) Railway, Culcairn to Corowa:—*Mr. Hayes* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he take the necessary steps to have the Culcairn to Corowa railway passed this Session?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee has not yet been laid upon the Table of the House.

- (28.) Railway, Nyngan to Broken Hill, *via* Cobar and Wilcannia:—*Mr. Tonkin*, for *Mr. Dickens*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Whether the Report of the Parliamentary Public Works Committee on "Proposed Railway Extension from Nyngan to Broken Hill, *via* Cobar and Wilcannia," will be presented to the House before the end of the present Session?
- (2.) Whether, in the event of such report being presented, the Government will (supposing such extension is recommended) invite tenders for the work during the recess, in anticipation of the work being sanctioned by Parliament early next Session, in order that this great national work may be commenced without delay?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The particular section of this line before the Committee is that between Nyngan and Cobar; but it is understood the Committee have dealt with it in its bearing on the whole of the extension referred to by the Honorable Member. The Report, however, has not yet been laid upon the Table of the House.

(29.) Contract with the Metropolitan Coal Company for Supply of Coal:—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for *Mr. Garvan*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Have the Government entered into a contract with the Metropolitan Coal Company for supply of coal during the ensuing year?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the Honorable William McMillan, the Minister for Railways, is the holder of a large number of shares in the Metropolitan Coal Company?
- (3.) Do the Government think it a desirable principle to establish, viz., the entering into a contract by the Government with a company in which one of the Ministers is largely interested?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—With regard to question (1), I have ascertained from the office of the Railway Commissioners that a tender has been accepted by those Commissioners in relation to this Metropolitan Coal Company. With regard to question (2), I believe my honorable colleague, the Colonial Treasurer, is a shareholder in this company, as I believe also are some of the leading men on the other side of the House; (3), I am asked, "Do the Government think it a desirable principle to establish, viz., the entering into a contract by the Government with a company in which one of the Ministers is largely interested?" I should consider it a very undesirable thing indeed to establish any principle that a contract should be entered into with any company because a Minister was a shareholder in that company; but I suppose it cannot be reputed as a disqualification for office for a man to be the possessor of property; and I should think the considerations which would regulate any transaction of this kind would be whether the company supplied the article which was required in the best manner. As to any conceivable improper motive, it would be impossible to guard against improper motives where no Minister owned a farthing of interest in the company. The true principle obviously is for the Government to buy where they can buy best, and I do not think they can be governed by the circumstance that some Minister may be a shareholder in the particular company traded with. If the Minister—if I may be pardoned for saying so—could be proved, or even if he were suspected of exercising any influence to obtain this contract, it would be a very different thing; but if these Commissioners, who occupy an independent position, have gone to this company because the company supplies the public in the best way, with the best goods, and in the most convenient manner, and have had no reference whatever to who may, or who may not, be a shareholder, I cannot conceive that this House would think there was anything wrong or anything contrary to what is positively right.

(30.) Government Printing Office:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a number of the temporary hands at the Government Printing Office who did not attend the office picnic had their pay stopped for the day on which the picnic was held?
- (2.) Is it also a fact that the permanent hands who did not attend the picnic did not have their pay stopped?
- (3.) Will he make an inquiry into the matter, and ascertain why the distinction was made?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

- (1.) Yes; the usual practice was followed in this case.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) The Rule of the Department bearing on the question is as follows:—"14. Temporary hands will be under engagement by the day, terminable without notice on either side. It is to be distinctly understood that compositors and others taking employment as temporary hands will have no claim for payment for holidays, or for any time during which the Office may be closed for any purpose whatever. Employment as a temporary hand will not necessarily establish any claim on the ground of length of service."

(31.) Guyra Gold-field Reserve:—*Mr. Cruickshank* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that an area of 640 square miles has been added to the Guyra Gold-field reserve, consisting of land situate within the leasehold and resumed areas of No. 8, Hillgrove; No. 159, Springmount; No. 230, Eversleigh; No. 242, Thalgarrah; No. 319, Gostwyck; No. 334, Guyra; No. 368, Herbert Park; No. 384, Boorolong; No. 393, Baldblair; No. 404, Ben Lomond; Nos. 549 and 566, Tilbuster—containing an area of about 640 square miles?
- (2.) Has No. 9,925, parishes Wollumbia, Davidson, and Chandler, area about 7,300 acres, been reserved from conditional sale?
- (3.) Is it a fact that such a reserve shuts out nearly all New England land from settlement?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

- (1.) An area of 640 square miles has been added to the Guyra Gold-field, but the land is not thereby reserved from conditional sale.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) No.

2. DUTIES ON IMPORTED AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS:—

(1.) *Mr. Lyne* presented a Petition from certain Farmers, Producers, Storekeepers, Labourers, and others in the settled portion of the Germanton District, directly or indirectly interested in the productions and manufactures of the Colony, praying that the House will take their Petition into consideration, and, with the view of assisting them and promoting the welfare of the Colony, will cause measures to be passed, imposing duties upon all agricultural and other products imported into New South Wales, as well as upon such manufactured articles as can be reasonably made within the Colony.

At the request of *Mr. Lyne*, the Petition was read by the Clerk, by direction of *Mr. Speaker*, and received.

(2.) *Mr. Lyne* presented a similar Petition from certain Farmers, Producers, Storekeepers, Labourers, and others in the settled portion of the Howlong District.

Petition received.

3. PAPERS:—Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table:—
- (1.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Moss Vale, under the Nuisances Prevention Act 1875.
 - (2.) Amended By-laws of the Borough of Alexandria.
 - (3.) Report of Trustees of the National Park, for the year ended 31st December, 1888.
 - (4.) Report of Major-General Edwards on the Military Forces of the Colony.
 - (5.) Report of Major-General Edwards on the Proposed Organization of the Military Forces of the Australian Colonies.
 - (6.) Correspondence respecting Federation of the Australian Colonies.
 - (7.) Additional By-laws of the Borough of Paddington.
 - (8.) General Report, together with Minutes of Proceedings, of Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.
 - (9.) Cablegrams respecting Australian Nationalism.
 - (10.) District Government Bill.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bruncker laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on the 17th September, 1889—
“Mummulgen Reserve, Casino Land District.”

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Amended Regulation under the Public Instruction Act of 1880.
- (2.) By-laws of the University of Sydney to regulate Curriculum in the Faculty of Science and the Department of Engineering.
- (3.) Amended By-law of the University of Sydney.
- (4.) Notification of Resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of Land for Public School Purposes at Ironbong, Lindendale, Milong, and Palmer's Island Lower.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sydney Smith laid upon the Table,—Regulations under the Mining Act of 1884.

Ordered to be printed.

4. ADDITIONAL SITTING DAY:—Sir Henry Parkes (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That Friday, the 20th instant, be a sitting day of this House; that the House meet at Four o'clock p.m.; and that Government Business take precedence of General Business on that day.
Question put and passed.

5. REDHEAD COAL-MINE RAILWAY ACT AMENDING BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill returned herewith, intituled “*An Act to amend the ‘Redhead Coal-mine Railway Act of 1883,’*”—with the amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 19th December, 1889.

JOHN HAY,
President.

REDHEAD COAL-MINE RAILWAY ACT AMENDING BILL.

Schedule of the Amendment referred to in Message of 19th December, 1889.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 3, clause 6. *Omit* clause 6, *insert* the following new clause:—

6. “The said Company shall be responsible for all injuries caused by the improper or negligent construction, maintenance, or working of the said railway; and all claims in respect of such negligence or improper conduct may be enforced against the said Company: Provided that the damages which may be recovered against the said Company in respect of any such claim shall, in addition to all other remedies for their recovery, be a first charge upon the tolls, fares, or charges charged for the carriage of passengers and goods on the said railway, and upon all property used in, and upon, and necessary for the working of the said railway.”

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be forthwith taken into consideration.

On motion of Mr. Abigail, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Council's amendment.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendment.

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

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled “*An Act to amend the ‘Redhead Coal-mine Railway Act of 1883.’*”

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 19th December, 1889.

6. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply read,—and, on motion of Mr. McMillan, discharged.

7. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means read,—and, on motion of Mr. McMillan, discharged.

8. APPROPRIATION BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. McMillan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

On motion of Mr. McMillan (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.

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

(2.) Bill read a third time (after Debate), and, on motion of Mr. McMillan, *passed*.

Mr. McMillan then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain Sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Service of the year 1890.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain Sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Service of the year 1890,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 19th December, 1889.

9. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:—Mr. J. P. Abbott, 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 Proposed Railway from Culcairn to Corowa.

Mr. Abbott moved, That the document be printed.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, Appendices, and Plans, from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, on Proposed Railway from Goulburn to Crookwell.

Mr. Abbott moved, That the document be printed.

Question put and passed.

(3.) Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, Appendices, and Plans, from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, on Proposed Railway to connect the North Shore Railway with Port Jackson at Milson's Point.

Mr. Abbott moved, That the document be printed.

Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 20 DECEMBER, 1889, A.M.

Question put and passed.

10. APPROPRIATION BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Service of the year 1890,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 19th December, 1889.

JOHN HAY,

President.

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,

Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 13.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 20 DECEMBER, 1889.

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

VINE DISEASES ACTS CONTINUATION BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor, was delivered by Sir Henry Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 2.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with the "Vine Diseases Acts Continuation Act of 1889."

Government House,
Sydney, 20th December, 1889.

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

2. APPROPRIATION BILL:—Sir Henry Parkes (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That Mr. Speaker be authorized to present the Appropriation Bill to the Governor, at Government House, for the Royal Assent, without delay.
Question put and passed.

3. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Railway between Jerilderie and Deniliquin:—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for Mr. Chanter, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has he yet appointed any persons to inspect and report to him upon the proposals to construct a line of railway between Jerilderie and Deniliquin?

(2.) If not, when does he propose to make the appointments?

Mr. McMillan answered,—The Inspectors have not yet been appointed. Their salaries have now, however, been passed by Parliament, and the appointments will be made almost immediately.

(2.) Road between Tenterfield and Casino:—*Mr. Traill*, for Mr. Nicoll, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he cause the road between Tenterfield and Casino to be proclaimed a main road, in consequence of the very heavy traffic there is now upon it?

Mr. McMillan answered,—For some years no roads have been proclaimed main roads, as it was not considered desirable to hamper the Government on the eve of the introduction of a District Government Bill. My honorable colleague sees no reason for departing from this arrangement.

(3.) Site for Noxious Trades:—*Mr. Lees* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Has the Government arrived at any decision in the matter of the site for noxious trades?

Mr. McMillan answered,—No site has yet been definitely determined upon.

(4.) *M'Sharry v. Commissioner for Railways*—*Mr. R. G. Watkins*:—*Mr. Traill*, for Mr. Nicoll, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to pay Mr. R. G. Watkins the fee, awarded to him by a jury of the Supreme Court, amounting to £1,500, as arbitrator in the case of *M'Sharry v. Commissioner for Railways*?

(2.) Have the Government paid the other arbitrators in the case their fees, and also the amount awarded to *M'Sharry* by the arbitrators in the case?

Mr.

Mr. McMillan answered,—

(1.) The Supreme Court have decided that the Government are not liable to be called upon to pay the amount of the fees claimed by him as an arbitrator in the case of M'Sharry and another v. the Commissioner for Railways. The amount of the verdict, therefore, will not be paid.

(2.) The Government have paid the arbitrator appointed by the Commissioner the fees due to him, and have paid a portion of the fees of the third arbitrator. The amount awarded to the plaintiffs in the action has also been paid; but the question as to the amount of plaintiffs' costs is not yet determined.

(5.) City Railway Extension :—Mr. Reid asked the Colonial Secretary,—Can he give the House any information respecting the proposed extension of the railway into the city?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The question of bringing railway communication into the city is under the consideration of the Government, as indeed it has been from the time the Government was formed. The position of things now is, that we have to determine between three different routes, and I hope a decision will be arrived at within a fortnight.

(6.) Vine Diseases Act :—Mr. Frank Farnell, for Mr. Nobbs, asked the Secretary for Mines,—Will the Government, in extending the provisions of the Vine Diseases Act, consider the advisableness of inserting a clause so as to fix the amount of damage done to diseased vineyards by arbitration?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—As this Bill is merely to renew another Act, it is impossible for us to introduce any new provision.

(7.) Rabbit Commission :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has the Rabbit Commission appointed by the Governments of the different Colonies to investigate the schemes submitted in reply to the offer of a reward of £25,000 by the Government of this Colony, prepared its final report?

(2.) If so, when will the Government make the report public?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—

(1.) I understand that the final report was yesterday handed to my honorable colleague the Colonial Secretary.

(2.) The report has not yet been considered by the Government.

(8.) Nambucca Bar :—Mr. O. O. Dangar asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is the sum of £3,000 voted for the improvement of Nambucca Bar still available for expenditure?

(2.) Will he cause this sum to be expended on these works, or in some way provide for the improvement of the entrance to this river?

Mr. McMillan answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) It is intended to expend this money for the purpose for which it was voted.

(9.) Works at Bellinger Bar :—Mr. O. O. Dangar asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Will he please state whether provision has been made, in accordance with his promise to Messrs. John See, Hogan, and Dangar, M's.P., and F. T. Matthews, Esq., J.P., for the construction of works at the Bellinger Bar?

(2.) Has it been represented to him that £1,000 spent during the present favourable position of the sand flats will go as far as £10,000 spent under circumstances such as prevailed previous to the late flood?

(3.) Will he cause this work to be proceeded with immediately?

Mr. McMillan answered,—An officer will be sent to report on this matter some time next month, after which it will be determined what steps shall be taken. Some such representations as referred to by the Honorable Member have been made, but they have not yet been tested by a responsible officer of the Department.

(10.) Bridge across Macleay River at Kempsey :—Mr. O. O. Dangar asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he take into his consideration during the recess the several petitions, letters, reports, and representations of Chairman of public meetings, Members of Parliament, and the Municipal Council, praying for the erection of a bridge across the Macleay River at Kempsey, with a view to this work being referred to the Public Works Committee for their inquiry and report?

Mr. McMillan answered,—A report is now being obtained on the subject, which will be dealt with as soon as the report is received.

4. PAPERS :—

(1.) Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—Final Report of Royal Commission of Inquiry into Schemes for Extermination of Rabbits in Australasia.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. McMillan laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order made on the 16th August, 1889—"Railway from Mudgee to Wellington or Dubbo."

(2.) Return to an Order made on the 1st October, 1889—"Roads within the Municipality of Port Macquarie."

(3.) Return respecting Government Wharves in Electorates of Grafton, The Clarence, The Richmond, The Macleay, The Hastings and Manning, and Newcastle.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sydney Smith laid upon the Table,—Particulars of Contracts accepted for Boring for Artesian Water.

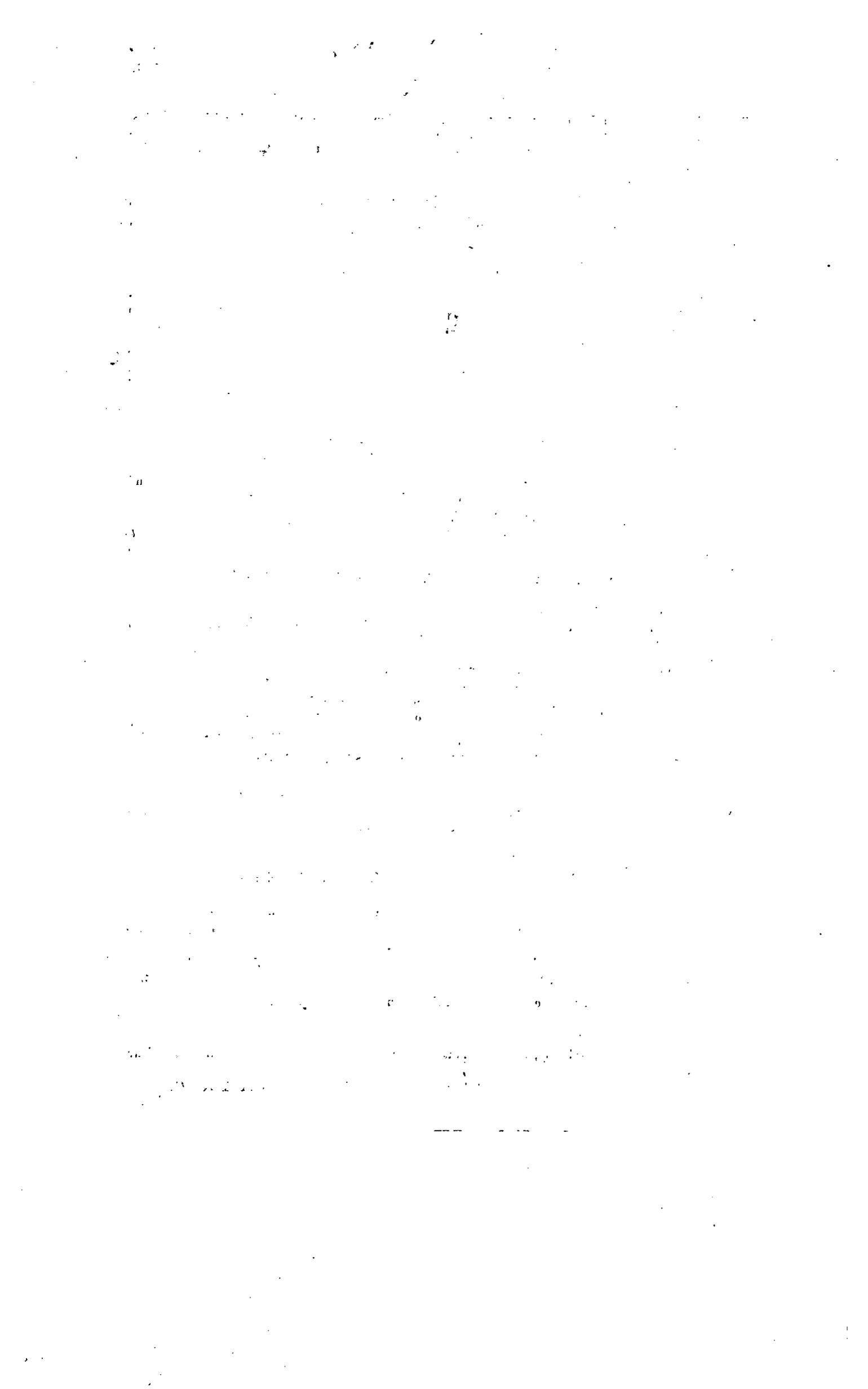
Ordered to be printed.

5. **PROPOSED RAILWAY TO LONGNOSE POINT**:—Mr. McMillan (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the original papers in connection with the construction of a Line of Railway to Longnose Point, which were laid upon the Table of the House on the 23rd July, 1889, and which have been printed, may be returned to the custody of the Department of Public Works.
Question put and passed.
6. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS** (*Formal Motion*):—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of a Bill to continue the "Vine Diseases Act, 1886," and the "Vine Diseases Act Amendment Act of 1888," for a period of one year, through all its stages in one day."
Question put and passed.
7. **VINE DISEASES ACTS CONTINUATION BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—
- (1.) Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to continue the "Vine Diseases Act, 1886," and the "Vine Diseases Act Amendment Act of 1888," for a period of one year.
Question put and passed.
- (2.) On motion of Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to continue the "Vine Diseases Act, 1886," and the "Vine Diseases Act Amendment Act of 1888," for a period of one year.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, that the report be now received.
The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows;—
Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to continue the "Vine Diseases Act, 1886," and the "Vine Diseases Act Amendment Act of 1888," for a period of one year.
On motion of Sir Henry Parkes, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
- (3.) Sir Henry Parkes then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to continue the 'Vine Diseases Act, 1886,' and the 'Vine Diseases Act Amendment Act of 1888,' for a period of one year,*"—which was read a first time.
Sir Henry Parkes moved, That the Bill be printed, and now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
- (4.) Bill read a second time.
On motion of Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Sir Henry Parkes, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be now read a third time.
- (5.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Sir Henry Parkes, *passed*.
Sir Henry Parkes then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to continue the 'Vine Diseases Act, 1886,' and the 'Vine Diseases Act Amendment Act of 1888,' for a period of one year.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—
MR. PRESIDENT,
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to continue the 'Vine Diseases Act, 1886,' and the 'Vine Diseases Act Amendment Act of 1888,' for a period of one year,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 20th December, 1889.*
- (6.) Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—
MR. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to continue the 'Vine Diseases Act, 1886,' and the 'Vine Diseases Act Amendment Act of 1888,' for a period of one year,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.
*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 20th December, 1889.*
- JOHN HAY,
President.

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

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

JAMES HENRY YOUNG,
Speaker.





PROCLAMATION.

NEW SOUTH WALES, } Proclamation by His Excellency the Right Honourable CHARLES ROBERT, BARON
 to wit. } CARRINGTON, a Member of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, Knight
 (L.S.) } Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George,
 CARRINGTON, } Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales and its
 Governor. } 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, CHARLES ROBERT, BARON CARRINGTON, 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 fourth day of February next, and the same stand so prorogued accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at Government House, Sydney, this twenty-first day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine, and in the fifty-third year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,
 HENRY PARKES.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

1889.
(SECOND SESSION.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

BUSINESS UNDISPOSED OF AT THE CLOSE OF THE SESSION.

(PROROGUED 21 DECEMBER, 1889.)

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. O'SULLIVAN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, that portion of the Land Act of 1889, imposing the payment of survey fees on conditional purchasers, should be repealed.
2. MR. CHANTER to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the construction of a railway from Jerilderie to Deniliquin is urgently needed, and should be no longer delayed.
3. MR. CHANTER to move, That, in order to assist in the development of the agricultural industry, the petition of agriculturists in the Murray Valley, praying for the construction of a tramway from Jerilderie to Berrigan should be immediately complied with.
4. MR. HAWKEN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, no vote or action of the Assembly, except through a direct vote of censure, and so defined, shall be held to involve the honour of the Government, or be regarded as indicating the desired resignation of the Ministry for the time being.
5. MR. WALL to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, all Public School fees should be abolished.
 - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
6. MR. FLETCHER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all minutes and documents connected with the appointment of Mr. Shaw as a member of the Licensing Court, Newcastle, together with all letters passing between the Department and any person or persons relating to the said appointment.
7. MR. CRICK 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, all papers, petitions, and other documents relating to the application for remission of sentence passed on Hugh Elliott at Bathurst.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Agent-General of the Colony; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Torpy,—
 - "(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the office of Agent-General of the Colony in London, should not be held by any one occupant for a period exceeding five years.
 - "(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor."
2. West Wallsend Coal Company (Limited) Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
3. Mortgages Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
4. Stockton Gas and Electricity Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
5. Broken Hill Water Supply Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); to be considered in Committee.
6. Agricultural Society of New South Wales Lease Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
7. Katoomba Lighting Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
8. Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
9. Electoral Act (Plural Vote Abolition) Amendment Bill; second reading.
10. Municipalities of Ryde and Hunter's Hill Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.

11. **Legal Practitioner's Bill**; second reading.
12. **Law of Evidence Amendment Bill**; second reading.
13. **Parliamentary Sessions Bill**; second reading.
14. **Eight Hours Bill**; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to declare eight hours to be a legal day's labour, and for other purposes in connection therewith.
15. **Industrial Returns Bill**; second reading.
16. **Agricultural Societies**; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolutions:—
 - (1) That, in the opinion of this House, a sum should be granted in aid of Agricultural Societies, equal to the annual income of such societies.
 - (2) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Legislative Assembly Offices,
Sydney, 21st December, 1889.

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of Legislative Assembly.

1889.
(SECOND SESSION.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

ATTENDANCES OF MEMBERS IN DIVISIONS AND COUNTS-OUT,
DURING THE SECOND SESSION OF 1889.

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

	Divisions in the House.	Divisions in Committee.	Counts-out.	Total.
Hawthorne, John Stuart, Esq.	2	.....	.....	2
Hayes, James, Esq.	3	.....	.....	3
Haynes, John, Esq.	3	.....	.....	3
Hogan, Patrick, Esq.	2	.....	.....	2
Holborow, William Hillier, Esq.	4	.....	.....	4
Howe, James Peter, Esq.	2	.....	.....	2
Hurley, John, Esq.	2	.....	.....	2
Hutchison, Alexander, Esq. (<i>Canterbury</i>)	3	.....	.....	3
Hutchison, Alexander, Esq. (<i>Glen Innes</i>)	2	.....	.....	2
Inglis, James, Esq.	4	.....	.....	4
Jones, Travers, Esq.	1	.....	.....	1
Kidd, John, Esq.	2	.....	.....	2
King, Robert John, Esq.	3	.....	.....	3
Lakeman, Allen, Esq. ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lamb, Alfred, Esq.	1	.....	.....	1
Lee, Charles Alfred, Esq.	2	.....	.....	2
Lees, Samuel Edward, Esq.	4	.....	.....	4
Levien, Robert Henry, Esq.	3	.....	.....	3
Lyne, William John, Esq.	3	.....	.....	3
Mackinnon, James Archibald, Esq.	1	.....	.....	1
Martin, James, Esq.	3	.....	.....	3
McCourt, William, Esq.	3	.....	.....	3
McFarlane, John, Esq.	3	.....	.....	3
McMillan, The Hon. William, Esq.	4	.....	.....	4
McRae, Myles, Esq.	3	.....	.....	3
Melville, Ninian, Esq. (<i>Chairman of Committees</i>)	4	.....	.....	4
Mitchell, Joseph, Esq.	2	.....	.....	2
Molesworth, Edmund William, Esq.	4	.....	.....	4
Morton, Philip Henry, Esq.	4	.....	.....	4
Nicoll, Bruce Baird, Esq.	2	.....	.....	2
Nobbs, John, Esq.	2	.....	.....	2
O'Connor, The Hon. Daniel, Esq.	1	.....	.....	1
O'Sullivan, Edward William, Esq.	4	.....	.....	4
Parkes, The Hon. Sir Henry, G.C.M.G.	4	.....	.....	4
Paul, William Henry, Esq.	4	.....	.....	4
Perry, John, Esq.	1	.....	.....	1
Playfair, Thomas, Esq.	4	.....	.....	4
Plumb, John, Esq.	4	.....	.....	4
Reid, George Houstoun, Esq.	2	.....	.....	2
Ritchie, Robert Adam, Esq.	2	.....	.....	2
Roberts, Charles James, Esq., C.M.G.	3	.....	.....	3
Ross, Andrew, Esq., M.D. ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ryrie, Alexander, Esq.	2	.....	.....	2
Schey, William Francis, Esq.	2	.....	.....	2
Scobie, Robert, Esq.	4	.....	.....	4
Seaver, Jonathan Charles Billing Pockrage, Esq.	1	.....	.....	1
See, John, Esq.	2	.....	.....	2
Shepherd, John, Esq.	1	.....	.....	1
Slattery, Thomas Michael, Esq.	2	.....	.....	2
Smith, The Hon. Bruce, Esq.	4	.....	.....	4
Smith, Frank James, Esq.	1	.....	.....	1
Smith, The Hon. Sydney, Esq.	4	.....	.....	4
Stephen, Harold Wilberforce Hindmarsh, Esq.* ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Stephen, William, Esq.	4	.....	.....	4
Stevenson, Richard, Esq.	3	.....	.....	3
Stokes, Alfred, Esq.	3	.....	.....	3
Street, John Rendell, Esq.	3	.....	.....	3
Taylor, Hugh, Esq.	1	.....	.....	1
Tecco, William, jurr., Esq.	4	.....	.....	4
Thompson, Richard Windeyer, Esq. ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tonkin, James Ebenezer, Esq.	2	.....	.....	2
Toohy, James Matthew, Esq.	3	.....	.....	3
Torpy, James, Esq.	4	.....	.....	4
Traill, William Henry, Esq.	3	.....	.....	3
Turner, Edwin Woodward, Esq.	4	.....	.....	4
Waddell, Thomas, Esq.	3	.....	.....	3
Walker, Thomas, Esq.	1	.....	.....	1
Wall, William Chandos, Esq.	1	.....	.....	1
Want, John Henry, Esq.	2	.....	.....	2
Wheeler, John, Esq.	4	.....	.....	4
Wilkinson, John, Esq.	2	.....	.....	2
Wilkinson, Robert Bliss, Esq.	3	.....	.....	3
Willis, William Nicholas, Esq.	4	4
Wilshire, James Thompson, Esq.	4	4
Woodward, Francis, Esq.	3	3
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