

Votes

New South Wales.

No. 1.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 14 JULY, 1891.

1. OPENING OF PARLIAMENT:—The House met at Twelve o'clock, at Noon, pursuant to a Proclamation of His Excellency the Governor, bearing date the third day of July, 1891, of which a copy was read by the Clerk, as follows:—

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

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

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

“ By His Excellency's Command,

“ HENRY PARKES.

“ GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!”

2. WRITS OF ELECTION:—The Clerk announced that he had received, through the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, a List, certified by His Excellency the Governor, of the names of the Members returned to serve in the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, together with the respective Writs upon which they were so returned; and further certificates by His Excellency that no returns have yet been made in the cases of Writs for the Electoral Districts of Balranald, Bourke, and the Gwydir; and that in the cases of the Writs for the Electoral Districts of Braidwood, Eden, Queanbeyan, and Young, the elections of the Members returned for those Electoral Districts, have been duly declared to be valid, notwithstanding the delay in the taking of the Poll.

Table with 2 columns: Names of Members returned, and Electoral Districts for which returned. Rows include Abbott, Joseph; Allen, Alfred; Barbour, Robert; Barnes, John Frederick; Barton, Edmund; Bavister, Thomas; Black, George; Newtown; Wentworth; Paddington; The Murray; Gundagai; East Sydney; Canterbury; West Sydney.

Booth,

Names of Members returned.	Electoral Districts for which returned.
Booth, Robert	The Bogan.
Bowes, John Wesley	Morpeth.
Bowman, Alexander	The Hawkesbury.
Brown, Edward George	Tumut.
Brown, Herbert Harrington	Durham.
Brunker, James Nixon	East Maitland.
Cann, John Henry	Sturt.
Carruthers, Joseph Hector	Canterbury.
Cass, George Edwin	The Bogan.
Chanter, John Moore	The Murray.
Chapman, Austin	Braidwood.
Clark, Edward Mann	St. Leonards.
Clark, George Daniel	Balmain.
Clarke, Henry	Eden.
Collins, Charles	The Namoi
Colls, Thomas	Yass Plains.
Cook, Joseph	Hartley.
Copeland, Henry	New England.
Cotton, Frank	Newtown.
Crick, William Patrick	West Macquarie.
Cruickshank, George Alexander	Inverell.
Cullen Joseph Francis	St. Leonards.
Cullen, William Portus	Camden.
Dale, David	Central Cumberland.
Danahey, Cornelius James	Canterbury.
Dangar, Otho Orde	The Macleay.
Darnley, Edward	Balmain.
Davis, Thomas Martin	West Sydney.
Dawson, Henry	Monaro.
Dibbs, George Richard	The Murrumbidgee.
Dickens, Edward Bulwer Lytton	Wilcannia.
Donald, George	Hartley.
Donnelly, Dennis Cornelius Joseph	Carcoar.
Dowel, William Springthorpe	Tamworth.
Edden, Alfred	Northumberland.
Ewing, Thomas Thompson	The Richmond.
Farnell, Frank	Central Cumberland.
Fegan, John Lionel	Newcastle.
FitzGerald, John Daniel	West Sydney.
FitzGerald, Robert George Dundas	The Upper Hunter.
Fuller, George Warburton	Kiama.
Gardiner, Albert	Forbes.
Garvan, James Patrick	Eden.
Gillies, John	West Maitland.
Gormly, James	The Murrumbidgee.
Gough, John George	Young.
Gould, Albert John	Patrick's Plains.
Grahame, William	Newcastle.
Hart, John Shadrach	Gloucester.
Hayes, James	The Hume.
Haynes, John	Mudgee.
Hindle, John	Newtown.
Hogan, Patrick	The Macleay.
Holborrow, Colonel William Hillier	Argyle.
Hollis, Dr. Leslie Thomas	Goulburn.
Houghton, Thomas John	The Glebe.
Hoyle, Henry Clement	Redfern.
Hutchinson, George Fairhurst	Forbes.
Hutchison, Alexander	Glen Innes.
Inglis, James	New England.
Jeanneret, Charles Edward	Carcoar.
Johnston, James	Balmain.
Jones, Robert	Mudgee.
Kelly, Andrew Joseph	West Sydney.
Kidd, John	Camden.
Kirkpatrick, John	Gunnedah.
Lee, Charles Alfred	Tenterfield.
Lees, Samuel Edward	The Nepean.
Levien, Robert Henry	Tamworth.
Lonsdale, Edmund	New England.
Lyne, William John	The Hume.
Lysaght, Andrew	Illawarra.
Macfarlane, John	The Clarence.
Mackinnon, James Archibald	Young.
Marks, James	Paddington.
Martin, James	South Sydney.
McCourt, William	Camden.

Names of Members returned.	Electoral District for which returned.
McGowen, James Sinclair Taylor...	Redfern.
McKinnon, Hugh ...	The Hastings and Manning.
McMillan, William ...	East Sydney.
Melville, Ninian ..	Northumberland.
Miller, Gustave Thomas Carlisle ...	Monaro.
Molesworth, E. W.	Newtown.
Morgan, James ...	The Bogan.
Morton, Philip Henry ...	Shoalhaven.
Murphy, William Alfred ...	Balmain.
Neild, John Cash ...	Paddington.
Newman, Henry William ...	Orange.
Nicholson, John Barnes ...	Illawarra.
Nicoll, Bruce Baird ...	The Richmond.
Nobbs, John ...	Central Cumberland.
O'Sullivan, Edward William ...	Queanbeyan.
Parkes, Sir Henry ...	St. Leonards.
Parkes, Varney ...	East Sydney.
Perry, John... ..	The Richmond.
Rae, Arthur... ..	The Murrumbidgee.
Reid, George Houstoun ...	East Sydney.
Ritchie, Robert Adam ...	Central Cumberland.
Rose, Thomas ...	Argyle.
Ross, Andrew ...	Molong.
Schey, William Francis ...	Redfern.
Scobie, Robert ...	The Hunter.
Scott, David... ..	Newcastle.
See, John ...	Grafton.
Sharp, William Henry ...	Redfern.
Sheldon, Job ...	The Namoi.
Slattery, Thomas Michael ...	Boorowa.
Smith, Bruce ...	The Glebe.
Smith, Sydney ...	East Macquarie.
Stevenson, Richard... ..	Wollombi.
Suttor, Francis Bathurst ...	Bathurst.
Taylor, Hugh ...	Parramatta.
Tonkin, James Ebenezer ...	East Macquarie.
Toohy, James Matthew ...	South Sydney.
Torpy, James ...	Orange.
Traill, William Henry ...	South Sydney.
Vaughn, Robert Matteson ..	Grenfell.
Walker, Thomas ...	Northumberland.
Wall, William Chandos ...	Mudgee.
Want, John Henry ..	Paddington.
Wheeler, John ...	Canterbury.
Wilkinson, John ...	Albury.
Williams, Thomas Henry ...	The Upper Hunter.
Wise, Bernhard Ringrose ...	South Sydney.
Wright, Francis Augustus ...	Glen Innes.
York, Thomas Henry ...	Wellington.
Young, James Henry ...	The Hastings and Manning.

3. WRIT OF ELECTION FOR THE GWYDIR:—The Clerk also announced that since the receipt of the Writs abovementioned he had received, through the Office of the Colonial Secretary, the Writ of Election for the Electoral District of The Gwydir, together with a certificate under the Hand of His Excellency the Governor, that Thomas Henry Hassall, Esquire, had been duly chosen the Member for the said Electoral District; and a further certificate that Mr. Hassall's election had been declared valid, notwithstanding delay in return of the Writ.

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

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

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

"To all to whom these presents shall come,

"Greeting:

"WHEREAS, by Proclamation made on the third day of July instant, His Excellency The Right Honorable VICTOR ALBERT GEORGE, EARL OF JERSEY, Knight Grand Cross of our Most Distinguished

“ Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, our Governor and Commander-in-Chief of our Colony of New South Wales, did, in pursuance of the power and authority vested in him as Governor and Commander-in-Chief of our said Colony, by virtue of the Act of the late Legislature thereof, intituled ‘ *An Act to confer a Constitution on New South Wales and to grant a Civil List to Her Majesty,*’ as assented to by us, proclaim that a Session of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly constituted under the said Act, and composing the Parliament of our said Colony of New South Wales, should commence and be holden on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of July instant: And whereas, for certain causes, our said Governor and Commander-in-Chief cannot conveniently be present in person at the opening of the said Session: Now know ye, that we, trusting in the discretion, fidelity, and care of our trusty and well-beloved the Honorable Sir John Hay, K.C.M.G., President of the said Legislative Council, the Honorable William Henry Suttor, Vice-President of our Executive Council of our said Colony, and the Honorable Archibald Hamilton Jacob, Members of the said Legislative Council, do, with the advice of our Executive Council of our said Colony, give and grant by the tenor of these presents unto the said Sir John Hay, William Henry Suttor, and Archibald Hamilton Jacob, so being such President and Members of the said Legislative Council, or any two of them, full power in our name, to open and hold the said Session of the said Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly on the said fourteenth day of July or subsequent day, on our behalf, to do all things necessary to be done in our name or in the name of our Governor of our said Colony, in and about the opening and holding of the said Parliament, and to do all such other things as may be specially necessary to enable Parliament to perform acts which admit of no delay; commanding also by the tenor of these presents all whom it concerns to meet in the said Parliament that to the said Sir John Hay, William Henry Suttor, and Archibald Hamilton Jacob, or any two of them, they diligently attend in the premises in the form aforesaid.

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

“ Witness our right trusty and right well-beloved Cousin and Councillor VICTOR ALBERT GEORGE, EARL OF JERSEY, Knight Grand Cross of our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, our Governor and Commander-in-Chief of our Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies, at Government House, Sydney, in our said Colony, this eighth day of July, in the fifty-fifth year of our reign, and in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one.

“ JERSEY.

“ *By His Excellency's Command,*

“ HENRY PARKES.”

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

The President said,—

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

And the House having returned,—

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

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

“ To all to whom these presents shall come,—

“ *Greeting:*

“ In pursuance of the authority in me vested in that behalf, I, VICTOR ALBERT GEORGE, EARL OF JERSEY, as Governor of the Colony of New South Wales, do, with the advice of the Executive Council thereof, hereby authorise the Honorable Sir Henry Parkes, G.C.M.G., Colonial Secretary, the Honorable William McMillan, Esquire, Colonial Treasurer, and the Honorable James Nixon Brunker, Esquire, Secretary for Lands, Members of the Legislative Assembly, or any one or more of them, to administer to all or any Members or Member of the said Legislative Assembly the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to the Queen, required by law to be taken or made and subscribed by every such Member before he shall be permitted to sit or vote in the said Legislative Assembly.

“ Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Colony of New South Wales, at Government House, Sydney, in the Colony aforesaid, this eighth day of July, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one, and in the fifty-fifth year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

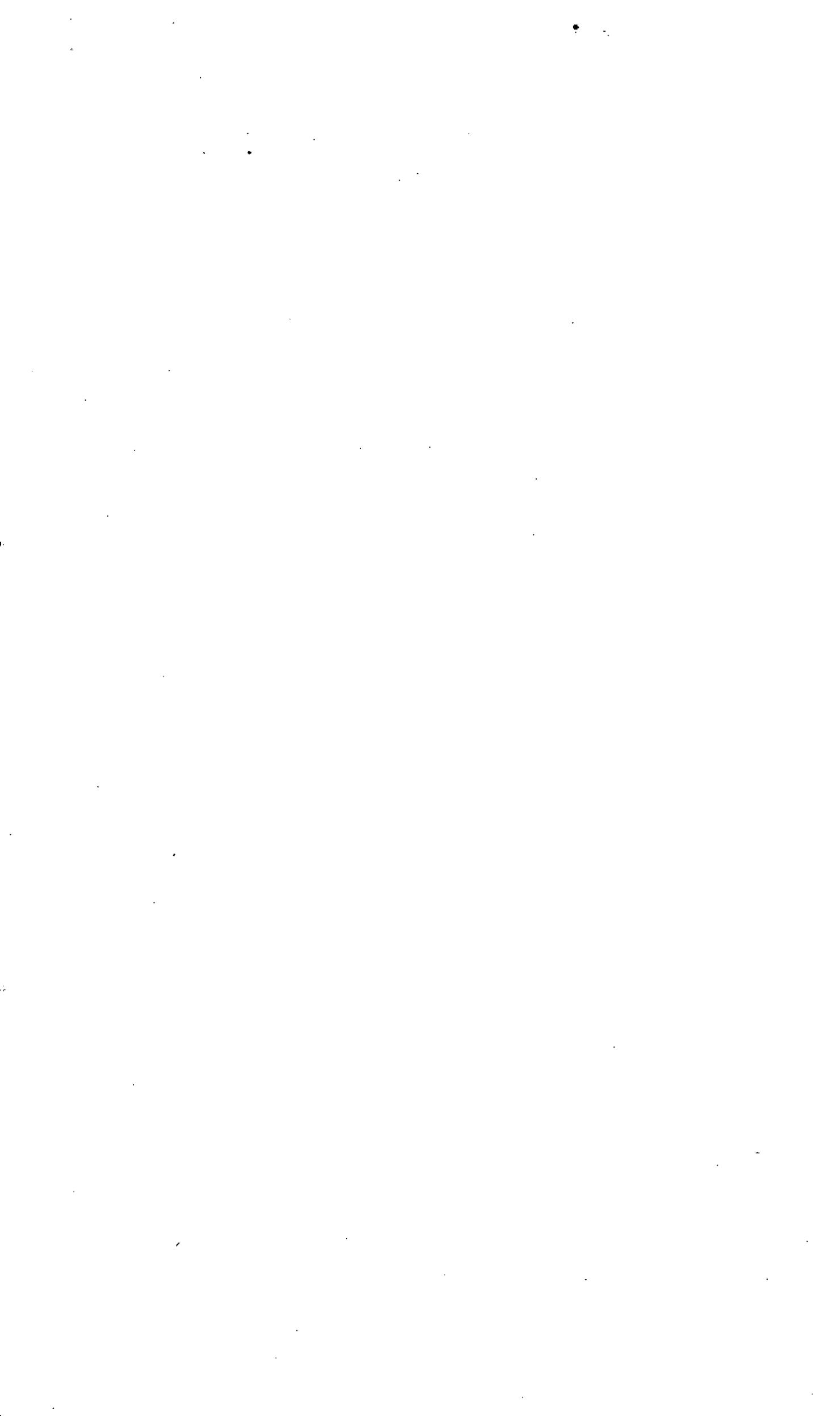
“ JERSEY.

“ *By His Excellency's Command,*

“ HENRY PARKES.”

6. **MEMBERS SWORN**:—The Honorable Sir Henry Parkes took and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance himself, and administered the same to the two other Commissioners, the Honorable William McMillan and the Honorable James Nixon Brunker, and then the Commissioners respectively signed the Roll of the House, and administered the Oath to all the other Members present (excepting Alfred Allen, Esquire, one of the Members for the Electoral District of Paddington, who made a solemn affirmation)—the Clerk producing the several Writs returning them, and the Members signing the Roll as they were severally called to the Table, viz.:—Joseph Abbott, Esquire. Joseph Palmer Abbott, Esquire. Alfred Allen, Esquire. Robert Barbour, Esquire. John Frederick Barnes, Esquire. Edmund Barton, Esquire. Thomas Bavister, Esquire. George Black, Esquire. Robert Booth, Esquire. John Wesley Bowes, Esquire. Alexander Bowman, Esquire. Edward George Brown, Esquire. Herbert Harrington Brown, Esquire. John Henry Cann, Esquire. The Honorable Joseph Hector Carruthers, Esquire. George Edwin Cass, Esquire. John Moore Chanter, Esquire. Austin Chapman, Esquire. Edward Mann Clark, Esquire. George Daniel Clark, Esquire. Henry Clarke, Esquire. Charles Collins, Esquire. Thomas Colls, Esquire. Joseph Cook, Esquire. Henry Copeland, Esquire. Francis Cotton, Esquire. William Patrick Crick, Esquire. George Alexander Cruickshank, Esquire. Joseph Francis Cullen, Esquire. William Portus Cullen, Esquire. David Dale, Esquire. Cornelius James Danahey, Esquire. Otho Orde Dangar, Esquire. Edward Darnley, Esquire. Thomas Martin Davis, Esquire. Henry Dawson, Esquire. George Richard Dibbs, Esquire. Edward Bulwer Lytton Dickens, Esquire. George Donald, Esquire. William Springthorpe Dowel, Esquire. Alfred Edden, Esquire. Thomas Thomson Ewing, Esquire. Frank Farnell, Esquire. John Lionel Fegan, Esquire. John Daniel FitzGerald, Esquire. Robert George Dundas FitzGerald, Esquire. George Warburton Fuller, Esquire. Albert Gardiner, Esquire. James Patrick Garvan, Esquire. John Gillies, Esquire. James Gormly, Esquire. John George Gough, Esquire. The Honorable Albert John Gould, Esquire. William Grahame, Esquire. John Shadrach Hart, Esquire. Thomas Henry Hassall, Esquire. John Haynes, Esquire. John Hindle, Esquire. Patrick Hogan, Esquire. William Hillier Holborow, Esquire. Leslie Thomas Hollis, Esquire. Thomas John Houghton, Esquire. Henry Clement Hoyle, Esquire. George Fairhurst Hutchinson, Esquire. Alexander Hutchison, Esquire. James Inglis, Esquire. Charles Edward Jeanneret, Esquire. James Johnston, Esquire. Robert Jones, Esquire. Andrew Joseph Kelly, Esquire. John Kidd, Esquire. John Kirkpatrick, Esquire. Charles Alfred Lee, Esquire. Samuel Edward Lees, Esquire. Robert Henry Levien, Esquire. Edmund Lonsdale, Esquire. William John Lyne, Esquire. Andrew Lysaght, Esquire. John McFarlane, Esquire. James Marks, Esquire. James Martin, Esquire. William McCourt, Esquire. James Sinclair Taylor McGowen, Esquire. Hugh McKinnon, Esquire. Ninian Melville, Esquire. Gustave Thomas Carlisle Miller, Esquire. Edward William Molesworth, Esquire. James Morgan, Esquire. Philip Henry Morton, Esquire. William Alfred Murphy, Esquire. John Cash Neild, Esquire. Henry William Newman, Esquire. John Barnes Nicholson, Esquire. Bruce Baird Nicoll, Esquire. John Nobbs, Esquire. Edward William O'Sullivan, Esquire. Varney Parkes, Esquire. John Perry, Esquire. Arthur Rae, Esquire. George Houstoun Reid, Esquire. Robert Adam Ritchie, Esquire. Thomas Rose, Esquire. Andrew Ross, Esquire. M.D. William Francis Schey, Esquire. Robert Scobie, Esquire. David Scott, Esquire. John See, Esquire. William Henry Sharp, Esquire. Job Sheldon, Esquire. Thomas Michael Slattery, Esquire. The Honorable Bruce Smith, Esquire. The Honorable Sydney Smith, Esquire. Richard Stevenson, Esquire. Francis Bathurst Suttor, Esquire. Hugh Taylor, Esquire. James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esquire. James Matthew Toohy, Esquire. James Torpy, Esquire. William Henry Trail, Esquire. Robert Matteson Vaughn, Esquire. Thomas Walker, Esquire. William Chandos Wall, Esquire. John Henry Want, Esquire. John Wheeler, Esquire. Thomas Henry Williams, Esquire. Bernhard Ringrose Wise, Esquire. Francis Augustus Wright, Esquire. Thomas Henry York, Esquire; and James Henry Young, Esquire.
7. **ELECTION OF SPEAKER**:—Mr. Copeland, addressing himself to the Clerk (who, standing up, pointed to him, and then sat down), proposed to the House for their Speaker, Joseph Palmer Abbott, Esquire, and moved,—“That Joseph Palmer Abbott, Esquire, do take the Chair of this House as Speaker,”—which motion was seconded by Mr. Lee.
 Debate ensued.
 The House then calling Mr. Abbott to the Chair, he stood up in his place, and expressed the sense he entertained of the honor proposed to be conferred upon him, and submitted himself to the House.
 The House then again unanimously calling him to the Chair, he was taken out of his place by Mr. Copeland and Mr. Lee, and conducted to the Chair, where, standing on the upper step, he returned his acknowledgements to the House for the great honor they had been pleased to confer upon him by unanimously choosing him to be again their Speaker,—
 And thereupon sat down in the Chair.
 Then Sir Henry Parkes and Mr. Dibbs respectively congratulated the Speaker.
8. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Sir Henry Parkes informed the House that he had ascertained from the Governor that His Excellency would receive their Speaker at Government House To-morrow at Eleven o'clock,—and moved, That this House do now adjourn until half-past Ten o'clock “To-morrow.”
 Mr. Dibbs moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word “To-morrow” with a view to the insertion in its place of the words “this day week.”
 Question proposed,—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
 Debate ensued.
 Proposed amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
 Original Question then put and passed.
 The House adjourned accordingly, at half-past Four o'clock, until To-morrow at half-past Ten o'clock.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 2.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 15 JULY, 1891.

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

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

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

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

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

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

“ To all to whom these presents shall come,—

“ Greeting :

“ IN pursuance of the authority in me vested in that behalf, I, VICTOR ALBERT GEORGE, EARL OF JERSEY, as Governor of the Colony of New South Wales, do hereby authorise the Honorable Joseph Palmer Abbott, Esquire, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the said Colony, to administer from time to time, as occasion may require, to any Member or Members of the said Assembly, the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to Her Majesty the Queen, required by law to be taken or made and subscribed by every such Member before he shall be permitted to sit or vote in the said Legislative Assembly.

“ Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Colony, at Government House, Sydney, in New South Wales aforesaid, this fourteenth day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one, and in the fifty-fifth year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

“ JERSEY.

“ By His Excellency's Command,

“ HENRY PARKES.”

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

Denis Cornelius Joseph Donnelly, Esquire—for Carcoar.
James Hayes, Esquire—for The Hume.
James Archibald Mackinnon, Esquire—for Young.
John Wilkinson, Esquire—for Albury.

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

“MR. SPEAKER,

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

The House went,—and being returned, adjourned, on motion of Sir Henry Parkes, at twenty minutes after Twelve o'clock, until Four o'clock this Day.

The House resumed, pursuant to adjournment.

5. 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—

“Henry Copeland, Esquire,
“Joseph Francis Cullen, Esquire,
“George Donald, Esquire,
“James Inglis, Esquire,

“Charles Alfred Lee, Esquire,
“William Alfred Murphy, Esquire,
“Andrew Ross, Esquire, M.D.,

“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 fifteenth day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred
“and ninety-one.

“J. P. ABBOTT,
“Speaker.”

6. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:—Mr. Copeland, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, Appendices, and Plans, from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, on the Proposed Cable Tramway through George, Pitt, and Harris Streets, Sydney.

(2.) Report, together with the Minutes of Evidence, Appendices, and Plans, from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, on the Proposed Cable Tramway from King-street, *via* William-street, to Ocean-street.

Ordered to be printed.

7. ELECTION PETITION (*The Hastings and Manning*):—Sir Henry Parkes, *by command*, laid upon the Table an Election Petition, which had been addressed to His Excellency the Governor, from Walter Hussey Vivian, alleging that at the last General Election of Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly of this Colony Petitioner was one of the candidates duly nominated for the Electoral District of The Hastings and Manning, when a poll was demanded; that the Petitioner was duly qualified to be elected; that the Returning Officer certified to the return of James Henry Young and Hugh McKinnon as duly elected; that at several of the polling-places in the Electorate votes were declared informal which were not informal, and which should have been counted in favour of Petitioner and against the said Hugh McKinnon; and praying that the Petition may be dealt with according to law, and that the return of the said Hugh McKinnon as a Member of the said Legislative Assembly for the said Electoral District may be declared null and void for the reason aforesaid; that a scrutiny of all ballot-papers should be made by the Committee of Elections and Qualifications; that for the reason aforesaid it may be declared that the said Hugh McKinnon was not lawfully elected, and is not such Member of the said Legislative Assembly for the said Electoral District; that it may be declared and determined that Petitioner was duly elected at the said election to serve and be a Member of the said Legislative Assembly for the said Electoral District of The Hastings and Manning, and is entitled to take his seat accordingly in the said Assembly; and that such further or other order and determination may be made in the premises as may be just.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

8. ELECTION PETITION (*Canterbury*):—Sir Henry Parkes, *by command*, laid upon the Table an Election Petition, which had been addressed to His Excellency the Governor from James Eve, alleging that at the last General Election of Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly Petitioner was one of the candidates duly nominated for the Electoral District of Canterbury, when a poll was demanded; that the Petitioner was duly qualified to be elected; that the Returning Officer certified to the return of Joseph Hector Carruthers, Thomas Bavister, Cornelius James Danahey, and John Wheeler, as duly elected; that Petitioner is advised and believes that the said John Wheeler is unduly elected, and that he, the Petitioner, should be declared elected, or a new election ordered, upon the grounds (1) That at Canterbury Polling Booth a number of Ballot Papers used were in writing and not printed, and that such Ballot Papers were not issued by the Returning Officer to the Presiding Officer; (2) That the Marrickville Polling Booth was not opened until twenty minutes past eight o'clock, and consequently some electors were unable to vote; (3) That certain votes were rejected as informal which should count as votes to Petitioner; (4) That the votes have not been correctly counted; (5) That at Five Dock Polling Booth the said John Wheeler was given one more vote than he was entitled to, and your Petitioner was deprived of one; and (6) That the election was otherwise irregularly conducted; and praying that the said John Wheeler may be declared to be unduly elected as a Member to serve in the said Assembly, and that Petitioner may be declared elected as such Member, or that a new election may be ordered to take place.

Ordered to lie on the Table

9. **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*.
10. **THE GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH:**—Mr. Speaker reported that the House had this day attended the Governor in the Legislative Council Chamber, when His Excellency was pleased to deliver an Opening Speech to both Houses of Parliament, of which, for greater accuracy, he had obtained a copy,—which he read to the House, as follows:—

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

I have called you together at the earliest date compatible with the public interests after the appeal which has been made to the electoral bodies.

2. In response to opinions which obtained general assent during the progress of the General Election, and in view of possible eventualities, you will be invited, as the first business of the Session, to consider Bills to entirely remodel the law under which Members are elected to the Legislative Assembly. By these measures provision will be made to place the electors on a footing of equality in voting power, to extend the elective franchise to large classes which are now, either directly or indirectly, excluded, to base the right of the suffrage upon the obligatory act of self-registration, to abolish the existing condition of a money deposit before the nomination of candidates, to secure the record of a majority of votes in the choice of representatives, and to divide the Colony into single electorates. In connection with these measures a resolution will be submitted in favour of the expediency and justice of extending the franchise to women.

3. The great question of the union of the Colonies will be brought forward without delay, in view of its national magnitude and in order to ensure concurrent action with the other Australian Parliaments.

4. A comprehensive measure to establish District Self-Government will be immediately introduced, and pressed forward with the hope of its becoming law before the close of the Session.

5. A Bill will be submitted to prevent or mitigate the disastrous consequences of labour disputes, by the constitution of Courts of Conciliation and Tribunals for conducting and determining cases of arbitration.

6. The Bill of the late Parliament for the regulation of coal-mining will be reintroduced with some amendments.

7. Bills will also be introduced to amend the mining law and to provide for mining on private property.

8. You will be asked to consider a measure for regulating manufactories and workshops, with special reference to the employment of women and children.

9. Carefully prepared measures for establishing an efficient system of water conservation in the interior and for promoting irrigation works will be submitted for your early consideration.

10. A Bill will be introduced to extend the right of the people in determining the number of houses in any borough or district which shall be licensed for the sale of intoxicating liquors.

11. Bills will be introduced, as opportunity offers, to improve the administration of justice in certain respects, to regulate the medical profession, to amend the law relating to fisheries, and to carry out other necessary reforms.

GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

12. The Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure will be prepared with the fullest care for your consideration.

13. It is satisfactory to inform you that the public revenue sustains its character of steady increase, and you will be invited to remit the duties now imposed upon certain articles necessary for manufacturing purposes and for the secure occupation of grazing and agricultural land.

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

14. As soon as the exigencies of other public business permit you will be invited to sanction various public works which, while opening new fields for employment, will largely tend to meet the wants of the population.

15. I have pleasure in informing you that the new and important branches of the Public Service connected with Technical Education, Forestry, and Agriculture are making satisfactory progress.

16. In now leaving you to your arduous and responsible duties, I pray that the Almighty may direct all your endeavours to the lasting welfare and greatness of the country.

Mr. Lonsdale then moved, and Dr. Cullen 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. E. G. Brown, Dr. Cullen, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Gillies, Mr. Hart, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

And the Committee retired to prepare the Address.

And

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

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

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.

1. The proposed changes in the Electoral Law and the other important measures to be submitted to Parliament shall receive at our hands the fullest and most careful consideration.

2. We shall be prepared to approach the question of the Union of the Australian Colonies with every desire to hasten the accomplishment of that great national work, which, we believe, would largely benefit the whole of the Australian people.

Mr. Lonsdale then moved, and Dr. Cullen seconded the Motion, That the Address-in-Reply to the Governor's Opening Speech, as read by the Clerk, be now adopted by this House.

Mr. Dibbs moved, That the Address be amended by the addition of the following words, to stand paragraph 3:—“We, however, desire to inform your Excellency that the present Government does not possess the confidence of this House.”

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

Debate ensued.

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

Question put and passed.

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

11. APPOINTMENT OF THE RIGHT HONORABLE THE EARL OF JERSEY AS GOVERNOR OF THE COLONY:—

Mr. Speaker reported that during the last Parliament he had presented to the Governor the Address of congratulation adopted by the House in reply to His Excellency's Message No. 1; and that His Excellency had been pleased to give the following answer:—

“MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

“I receive with much pride and satisfaction your Address of congratulations on my appointment as Her Majesty's Representative in this Colony; and I beg to express to you my sincere thanks for the flattering terms in which it is expressed.

“I beg to assure you, gentlemen, that in the faithful discharge of my duties it will be my constant and anxious desire to promote the welfare and prosperity of this Colony, and to strengthen the loyal attachment to Her Majesty's Throne and person which so notably pervades all classes of the people of New South Wales.

“*Government House,*
“*29th May, 1891.*”

“JERSEY.”

Ordered, on motion of Mr. McMillan, to be printed.

12. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. McMillan moved, That this House do now adjourn until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 16 JULY, 1891, A.M.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at seventeen minutes before One o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 3.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 16 JULY, 1891.

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

WRIT OF ELECTION FOR BOURKE:—Mr. Speaker reported that he had received, through the Office of the Colonial Secretary, the Writ of Election for the Electoral District of Bourke, together with a certificate, under the hand of His Excellency the Governor, that Hugh Langwell, William Nicholas Willis, and James Peter Howe, Esquires, had been returned to the Legislative Assembly for that Electoral District; and also a copy of a Proclamation declaring the election of the said gentlemen valid, notwithstanding delay in the return of the Writ.

2. MEMBERS SWORN:—The undermentioned gentlemen having each taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance, and signed the Roll of the House, took their seats as Members for the Electoral District of Bourke:—

William Nicholas Willis, Esquire.
James Peter Howe, Esquire.

3. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—

(1.) Mr. Speaker stated that two of the Members appointed by him to serve on the Committee of Elections and Qualifications having intimated that they could not attend, he withdrew his Warrant dated yesterday.

(2.) Mr. Speaker then, pursuant to the requirements of the Electoral Act of 1880, laid upon the Table his Warrant (in lieu of the Warrant laid upon the Table yesterday) 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 Francis Cullen, Esquire,

“ George Donald, Esquire,

“ James Inglis, Esquire,

“ William Alfred Murphy, Esquire,

“ Andrew Ross, Esquire, M.D.,

“ Francis Bathurst Suttor, Esquire,

“ Bernhard Ringrose Wise, 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 sixteenth day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and
“ ninety-one.

“ J. P. ABBOTT,
“ Speaker.”

4. LIQUOR TRAFFIC:—Mr. Neild presented a Petition from D. McIntyre, Chairman of a Public Meeting, held in the Congregational School-room, Point Piper Road, Woollahra, praying the House to amend the laws relating to the sale of intoxicating liquors, by establishing a system of local option, whereby the majority of the Parliamentary electors would have the right to veto the liquor traffic in their own electoral districts.
Petition received.

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

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

“ MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

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

“ 1. The proposed changes in the Electoral Law and the other important measures to be submitted to Parliament shall receive at our hands the fullest and most careful consideration.

“ 2. We shall be prepared to approach the question of the Union of the Australian Colonies with every desire to hasten the accomplishment of that great national work, which, we believe, would largely benefit the whole of the Australian people.”

Upon which Mr. Dibbs had moved, That the Address be amended by the addition of the following words, to stand paragraph 3:—“ We, however, desire to inform your Excellency that the present Government does not possess the confidence of this House”,—

And the Question being again proposed,—That the words proposed to be added be so added,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next, and (*with the unanimous concurrence of the House*) take precedence of other business.

6. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-eight minutes after Eleven o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 4.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 21 JULY, 1891.

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

MEMBER SWORN:—Hugh Langwell, 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 Bourke.

2. ALBURY MECHANICS INSTITUTE ENABLING BILL:—Mr. John Wilkinson presented a Petition from Thomas Hodges Mate, Arthur Andrews, Valentine Flood Nagle, George Coventry Thorold, and Patrick Edwin Fallon, Trustees of the Mechanics Institute, Albury, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Trustees of the Albury Mechanics Institute to mortgage certain lands, situated in the town of Albury, and for declaring the trusts of the moneys raised by such mortgage. And Mr. Wilkinson having produced the *Government Gazette*, and *The Australian Star*, and *The Albury Border Post*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—Petition received.

3. ELECTION PETITION (*Illawarra*):—Sir Henry Parkes, *by command*, laid upon the Table an Election Petition which had been addressed to His Excellency the Governor, from Alexander Spence Artis, alleging that at the last General Election of Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly of this Colony, Archibald Campbell, Andrew Lysaght, John Barnes Nicholson, Frederick Augustus Franklin, and Thomas Bissell were severally candidates to be elected as Members of the said Electoral District of Illawarra; that at the nomination for the election these gentlemen were duly nominated, and a poll was demanded on behalf of the said Archibald Campbell, which was afterwards taken; that before and at the time of such nomination the Petitioner was duly qualified to vote, and voted, his name duly appearing on the Electoral Roll; that the Returning Officer declared John Barnes Nicholson and Andrew Lysaght duly elected, and so endorsed the Writ; that a place called "Bulli" was duly appointed a place at which a poll was to be taken at the said election, and a poll was accordingly held at that place; that one Henry Strange Fry was Presiding Officer at Bulli aforesaid; that at the time of such election the Returning Officer did cause to be printed ballot-papers according to the form prescribed in Schedule I to the "Electoral Act of 1880," and did supply the said Presiding Officer with some of such ballot-papers for the purposes of the said election; that Petitioner is advised and believes that the said John Barnes Nicholson and Andrew Lysaght are, or the said Andrew Lysaght is, unduly elected, and that a new election should be ordered or the said Archibald Campbell declared elected upon the following grounds:—(1.) That the provisions of the Electoral Act were disregarded at the polling-booth at Bulli, in respect of a number of ballot-papers used at that booth which were in writing and not printed, and that such ballot-papers were not issued to the Presiding Officer by the Returning Officer; (2.) That the ballot-papers supplied to the Presiding Officer were not fully equal to the number of electors likely to vote at Bulli, and before the hour of half-past two o'clock in the afternoon of the polling-day, such ballot-papers were all used by voters at the polling-booth at Bulli; and several voters were permitted to use and record their votes with ballot-papers there and then written out, some by the Presiding Officer and others by different persons then within the polling-booth; but between the hour of half-past two o'clock and the hour of four o'clock of the day, when the ballot was declared closed, there were present within the said polling-booth and immediately outside the door, desiring to record their votes, about one hundred and forty persons duly qualified by law to vote at such election (several of whom were inside the said booth demanding ballot-papers to enable them to record their votes) who were unable to record their votes through the absence of ballot-papers; (3.) That other electors left the polling-booth at Bulli before the close of the poll on hearing of the shortness of ballot-papers,

ballot-papers, and that they would not be able to record their votes, and did not vote elsewhere; and the number of votes so unrecorded would, if polled, have materially affected the issue of the election, and likely resulted in the return of one or more of the defeated candidates; that at the close of the poll quite a crowd of electors were actually in the polling-booth without being enabled to record their votes, and the proceedings at such election were interrupted by the conduct and actions of the excited electors; (4.) That otherwise the election was irregularly conducted; and praying that this Petition may be dealt with according to law; and the said election declared invalid; and that the said John Barnes Nicholson and Andrew Lysaght may be declared to be unduly elected as Members to serve in the said Assembly; that it may be declared and determined that a new election of two persons to serve as Members of the said Assembly for the said Electorate shall take place; that the ballot-papers so written out as hereinbefore mentioned shall be declared informal, null, and void: and that a scrutiny of all ballot-papers should be made by the Committee of Elections and Qualifications; or that for the reasons aforesaid, it may be declared and determined that the said Andrew Lysaght has been unduly elected; and that a new election shall take place in respect only of the seat held by the said Andrew Lysaght as a Member of the said Assembly; or that a fresh poll of electors shall be taken at the said polling-booth at Bulli aforesaid; and that such further or other order and determination may be made in the premises as may be just. Ordered to lie on the Table.

4. LIQUOR TRAFFIC:—Mr. Ritchie presented a Petition from William Ewart, Chairman of a Public Meeting, held in the Cumberland Hall, Auburn, praying the House to amend the laws relating to the sale of intoxicating liquors, by establishing a system of local option, whereby the majority of the Parliamentary electors would have the right to veto the liquor traffic in their own electoral districts.
Petition received.

5. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Willis 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 “to call attention to the existing disturbances in and around the District of Bourke, and “the position taken up by the Government now and heretofore in regard to such industrial “disturbances.”
And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—
Mr. Willis moved, That this House do now adjourn.
And the Honorable Member having quoted from affidavits made by Messrs. George Horkins and John Thornton Gannon, laid the Document upon the Table.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.

6. THE GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Lonsdale, That the following Address-in-Reply to the Governor's Opening Speech, as read by the Clerk, be now adopted by this House:—
“*To His Excellency the Right Honorable VICTOR ALBERT GEORGE, EARL OF JERSEY, a Member of
“ Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished
“ Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of
“ New South Wales and its Dependencies.*”

“MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

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

“1. The proposed changes in the Electoral law and the other important measures to
“be submitted to Parliament shall receive at our hands the fullest and most careful consideration.

“2. We shall be prepared to approach the question of the Union of the Australian Colonies
“with every desire to hasten the accomplishment of that great national work, which we believe
“would largely benefit the whole of the Australian people.”

Upon which Mr. Dibbs had moved, That the Address be amended by the addition of the following words, to stand paragraph 3:—“We, however, desire to inform your Excellency ‘that’ the present
“Government does not possess the confidence of this House.”

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

Mr. Garvan moved, That the proposed amendment be amended by the insertion after the word
“that” of the following words,—“whereas in Clause 5 of your Excellency's Speech it is stated that
“a Bill will be submitted to prevent or mitigate the disastrous consequences of labour disputes,
“this House is of opinion that as a first step towards settling present labour disputes an open con-
“ference between the representatives of the Pastoralists' Union and the representatives of the
“Shearers' Union should take place immediately, and that either party refusing to take part in
“such conference should be deemed as acting hostile to the best interests of the country.
“And whereas in Clause 13 of your Excellency's Speech it is stated that a Bill will be submitted
“to remit the duties now imposed on certain articles necessary for manufacturing purposes, &c., this
“House is of opinion that any change in the Customs Tariff should be to provide, as far as such
“laws wisely can, for the development of native industries and the execution of Government con-
“tracts within the Colony, and the protection of the labour of this country against the ruinous
“competition of low-priced labour in other parts of the world,”—

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

Mr.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

7. ADJOURNMENT :—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 5.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 22 JULY, 1891.

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

PAPER.—Mr. Brunker laid upon the Table,—Copies of *Gazette* Notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the dedication of certain lands, in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
Ordered to be printed.

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

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

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

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

"1. The proposed changes in the Electoral law and the other important measures to be submitted to Parliament shall receive at our hands the fullest and most careful consideration.

"2. We shall be prepared to approach the question of the Union of the Australian Colonies with every desire to hasten the accomplishment of that great national work, which we believe would largely benefit the whole of the Australian people."

Upon which Mr. Dibbs had moved, That the Address be amended by the addition of the following words, to stand paragraph 3:—"We, however, desire to inform your Excellency 'that' the present Government does not possess the confidence of this House."

In which proposed amendment Mr. Garvan had moved the insertion after the word "that" of the following words,—“whereas in Clause 5 of your Excellency's Speech it is stated that a Bill will be submitted to prevent or mitigate the disastrous consequences of labour disputes, this House is of opinion that as a first step towards settling present labour disputes an open conference between the representatives of the Pastoralists' Union and the representatives of the Shearers' Union should take place immediately, and that either party refusing to take part in such conference should be deemed as acting hostile to the best interests of the country. And whereas in Clause 13 of your Excellency's Speech it is stated that a Bill will be submitted to remit the duties now imposed on certain articles necessary for manufacturing purposes, &c., this House is of opinion that any change in the Customs Tariff should be to provide, as far as such laws wisely can, for the development of native industries and the execution of Government contracts within the Colony, and the protection of the labour of this country against the ruinous competition of low-priced labour in other parts of the world.”—

And the Question being again proposed,—That the words proposed to be inserted in the proposed amendment be so inserted,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 23 JULY, 1891, A.M.

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

Ayes, 58.

Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Sec,	Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Crick,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Howe,	Mr. Toohy,
Mr. Hayes,	Dr. Ross,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Willis,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. John Wilkinson,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Scott,
Mr. Cass,	Mr. Lysaght,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. J. A. Mackinnon,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Dawson.
Mr. Barbour,	
Mr. Schey,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Langwell,	Mr. Gough,
Mr. Donnelly,	Mr. Hassall.
Mr. Kelly,	
Mr. Edden,	
Mr. Bowes,	
Mr. Traill,	
Mr. Dickens,	
Mr. Colls,	
Mr. Rose,	
Mr. Chapman,	
Mr. Vaughn,	
Mr. Barnes,	
Mr. Kidd,	
Mr. Miller,	
Mr. Wall,	
Mr. Stevenson,	
Mr. Cruickshank,	
Mr. York,	
Mr. Sheldon,	
Mr. Dowel,	
Mr. Torpy,	
Mr. Hutchison,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Question put,—That the following paragraph proposed to be added to the Address be so added:—
"We, however, desire to inform your Excellency that the present Government does not possess
"the confidence of this House."
The House divided.

Ayes, 57.

Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Crick,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Sec,	Mr. Toohy,
Mr. Wright,	Dr. Ross,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Howe,	Mr. Willis,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Lyne,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Lysaght,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. J. A. Mackinnon,
Mr. John Wilkinson,	Mr. R. G. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Cass,	Mr. Dawson.
Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. Grahame,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Gough,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Hassall.
Mr. Langwell,	
Mr. Donnelly,	
Mr. Kelly,	
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Mr. Stevenson,	
Mr. Cruickshank,	
Mr. York,	
Mr. Dowel,	
Mr. Torpy,	
Mr. Hutchison,	
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,	
Mr. Henry Clarke,	
Mr. Hogan,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Noes, 77.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Want,	Mr. Rae,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Ritchie,	Mr. Booth,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Wheeler,
Dr. Cullen,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Marks,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Newman,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Bowman,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Wise,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Dale,	Mr. Donald,
Mr. Jeanneret,	Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Hindle,	Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Johnston,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Neild,
Mr. Fuller,	
Mr. Alfred Allen,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Danahay,	Mr. Martin.
Mr. E. G. Brown,	

Noes, 80.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Want,	Mr. Rae,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Ritchie,	Mr. Booth,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Sheldon,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Lees,
Dr. Cullen,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Marks,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Black,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Newman,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Bowman,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Wise,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Scott,
Mr. Dale,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Jeanneret,	Mr. Donald,
Mr. Hindle,	Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Neild,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. J. D. FitzGerald.
Mr. Alfred Allen,	
Mr. Perry,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Danahay,	Mr. Cotton,
Mr. E. G. Brown,	Mr. Martin.

Question

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

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 on Tuesday next.

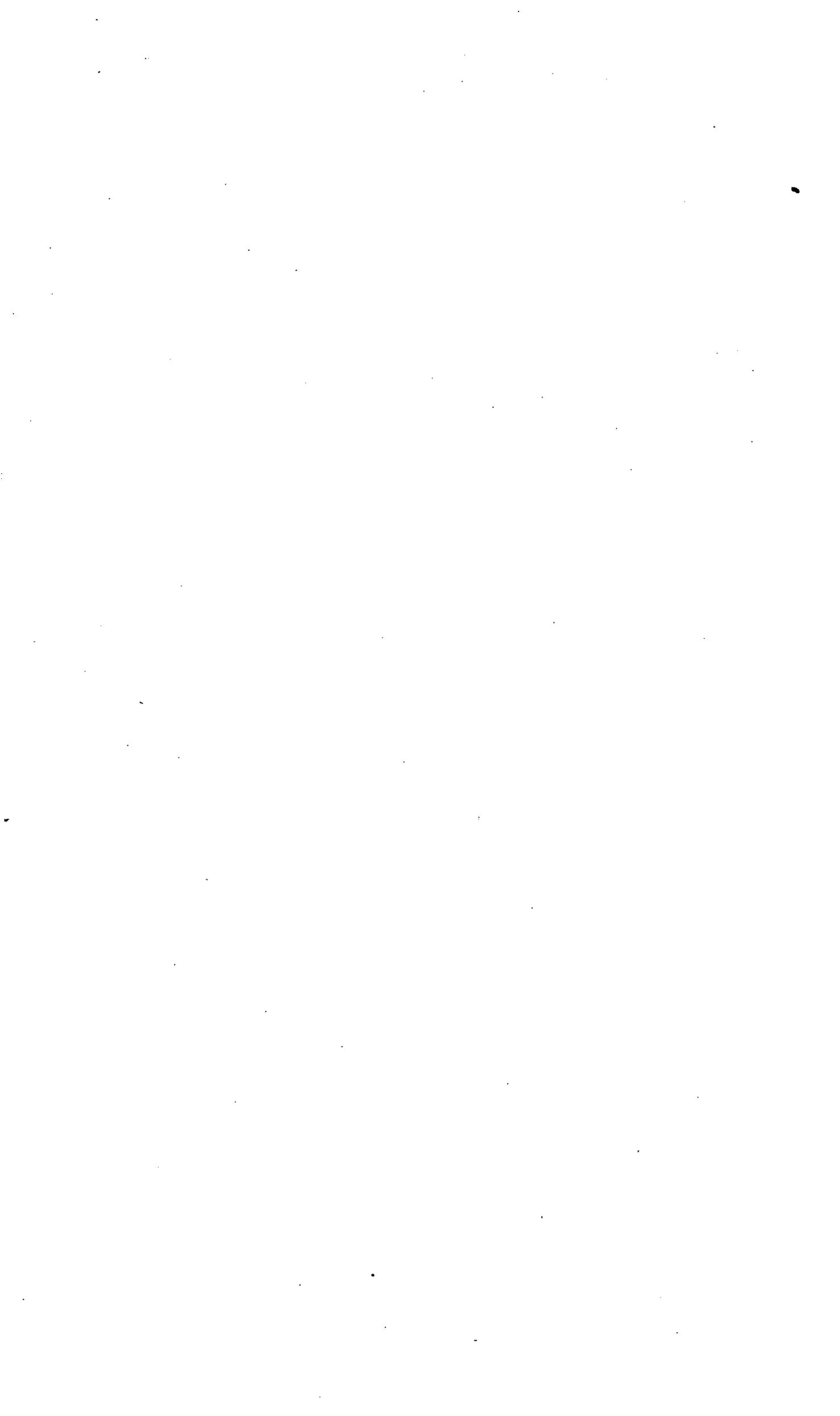
3. **THE CLERK SUMMONED**:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Clerk had received a summons to appear before the Court of Quarter Sessions at Wollongong on Tuesday, the 28th day of July instant, in a case of "Personation at an Election" against Christmas Williams, to produce the Writ bearing date the 8th day of June last, issued for the Election of one Member to represent the Electoral District of Shoalhaven,—

And having reminded the House that the Clerk could not comply with such summons without leave of the House,—put a Question,—That the Clerk have leave to comply with the summons personally, or by one of the Officers of his Department, as may be most convenient to the business of this House,—which passed in the affirmative.

4. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn until Tuesday next at half-past Three o'clock.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at a quarter before Three o'clock p.m., until Tuesday next at half-past Three o'clock.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 6.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 28 JULY, 1891.

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

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

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

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,—

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

*Government House,
Sydney, 28th July, 1891.*

JERSEY.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Amendment of the Patents Act:—Mr. Houghton asked the Minister of Justice,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill to amend and consolidate the laws relating to patents for inventions, the registration of trade-marks and designs, and the copyright law?

Mr. Gould answered,—In view of the important public business which will occupy the attention of Parliament for some time, it would not appear possible to deal with this subject at present.

(2.) Bare Island Fortifications:—Mr. Neild asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Was the Report of the Royal Commission upon the Bare Island Fortifications officially supplied to the Press?

(2.) If so, was the evidence upon which the Report was based also supplied?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) Alignment of Short's Corner, near Parramatta:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the matter of the alignment of Short's Corner, near Parramatta, be completed; and what is the cause of the delay?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—The plan of the alignment survey is being prepared, and is expected to be completed in a few days, when the necessary steps towards proclamation will at once be taken.

(4.) Site for Public Park, Rydalmere:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will an officer be sent to report on the site for a public park for Rydalmere?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—The locality known as Rydalmere was a part of Dundas Municipality, for which a park is about to be dedicated. On the 18th ultimo Rydalmere was erected into a separate Municipality by the name of Ermington and Rydalmere. No application from the new Council for a park has as yet been received.

(5.) Report of Royal Commission—Mining Department:—Mr. Suttor asked the Secretary for Mines,—When will the Report of the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the Public Service upon the Mining Department be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—The Commission has been asked for the evidence upon which the report is based, and upon receipt of that evidence it, and the report, will be laid upon the Table.

(6.)

- (6.) **Richmond River Entrance**:—Mr. Nicoll asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it a fact that the present state of the Richmond River entrance inflicts heavy loss upon ship-owners and residents of the district, through the great delays to shipping; if so, will he instruct the Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers to take whatever steps possible in pushing on the harbour works sanctioned by Parliament, so as to give relief as soon as possible?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—It has been reported to me that the recent bad weather has injuriously affected the entrance to this river. Every effort is being made to push forward these works.

- (7.) **Rouse Hill Road**:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the deviation at the eastern end of the Rouse Hill Road be opened for traffic?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—If the Honorable Member refers to a deviation of the road through Stevens' land, the deviation has been legally established by confirmation, and instruction to formally open the road was issued to a surveyor on the 27th ultimo.

- (8.) **Nuisance—Parramatta River**:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has any survey and estimate been made, according to promise, with regard to deepening the Parramatta River from the bridge at gas-works to Lennox bridge, for the purpose of abating the great nuisance created in that locality from the Government institutions; if not, will he cause a survey to be made, likewise an estimate of the probable cost of cutting a proper channel and filling in the present banks up above high tide and flood-level?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—Surveys and estimates have been prepared, and the whole question involved is now being carefully considered.

- (9.) **Railway—Cooma to the Sea**:—Mr. Chapman asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Did the Government offer a reward for the discovery of the best route to connect the Cooma railway with the sea?

(2.) Did Mr. E. Corrigan claim the reward for a route from Braidwood to Bateman's Bay discovered by him?

(3.) Did he promise on the 6th of February last to have the proposed route inspected and reported upon?

(4.) Has such inspection taken place; and, if not, will the Government take immediate steps to have the inspection made?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) The Government offered premiums for the discovery of the best route from the Cooma line to the port of Eden.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) He offered to do so when arrangements could be made for the purpose.

(4.) The route proposed did not comply with the conditions, and, as Mr. Corrigan was informed on the 23rd of June last, the investigation cannot be undertaken at present, owing to pressure of other work. The Department is now engaged in examining the routes which complied with the conditions.

- (10.) **Public School, South Waverley**:—Mr. Neild asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Is it the intention of the Department to establish a public school at South Waverley, in accordance with the urgent representations made?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—The erection of a school-building at this place is deferred for the present, in view of the demands of the country districts, which are so much greater and so much more urgent.

- (11.) **Kindergarten Public School at Mill Hill, Waverley**:—Mr. Neild asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—When is it intended to proceed with the erection of the Kindergarten Public School at Mill Hill, Waverley, promised two months ago?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—The erection of a school-building at this place is deferred for the present, in view of the demands of the country districts, which are so much greater and so much more urgent.

- (12.) **Coogee Bay Road**:—Mr. Neild asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Have representations been addressed to him by the Randwick Borough Council, to the effect,—That the Coogee Bay Road is dangerously narrow for the present traffic, and that, consequent upon the opening of public roads through the Centennial Park, the revenue from the Randwick toll-bar is so reduced that the Council, as Trustees for the said roads, has no funds to render the first-named road safe for traffic?

(2.) Has any application been made by the Randwick Borough Council for a grant to enable the widening of the said road to be carried out?

(3.) If so, is it his intention to comply with the application?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) Yes; in a letter received from the Randwick Council it is stated that the loss occasioned by the opening of the road through the park is £1,000 per annum, consequent upon traffic using the road through the park instead of the Randwick Road through the toll-bar.

(2.) Yes (£1,000).

(3.) I am prepared to deal equitably in this matter, and am now only waiting for a report from one of the officers of the Department before finally deciding the question.

- (13.) **Preparation of Public Bills**:—Mr. Reid asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is there any rule preventing Members preparing Public Bills for introduction to Parliament from using the Government Printing Office for the purpose of setting the same up in type, before the leave to introduce is formally given by the House?

(2.) If so, will he consider the propriety of altering it; if there is no such rule, will he consider the advisability of assisting Members preparing Public Bills to the extent indicated?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—It is a recognised rule that all public Bills should emanate from the members of the Government, for the printing of which at the Government Printing Office Ministerial authority is necessary.

(14.) Law Reform :—Mr. Reid asked the Minister of Justice,—Referring to the Resolutions unanimously adopted by the Legislative Assembly on the 2nd December last, in the following terms :—

“(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, many of the methods of legal procedure in New South Wales, especially in the civil jurisdiction of the superior courts, are antiquated in form, complicated and uncertain in their operation, and unnecessarily expensive to all persons seeking justice, whether at law or in equity.

“(2.) That a much-needed branch of law reform is the consolidation (and, when, expedient, the amendment) by one or more comprehensive measures, of much of the statute law, especially that part of it which, by virtue of a declaratory section in the Imperial Act 9 Geo. IV., c. 83, embraces such English legislation from the earliest times down to the year 1828, as the judges of the Colony may have occasion from time to time to decide to be applicable to this part of the Empire at the present day.

“(3.) That this House desires earnestly to impress upon the Government the great urgency of law reform in these and other respects, and the immediate necessity for such inquiry and report by competent persons as will ensure the framing of measures conferring upon the people the advantages of a speedy and economical administration of justice, under a sound and efficient system of law.

“(4.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor,—will he be good enough to say whether they have been considered by the Government; and, if so, with what result?

Mr. Gould answered,—The Government has had this matter under consideration, and has been in communication with the Chief Justice on the subject, but it has not yet been finally dealt with.

(15.) Travelling Dairy :—Mr. Jones, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) What has been the expense to date of the travelling dairy?

(2.) Have not private co-operative farming concerns for some years past demonstrated as soundly practicable that which the travelling dairy is supposed to teach as something new; if so, will he consider the expediency of abolishing this expense on the revenue forthwith?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

(1.) Cost of plant complete, £411 19s. 5d.; salaries and wages up to 30th June, £69 8s. 7d.; travelling expenses and incidental, £34 12s. 8d.

(2.) The travelling dairy is intended to teach the latest improvements in dairying, and the principles of co-operation in the districts of the Colony which are still uneducated in these matters. It is hoped by this means to add another industry in many farming districts, which have now to import their supplies of butter, and also to develop the co-operating principle in this and other directions. Granted that some districts of the Colony are highly educated in these respects, it is the Department's duty to endeavour to spread such education as widely as possible. The results in Queensland and Victoria have been very valuable, and much interest has been shown already in the districts visited by the dairy and the numerous other places which have applied for a visit from it.

(16.) Inspector of Meat, Glebe Island :—Mr. Murphy asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Have any steps been taken to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Chas. Schultz, Inspector of Meat, Glebe Island?

(2.) If not, will he, in the interests of public health, cause such steps to be taken?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The matter is now under consideration. Perhaps the Honorable Member may repeat his question a few days hence.

(17.) Dredge “Newcastle” :—Mr. Johnston asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he kindly state how it is that the dredge “Newcastle” has not been brought to Sydney to be lengthened, seeing that tenders for that purpose were received in February last?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—A tender was accepted in September last for new engines and boilers for the dredge “Newcastle,” but there was no necessity for stopping urgent dredging at Newcastle until the machinery was ready. The machinery being now ready, the dredge has been brought down, arriving last week; and no time will be lost in lengthening the hull, and fitting in the new machinery.

(18.) Site for Post Office, Annandale :—Mr. Houghton asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has the Postmaster-General completed negotiations for the purchase of a site for the post office at Annandale; if so, will he kindly state the locality of such site?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—Negotiations have been completed for a site at Annandale, particulars of which are as follows :—Lot 18 and part of 19, section 20, of the North Annandale Estate, having 60 feet frontage to Booth-street, with depth of 132 feet between Johnston and Annandale Streets, purchased from Messrs. Richardson and Wrench for £360.

(19.) Railway Fares to Workmen :—Mr. J. D. FitzGerald asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Whether it is a fact that workmen have to pay twice the amount for fares going to work out of the city to that paid by those coming in; if so, what is the reason?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—I am informed that on the railway the fares are the same whether the workmen travel to or from Sydney. On the tramways the regulation has been to allow the workmen's fares to apply to workmen coming into the city from the suburbs only, presumably to induce workmen to settle outside the city, but the Commissioners see no objection to the extension of the concession, and have given directions that it shall apply to the early morning trams either to or from the city.

(20.) Chinese Gambling Houses :—Mr. J. D. FitzGerald asked the Minister of Justice,—Is it a fact that the law, as at present constituted for the suppression of gambling, is not carried out in the case of Chinese gambling hells; and, if so, why not?

Mr.

Mr. Gould answered,—I am informed by the Inspector-General of Police that a large number of Chinese have at various times been prosecuted for, and convicted of, violating the gambling laws, but that the alleged gambling consists to a great extent of games played amongst the Chinese themselves for amusement, which the law gives no power to suppress.

- (21.) Use of Tarpaulins at different Railway Stations:—Mr. Tonkin asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it true that instructions have been given to the different station-masters that the farmers are not to be allowed tarpaulins to cover their produce at the different stations while waiting for trucks for shipment?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I am informed that no such instructions have been given, but, on the contrary, instructions exist that every facility is to be given for the protection of produce while waiting at stations for trucks.

- (22.) Cost of Main Sewer, &c., into Parramatta River at Lennox Bridge:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What was the cost of the main sewer constructed by the Government to drain the Parramatta Gaol, Lunatic Asylum, and Industrial School into the Parramatta River at Lennox bridge, and the date of its completion?

(2.) What was the cost of cutting the open channel in the bed of the Parramatta River below Lennox bridge, and building the concrete side walls to same, and the date of its completion?

(3.) What was the cost of the subsidiary pipes laid down to connect the aforesaid sewer with the open channel in said river; the date of its completion?

(4.) What was the cost of the flood-gates and concrete walls and bastion erected in the Parramatta River; the date when they were completed?

(5.) The cost of all other works (if any) constructed or erected in conjunction with the foregoing work, and which were intended for the abatement of the nuisances in the Parramatta River from all Government institutions?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) £4,864 16s. 11d.; completed in 1870.

(2.) £6,861 2s. 6d.; completed in June, 1878.

(3.) £496 9s. 2d.; completed in April, 1882.

(4.) £1,228; completed in January, 1890.

(5.) No other expenditure appears to have been incurred.

- (23.) Post and Telegraph Offices at Newtown and Enmore:—Mr. Molesworth asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders be called for the erection of the new post and telegraph offices at Newtown and Enmore respectively?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—Tenders for the former will be invited in about three weeks; they have already been invited for the latter.

- (24.) Health Bill:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government during the present Session, to deal with the important question of public health, by the introduction of a comprehensive Health Bill?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—It is the intention of the Government, if other pressing business permits, to introduce a Bill for regulating the preservation of the public health.

- (25.) Bulga Road:—Mr. Stevenson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What action has been taken in regard to the opening of the new deviation down Darkie Creek, on the Bulga Road?

(2.) Is it a fact that several miles of the new road are now nearly completed, but until further contracts are completed there is no approach to such?

(3.) Is it a fact that the old Bulga Road is absolutely dangerous for traffic?

(4.) Can he say when tenders will be invited for the remainder of the new work?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) The whole of the deviation is pegged and levelled, and section has been made.

(2.) A contract is in progress, comprising 398 chains of formation, which will be finished in a few months, but cannot be used until further work is done.

(3.) The local officers report that the old road is in a dangerous state for traffic.

(4.) A tender has been accepted for a further portion of this work this day.

- (26.) Richmond River Bar:—Mr. Perry asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has his attention been directed to a paragraph in the *Sydney Morning Herald* regarding the present state of the Richmond River bar?

(2.) Will he see into the matter, and endeavour to aid in removing the present state of things?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Every effort is being made to start the southern training-wall as soon as possible. A gang of men is now employed opening the new quarry and making preparations for obtaining stone.

- (27.) Loss from Floods, Richmond River:—Mr. Perry asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Will he instruct one of his officers to at once make a thorough survey and report on the most effective scheme to lessen the liability of farmers and others to loss from floods on the Richmond River?

(2.) Will he order a more comprehensive survey of the proposed Tuckombil drain, with a view to ascertain what amount (if any) would be claimed for compensation by owners of land liable to damage if the drain were cut?

Mr.

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) From previous experience in matters of this kind, I am led to the conclusion that no practical good would result from such an examination. A survey such as suggested by the Honorable Member would cost a very large sum of money, the expenditure of which I should not feel justified in incurring.

(2.) The Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers reports that he does not consider any further survey necessary.

(28.) Free Labour Bureau :—Mr. Kelly asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What reply, if any, he gave to a deputation consisting of Messrs. O'Connor, Kelly, Koch, and others, with reference to a free labour bureau?

(2.) If no answer has been given, will he now give it?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I have made some inquiry on this subject, in compliance with representations which were made to me by several gentlemen, of whom I believe the honorable gentleman was one. Of course the Government had no authority to institute any investigation, but it has been represented to me by persons connected with this bureau that its object is to find employment on the one hand, and to fill situations on the other, for persons engaged in shipping or wharf occupations; and that no distinction is made between unionists and non-unionists in its operation. That is the representation made to me.

(29.) Agent-General:—Mr. J. D. FitzGerald asked the Colonial Secretary,—Does the Agent-General in England, Sir Saul Samuel, represent the Colony of New South Wales or the Government of the Colony of New South Wales?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I am not quite sure that I understand this question;—the question is, “Does the Agent-General in England, Sir Saul Samuel, represent the Colony of New South Wales or the Government of the Colony of New South Wales?” The Agent-General is appointed as the Representative of the Colony, that is, in the first place, to transact the necessary business of the Government of the Colony and to represent the Colony in any other respect that could not have been foreseen at the time by the Government, and he thus in a technical sense represents the Government, and in a liberal sense he represents the whole Colony. I do not know that I can give any other information.

(30.) Parramatta-Dural Railway:—Mr. Nobbs asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What is the present position of the question of the proposed Parramatta-Dural Railway?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—The matter is awaiting the decision of the Cabinet, and will be dealt with when the other Public Works proposals are under consideration.

(31.) Town Commons:—Mr. Wright asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that there are a number of towns in the Colony unprovided with town commons?

(2.) Is it not a fact that many towns have very large areas granted to them as permanent or temporary commons?

(3.) Will he cause inquiries to be made, with a view of cancelling unnecessary areas where granted, and of granting suitable areas for commons to townships unprovided with the same, and increasing the areas of commons which, in his opinion, may be too small to meet the wants of the different towns?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) The necessary inquiries have been for some time past, and are still being made, with a view to the action suggested by the Honorable Member being carried out.

(32.) Public School Buildings for Glen Innes:—Mr. Wright asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—When will tenders be called for the erection of the new public school buildings for Glen Innes?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—Tenders will be invited early in August.

(33.) Sleeping Accommodation for “Free” Labourers:—Mr. Sharp asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Did a certain Government official take the key from the contractor of the new goods’ shed, at Redfern station, on Saturday, 11th July, to provide 100 or more “free” labourers with sleeping accommodation, prior to their transmission to Bourke, or out stations; if so, by whose authority was this done?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I am informed that there was no intention to provide, nor was sleeping accommodation provided, for the men referred to.

(34.) School Buildings at Mount View:—Mr. Stevenson asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—(1.) Is it the intention of the Department to remove the present old wooden school buildings at Mount View to the new site?

(2.) How long have these buildings been erected, and what was their original cost?

(3.) What amount has been expended upon the same annually since their erection?

(4.) Were tenders called for further additions last year; if so, what were the amounts of tenders, and was any protest sent in against the same being accepted?

(5.) Have the residents protested against the present school site as being unsuitable?

(6.) Will he state what is the estimated cost of removing the old buildings?

(7.) Will he have any objection to lay upon the Table of this House the report of the Inspector and the Clerk of Works in reference to the matter?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The buildings were erected in 1881, at a cost of £583 9s.

(3.) In 1882, £21 19s. 6d.; 1883, nil; 1884, nil; 1885, £20; 1886, £32; 1887, nil; 1888, £21 4s.; 1889, nil; 1890, £80 2s. 6d.

(4.)

- (4.) No.
- (5.) The residents have petitioned to have the school removed to the new site.
- (6.) The cost of removing and enlarging the buildings is estimated at £320.
- (7.) I have no objection to this being done upon the order of this House.
- (35.) **Friendly Societies Act**:—Mr. Stevenson asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce—in accordance with a promise given to the House—a Bill for the amendment of the Friendly Societies Act; and, if so, could he say when?
- Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Government will introduce a Bill of this character when other matters of more urgent importance are disposed of.
- (36.) **Pilotage Rates**:—Mr. Molesworth asked the Colonial Treasurer,—When do the Government intend to provide for the reduction in the pilotage rates for the ports of Sydney and Newcastle, in conformity with a Resolution of Parliament, dated 21st October, 1890?
- Sir Henry Parkes answered,—This matter is under the consideration of the Government.
- (37.) **Public Works Act**:—Mr. Lyne asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Has his attention been directed to clause 24 of the Public Works Act?
 - (2.) If so, will he take such steps as will insure the full principle of the betterment system being embodied in an amendment to that clause, instead of the partial principle as therein contained?
 - (3.) In view of the unsatisfactory valuations already made along the Culcairn to Corowa railway line, will he take such steps as will cause the injustice complained of to be removed?
- Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—I cannot give any further reply on this subject at present than that contained in my letter to the Honorable Member of the 4th ultimo, in which the subject was dealt with at some length. I can assure him that nothing of an unjust or arbitrary nature will be permitted in dealing with these claims.
- (38.) **Expenditure upon various Roads**:—Mr. Lyne asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it true that instructions have been given to road inspectors in several, if not all, districts to reduce expenditure upon various roads?
- Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—The local officers have been directed not to invite tenders for new works without reference to the Head Office; this was done to obviate a possible danger of over-running the votes placed at the disposal of the Department by Parliament. There is no intention whatever of stopping works for the execution of which funds have been voted.
- (39.) **Light at Smoky Cape**:—Mr. Lees, for Mr. Dangar, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What public officer designed the light exhibited on Smoky Cape?
 - (2.) Has the Marine Board approved of the light?
 - (3.) Have any representations reached the Department from masters of steam-boats voyaging on the coast?
 - (4.) Is it probable that any, and if so what, change will be made in connection with the light?
- Sir Henry Parkes answered,—
- (1.) Mr. Barnett, the late Colonial Architect, designed the light on Smoky Cape.
 - (2.) Yes; the Marine Board has approved of the light.
 - (3.) No representation has been made by masters of coasting vessels in opposition to this light.
 - (4.) Arrangements may hereafter be made to exhibit the red subsidiary light provided in the lower part of the tower, but this matter is not considered of much importance, as the Lagger Rock—the danger it was intended to indicate—is so close in shore, and so easily made out, now that the high light is exhibited, as to make it a matter of indifference whether the red light is shown or not.
3. **SIMPSON'S RAILWAY BILL**:—Mr. Barton presented a Petition from Benjamin Crispin Simpson, of Sydney, civil engineer, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the construction of an extension of the railway, commonly known as the Rosehill Railway, in three sections from a point about nine chains seventy-five links from the northern end of the Rosehill station platform, crossing the Parramatta River, traversing the districts of Rydalmere, Pennant Hills, Dundas, and Castle Hill, and terminating at Dural.
- And Mr. Barton having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Daily Telegraph*, and *Cumberland Mercury and Parramatta Gazette*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
- Petition received.
4. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT**:—Sir Henry Parkes informed the House that Mr. McMillan had resigned the office of Colonial Treasurer. He then read Mr. McMillan's letter of resignation and his (Sir Henry Parkes') reply thereto.
- Mr. McMillan and Mr. Dibbs also addressed the House.
5. **CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES**:—Mr. Barton 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.
6. **BUSINESS DAYS (Sessional Order)**:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be a Sessional Order, that, unless otherwise ordered, this House shall meet for the despatch of business at "Four" o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in each week.
- Mr. Stevenson moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word "Four" with a view to the insertion in its place of the word "Two"
- Question proposed,—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
- Debate ensued.
- Question put,—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

The House divided.

Ayes, 65.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Marke,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. See,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Young,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Jeanneret,	Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Jones,
Dr. Cullen,	Mr. Donald,
Mr. Wheeler,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Barton,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Cass,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Dale,	Mr. Traill,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Willis,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Howe,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. Ritchie,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Dawson.
Mr. Parkes,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Langwell,	
Mr. Bowes,	Mr. Crick,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Tonkin.
Mr. H. H. Brown,	

Noes, 37.

Dr. Ross,	Mr. Murphy.
Mr. Barbour,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Melville,	
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. G. D. Clark,	Mr. Hassall.
Mr. Schey,	
Mr. Collins,	
Mr. Gardiner,	
Mr. Kelly,	
Mr. Fegan,	
Mr. Sheldon,	
Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,	
Mr. Newman,	
Mr. Barnes,	
Mr. Rose,	
Mr. Gormly,	
Mr. Miller,	
Mr. Vaughn,	
Mr. Edden,	
Mr. Cann,	
Mr. Houghton,	
Mr. Rue,	
Mr. Williams,	
Mr. Darnley,	
Mr. Johnston,	
Mr. Nicholson,	
Mr. Lysaght,	
Mr. Gough,	
Mr. Cotton,	
Mr. Sharp,	
Mr. McGowen,	
Mr. Cook,	
Mr. Davis,	
Mr. Bavister,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question then put and passed.

7. BELL TO BE RUNG BEFORE 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.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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 the House, and the Answers returned to the same.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
11. FORMAL BUSINESS (*Sessional Order*):—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be a Sessional Order,—
 - (1.) That every Motion or Order of the Day for the third reading of a Bill to which, on the Question being put from the Chair, "Whether there is any objection to its being a 'Formal Motion,' or 'Order of the Day,'" no objection shall be taken, shall be deemed to be a "Formal" Motion or Order of the Day.
 - (2.) That, before the ordinary business of each day shall be entered upon, Mr. Speaker shall call over the various Notices of Motions and Orders of the Day for third reading of Bills; and, on any such Motion or Order being called, it shall be competent for the Member otherwise entitled to move it to have the above question put with reference thereto; and such "Formal" Motions or Orders of the Day shall be disposed of in the relative order in which they stand on the Business Paper, taking precedence of all the other Motions and Orders of the Day.
 - (3.) That no debate shall be allowed upon any such "Formal Motions" or "Orders of the Day," or upon the further proceedings consequent on the reading of such Orders; but the House may proceed to division thereupon, without amendment or debate, as in the case of the motion for the first reading of a Bill.
 - (4.) That, in consequence of any such "Formal" Orders of the Day having been disposed of as aforesaid, it shall not be held that the House has proceeded to the Orders of the Day upon the Business Paper so as to exclude thereafter the presentation of Petitions or the reception of Notices of Motions.
 - (5.) That no motion for the appointment of a Select Committee, excepting upon a Private Bill, shall be held to be a "Formal" Motion.
 Question put and passed.

12. **PLACING BUSINESS (*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.
13. **TRANSMISSION OF MESSAGES BETWEEN THE TWO HOUSES (*Sessional Order*)**:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Order respecting the transmission of Messages, agreed to by the two Houses during the Session of 1856–7, shall stand as a Sessional Order for the present Session.
Question put and passed.
14. **COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY (*Sessional Order*)**:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be a Sessional Order, that, unless otherwise ordered, the resumption of the Committee of Supply shall stand an Order of the Day, as of course, on each day on which Government Business shall have precedence.
Question put and passed.
15. **COMMITTEE OF WAYS AND MEANS (*Sessional Order*)**:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be a Sessional Order, that, unless otherwise ordered, the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means shall stand an order of the Day, as of course, on each day on which Government Business shall have precedence.
Question put and passed.
16. **BALLOTING FOR SELECT COMMITTEES (*Sessional Order*)**:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That the following Rules shall be observed as a Sessional Order:—
(1.) Members Balloting for a Select Committee shall place the Balloting Papers, after completion, in the hands of the Clerk of the House (or, in his absence, the Officer acting in his stead), giving time for him to note one paper (as hereinafter mentioned) before another is presented.
(2.) The Clerk shall have before him a complete printed List of the Members of the House, and on the presentation of any Balloting Paper shall place his initials against the entry in such List of the name of the Member presenting such Balloting Paper, and the Clerk shall place such List, so initialled, on record with the other proceedings of the Ballot.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Dangar moved, That the Question be amended by the addition of the following words to stand paragraph (3.):—
“That before proceeding with such ballot the bell shall be rung as when the House goes to a “division.”
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be added be so added.
Debate continued.
Question,—That the words proposed to be added be so added,—put and negatived.
Original Question then put and passed.
17. **VOTE OF CHAIRMAN OF SELECT COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE BILLS (*Sessional Order*)**:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be a Sessional Order, that the Chairman of a Select Committee on a Private Bill shall be entitled to vote on all questions in the same way as other Members of such Committee; and, in case of an equality of votes, exercise a second or casting vote.
Question put and passed.
18. **STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE (*Sessional Order*)**:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice, That the Standing Orders Committee for the present Session shall consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Barton, Mr. Copeland, “Mr. Cotton,” Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Melville, Mr. Gould, Mr. Want, Mr. Young, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and authority and power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to examine witnesses, and to report in any matter or thing referred to or pending before the said Committee, and to confer upon subjects of mutual concernment with any Committee appointed for similar purposes by the Legislative Council.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Crick moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the words “Mr. Cotton,” with a view to the insertion in their place of the words “Mr. Barbour.”
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
Debate continued.
Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and passed.
Original Question then put and passed.
19. **LIBRARY COMMITTEE (*Sessional Order*)**:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Library Committee for the present Session shall consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Cullen, Mr. Dickens, Dr. Hollis, Mr. Inglis, Mr. O’Sullivan, Mr. Traill, Mr. Garvan, Mr. Wise, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and authority and power to act jointly with the Library Committee of the Legislative Council, in accordance with the Assembly’s Resolution of 6th August, 1862.
Question put and passed.
20. **REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE (*Sessional Order*)**:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Refreshment Committee for the present Session shall consist of “Mr. Bowman,” Mr. Inglis, Mr. Henry Clarke, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Alfred Allen, Mr. Torpy, Mr. York, Mr. McGowen, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and authority to act in matters of mutual concernment with any Committee appointed for similar purposes by the Legislative Council.
Debate ensued.

Mr. Dangar moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the words " Mr. Bowman," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words " Mr. Melville."

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

Debate continued.

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

Original Question then put and passed.

21. **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.

22. **EXCLUSION OF STRANGERS (Sessional Order)** :—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be a Sessional Order, that when the Speaker or the Chairman of Committees, as the case may be, has been notified by any Honorable Member that Strangers are present, then, unless Four other Honorable Members rise in their places, in token of their support to the objection, no order shall be made for Strangers to withdraw: Provided that the Speaker, or the Chairman of Committees, may, whenever he thinks fit, order the withdrawal of Strangers from any part of the House.

Mr. Dibbs moved, That the Question be amended by the addition of the words "*Hansard Staff* not " being considered Strangers."

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

Debate ensued.

Question put,—That the words proposed to be added be so added.

The House divided.

Ayes, 67.

Mr. Willis,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Dawson,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Neild,
Mr. Collins,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Rose,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Murphy,	Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Donald,
Mr. York,	Mr. Traill,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Sharp,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. Howe,	Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Lync,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Lysaght,
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Gough,
Mr. Rac,	Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Langwell,	Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Cass,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Bavister.
Mr. Colls,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. G. D. Clark,	
Mr. Lees,	Mr. Crick,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Chapman.
Mr. Morgan,	

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Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Gould,
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Bruce Smith,
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Inglis,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Ritchie,
Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Morton,
Mr. Wise,
Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Hart,
Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Frank Farnell.

Tellers,

Dr. Cullen,
Mr. McCourt.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question then,—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, *Hansard Staff* not being considered Strangers,—put and passed.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 7.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 29 JULY, 1891.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Appointments to the Commission of the Peace:—Mr. J. D. FitzGerald asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to make any fresh appointments to the Commission of the Peace; if so, will they favourably consider the expediency of adding a number of representative labour men?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—It is not the intention of the Government to make any fresh appointments to the Commission of the Peace for some little time. When they are made the usual course will be followed. The usual course has been this:—That some person or body of persons have recommended on grounds stated, that A, B, or C be appointed to the Commission of the Peace. Sometimes the recommendation comes from a Police Magistrate, sometimes from a Member of Parliament, sometimes from the Bench of Magistrates, and sometimes from other persons; and these recommendations are considered and adopted, or otherwise,—information and the circumstances decide. I shall be very glad indeed to consider any recommendation which any gentleman may make to me of gentlemen to whom reference is made.

(2.) Application to Purchase or Lease Seven-mile Beach Reserves:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has an application to purchase, or lease, the Seven-mile Beach Reserves, in the Shoalhaven district, been made by the proprietor of the Berry Estate?

(2.) Is he aware that there is a strong agitation in the Nowra district against the granting of such application?

(3.) Has he decided to take any action in the matter; and, if so, what decision has he arrived at?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—

(1.) Applications to purchase the land included in this reserve, in virtue of improvements, were lodged by the late Mr. Berry.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) The matter is under consideration, and will be dealt with in a day or two.

(3.) Applicants for Conditional Leases:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that under the Land Act of 1889 applicants for conditional leases are compelled to renew from date of application, failing which a fine is imposed?

(2.) Is it a fact that, owing to country officials not making the foregoing known, many conditional lessees have omitted to comply with the law?

(3.) Under such circumstances, will he grant a remission of all fines imposed for such neglect upon the part of conditional lessees?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—

(1.) The law provides that the rents of conditional leases shall be subject to a provisional rental of 2d. per acre, pending determination of the rent in accordance with the Act, such rental to be paid annually in advance, and in default of such payments a fine is incurred.

(2.) A few lessees have not complied with the requirements of the law.

(3.) In all cases where it has been shown that good reasons exist for the remission of fines the law in that respect is not enforced.

(4.) Indian Hawkers:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a number of Indians and other coloured hawkers are now travelling this country and plying their trade in the back districts?

(2.) Is it a fact that it is a practice with some of these hawkers to watch till the husband or father goes away to his work, and then, proceeding to the hut, frighten women and children into a purchase of their wares?

(3.)

- (3.) Is it a fact that some of these coloured hawkers are armed with dangerous-looking knives, or other weapons, which they flourish to the alarm of women and children?
 (4.) Bearing in mind the risk of women being ravished, and the other dangers attendant upon the operations of these coloured hawkers in the back districts, will he take steps to cancel the licenses issued to these hawkers, and see that no more are issued to such persons?

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

- (1.) Yes.
 (2.) No such case has been reported.
 (3.) It is usual for all persons of this class to carry knives.
 (4.) Hawkers' licences are granted by Benches of Magistrates,—it is presumed after due inquiry and consideration. The Inspector-General will make some inquiries on the subject.
 (5.) Crown Lands in the Berry Estate:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that there are good reasons for believing that large areas of Crown lands are illegally enclosed in the Berry Estate, in the Shoalhaven district?
 (2.) Is it also a fact that steps are now being taken by the proprietor of that estate to have some of these alleged Crown lands brought under the operation of Torrens' Real Property Act, and thus obtain titles for lands which really belong to the people?
 (3.) Will he, as the custodian of the people's estate, cause a *caveat* to be lodged against titles being granted for the alleged Crown lands referred to, until an inquiry has been made into the matter?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

- (1.) It has been so represented to the Department.
 (2.) An application has been made to bring a considerable portion of the Berry Estate, in the Shoalhaven district, under the provisions of the Real Property Act.
 (3.) The papers are now with the Crown Solicitor for advice in the matter, to which effect the Honorable Member was informed on the 27th instant.

(6.) Willoughby and Gordon Tramway Company:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Willoughby and Gordon Tramway Company have considerably exceeded the time allotted in their Act for the completion of the work of constructing their tramway from St. Leonards to Gordon?
 (2.) Is it also a fact that the work is not at present anywhere near completion?
 (3.) Has he any powers to compel, by penalties or otherwise, the completion of the work?
 (4.) What supervision, if any, does he exercise to assure that the work is properly constructed in terms of the provisions of this Company's Act?
 (5.) What sum, if any, was paid by the Government to this Company, or upon what terms was portion of the line resumed from Ridge-street to Falcon-street for the purpose of extending the present cable service to Lane Cove Road?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1.) No. By the "Willoughby and Gordon Amending Act" the time is extended three years from the 17th September, 1890, and five years for the branches.
 (2.) There is no information in the possession of the Department on this point.
 (3.) No; but if not completed within the extended time the Company lose their powers and privileges.
 (4.) The Minister for Works is apparently not given any power of supervision over the work, but before the line can be used the regulations will have to receive the approval of His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council, which, of course, would not be granted unless the works are carried out in such a manner as to ensure the public safety.
 (5.) The Company relinquished their rights from Ridge-street to Falcon-street on the understanding that they should be paid £700, to cover the cost of laying the line, the rails already laid on this section being taken up by the Department and handed over to the Company.

(7.) Site of George-street Markets:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Was the site of the George-street Markets, including that portion of land lately occupied by the Central Police Court buildings, originally a grant from the Government to the City Council for the purposes of a fruit market; if not, could he say how the City Council became possessed of it?
 (2.) Is it a fact that great loss and much inconvenience is resulting to the fruit-growers and their important industry through the want of convenient and central market accommodation, caused by the action of the City Council in demolishing the market buildings?
 (3.) Will he take steps to urge upon the City Council the necessity for at once rebuilding fruit markets on the George-street site, or failing that, in view of the importance of the fruit-growing industry of the Colony, will he take steps to recommend to the Government the necessity for resuming the site for the purpose of erecting markets?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The area conveyed by deed of grant to the City Council for General Market was 1 acre 0 roods 3 perches. This area does not include any part of the land that was occupied for Police purposes, and which contained an area of 3 roods 12 perches, and was never dedicated to the Municipal Authorities of Sydney.

(8.) Callan Park Asylum:—Mr. Darnley asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Visiting Board of the Callan Park Asylum constitute the Board of Inquiry appointed to inquire into the charges brought against that institution by the Press?
 (2.) Have that Board of Inquiry completed their labours?
 (3.) When will their report be submitted to the House?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Board has been prosecuting a searching investigation into the alleged irregularities at the Hospital for the Insane at Callan Park, and it expects to be in a position to send in its report some time during the next month.

- (9.) Postmistress of Leichhardt Post Office:—Mr. G. D. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) What is the salary at present paid to the postmistress of the Leichhardt Post office?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that her husband occupies a position in another public department; and, if so, what is the salary that gentleman is at present receiving?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) £170 per annum salary; £10 per annum allowance for keeping Telegraph Office open till 8 p.m., and quarters.
- (2.) The Postmaster-General is not aware whether or not Mr. Cross is engaged in the Public Service.

- (10.) Railway Employees, Goods-sheds at Redfern:—Mr. McGowen, for Mr. Sharp, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House a Return from the Time-book showing the number of hours the clerks in the Invoice Office, also the porters in the Goods-sheds at Redfern and Darling Harbour, have worked during the past six months?
- (2.) Is it a fact that facilities have not been afforded by the Department whereby these men could enjoy their annual holidays (now twelve months overdue)?
- (3.) Will he take steps to minimise the amount of Sunday work done in the Railway Department?
- (4.) Will he lay upon the Table a Return showing the names, positions, and number of hours worked by the clerks and porters at the places mentioned; and state amount paid as overtime to each individual during the past twelve months?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I must ask the Honorable Member to be good enough to postpone this Question, and give fresh notice for Tuesday. I desire to consult with the Railway Commissioners on the subject before giving an answer.

- (11.) Automatic Brakes:—Mr. Hutchison, for Mr. Wright, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he have any objection to lay upon the Table of this House all papers, documents, and reports in connection with the recent trial of automatic brakes held on the Western Line by a Board of experts appointed by the Railway Commissioners?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—There will be no objection to lay upon the Table of the House the report of the Board appointed to inquire into the efficiency of the Westinghouse and vacuum continuous brakes for goods trains.

- (12.) Retaining-walls at Eveleigh:—Mr. Hutchison, for Mr. Wright, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—When will he lay upon the Table of this House the Return promised on the 26th of May last, re the cost of brick retaining-walls at Eveleigh?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I will, in the course of a day or two, lay upon the Table a return giving the required information.

- (13.) Hawkesbury River Railway Bridge:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What is the nature of the work being carried on in connection with the Hawkesbury River Railway bridge?
- (2.) Who are the contractors, and is the work being carried out at additional cost to that originally voted; if so, to what extent?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1.) The completion of the tops of the piers, which did not pass inspection.
- (2.) The Union Bridge Company. The work is being paid for out of the retention money, which has not yet been handed over to the contractors. It is not an additional charge on the vote.

- (14.) District Surveyor at Armidale:—Mr. Copeland asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Was Mr. Finley appointed District Surveyor at Armidale last year; if so, when was the appointment made; what was the salary; who has the salary been paid to?
- (2.) Was the position taken up by Mr. Finley; if not, why not?
- (3.) Has the position since been filled by some other gentleman; if so, by whom, and at what salary?
- (4.) Is the new appointment permanent; if not, why not?
- (5.) Is not New England entitled to a district surveyor?
- (6.) Did the Board of Inquiry into the working of lands and survey offices make any recommendation on this question; if so, what was the nature of it?
- (7.) If no permanent appointment has been made, will he take steps to fill the position?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—

(1 and 2.) Mr. Finley did not receive his appointment of District Surveyor last year, but he performed the duties of that position up to the 1st September, when he was relieved in consequence of his appointment as Chairman of the Land Board. The salary was £625 per annum, and Mr. Finley received it while District Surveyor.

(3.) Yes; Mr. R. M'Donald, formerly District Surveyor at Hay, has been appointed; but owing to departmental changes his duties have been temporarily performed by Mr. Surveyor Hogarth, and latterly by Mr. District Surveyor Allworth, at their respective salaries of £375 and £625 per annum. The services of Mr. Allworth were secured because of the extreme pressure of work in the Armidale office.

(4.) Yes; Mr. M'Donald's is a permanent appointment.

(5.) Yes.

(6.) No special recommendation was made further than a recognition of the necessity for such an appointment.

(7.) Mr. M'Donald will take up his duties on the expiration of his leave on the 10th August next.

- (15.) Veterinary College :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the rapid increase of sheep, cattle, and horses in the Colony, and the yearly increasing spread of disease and distempers among stock, is it the intention of the Government, at an early date, to take any steps for establishing a Veterinary College in connection with our University?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—At the Intercolonial Stock Conference, held in Melbourne in November, 1889, a resolution was passed that an Australasian Stock Institute, to the expense of which all the Colonies should contribute, should be established in Sydney. The resolution was to the following effect:—“41. That this Conference affirms—(a) The desirability of establishing a laboratory or institution for the purpose of investigating and experimenting upon any diseases to which stock are or may become liable, particularly, in the first instance, pleuro-pneumonia, anthrax, and tuberculosis; (b) that the institution be a permanent one, and to be supported by the respective Colonies becoming parties to the arrangement *pro rata*, according to the number of stock, sheep, cattle, and horses returned for the year preceding the assessment; (c) that a permanent board of direction be formed, to be composed of members to be appointed by the Government of each contributing Colony; (d) that a competent European scientist be engaged as director, who shall deliver an annual course of lectures to students, and who shall be allowed to charge fees for so doing; (e) that the laboratory or institution shall be called the Australasian Stock Institute, and that it be located in the Colony of New South Wales.” The Government has been urging the Governments of the other Colonies to take immediate action, but the other Colonies have not yet expressed their concurrence.

- (16.) Food and Liquor Adulterations :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce any measure during the present Session dealing with the important question of food and liquor adulterations; if so, when?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—This matter will depend entirely upon the state of public business. I should very much like to introduce such a Bill if I possibly can.

- (17.) Occupation License—Edgerton Run :—Mr. Cruickshank asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Have the lessees of the Edgerton run, in county of Arawatta, applied for an occupation license of what was the leasehold area of that run?
- (2.) Has the rent been paid up on such leasehold?
- (3.) Has the rent been paid up on that part of the Edgerton run known as the resumed area, under the 1884 Land Act?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—

- (1.) An application was made, but being lodged after the time allowed by law was refused.
- (2.) Rent paid to date of expiration of leasehold.
- (3.) License fee paid to 31st December, 1891.

- (18.) Occupation License—Fraser's Creek Run :—Mr. Cruickshank asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Have the lessees of the Fraser's Creek run, in the county of Arawatta, applied for an occupation license of what was the leasehold area of that run?
- (2.) Has the rent been paid up on such leasehold?
- (3.) Has the rent been paid up on that part of the Fraser's Creek run known as the resumed area, under the Land Act of 1884?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—

- (1.) Yes, but subsequently withdrawn by lessees.
- (2.) Yes, to date of expiration of leasehold.
- (3.) No, to 31st December, 1888, only.

In view of the debate which took place last night, I may state that answers to these questions were furnished to the Honorable Member two days ago, and the present case affords a striking example of the manner in which the time of the House is wasted by Members asking such questions.

- (19.) Public Works :—Mr. Houghton asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the depressed state of the labour market, is it the intention of the Government to proceed at once with the construction of necessary public works which have been already authorised by Parliament?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—No efforts are being spared to push on with any public works which have been authorised, in order to utilise the surplus labour at the present time.

- (20.) Court-house for Redfern :—Mr. McGowen asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When is it the intention of the Government to proceed with the promised Court-house for Redfern, for which the ground has been resumed and partly purchased?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—Plans are already prepared, and tenders can be invited within one fortnight from date; but action is being delayed pending the consideration of suggested alterations.

- (21.) Lands in the parish of Narratoola, county Townsend :—Mr. Barbour asked the Secretary for Lands—

- (1.) Were certain lands in the parish of Narratoola, county Townsend, surveyed, and a reserve revoked to satisfy certain improvement purchase applications, and was there a portion of some 560 acres in excess, after satisfying such applications, which was recommended to be made a special area after the Land Act of 1889 had been passed?
- (2.) Is it a fact that application has been made for this land, and is there any reason why it should not be made available for selection at once?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—If the Honorable Member refers to reserves 2,425, 2,493, 2,583, and 2,790, which comprise an aggregate area of 569½ acres, in the parish of Narratoola, county of Townsend, it has been decided to proclaim a special area of 899¾ acres, including such reserves, to be notified on the 1st proximo.

(22.) Plans for Sewer at Bondi:—Mr. Neild asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the plans for the storm-water sewer at Bondi, promised some time since, be completed?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—It is anticipated that the Department will be ready to call for tenders for this work some time next month.

(23.) Ill-fated barque "Ellen":—Mr. G. D. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has his attention been drawn to the statements reported in the *Daily Telegraph* to have been made by August Petersen, the sole survivor of the crew of the ill-fated barque "Ellen," relative to the condition of that vessel at the time of leaving port?

(2.) Will he cause an independent inquiry to be made into the circumstances surrounding the loss of the vessel referred to, including the name of the surveyor who passed her as being sea-worthy, and the conditions under which she was permitted to leave the harbour?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I virtually answered this question last night, in reply to the Honorable Member for Queanbeyan; but I can state now that I have during this morning taken steps to cause an independent inquiry into this sad disaster.

(24.) Report of Royal Commission—Mining Department:—Mr. Suttor asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) On what date was the Report of the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the Public Service upon the Mining Department presented to him?

(2.) Is it a fact that the Royal Commission determined that the evidence given by the different witnesses should not be published; if so, did the Commissioners give any reason for withholding such evidence?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

(1.) About the 11th day of December last.

(2.) The Chairman of the Royal Commission states:—"When the Commission first entered on their duties it was decided to stipulate that the evidence given by officers under examination should be regarded as strictly confidential. In no other way, it is believed, could the truth be arrived at where faults or irregularities existed."

(25.) Tasmanian Exhibition:—Mr. Tonkin asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it his intention to officially recognise the Tasmanian Exhibition, and does he intend to appoint a Commissioner, and place a certain sum of money on the Estimates to meet the expenditure?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—It has been decided to ask the Parliament to vote £1,000 for the support of this Exhibition.

(26.) Tarpaulins to cover produce for shipment:—Mr. Tonkin asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he give instructions that tarpaulins shall be supplied at all stations to cover produce for shipment?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I hope my honorable friend will pardon me if I say that it will be far better for him to see the Commissioners as to this matter, of mere detail in the management of the railways.

(27.) Agent-General:—Mr. Suttor asked the Colonial Secretary,—In considering the complaint of want of courtesy made against the Agent-General by the Honorable Member for West Sydney, Mr. J. D. FitzGerald, will he require that Honorable Member to make his complaint in writing before he calls upon the Agent-General for an explanation?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I think I virtually made some such intimation to the Honorable Member for West Sydney yesterday. I now state that it will be very much the best course for the Honorable Member to state in writing exactly the thing on which I am to inquire.

2. WRIT OF ELECTION FOR BALRANALD:—Mr. Speaker reported that he had received through the Office of the Colonial Secretary, the Writ of Election for the Electoral District of Balranald, together with a certificate, under the hand of His Excellency the Governor, that James Newton, Esquire, and Robert Bliss Wilkinson, Esquire, had been returned to the Legislative Assembly for that Electoral District; and also a copy of a Proclamation declaring the Election of the said gentlemen valid, notwithstanding delay in the return of the Writ.

3. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—

(1.) Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a letter from James Inglis, Esquire, resigning his appointment as a Member of the Committee of Election and Qualifications.

(2.) Mr. Speaker then, pursuant to the requirement of the Electoral Act of 1880, laid upon the Table his Warrant, appointing Robert George Dundas Fitzgerald, Esquire, to be a Member of 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—

"Robert George Dundas Fitzgerald, Esquire,

"being a Member of the said Assembly, to be a Member of the Committee of Elections and
"Qualifications in the said Act referred to, during the present Session of the Assembly aforesaid,
"in room of James Inglis, Esquire, resigned.

"Given under my hand, at the Legislative Assembly Chamber, Macquarie-street, Sydney,
"this twenty-ninth day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and
"ninety-one.

"J. P. ABBOTT,
"Speaker."

4. 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 twenty-ninth July, 1891, 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 VICTOR ALBERT GEORGE, EARL OF JERSEY, a Member of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies.* ”

“ To all to whom these presents shall come,

“ *Greeting:*

“ In pursuance of the authority in me vested in that behalf, I, VICTOR ALBERT GEORGE, EARL OF JERSEY, as Governor of the Colony of New South Wales, do hereby authorise 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 the Seal of the Colony, at Government House, Sydney, in New South Wales aforesaid, this twenty-ninth day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one, and in the fifty-fifth year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

“ JERSEY.

“ *By His Excellency's Command,*

“ HENRY PARKES.”

5. PAPERS:—

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report of the Civil Service Board of New South Wales for 1890.
 - (2.) Supplementary Fifth General Report, together with Minutes of Proceedings, of Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.
 - (3.) Report of the Inspector General of the Insane for 1890.
 - (4.) Report of the Board of Health on the administration of the Dairies Supervision Act during 1890.
 - (5.) Second Annual Report of the Wollongong Fire Brigades Board, under the Fire Brigades Act of 1884.
 - (6.) Report of the Board of Health on Typhoid Fever in Sydney and Suburbs, from 1876 to 1890, and contains particulars respecting other Infectious Diseases.
 - (7.) Report of the Commissioners of Fisheries on Fisheries of the Colony for the year ending 31st December, 1890.
 - (8.) Electoral Rolls for the years 1880 to 1892, showing the past operation of the expansive clauses (6, 7, 8, and 9) of the Electoral Act of 1880.
 - (9.) By-law of the Borough of East Maitland.
 - (10.) By-law of the Borough of Murrumburrah.
 - (11.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Moama.
 - (12.) Amended and additional By-laws of the Municipal District of Hamilton.
 - (13.) Amended By-law of the Borough of Murrumburrah.
 - (14.) Annual Report of the Working of the Government Laboratory for the year 1890.
 - (15.) Notice respecting World's Columbian Exposition, Chicago.
 - (16.) Blue Book for the year 1890.
 - (17.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Carrington, under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.
- Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Brunker laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from Sale for the preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 101st, 109th, and 112th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
 - (2.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th and 101st sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
 - (3.) Abstract of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the 107th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
 - (4.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorised to be reserved for Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
 - (5.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorised to be dedicated to Religious Purposes, in accordance with the 5th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.
 - (6.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorised to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
 - (7.) Annual Report of the Postmaster-General for 1890.
- Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bruce Smith laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report by Mr. E. B. Price, Examiner of Public Works Proposals, on the proposed bridge over the Macleay at Kempsey.
 - (2.) Report by Mr. Stanley Alexander, Examiner of Public Works Proposals, on the proposed scheme for sewerage of Parramatta.
 - (3.) Report of Mr. R. E. Jones, the Acting Examiner of Public Works Proposals, on certain proposed railway extensions.
 - (4.) Report of the Royal Commission on Defence Works, and Minute of the Secretary for Public Works thereon.
- (6.)

- (5.) Report of Mr. E. B. Price, Examiner of Public Works Proposals, on the proposed railway from Kempsey to Trial Bay.
- (6.) Proclamation and notification in connection with the transfer to the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage of the Riley-street and Bourke-street branch sewers.
- (7.) Proclamation and notification in connection with the transfer to the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage of the storm-water sewer, Pymont Bridge Road, &c., Glebe.
- (8.) By-laws of the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage, under the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1889.
- (9.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Willoughby, county of Cumberland, in connection with the reclamation works at Neutral Harbour and Careening Cove.
- (10.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Maitland, county of Northumberland, in connection with the construction of flood embankments for the protection of the town of West Maitland.
- (11.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Maitland, county of Northumberland, in connection with the construction of flood embankments for the protection of the town of West Maitland.
- (12.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Alexandria, county of Cumberland, for additions to the Shaftesbury Reformatory at South Head.
- (13.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of St. John, county of Cumberland, in connection with the construction of Clay Cliff Creek storm-water channel, Parramatta.
- (14.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Newcastle, county of Northumberland, in connection with certain works of harbour improvements, including shipping facilities at Newcastle.
- (15.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Grantham, county of Bathurst, in connection with a bridge over Vale Creek, Perth.
- (16.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of St. James, county of Cumberland, for permanent additions to the Supreme Court buildings, Sydney.
- (17.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Peter-sham, county of Cumberland, in connection with the reclamation works at Long Cove.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Gould laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report on Prisons for 1890.
- (2.) Despatch respecting extradition of Fugitive Criminals.
- (3.) Annual Returns under the 103rd section of the District Courts Act of 1858.
- (4.) Annual Return to Order made on the 15th February, 1884, "Spirits, Wine, and Beer—Convictions under the Licensing Act."

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report of the Trustees of the National Art Gallery of New South Wales for the year 1890.
- (2.) Report of the Trustees of the Sydney Free Public Library for the year 1890.
- (3.) University of Sydney—Report for 1890.

Ordered to be printed.

- (4.) Amended by-law of the University of Sydney.
- (5.) Amended by-law of the University of Sydney.
- (6.) Amended by-law of the University of Sydney.
- (7.) By-laws and Rules of St. Paul's College, University of Sydney.
- (8.) Notification of Resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land for Public School Purposes at Billimari, Bingera, Booral, Canterbury, Cleveland-street, Concord, Cooper's Creek, Darawank, Dunvegan, Fairy Meadow, Forest Lodge, Glenthorpe, Goonengerry, Gordonville, Goulburn North, Goulburn South, Guildford, Hinton, Harstville, Keiraville, Kogarah, Maitland West, Marrickville West, Mullengrove, Mundawaddery, Newcastle East, Nora Creek, Pennant Hills, Pimlico, Pokolbin, Puen Buen, Small's Forest, St. Leonards, Surry Hills South, Sweetman's Creek, Trajere, Umaralla Siding, Wellesley, Wickham, Woodstock, and Woollahra (2).

6. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—

- (1.) *Maturity of Warrant reported*:—Mr. Speaker reported that his Warrant, appointing the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, laid upon the Table on Thursday, 16th July, 1891, not having been disapproved by the Assembly in the course of the three next sitting days on which the Assembly met for the despatch of business, had now taken effect as an appointment of such Committee; and intimated that it was therefore open to Members of the Committee to be sworn at the Table by the Clerk, in accordance with the 59th section of the Electoral Act of 1880.
- (2.) *Members Sworn*:—Joseph Francis Cullen, Esquire, George Donald, Esquire, William Alfred Murphy, Esquire, Andrew Ross, Esquire, M.D., Francis Bathurst Suttor, Esquire, and Bernhard Ringrose Wise, Esquire, came to the Table, and were sworn by the Clerk as Members of the Committee.

7. THE CLERK SUMMONED:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Clerk had received a summons to appear before the Court of Quarter Sessions at Darlinghurst on Monday, the 3rd day of August next, in a case of "Personation at an Election" against John Johnson, to produce the Writ bearing date the 8th day of June last, issued for the Election of four Members to represent the Electoral District of East Sydney,—

And having reminded the House that the Clerk could not comply with such summons without leave of the House,—put a Question,—That the Clerk have leave to comply with the summons personally, or by one of the Officers of his Department, as may be most convenient to the business of this House,—which passed in the affirmative.

8. **ELECTION PETITIONS**:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That the following Election Petitions be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications:—
- (1.) From Walter Hussey Vivian, complaining of the Election and Return of Hugh McKinnon as a Member for the Electoral District of The Hastings and Manning, laid upon the Table of this House on 15th July, 1891.
 - (2.) From James Eve, with reference to the Election and Return of Joseph Hector Carruthers, Thomas Bavister, Cornelius James Danahey, and John Wheeler as Members for the Electoral District of Canterbury, laid upon the Table of this House on 15th July, 1891.
 - (3.) From Alexander Spence Artis, with reference to the Election and Return of John Barnes Nicholson and Andrew Lysaght as Members for the Electoral District of Illawarra, laid upon the Table of this House on 21st July, 1891.
- Question put and passed.
9. **PUBLICANS LICENSES FURTHER RESTRICTION BILL (Formal Motion)**:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend and extend the provisions of the "Licensing Acts, 1882-1883," under which publicans' licenses are subject to ratepayers' votes; and for other purposes in connection with the restriction of such licenses.
- Question put and passed.
10. **REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE BILL (Formal Motion)**:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill for the establishment of a system of registration for electors in New South Wales; for the abolition of plural voting, and the equalisation of the voting power of electors; for ensuring and giving due effect to majorities; for the abolition of money deposits on the nomination of candidates; and for the better representation of the people in the Legislative Assembly; and the amendment of the Electoral Law generally.
- Question put and passed.
11. **SEATS RE-DISTRIBUTION BILL (Formal Motion)**:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to divide New South Wales into Electoral Districts, to return each one Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly.
- Question put and passed.
12. **DISTRICT GOVERNMENT BILL (Formal Motion)**:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to divide New South Wales into District Government areas; to establish therein a system of local self-government; and for other purposes connected therewith.
- Question put and passed.
13. **TRADE DISPUTES CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL (Formal Motion)**:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the establishment of Councils of Conciliation and Courts of Arbitration for the settlement of industrial disputes.
- Question put and passed.
14. **COAL MINES REGULATION BILL (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Sydney Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make better provision for the regulation of coal mines and collieries, and for other purposes connected therewith.
- Question put and passed.
15. **WATER CONSERVATION BILL (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Sydney Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill, to define and declare the respective rights of the Crown and of private persons to flowing water and other sources of water supply in New South Wales; to provide for the establishment of Trusts, and, in certain cases, to enable the Government to carry out works of water conservation and utilization, and of drainage; to empower such Trusts to raise loans, to be granted or guaranteed by the Government in certain cases and under certain conditions; to authorise the imposition of rates and charges for the purposes of such Trusts; to provide for the leasing of Crown Lands subject to drought and flood; for the acquisition of lands and water rights in certain cases; for the disposal thereof by sale or lease; for the licensing of works for water conservation or utilization; for granting water rights to private persons, subject to certain conditions and reservations; and for conferring powers and making provision generally for giving due effect to and carrying out the purposes aforesaid.
- Question put and passed.
16. **EMPLOYERS LIABILITY ACT AMENDMENT BILL (Formal Motion)**:—
- (1.) Mr. Kelly moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Employers' Liability Act of 1886.
- Question put and passed.
- (2.) Mr. Kelly then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Employers' Liability Act of 1886,'*"—which was read a first time.
- Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 8th September.

17. **CONTRACTORS LIEN BILL (Formal Motion):—**
 (1.) Mr. Neild moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to give contractors and others protection in certain cases.
 Question put and passed.
 (2.) Mr. Neild then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to give Contractors and others employed in performing labour and furnishing materials for improving land, by erecting, altering, or repairing houses, buildings, or other improvements thereon, protection against loss by reason of such improvements being effected,*"—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 11th August.
18. **WORKMENS COMBINATION LAWS DECLARATION BILL (Formal Motion):—**
 (1.) Mr. Langwell moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to declare that the Act of the Imperial Legislature 6 George IV, chapter 129, intituled "*An Act to repeal the laws relating to the combination of workmen, and to make other provisions in lieu thereof,*" shall not extend to, and is not in force in, New South Wales.
 Question put and passed.
 (2.) Mr. Langwell then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to declare that the Act of the Imperial Legislature 6 George IV, chapter 129, intituled 'An Act to repeal the laws relating to the combination of workmen, and to make other provisions in lieu thereof,' does not extend to, and is not in force in, New South Wales,*"—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 25th August.
19. **CONDITIONAL PURCHASE OF GEORGE VINCENT AT GUNDAGAI (Formal Motion):—**Mr. Barnes moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers relating to George Vincent's conditional purchase of 640 acres, 22nd August, 1878, at Gundagai.
 Question put and passed.
20. **APPLICATIONS OF LIONEL RALSTON AND CHARLES MURPHY FOR OYSTER LEASES AT WALLIS LAKE (Formal Motion):—**Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all letters, reports, minutes, and other documents having reference to the applications of Lionel Ralston and Charles Murphy, for leases for oyster culture of areas at Wallis Lake, and the reasons of the Commissioners of Fisheries for refusing such applications.
 Question put and passed.
21. **THE BRUSH RESERVE, WINGHAM (Formal Motion):—**Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all letters, documents, reports, minutes, &c., having reference to the reserve known as the Brush, within the town of Wingham, and its being placed under the charge of the Municipal Council of that town.
 Question put and passed.
22. **PARTNERSHIP BILL (Formal Motion):—**Mr. Wise, for Mr. Reid, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to declare and amend the law relating to partnership.
 Question put and passed.
23. **ARBITRATION BILL (Formal Motion):—**Mr. Wise, for Mr. Reid, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to arbitrations.
 Question put and passed.
24. **TRADE MARKS ACT AMENDMENT BILL (Formal Motion):—**Mr. Wise, for Mr. Reid, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to trade-marks, and fraudulent marks on merchandise.
 Question put and passed.
25. **LAW PRACTITIONERS BILL (Formal Motion):—**
 (1.) Mr. Neild moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate the admission of persons to practice in Courts of Law.
 Question put and passed.
 (2.) Mr. Neild then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to regulate the admission of persons to practice in Courts of Law,*"—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 25th August.
26. **INFANTS PROTECTION BILL (Formal Motion):—**
 (1.) Mr. Neild moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the Protection of Infants.
 Question put and passed.
 (2.) Mr. Neild then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the protection of Infants,*"—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 11th August.
27. **MUNICIPALITIES ACT OF 1867 AMENDMENT BILL (Formal Motion):—**
 (1.) Mr. Neild moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Municipalities Act of 1867.
 Question put and passed.
 (2.) Mr. Neild then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Municipalities Act of 1867,*"—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 25th August.
28. **JUDGES POWERS RESTRICTION BILL (Formal Motion):—**Mr. Melville, for Mr. Walker, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to restrict the power of judges in certain respects, and to facilitate the transaction of business in certain courts.
 Question put and passed.
29. **REDUCTION OF COST OF LITIGATION BILL (Formal Motion):—**Mr. Melville, for Mr. Walker, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to lessen the cost of litigation.
 Question put and passed.

30. **BANKRUPTCY ACT AMENDMENT BILL (Formal Motion)**:—*Mr. Melville*, for *Mr. Walker*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Bankruptcy Act, 1887.
Question put and passed.
31. **SUNK NETS BILL (Formal Motion)**:—
(1.) *Mr. Frank Farnell* moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to declare unlawful, and prevent the use of certain fishing nets known as sunk nets, and to make other provision subsidiary thereto.
Question put and passed.
(2.) *Mr. Farnell* then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to declare unlawful, and prevent the use of certain fishing nets known as sunk nets, and to make other provision subsidiary thereto,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 22nd September.
32. **ALBURY MECHANICS INSTITUTE ENABLING BILL (Formal Motion)**:—
(1.) *Mr. John Wilkinson* moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the Trustees of the Albury Mechanics Institute to mortgage certain lands, situated in the town of Albury, and for declaring the trusts of the moneys raised by such mortgage, and for other purposes.
Question put and passed.
(2.) *Mr. Wilkinson* having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable the Trustees of the Albury Mechanics Institute to mortgage certain lands, situated in the town of Albury, and for declaring the trusts of the moneys raised by such mortgage,*"—read a first time.
33. **LEGAL PRACTITIONERS BILL (Formal Motion)**:—
(1.) *Mr. Crick* moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to give Attorneys, Solicitors, and Proctors of the Supreme Court of the Colony of New South Wales right of audience in all Courts in the said Colony, and to enable such Attorneys, Solicitors, and Proctors to become Barristers of the said Supreme Court, and to enable Barristers of that Court to become Attorneys, Solicitors, and Proctors thereof; and to extend the rights of such Attorneys, Solicitors, and Proctors, and the liabilities of such Barristers; and for other purposes in connection therewith.
Question put and passed.
(2.) *Mr. Crick* then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to give Attorneys, Solicitors, and Proctors of the Supreme Court of the Colony of New South Wales right of audience in all Courts in the said Colony, and to enable such Attorneys, Solicitors, and Proctors to become Barristers of the said Supreme Court, and to enable Barristers of that Court to become Attorneys, Solicitors, and Proctors thereof; and to extend the rights of such Attorneys, Solicitors, and Proctors, and the liabilities of such Barristers; and for other purposes in connection therewith,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
34. **EARLY CLOSING BILL (Formal Motion)**:—*Mr. Alfred Allen* 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 provide for the supervision, regulating, and closing of shops within prescribed hours; and for other purposes.
Question put and passed.
35. **PARLIAMENTARY SESSIONS BILL (Formal Motion)**:—
(1.) *Mr. Copeland* moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in 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.
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, 6th October.
36. **MODEL FARMS (Formal Motion)**:—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for *Mr. Wright*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all reports, letters, and minutes dealing with the various sites proposed as suitable for model farms in the Northern Districts of the Colony.
Question put and passed.
37. **BOROUGHS OF JAMBEROO AND KIAMA NAMING BILL (Formal Motion)**:—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for *Mr. Fuller*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to alter the names of the Boroughs of Kiama and East Kiama to those of the Borough of Jamberoo and Borough of Kiama respectively.
Question put and passed.
38. **RACING CLUBS BILL (Formal Motion)**:—*Mr. Crick* moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to define the rights of the people in and to the use and occupation of all lands granted, dedicated, or leased to, or otherwise occupied by, companies, clubs, or associations for horse-racing purposes; to provide for the establishment of a representative tribunal; to control all matters affecting horse-racing; to repeal, in part, the Australian Jockey Club Act; and for other purposes.
Question put and passed.
39. **AGREEMENTS VALIDATING ACT REPEAL BILL (Formal Motion)**:—
(1.) *Mr. Howe* moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal the Agreements Validating Act, 39 Vic., No. 29, and to make provision for continuance of agreements lawfully made thereunder before the 1st day of January, 1892.
Question put and passed. (2.)

(2.) Mr. Howe then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to repeal the Agreements Validating Act, and to make provision for continuance of agreements lawfully made thereunder before the 1st day of January, 1892,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 22nd September.

40. DAIRIES SUPERVISION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Morton moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Dairies' Supervision Act.
Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Morton then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Dairies Supervision Act' in certain respects,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 11th August.

41. EIGHT HOURS BILL (*Formal Motion*):—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; to declare void, and in some cases penal, certain contracts and agreements; to regulate labour on Saturdays and Sundays; to provide for overtime working and payments therefor; and for other purposes connected with the aforesaid objects.

Question put and passed.

42. MEMBER SWORN:—Robert Bliss Wilkinson, 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 Balranald.

43. WAGES OF WORKMEN BILL (*Formal Motion*):—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 provide for the better securing of wages to workmen; to render stoppages from wages as contributions to benevolent funds of any kind illegal; to punish persons making such stoppages; and for other purposes connected therewith.

Question put and passed.

44. RIGHTS OF BARRISTERS AND SOLICITORS EXTENSION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. McCourt moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend certain rights and privileges now limited to Barristers and Solicitors of the Supreme Court, and to make other provision auxiliary thereto.

Question put and passed.

45. LAND FOR PUBLIC PARK AT WATSON'S BAY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Neild moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all petitions, letters, reports, plans, and other papers connected with the proposal to resume or purchase land at Watson's Bay for a public park.

Question put and passed.

46. 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.

Question put and passed.

47. MUNICIPALITIES ACT OF 1867 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2) (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Wise moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Municipalities Act of 1867.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Wise then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Municipalities Act of 1867,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 20th October.

48. SYDNEY ELECTRIC LIGHTING BILL:—Mr. Dibbs presented a Petition from Thomas F. Thompson, of Sydney, wine merchant, and John Pope, of Sydney, Esquire, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to facilitate and regulate the supply of Electricity for Lighting, and other purposes, in the City of Sydney.

And Mr. Dibbs having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Daily Telegraph* newspaper, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.

49. LIQUOR TRAFFIC:—Mr. E. M. Clark presented a Petition from John Cameron, Mayor of Manly, Chairman of a Public Meeting, held in the Congregational Church at Manly, praying the House to amend the laws relating to the sale of intoxicating liquors, by establishing a system of local option, whereby the majority of the Parliamentary electors would have the right to veto the liquor traffic in their own electoral districts.

Petition received.

50. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Willis 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, "to call attention to the action of the Government in reference to the Shearing "trouble at Bourke."

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 8.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 30 JULY, 1891.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Duplicate Tram Line, Cowper-street, Waverley:—Mr. Neild asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it intended to duplicate the tram line in Cowper-street, Waverley, to provide for the increasing traffic?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—I am informed it is not at present intended to duplicate the tram line referred to.

(2.) Defective Sewers:—Mr. Neild asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Have numerous complaints been made by householders of damage to their premises by sewage, through alleged insufficient or defectively-constructed sewers?

(2.) Is it a fact that one or more of such householders brought actions, and recovered damages in the District Court, against the Water and Sewerage Board?

(3.) Is it a fact that the Government or the said Board have appealed to the Supreme Court on technical grounds against such verdicts?

(4.) Is it intended to expend the public funds in an endeavour to defeat the verdicts of the District Court in these cases?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) Several complaints have been made of floodings, incidental to abnormal rainfalls, but every effort has been made by the Board to prevent a recurrence.

(2.) One householder brought an action in the District Court for £100 damages, and recovered £15.

(3.) It is a fact that the Board have appealed to the Supreme Court against the verdict in the above case. The Board have made such appeal with a view to obtain a judicial interpretation of certain sections of the Act, as this was the first case of the kind brought against them; and the District Court Judge overruled the Board's defence. This is really a test case, as other persons have made similar claims to that of the plaintiffs.

(4.) For the reasons given in answer No. 3, this expenditure is considered necessary; at the same time it is very small.

(3.) Model Farms:—*Mr. Dangar*, for *Mr. Nicoll*, asked the Secretary for Mines,—When will he take steps to carry out the decision of the Government in establishing model farms in the Richmond electorate?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—On 27th May the Lands Department were asked to dedicate two reserves, 4 B and P.R. 172, in the Richmond River district. On receipt of the approval of the Lands Department on 17th July, two overseers were appointed to superintend clearing, fencing, and other preliminary operations on these sites.

(4.) Mail-guards:—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. Rose*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it a fact that a table has been arranged to compel mail-guards to run between Sydney and Junee which will necessitate thirteen hours continuous duty?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—No change in the existing arrangements as regards the mail-guards on the Southern Line is in contemplation.

(5.)

- (5.) Civil Service Superannuation Fund :—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) What was the amount to the credit of the Civil Service Superannuation Fund on 30th June, 1891 ?
 - (2.) How many retirements under the Civil Service Act have taken place up to 30th June, 1891 ?
 - (3.) In how many cases has the provision for the deduction of abatement been disregarded and amounts placed on the Estimates to meet the abatement which, in terms of the Civil Service Act, should have been deducted ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) £424,649 18s. 3d.
- (2.) 823. This includes two pensions assigned, but not yet payable.
- (3.) The 4 per cent. abatement on back salary has been paid by the Government in 187 cases.

- (6.) Report of Mining Department :—Mr. Crick, for Mr. Suttor, asked the Secretary for Mines,—In view of the statement made by the Chairman of the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the Public Service, "That the evidence given by officers under examination should be regarded as strictly confidential,"—will he now lay the report on the Mining Department upon the Table of the House, without the evidence ?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—I have to ask the Honorable Member to postpone this question pending the decision of the House upon the motion of the Honorable Member, Mr. Cullen, for the production of the Report and evidence.

- (7.) Civil Service Superannuation Fund :—Mr. McCourt asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill to amend the Civil Service Act in the direction of abolishing compulsory contribution to the Superannuation Fund ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—It is the intention of the Government to deal with the Civil Service Act ; but I cannot state at this moment definitely in what way.

5. ALBURY MECHANICS INSTITUTE ENABLING BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. John Wilkinson moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That the Albury Mechanics Institute Enabling Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Collins, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Gormly, Mr. Lee, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Gough, Mr. Carruthers, and the Mover.
- Question put and passed.
3. SYDNEY ELECTRIC LIGHTING BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—
- (1.) Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to facilitate and regulate the supply of electricity for lighting, and other purposes, in the city of Sydney.
- Question put and passed.
- (2.) Mr. Dibbs 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 facilitate and regulate the supply of electricity for lighting, and other purposes, in the city of Sydney,*"—read a first time.
4. MARINE BOARD BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Davis moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to reconstruct the Marine Board.
- Question put and passed.
5. PROPOSED RAILWAY FROM GALONG TO BURROWA (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Slattery moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence, minutes, reports, and all other documents relating to the proposed railway from Galong to Burrowa.
- Question put and passed.
6. MODEL FARMS (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Henry Clarke, for Mr. See, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all reports, minutes, and other documents relating to the establishment of a model farm in the North Coast district.
- Question put and passed.
7. THOROUGHFARE KNOWN AS BREAKNECK, DOUBLE BAY (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Neild moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all letters, reports, minutes, and other documents relating to the application of the Woollahra Borough Council for the alignment of the thoroughfare known as Breakneck, Double Bay.
- Question put and passed.
8. FISHERIES COMMISSION (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Stevenson moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
- (1.) Copies of all reports received from Inspectors and other officers under the Fisheries Commission, in connection with the closing of the waters of the Hawkesbury River and its tributaries.
 - (2.) Similar information in regard to Brisbane Water, Tuggerah Lakes, Lake Macquarie, The Hunter, and Port Stephens.
- Question put and passed.
9. DISTRESS FOR RENT ABOLITION BILL (No. 2.) (*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.

10. **LESSEES LAND PURCHASE BILL (Formal Motion):—**
 (1.) Mr. Neild moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable lessees to purchase their holdings in certain cases.
 Question put and passed.
 (2.) Mr. Neild then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable lessees to purchase their holdings in certain cases,*"—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 11th August.
11. **SILK CULTURE (Formal Motion):—**Mr. Ewing moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers and correspondence with the Government, minutes, reports, and Ministerial instructions, with reference to silk culture, not already produced, including copy of Mr. Brady's reply to statements made in letter to the Honorable the Minister for Lands by Mr. Bawden, M.P., dated 19th April, 1875.
 Question put and passed.
12. **MEMBER SWORN:—**James Newton, 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 Balranald.
13. **PAPER:—**Mr. Brunner laid upon the Table,—Eleventh Annual Report of the Department of Lands, being for 1890. Ordered to be printed.
14. **AUSTRALIAN BANKING COMPANY OF SYDNEY BILL:—**Mr. Dowel presented a Petition from the Directors of the Australian Banking Company of Sydney, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the shareholders of a certain Banking Company called "The Australian Banking Company of Sydney"; and for other purposes therein mentioned.
 And Mr. Dowel having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, newspaper containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
 Petition received.
15. **PARTNERSHIP BILL:—**Mr. Reid presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to declare and amend the law of Partnership,*"—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 6th October.
16. **ARBITRATION BILL:—**Mr. Reid presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend and consolidate the law relating to Arbitration,*"—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 6th October.
17. **MAITLAND ELECTRIC LIGHT BILL:—**Mr. Dawson presented a Petition from the Maitland Gaslight Company (Limited), praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable "The Maitland Gaslight Company (Limited)" to construct and maintain works, and supply the Borough of West Maitland with electricity for lighting and other purposes.
 And Mr. Dawson having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, and *Maitland Mercury*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
 Petition received.
18. **CASINO SCHOOL OF ARTS ENABLING BILL:—**Mr. Ewing presented a Petition from the President, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Casino School of Arts, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to declare the trusts of the site of the Casino School of Arts; and to enable the trustees thereof to mortgage or lease certain lands situate in the town of Casino; and to declare the trusts of the moneys to be produced by such mortgage or lease; and for other purposes.
 And Mr. Ewing having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, and *Richmond River Express*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
 Petition received.
19. **PUBLICANS LICENSES FURTHER RESTRICTION BILL:—**Mr. Dangar presented a Petition from certain Members of the New South Wales Congregational Total Abstinence Association, stating that they earnestly desire that the Publicans Licenses Further Restriction Bill should pass into law; suggesting certain amendments therein; and praying favourable consideration for their Petition.
 Petition received.
20. **PARLIAMENTARY PAIRS:—**Mr. Molesworth moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be a Sessional Order:—
 (1.) That a book be kept on the Table of this House, in which all Votes, under the system or practice known as "pairs," may be entered by the Clerk, on the authority of the Members so "pairing," or upon the certificate of the Parliamentary "Whips."
 (2.) That all such votes be entered upon the Votes and Proceedings of this House, and published in the *Hansard*.
 Debate ensued.
 Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
21. **LIMITATION OF BUSINESS HOURS:—**Mr. Barbour moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be a Sessional Order, that, unless otherwise ordered, no fresh business shall be taken after eleven o'clock p.m.
 Debate ensued.
 Mr. Barton moved, That the Question be amended by adding thereto the following words:—
 "Provided that if the adjournment of the House shall be moved before eleven o'clock, the time within which fresh business may be taken shall, if such motion or motions are rejected, be enlarged to the extent of the time occupied in debating such motion or motions."
 Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be added be so added.
 Debate continued.
 Question,—That the words proposed to be added be so added,—put and negatived.

Original Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 37.

Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Scott,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Traill,	Mr. Morgan.
Mr. Chanter,	
Mr. Schey,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Howe,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Hassall.
Mr. Collins,	
Mr. Slattery,	
Mr. Copeland,	
Mr. Hutchison,	
Mr. Torpy,	
Mr. York,	
Mr. Alfred Allen,	
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. Grabame,	
Mr. Donnelly,	
Mr. Nicoll,	
Mr. Stevenson,	
Mr. Rose,	
Mr. Neild,	
Mr. Cass,	
Mr. Hogan,	
Mr. Bowes,	
Mr. Colls,	
Mr. Cruickshank,	
Mr. Barnes,	
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	
Mr. Dickens,	
Mr. Henry Clarke,	
Mr. Leas,	
Mr. Gormly,	

Noes, 62.

Mr. Brunker,	Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Booth,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Wise,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Ritchie,
Mr. Dangar,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Sheldon,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Miller,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Dawson,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Wall,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Newton,
Mr. Wheeler,	Mr. Lysaght,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. See,	Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Jeanneret,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Cotton,	Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Langwell,	Mr. H. H. Brown.
Mr. Danahay,	
Mr. Rao,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Hart,	Mr. Crick.

And so it passed in the negative.

22. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES:—Mr. Scott presented a Petition from certain Members of Friendly Societies in New South Wales, urging the introduction of a Bill for the better regulation of Friendly Societies, and that a separate department should deal specially with them; and praying the House to deal with this important subject so that intending Members of Friendly Societies shall have sufficient evidence of their stability before becoming attached thereto.
Petition received.

23. PAPERS:—

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Statement of accounts for the year 1890 of the Government Savings Bank.
 - (2.) Scale showing reduced rates for cablegrams.
 - (3.) Agreement and guarantee for the reduction of telegraph rates between Europe, India, &c., and Australia.
 - (4.) Report of Proceedings of the Postal and Telegraphic Conference held in Sydney, 1891.
- Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sydney Smith laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Rates relating to Barmedman Tank.
 - (2.) Cancellation of amended regulations and substitution of fresh regulations in connection with charges for water at Government Tanks.
 - (3.) Rates relating to Wallendbeen Tank.
- Ordered to be printed.

24. EXTENSION OF THE FRANCHISE TO WOMEN:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, "That," in the opinion of this House, the franchise for the election of Members of the Legislative Assembly should be extended to women, on the same conditions and subject to the same disqualifications as those imposed by law upon male electors.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Reid moved the Previous Question.

Previous Question proposed,—That that Question be now put.

Debate continued.

Previous Question, by leave, withdrawn.

Mr. J. D. FitzGerald moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the first word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "in the opinion of this House the question of the extension of the franchise to women should remain in abeyance until the principle of one man one vote becomes law."

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

Debate continued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 31 JULY, 1891, A.M.,

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

Debate continued.

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

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

Debate continued.

Question

Question put,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
The House divided.

Ayes, 49.		Noes, 41.	
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,	Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Donald,	Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Rose,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Reid,	Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Newton,	Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Sheldon,	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Ritchie,	Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Miller,	Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Young,	Mr. G. D. Clark,	Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Colls,
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. Murphy,	Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Crick,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Darnley,	Mr. Sec,	Mr. Traill,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Scott,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Cann,	Mr. Cass,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Black,	Mr. Cruickshank,	Mr. Melville.
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Hindle,	Mr. Hassall,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Lees,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Dawson,	
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Bavister,	Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald.
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Langwell,	
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Howe,	
Mr. Rae,	Mr. Lysaght,	Mr. Vaughn,	
Mr. Danahey,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. York,	
Mr. Ewing,	<i>Tellers,</i>	Mr. Barbour,	
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Dangar,	Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Cotton.	Mr. Toohey,	
Mr. Hart,		Mr. Barnes,	
Mr. Newman,		Mr. Suttor,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.
Original Question then put,—That in the opinion of this House, the franchise for the election of Members of the Legislative Assembly should be extended to women, on the same conditions and subject to the same disqualifications as those imposed by law upon male electors.

The House divided.

Ayes, 34.		Noes, 57.	
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Melville,	Mr. Copeland,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Alfred Allen.	Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	<i>Tellers,</i>	Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Sydney Smith,		Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Colls,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Sheldon,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Ritchie,	Mr. Dangar.	Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Young,		Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Cotton,		Mr. Crick,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Miller,		Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Carruthers,		Mr. Howe,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Scobie,		Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Traill,
Mr. McMillan,		Mr. York,	Mr. Scott,
Mr. Hogan,		Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Sec,		Mr. Toohey,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. O'Sullivan,		Mr. Barnes,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald,		Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Fegan,		Mr. Schey,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Parkes,		Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Rae,		Mr. Rose,	Mr. Newton,
Mr. Danahey,		Mr. Newman,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Ewing,		Mr. Cass,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. G. D. Clark,		Mr. Cruickshank,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Sharp,		Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Lysaght,
Mr. Bowes,		Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Neild,
Mr. Donald,		Mr. Lees,	Mr. Hindle.
Mr. Joseph Abbott,		Mr. Langwell,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hart,		Mr. Wall,	
Mr. Nobbs,		Mr. Lee,	Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Johnston,		Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Dawson.
Mr. Gardiner,		Mr. Dickens,	

And so it passed in the negative.

25. REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE BILL:—

(1.) 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 a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill for the establishment of a system of registration for electors in New South Wales; for the abolition of plural voting, and the equalisation of the voting power of electors; for ensuring and giving due effect to majorities; for the abolition of money deposits on the nomination of candidates; and for the better representation of the people in the Legislative Assembly; and the amendment of the Electoral Law generally.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill for the establishment of a system of registration for electors in New South Wales; for the abolition of plural voting, and the equalisation of the voting power of electors; for ensuring and giving due effect to majorities; for the abolition of money deposits on the nomination of candidates; and for the better representation of the people in the Legislative Assembly; and the amendment of the Electoral Law generally. On motion of Sir Henry Parkes, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

(2.) Sir Henry Parkes then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill for the establishment of a system of registration for electors in New South Wales; for the abolition of plural voting, and the equalisation of the voting power of electors; for ensuring and giving due effect to majorities; for the abolition of money deposits on the nomination of candidates; and for the better representation of the people in the Legislative Assembly; and the amendment of the Electoral Law generally,*"—which was read a first time.

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-one minutes before 5 o'clock a.m., until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 9.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 4 AUGUST, 1891.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

ABSENCE OF SPEAKER:—The Clerk informed the House that he had received a letter from Mr. Speaker, which he read to the House as follows:—

“ Dear Mr. Webb, “ ‘Tarella,’ St. Leonards, 4 August, 1891.
 “ In consequence of the death of my brother, Mr. T. K. Abbott, I shall be unavoidably
 “ absent from the House to-day, for which I crave the kind indulgence of the House.
 “ F. W. Webb, Esquire, “ Yours faithfully,
 “ Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, Sydney.” “ J. P. ABBOTT.

Whereupon the Chairman of Committees took the Chair, pursuant to the Second Standing Order of the House.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Statutes:—Mr. Neild asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Are any steps being taken by the Government to assist the issue of a revised compilation of New South Wales Statutes, and Imperial Statutes applicable to this Colony, bringing the same up to date?

(2.) If so, will he state what is being done in the matter?

Mr. Gould answered,—This Question has been under the consideration of the Government, but no decision has yet been arrived at.

(2.) Naval Artillery Volunteer Corps:—Mr. Neild asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to apply the partial-payment system to the Naval Artillery Volunteer Corps?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I am sorry to say that the General Commanding the Forces has been absent from Sydney for some days past, owing to serious ill-health, and I can hardly give an answer to this Question until I have had an opportunity of consulting him. I heard a day or two ago that he would be in Sydney to-morrow; but to-day I was informed by Colonel Mackenzie that a medical man had been sent up from Sydney to attend him; so that I infer from that he is not so well. But as soon as I can communicate with him I shall be glad to answer the Question.

(3.) Report of Royal Commission.—Attorney-General's Department:—Mr. Frank Farnell, for Mr. Wise, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Will he give the House an opportunity of considering the Report of the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the Public Service upon the Attorney-General's Department before he makes any appointment to the office of Crown Solicitor?

(2.) Will he take into consideration the advisability of appointing separate officers to act as Crown Solicitors for criminal and civil business?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The following answers have been supplied to me by the Attorney-General:—

(1.) The appointment of an Acting Crown Solicitor, who will succeed Mr. Williams on his retirement from the Service in October next, is urgently required, and must be made as soon as possible.

(2.) The advisability of appointing separate officers to act as Crown Solicitors for criminal and civil business has been considered, and it is not thought advisable, in the public interest, to make any alteration in the present system. The appointment of a Criminal Crown Solicitor, and the staff which would have to be provided for him, would entail a very considerable additional expense to the country, for which there is no necessity.

(4.)

- (4.) Village Reserve, Parish Benarca, County Cadell:—Mr. Barbour asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that village reserve No. 2,389, parish Benarca, county Cadell, notified 5th April, 1880, containing about 1,000 acres, which has never been made a village or town, has been in the occupation of the pastoral tenant for upwards of ten years, and he has not paid 1d. of rent for it?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that the pastoral tenant has recently ringbarked the timber upon this reserve, although he is not the lessee thereof; and did he get permission to destroy the timber in such circumstances, and for what reason?
 - (3.) Has application been made to his Department to place this land in a position that it may be let on annual lease, and thus obtain rent therefrom, until the land is sold for a township; and are there many such unproductive lands in the Colony, amounting possibly to 100,000 acres, which the public would be willing to take on annual lease?
 - (4.) Has the district surveyor reported that it is not desirable to lease this land; if so, will he state his reasons for making such a recommendation?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

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

(3.) Such an application has been made by the Honorable Member. The district surveyors have been instructed to report on all unnecessary reserves, with a view to their cancellation or curtailment if no longer necessary in the public interest.

(4.) The district surveyor recommends the retention of this reserve in the interest of the public, as it is situated on the Murray River, about 11 miles below Moama, and on the main road therefrom to Moulamein, &c., and will probably be required for village settlement and for the use of travelling stock.

- (5.) Expenditure upon Roads and Bridges:—Mr. Nicoll asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) When will the road superintendents of the Colony have the amounts available for expenditure upon roads and bridges to which each district is entitled?

(2.) Is it a fact that great complaints are continually being made from all parts of the country, because so little money is being spent upon the roads of the Colony?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) The amounts voted by Parliament are available for expenditure.

(2.) I am not aware of any complaints being made of the kind indicated in this Question. It is well known, however, that constant applications are made for works for which Parliament has not voted funds.

- (6.) Australian Agricultural Company:—Mr. Williams asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) What is the exact area of land granted to the Australian Agricultural Company?

(2.) When, where, how, and under what terms and conditions were said lands granted?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

(1.) 1,029,451 acres 1 rood 32 perches.

(2.) The Imperial Parliament, in 1824 (V George IV), passed an Act of Parliament (subsequently amended in the year 1829) for granting certain powers and authorities to a Company to be incorporated by charter, to be called the Australian Agricultural Company, for the cultivation and improvement of waste lands in the Colony of New South Wales, and for other purposes relating thereto. The Act seems to have remained in abeyance until 1847, when deeds of grant issued to the Company.

- (7.) Reserve at Double Bay:—Mr. Marks asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that in the centre of the reserve at Double Bay, fronting the beach, there is a small portion of land belonging to private persons which greatly detracts from the value of the reserve, and spoils its frontage to the bay?

(2.) Is he aware that the owners of this land contemplate building a terrace of houses thereon, which would further greatly injure the reserve?

(3.) Will he cause a report to be obtained as to this private land, with a view to its being resumed and thrown into the reserve?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The following answers have been furnished by the Lands Department:—

(1.) Yes; an area of 1 rood and 4 perches granted to Peter Richardson.

(2.) No.

(3.) If an application be made by the Municipal Council for the resumption of this land for park purposes a report thereon will be obtained.

- (8.) Model Farm:—Mr. Henry Clarke, for Mr. See, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Has the Government selected a site for a model farm in the North Coast district?

(2.) If so, where is the proposed farm situated, and what special advantage does it possess over other sites in other portions of the Northern district?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—The papers in this case will be laid upon the Table of the House.

- (9.) Railway Employees:—Mr. Sharp asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House a Return from the Time-book, showing the number of hours the clerks in the Invoice Office, also the porters in the Goods-sheds at Redfern and Darling Harbour, have worked during the past six months?

(2.) Is it a fact that facilities have not been afforded by the Department whereby these men could enjoy their annual holidays (now twelve months overdue)?

(3.) Will he take steps to minimise the amount of Sunday work done in the Railway Department?

(4.) Will he lay upon the Table a Return showing the names, positions, and number of hours worked by the clerks and porters at the places mentioned, and state amount paid as overtime to each individual during the past twelve months?

Sir

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I may point out that this is a matter connected with the detailed management with which the Railway Commissioners are charged by the Railway Act, and, therefore, it would be well for the Honorable Member, if he still wishes for the information, to move for a Return in the usual way. I may, however, mention that the question of holidays is one to which the Railway Commissioners have for some time past given special consideration, as they are most anxious that the staff should have the benefit of annual holidays. So much arrears, however, had been allowed to accumulate before the Commissioners took office that it has not yet been overtaken, but special steps have been ordered in this direction, which will remedy the evil. With regard to Sunday duty, the Railway Commissioners deprecate most strongly any unnecessary Sunday duty, and have declined to accede to requests made to increase the amount of work done on the railways on Sundays.

(10.) Randwick Rifle Range:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) When will the Randwick rifle range be completed and handed over to the military authorities by the Commanding Engineer?
- (2.) Has any report been received from the "Board on Targets," which was appointed some months back?
- (3.) If so, what is the nature of the report;—does it contain any recommendation?
- (4.) If so, is that recommendation to be acted upon?
- (5.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House all reports and correspondence in reference to the competition with models, and with working targets for Randwick rifle range?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Major-General Commanding the Military Forces:—

- (1.) The range will be completed at least one month before the 26th October next, the day fixed for the commencement of the Rifle Association matches.
- (2.) Yes; and it has been referred to the Commanding Engineer, with whom it now rests.
- (3 and 4.) The recommendation of the Committee cannot be published until the Commanding Engineer has furnished his report.
- (5.) There will be no objection, provided the papers are moved for in the usual way.

(11.) Barriers at Circular Quay:—Mr. Kelly asked the Colonial Treasurer,—When is it his intention to remove the barriers at Circular Quay?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The wooden fence on the eastern side of the Circular Quay, having been erected for the protection of cargo landed on that side of the Quay, cannot be well removed. That is the answer given to me by the officer in charge of the Circular Quay. I promised the Honorable Member that I would make myself personally acquainted with this so-called barrier. I have not been able to do so, but I have now arranged to go and see the thing myself to-morrow morning at half-past nine o'clock if the Honorable Member will be there.

(12.) Alienation of Seven-Mile Beach Reserves, Shoalhaven:—Mr. Traill asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Has he received a communication from the Chairman of a public meeting, held at Nowra last Monday, protesting against the proposed alienation of the Seven-Mile Beach reserves, Shoalhaven, to the Berry Estate Trustees?
- (2.) If so, does he intend to alienate any portion of such reserves, what area, to whom, and at what price per acre?
- (3.) Has he received a protest from the Chairman of a public meeting, held at Nowra on the 27th July, asking the Minister for Lands to enter a *caveat* against the issue of a certificate of indefeasible title to 500 acres of Crown lands in Wollstonecroft's grant, parish of Numba, county St. Vincent, and applied for by the Trustees of the Berry Estate?
- (4.) If so, does he intend to *caveat* on behalf of the Crown before the 6th August, when the time for lodging objections expires?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) In view of a recent decision of the Supreme Court, to the effect that the Governor has no power to sell, in virtue of improvements, lands temporarily reserved, the applications by the late Mr. Berry to purchase part of the Seven-mile Beach Reserve, in virtue of improvements made by him thereon, are useless, and cannot be granted. No decision has as yet been arrived at with respect to alienation by auction or otherwise of such reserve.
- (3.) Yes.
- (4.) Yes.

(13.) Explosion at Middle Head:—Mr. Reid asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has the Government considered the case of the widows and children of the members of the Submarine Mining Corps who were killed, and the case of the men who were injured, by the accidental explosion at Middle Head during the last volunteer encampment?
- (2.) If so, is he in a position to state what the Government proposes to do?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The sufferers by the lamentable occurrence to which the Honorable Member refers had my immediate attention on the following day, and it was determined to ask Parliament to make some provision for the widows of the men who lost their lives, and for other persons who sustained serious injury. The proposal has not yet been finally dealt with, but I hope it will be of such a nature that this House will readily assent to it.

(14.) Columbian Exhibition at Chicago:—Mr. McCourt asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to take steps to have the Colony represented at the Chicago Exhibition?
- (2.) Before any more money is expended in having the Colony represented at Exhibitions, will the House be afforded an opportunity of approving of such expenditure?

Sir

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—It is the intention of the Government to take the necessary steps to secure the representation of this Colony at the Great—I think it is called—Columbian Exhibition at Chicago. This Exhibition will exceed in magnitude anything of the kind that has taken place in the world, and it occurs to me, though not very favourable to Exhibitions, that this Colony ought not to be absent.

- (15.) Financial Institutions :—Mr. Wall asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government, during the present Session, to introduce a measure dealing with the operations of financial institutions ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—A Bill has already been prepared for this purpose by the late Colonial Treasurer, who I believe has left it behind him ; and, if possible, the Government will be glad to introduce the Bill.

- (16.) Case of Edward Clayton :—Mr. Lyne asked the Minister of Justice,—Will he make further inquiry into the case of Edward Clayton, under sentence at Albury, with a view to his discharge ?

Mr. Gould answered,—I have made full inquiry into the facts of this case, and the several representations made to me by the honorable gentleman, and regret that I am unable to recommend Clayton's discharge ; if, however, he can submit any new facts bearing on the case, I shall be pleased to give them full consideration.

- (17.) Proposed Railway Extension from Cobar to Broken Hill :—Mr. O'Sullivan, for Mr. Dickens, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Was the proposal for extension of railway from Cobar to Broken Hill, *via* Wilcannia, considered by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works in the late Parliament ; if so, with what result ?

(2.) Will the Government take the earliest possible opportunity of taking such steps as may be necessary in regard to such extension ?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) The proposal referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works was to consider and report on the expediency of constructing a line of railway from Cobar to Cockburn. After duly considering the question, the Committee arrived at the determination to recommend that the line be carried out as far as Broken Hill.

(2.) The Government will lose no time in dealing with this matter.

- (18.) Chief Commissioner for Railways :—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) How many times has Mr. Eddy, the Chief Commissioner for Railways, been absent from the Colony since entering upon his duties ?

(2.) What were the dates of—(a) his departure ; (b) his return ?

(3.) What were the reasons for each such absence ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) I am informed that the Chief Commissioner has been absent four times from the Colony since entering upon his duties.

(2.) From the morning of the 20th to the 21st April, 1889, when travelling from Tweed River Heads to Wallangarra, after inspecting the proposed Grafton to the Tweed Railway Extension, a stay of about one hour being made at Brisbane. From the 3rd to 5th July, 1889, when returning to Sydney from Cockburn, by Adelaide and Melbourne, after inspecting the route of the proposed railway from Nyngan to Broken Hill and Cockburn. From the 7th to the 27th January, 1890. From the 10th February to the 9th March, 1891.

(3.) For rest.

- (19.) Chief Commissioner for Railways :—Mr. Kelly asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that Mr. Eddy, the Chief Commissioner for Railways, proposes to leave the Colony, on leave of absence, at an early date ?

(2.) Will he take steps to prevent that gentleman taking his departure until the Legislative Assembly has disposed of the motion now standing on the Business Paper for 10th November next in reference to the appointment of a Royal Commission to inquire into the working of the Railway Department ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—Mr. Eddy some time ago asked for four months' leave of absence on a certificate from his medical adviser, Dr. Mackellar. It was stated that he was in such a state of health that this rest was absolutely necessary. The late Minister, my honorable friend Mr. McMillan, minuted this application, giving his concurrence, and it was submitted a day or two ago to the Cabinet, who unanimously concurred in the necessity for the leave.

3. TIMBER LICENSES BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Wall 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 amend the regulations in connection with timber licenses, and for the purpose of altering and readjusting the fees and charges in connection therewith.
Question put and passed.

4. WIDTH OF TIRES REGULATION BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Lyne moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate the width of tires on certain vehicles ; and for other purposes.
Question put and passed.

5. SYDNEY ELECTRIC LIGHTING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That the Sydney Electric Lighting Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Collins, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Gough, Mr. Lee, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Ritchie, Mr. York, Mr. Henry Clarke, and the Mover.
- Question put and passed.
6. MAITLAND ELECTRIC LIGHT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
- (1.) Mr. Dawson moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable "The Maitland Gaslight Company (Limited)" to construct and maintain works and supply the Borough of West Maitland with electricity for lighting, and other purposes.
- Question put and passed.
- (2.) Mr. Dawson 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 Maitland Gaslight Company (Limited)' to construct and maintain works and supply the Borough of West Maitland with electricity for lighting, and other purposes,*"—read a first time.
7. CASINO SCHOOL OF ARTS ENABLING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
- (1.) Mr. Ewing moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to declare the trusts of the site of the Casino School of Arts; and to enable the trustees thereof to mortgage or lease certain lands situate in the town of Casino; and to declare the trusts of the moneys to be produced by such mortgage or lease; and for other purposes.
- Question put and passed.
- (2.) Mr. Ewing 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 declare the trusts of the site of the Casino School of Arts, and to enable the trustees thereof to mortgage or lease certain lands situate in the town of Casino; and to declare the trusts of the moneys to be produced by such mortgage or lease; and for other purposes,*"—read a first time.
8. MINING LEASES, COUNTIES OF GOUGH AND HARDING (*Formal Motion*):—
- Mr. Crick, for Mr. Cruickshank, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—
- (1.) The number of blocks of land, and the number of each portion measured for mining purposes in the parishes of Herbert, Clive, and Darby, county of Gough, and parish of Swinson, county of Harding; the number of valid leases now existing; also the names of the holders, and dates on which the said leases were taken up.
 - (2.) On what dates the rents on each lease were paid, and the amounts of arrears (if any).
 - (3.) The number of blocks (if any), and names of holders of lease, for which rent has been received after the ground had been reported for non-fulfilment of labour conditions.
- Question put and passed.
9. PARLIAMENTARY REPRESENTATIVES ALLOWANCE 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 Parliamentary Representatives Allowance Act.
- Question put and passed.
- (2.) Mr. Allen then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Parliamentary Representatives Allowance Act,'*"—which was read a first time.
- Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 8th September.
10. REFRESHMENT ROOM (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Suttor moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the rule requiring new Members of Parliament to pay an entrance fee of three guineas before availing themselves of the privileges of the Refreshment Room should be abolished.
- Question put and passed.
11. NUISANCES PREVENTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
- (1.) Mr. Frank Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Nuisances Prevention Act, 39 Victoria No. 14, in certain respects.
- Question put and passed.
- (2.) Mr. Farnell then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Nuisances Prevention Act, 39 Victoria No. 14, in certain respects,*"—which was read a first time.
- Ordered to be printed and read a second time on Tuesday, 22nd September.
12. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
- (1.) Early Closing Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the supervision, regulating, and closing of shops within proscribed hours; and for other purposes;—until Tuesday, 25th August.
 - (2.) 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; to declare void, and in some cases penal, certain contracts and agreements; to regulate labour on Saturdays and Sundays; to provide for overtime working and payments therefor; and for other purposes connected with the aforesaid objects;—until Tuesday, 8th September.
 - (3.) Wages of Workmen Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the better securing of wages to workmen; to render stoppages from wages as contributions to benevolent funds of any kind illegal; to punish persons making such stoppages; and for other purposes connected therewith;—until Tuesday, 8th September.
 - (4.) Legal Practitioners Bill; second reading;—until Tuesday next.

13. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT**:—Sir Henry Parkes informed the House that the Cabinet had that day considered the subject of filling the office of Colonial Treasurer, vacated by Mr. McMillan, that no definite decision was arrived at, but that the appointment would be made in a comparatively short time. Sir Henry Parkes also explained the course taken in the nomination, to the Legislative Council, of Mr. O'Connor, Postmaster-General.
14. **RAILWAY, WALCHA TO THE GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY**:—Mr. Inglis presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of the Town and District of Walcha, pointing out that the pastoral, agricultural, and mining resources of the district are sufficient to justify the construction of a railway from Walcha to the Great Northern Railway, drawing attention to the large revenue derived from the district, the increase of the railway receipts at the Walcha Road Station, and the remarkable increase of population in the district during the last decade; and praying the house to take the matter into favourable consideration.
Petition received.
15. **ADDITIONAL STANDING ORDER (*Limitation of Speeches*)**:—Mr. Reid moved, pursuant to Notice, That “the following Standing Order be adopted by this House, and presented by Mr. Speaker to His Excellency the Governor for approval”:—When, having regard to the nature of the question under consideration, a Member is, in the opinion of the Speaker, or the Chairman of Committees, as the case may be, taking up time by a speech of such unwarrantable length as to obstruct the transaction of public business, it shall be the duty of the Speaker or Chairman to intimate that opinion, and to direct him to discontinue his speech: Provided that he shall have the right to require that the question whether he be further heard be put; and thereupon such question shall be put without debate.

Mr. Copeland moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the words “the following Standing Order be adopted by this House, and presented by Mr. Speaker to His Excellency the Governor for approval,” with a view to the insertion in their place of the words “it be referred to the Standing Orders Committee to consider and report upon the expediency of adopting a Standing Order making provision as follows”:

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

Debate ensued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 69.

Mr. Brunker,	Dr. Hollis,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Hugh McKimmon,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Donald,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Bowman,	Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Dale,	Mr. Morgan,
Dr. Cullen,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Marks,	Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Frank Funnell,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. John Wilkinson,	Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,	Mr. Rae,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Cotton,
Mr. G. D. Clark,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Booth,	Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Newton,	Mr. Danahey.
Mr. Neild,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. E. G. Brown,	Mr. Chapman.
Mr. Barnes,	
Mr. Hart,	

Noes, 20.

Mr. Miller,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Hutchison
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. Grahamc,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Gough,
Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Traill,
Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Suttor,
Dr. Ross.

Tellers,

Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Toohy.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question then put,—That the following Standing Order be adopted by this House, and presented by Mr. Speaker to His Excellency the Governor for approval:—When, having regard to the nature of the question under consideration, a Member is, in the opinion of the Speaker, or the Chairman of Committees, as the case may be, taking up time by a speech of such unwarrantable length as to obstruct the transaction of public business, it shall be the duty of the Speaker or Chairman to intimate that opinion, and to direct him to discontinue his speech: Provided that he shall have the right to require that the question whether he be further heard be put; and thereupon such question shall be put without debate.

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Ayes, 70.

Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Carruthers,	Dr. Hollis,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Perry,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Bowman,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Dale,	Mr. Nicholson,
Dr. Cullen,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Marks,	Mr. Donald,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Cotton,
Mr. John Wilkinson,	Mr. Rae,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,	Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. G. D. Clark,	Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Booth,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Sharp,	Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. Newton,	Mr. Williams.
Mr. Chapman,	
Mr. Torpy,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. E. G. Brown,	Mr. Neild,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Hindle.

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Mr. Miller,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Dibbs,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Traill,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Gough,
Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Gormly.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Crick,
Mr. Hassall.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

16. PAPER:—Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—Annual Report of the Railway Commissioners for the year ended 30th June, 1891,—and moved, That the document be printed.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
17. REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE BILL (No. 2):—Sir Henry Parkes (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill for the establishment of a system of Registration of Electors in New South Wales; for the abolition of Plural Voting and the equalization of the voting power of Electors; for ensuring, and giving due effect to, majorities; for the abolition of money deposits on the nomination of candidates; for restricting, as far as practicable, during polling hours, the retail sale or the supply of liquor on premises licensed under the "Licensing Act of 1882"; for the better Representation of the People in the Legislative Assembly; and the amendment of the Electoral Law generally.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
18. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 5 AUGUST, 1891, A.M.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-five minutes before One o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

NINIAN MELVILLE,
Deputy Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 10.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 5 AUGUST, 1891.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Model Farm:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—Has he yet decided on establishing a model farm in the Western district; if so, will he state the name of the locality and district that has been selected for that purpose?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—Yes, a model farm will be established in the western district, but the site has not been finally determined.

- (2.) Statutes:—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. Traill*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Will he cause a review to be made of existing statutes, with a view to ascertain the extent to which the printing of documents for presentation to Parliament, and for publication in the *Government Gazette*, is required by legal enactments?

(2.) Will he cause the information so obtained to be laid before this House in such form as shall enable Honorable Members to form an opinion as to the possibility of reducing the mass of documents by the repeal of such portions of statutes as appear to require unnecessary printing?

(3.) Will he state whether he regards the constant stream of printed documents which are printed and presented to Parliament, having reference to the Municipalities Act, as necessary?

(4.) Does he himself read 1 per cent. of the last-mentioned documents?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I confess I do not see precisely what is aimed at in this question. I have read it several times. But I think I understand the general scope of the object, which is to make certain information more accessible to Honorable Members. Some steps have been taken in the Attorney-General's Department in the direction aimed at, and as soon as I can get time I will consult with the Attorney-General to see what can be done. Then I will communicate with the Honorable Member.

- (3.) Money Borrowed by the Government:—*Mr. See* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What amount of money have the Government borrowed in the Colony during the past six months?

(2.) What institutions have the Government borrowed from; the amount from each institution, and for what period, and the rate of interest that the Government have agreed to pay?

(3.) The like information as regards the money borrowed in England by the Government for the same period?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I am afraid I cannot give an answer to the question as it is framed here, but in a very short time I will give the information required, either in a full explanation in the House, or by a return. I will do so within about a week. I do not think I ought to give the information in this shape. I should prefer leaving it until the Colonial Treasurer is appointed, but it shall not be delayed beyond the time I have stated.

- (4.) State Labour Bureau:—*Mr. Houghton* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to take any steps with a view to the establishment of a State Labour Bureau or a Department of Labour?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—This question has been under the consideration of the Government in a very imperfect way—that is, it has been talked over by some Ministers; and I will see that it is fully considered as soon as other very pressing business will allow time for its consideration.

- (5.) Road, Western District:—*Mr. McCourt* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the road or track between the railway at Nyngan and the districts westward, including Cobar, Nymagee, and other western towns, is, and has been for some time, in an almost impassable state?

(2.) Is it a fact that for some months the mails have been unable to comply with the conditions of their contract in keeping to time, and that general traffic has been considerably impeded?

(3.)

(3.) In view of the approaching wool season, when station and storekeepers' supplies will be going out and wool coming in, will he state if he thinks it desirable that an arrangement be made with the contractor for the Cobar railway to use the line for the season as far as Hermitage Plains, or as far as the contractor's line is available?

(4.) Will he make early inquiry into the matter to prevent the wool-clip of this part of the western interior going to Melbourne and Adelaide, as well as to enable stores and supplies to be procured from Sydney, instead of the other Colonies?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) If the road from Nyngan to Nymagee (direct road) be referred to, it has been reported by the local officer that the road is always bad in wet weather. Representations have also been made that the road mentioned is in a bad state, and accordingly a sum of £200 has recently been approved for expenditure on the worst portions.

(2.) It has been represented that traffic is impeded, but I am not aware of the extent to which the mails have (if at all) been interfered with.

(3.) The Engineer-in-Chief reports as follows:—"The rails have been laid beyond the proposed station at Hermitage Plains, but no siding accommodation has yet been provided. Arrangements can perhaps be made for the running of wool and stores, but I think it undesirable, as it would certainly hinder the completion of the whole line." I shall be glad to have the Honorable Member's suggestion further inquired into.

(4.) I fear I cannot hold out any prospect of controlling the traffic to which the Honorable Member refers, but if it be found possible to do so by any arrangement such as is suggested in Question 3, something in the direction desired may be done.

(6.) Randwick Toll-bar:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Alfred Allen, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When is it the intention of the Government to remove the Randwick toll-bar?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—I find this an exceedingly difficult matter to settle. The Randwick Council has a considerable debt on this road which has been raised on the security of the tolls; and until an arrangement has been made for the liquidation of this debt it is clear the security upon which it has been raised cannot in justice be destroyed. I regret, therefore, I cannot give any definite promise on the subject at present.

(7.) Money Expended in Encouragement of Arts:—*Mr. J. D. FitzGerald* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What amount of money has been expended in connection with the encouragement of the arts of painting and sculpture during the two years ending 31st July, 1891?

(2.) What amount has been expended on the encouragement of musical art during the same period?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The following answers have been supplied by the Department of Public Instruction:—

(1.) £14,000.*

(2.) There has been a Director of Musical Instruction to Public Schools, receiving £450 per annum, during the last two years; and Teachers of Schools give instruction in singing and music as part of the duties for which they receive their salaries. There are also four Teachers of Music to the Pupil-teachers' Saturday Classes (one each at Sydney, Wickham, Maitland East, and Goulburn), who each receive £25 per annum.

(8.) Inspector of Meat, Glebe Island:—*Mr. Murphy* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Have any steps been taken to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Charles Schultz, Inspector of Meat, Glebe Island?

(2.) If not, will he cause such steps to be taken?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—No decision has yet been arrived at. The matter is, however, receiving careful consideration.

(9.) Conduct of Judge Docker:—*Mr. Wall* asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Has his attention been directed to the conduct of Judge Docker at the late sitting of the Mudgee Criminal Court, where it is reported that on the jury acquitting a prisoner, he (Judge Docker), in discharging the prisoner, said, "You are discharged, Lett; but don't do it again"?

(2.) Will he take such steps as will protect prisoners who are acquitted by a jury, and also the juries acquitting them, from such remarks at the hands of the presiding Judges?

Mr. Gould answered,—My attention had not been directed to this matter until the Honorable Member brought it under my notice. I will, however, cause inquiry to be made as to the correctness or otherwise of the alleged statement.

(10.) Guns in Battery at Steel Point:—*Mr. Black* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has he, as Minister for Defence, yet taken into consideration the papers in relation to the neglected guns in the Battery at Steel Point, which were forwarded to him by His Excellency the late Governor, Lord Carrington, on 3rd April, 1889; if so, what decision has been arrived at, and on what date?

(2.) Is it a fact that Colonel Spalding, lately in command of New South Wales Military Forces, was censured in a report by Major-General Richardson?

(3.) If so, is he likely to be granted a court-martial in connection with this charge?

(4.) If not, will any further action be taken?

Sir

* For purchase of works of art for the National Art Gallery for the two years ending 31st July, 1891	£10,000
For maintenance do	3,000
Do Art Society do	1,000
	£14,000

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) Yes. Decision satisfactory to himself as the Minister, who saw no reason for further action. Exact date cannot be given, as the Minister had to make certain inquiries, which, from various causes, covered a general length of time.
- (2.) Remarks of an adverse nature were contained in the original report, based on somewhat hurried report first made to the General.
- (3.) No court-martial, on further personal inquiry made by the Minister, was considered necessary.
- (4.) No; the matter, in the opinion of the Minister, has for a long time been considered settled, it being found, on further investigation, to be a purely departmental matter, and not one affecting the public.

(11.) School History of Australasia :—Mr. Black asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) When will the School History of Australasia, prepared, after competition, under the supervision of the Education Department, be published?
- (2.) What circumstances are specially responsible for the delay in publication of the history?
- (3.) What is the amount of expenditure up to date on this school history?
- (4.) Will he acquaint the House if it be proposed to bring out a revised edition of this work; if so, under what conditions?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

- (1.) In the course of a few weeks.
- (2.) Delay in publication has been caused by the preparation and reproduction of plates and maps which it was deemed advisable to incorporate in the work; and, also, by reason of the collection and verification of statistical and other information necessary, in order to secure accuracy in the book.
- (3.) £931 11s. 4d., including the cost of the shorter work to be published on the "Duties of Citizenship."
- (4.) The work will be brought out with that revision which has been deemed necessary to make it more perfect.

(12.) Justices of the Peace :—Mr. Gardiner asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the following gentlemen, who are Justices of the Peace, are at present acting as secretaries or agents for the Pastoralists' Association :—R. Blaxland, E. Jonas, J. J. Dodd, J. A. Rose, E. O'Donnell, F. C. Thompson, T. A. Stirton, and S. L. Nail?
- (2.) If so, is it his intention to request those gentlemen to resign the positions they hold in connection with the Pastoralists' Association, or to resign their positions as Magistrates of the Colony?
- (3.) Will he request all Justices of the Peace who are members of the Pastoralists' Association or Shearers' Union to refrain from presiding in any case that has arisen from shearing disputes?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I am not aware whether it is a fact or not, but so far as these names are concerned I will write, and if it is a fact I shall request these gentlemen to disconnect themselves with these associations.

(13.) Darling Island, Pyrmont :—Mr. Kelly asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the fact that Darling Island, Pyrmont, has been purchased in the general interests of the community, is it the intention of the Government to proceed with the work for which the property was originally purchased?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—It is the intention of the Government to proceed with the necessary work in connection with this place; but at the present time some very difficult questions are under consideration concerning the approaches.

(14.) Constable Quealy :—Mr. Black asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that Constable Quealy of No. 4 Station has been reported on two occasions for misconduct?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the said constable was taken off his beat and locked up at No. 4 Police Station on 31st July; if so, will he cause inquiry to be made into the matter?

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

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) He was not locked up; he went off duty, probably intoxicated, as he was found in that state at his lodgings, for which he was suspended in rank, with loss of pay. He has served for six years and a half.

2. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR :—

(1.) The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Sir Henry Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

(1.) Representation of the People Bill (No. 2) :—

JERSEY,

Governor.

Message No. 1.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill for the establishment of a system of registration of electors in New South Wales; for the abolition of plural voting, and the equalization of the voting power of electors; for ensuring and giving due effect to majorities; for the abolition of money deposits on the nomination of candidates; for restricting, as far as practicable, during polling hours, the retail sale, or the supply of liquor on premises licensed under the "Licensing Act of 1882"; for the better representation of the people in the Legislative Assembly; and the amendment of the Electoral Law generally.

Government House,

Sydney, 30th July, 1891.

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

(2.) Seats Re-distribution Bill :—

JERSEY,
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 a Bill to divide New South Wales into Electoral Districts, to return each one Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
Sydney, 30th July, 1891.*

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

(3.) District Government Bill :—

JERSEY,
Governor.

Message No. 3.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to divide New South Wales into District Government areas; to establish therein a system of local self-government; and for other purposes connected therewith.

*Government House,
Sydney, 30th July, 1891.*

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

(4.) Trade Disputes Conciliation and Arbitration Bill :—

JERSEY,
Governor.

Message No. 4.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to provide for the establishment of Councils of Conciliation and Courts of Arbitration for the settlement of industrial disputes.

*Government House,
Sydney, 30th July, 1891.*

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

(5.) Publicans Licenses Further Restriction Bill :—

JERSEY,
Governor.

Message No. 5.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend and extend the provision of the "Licensing Acts, 1882-1883," under which publicans' licenses are subject to rate-payers' votes; and for other purposes in connection with the restriction of such licenses.

*Government House,
Sydney, 30th July, 1891.*

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

(2.) The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Sydney Smith, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

(1.) Coal Mines Regulation Bill :—

JERSEY,
Governor.

Message No. 6.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to make better provision for the regulation of coal mines and collieries; and for other purposes connected therewith.

*Government House,
Sydney, 30th July, 1891.*

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

(2.) Water Conservation Bill :—

JERSEY,
Governor.

Message No. 7.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to define and declare the respective rights of the Crown and of private persons to flowing water, and other sources of water supply in New South Wales; to provide for the establishment of Trusts, and, in certain cases to enable the Government to carry out works of water conservation and utilization, and of drainage; to empower such Trusts to raise loans, to be granted or guaranteed by the Government in certain cases, and under certain conditions; to authorise the imposition of rates and charges for

for the purposes of such Trusts; to provide for the leasing of Crown Lands subject to drought and flood; for the acquisition of lands and water rights in certain cases; for the disposal thereof by sale or lease; for the licensing of works for Water Conservation or utilization; for granting water rights to private persons, subject to certain conditions and reservations; and for conferring powers and making provision generally for giving due effect to and carrying out the purposes aforesaid.

*Government House,
Sydney, 30th July, 1891.*

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

3. **STANDING ORDERS (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Traill moved, pursuant to Notice, That the whole of the Standing Orders be referred to the Standing Orders Committee for their consideration, suggestions, and report.
Question put and passed.
4. **CROWN LANDS ACT AMENDMENT BILL (Formal Motion)**:—
(1) Mr. Bruncker moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to validate certain forfeitures, and certain reversals of forfeitures, of lands sold or leased by the Crown, and to declare the effect of such reversals; to enable the Minister for Lands to reverse forfeitures and to amend the law in respect of forfeitures and the reversal thereof; to permit further inquiries to be held in connection with forfeitures and to facilitate the effectual waiver thereof; to prevent collusion at ballots upon conflicting applications; and for the purposes aforesaid to amend the "Crown Lands Act of 1884" and the Acts amending the same.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Bruncker then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to validate certain forfeitures, and certain reversals of forfeitures, of lands sold or leased by the Crown, and to declare the effect of such reversals; to enable the Minister for Lands to reverse forfeitures; and to amend the law in respect of forfeitures and the reversal thereof; to permit further inquiries to be held in connection with forfeitures and to facilitate the effectual waiver thereof; to prevent collusion at ballots upon conflicting applications; and for the purposes aforesaid to amend the 'Crown Lands Act of 1884' and the Acts amending the same,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
5. **BANKRUPTCY ACTS AMENDMENT BILL (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Gould moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Bankruptcy Acts, 1887-1888.
Question put and passed.
6. **RANDWICK RIFLE RANGE (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Frank Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all reports and correspondence in reference to the competition with models, and with working targets, for Randwick rifle range.
Question put and passed.
7. **MR. W. S. CASWELL, POLICE MAGISTRATE AT DUBBO (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Crick moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers and documents referring to complaints made against, or inquiries made as to, Mr. W. S. Caswell, Police Magistrate at Dubbo.
Question put and passed.
8. **MAITLAND ELECTRIC LIGHT BILL (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Dawson moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That the Maitland Electric Light Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Bruncker, Mr. Gillics, Mr. Lees, Mr. Miller, Mr. Williams, Mr. Kelly, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
9. **CASINO SCHOOL OF ARTS ENABLING BILL (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Ewing moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1) That the Casino School of Arts Enabling Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Cullen, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Kidd, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Torpy, Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Collins, Mr. Carruthers, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
10. **AUSTRALIAN BANKING COMPANY OF SYDNEY BILL (Formal Motion)**:—
(1.) Mr. Dowel moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to incorporate the shareholders of a certain Banking Company called "The Australian Banking Company of Sydney"; and for other purposes therein mentioned.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Dowel 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 incorporate the shareholders of a certain Banking Company called 'The Australian Banking Company of Sydney'; and for other purposes therein mentioned,*"—read a first time.
11. **FISHERIES ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (Formal Motion)**:—
(1.) Mr. Frank Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Fisheries Act of 1881 in certain respects.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Farnell then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Fisheries Act of 1881' in certain respects,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 22nd September.

12. **FISHERIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL (Formal Motion):**—*Mr. Slattery*, for *Mr. Melville*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal sections 25, 59, and 62 of the Fisheries Act of 1881, and to amend the said Act; and for other purposes.
Question put and passed.
13. **MORT'S DOCK AND ENGINEERING COMPANY (LIMITED) ENABLING BILL:**—*Mr. Johnston* presented a Petition from *Mort's Dock and Engineering Company (Limited)*, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable "*Mort's Dock and Engineering Company (Limited)*" to close portions of certain streets at *Mort Bay*, in the Borough of *Balmain*, being the north-east end of *College-street* and the north-east end of *Trouton-street* (now called *New John-street*), and to establish a new street in lieu thereof.
And *Mr. Johnston* having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Balmain Observer*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.
14. **LAW PRACTICE EXTENSION BILL:**—*Mr. McCourt* presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to extend certain rights and privileges now limited to Barristers and Solicitors of the Supreme Court, and to make other provision auxiliary thereto*,"—which was read a first time
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 3rd November.
15. **EASTERN SUBURBS RAILWAY:**—*Mr. Neild* presented a Petition from certain Residents and Property owners of the Boroughs of *Woollahra*, *Paddington*, *Waverley*, and *Randwick*, representing that urgent need exists for the construction of a Railway from the city of *Sydney* to the Eastern Suburbs, that the present tram system is insufficient to meet the immense and rapidly-increasing traffic, that the Railway will be valuable for defence purposes; and praying that the work may be commenced and completed forthwith.
Petition received.
16. **LEGAL PRACTITIONERS BILL (No. 2):**—
(1.) *Mr. Crick* moved, That the Order of Leave under which the Legal Practitioners Bill was brought in be now read.
Question put and passed.
And the said Order of Leave (as recorded in the *Votes and Proceedings No. 7 of Wednesday, 29th July, 1891, Entry 33*) read by the Clerk, by direction of *Mr. Speaker*.
(2.) *Mr. Crick* then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to give attorneys, solicitors, and proctors of the Supreme Court of the Colony of New South Wales right of audience in all Courts in the said Colony, and to enable such attorneys, solicitors, and proctors to become barristers of the said Supreme Court; and to enable barristers of that Court to become attorneys, solicitors, and proctors thereof; and to extend the rights of such attorneys, solicitors, and proctors, and the liabilities of such barristers; and for other purposes in connection therewith*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 11th August.
17. **PAPERS:**—
Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Return to an Order made on the 2nd December, 1890—"Administration of Fisheries Act."
(2.) Report of Railway Commissioners for quarter ended June, 1891.
(3.) General Summary of Liabilities and Assets of the Banking, Land, Building and Investment Companies, for quarter ended 31st March, 1891.
(4.) Return showing the cost, dimensions, &c., of the retaining-walls at *Eveligh Station*.
(5.) Report of National Park Trust from 1st January, 1889, to 31st December, 1890.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—Regulations framed under the Public Instruction Act of 1880, together with instructions to teachers.
Ordered to be printed.
18. **REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—*Sir Henry Parkes* moved, That the Order of the Day be discharged.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.
19. **REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE BILL (No. 2):**—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—*Sir Henry Parkes* moved, That *Mr. Speaker* do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill for the establishment of a system of registration of electors in *New-South Wales*; for the abolition of plural voting, and the equalization of the voting power of electors; for ensuring and giving due effect to majorities; for the abolition of money deposits on the nomination of candidates; for restricting, as far as practicable, during polling hours, the retail sale, or the supply of liquor on premises licensed under the "*Licensing Act of 1882*"; for the better representation of the people in the Legislative Assembly; and the amendment of the Electoral Law generally.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Whereupon *Mr. Speaker* left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), That the report be now received.
The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
Resolved,—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill for the establishment of a system of registration of electors in New South Wales; for the abolition of plural voting, and the equalisation of the voting power of electors; for ensuring and giving due effect to majorities; for the abolition of money deposits on the nomination of candidates; for restricting, as far as practicable, during polling hours, the retail sale, or the supply of liquor on premises licensed under the "Licensing Act of 1882"; for the better representation of the people in the Legislative Assembly; and the amendment of the Electoral Law generally.

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

- (2.) Sir Henry Parkes then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill for the establishment of a system of registration of electors in New South Wales; for the abolition of plural voting, and the equalization of the voting power of electors; for ensuring and giving due effect to majorities; for the abolition of money deposits on the nomination of candidates; for restricting, as far as practicable, during polling hours, the retail sale, or the supply of liquor on premises licensed under the 'Licensing Act of 1882'; for the better representation of the people in the Legislative Assembly; and the amendment of the Electoral Law generally.*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and (*by consent*) that the Bill be read a second time at a later hour of the day.

20. SEATS RE-DISTRIBUTION BILL:—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 a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to divide New South Wales into Electoral Districts, to return each one Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to divide New South Wales into Electoral Districts to return each one Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly.

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

21. DISTRICT GOVERNMENT BILL:—

- (1.) 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 a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to divide New South Wales into District Government areas; to establish therein a system of local self-government; and for other purposes connected therewith.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to divide New South Wales into District Government areas; to establish therein a system of local self-government; and for other purposes connected therewith.

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

- (2.) Sir Henry Parkes then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to divide New South Wales into District Government areas; to establish therein a system of local self-government; and for other purposes connected therewith.*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday, 19th August.

22. TRADE DISPUTES CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL:—

- (1.) 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 a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the establishment of Councils of Conciliation and Courts of Arbitration for the settlement of industrial disputes.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide for the establishment of Councils of Conciliation and Courts of Arbitration for the settlement of industrial disputes.

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

- (2.) Sir Henry Parkes then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the establishment of Councils of Conciliation and Courts of Arbitration for the settlement of industrial disputes.*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday, 19th August.

23. COAL MINES REGULATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Sydney Smith, 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 make better provision for the regulation of coal mines and collieries; and for other purposes connected therewith.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to make better provision for the regulation of coal mines and collieries; and for other purposes connected therewith.

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

24. **WATER CONSERVATION BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Sydney Smith moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to define and declare the respective rights of the Crown and of private persons to flowing water and other sources of water supply in New South Wales; to provide for the establishment of Trusts, and, in certain cases, to enable the Government to carry out works of water conservation and utilization, and of drainage; to empower such Trusts to raise loans, to be granted or guaranteed by the Government in certain cases and under certain conditions; to authorise the imposition of rates and charges for the purposes of such Trusts; to provide for the leasing of Crown Lands subject to drought and flood; for the acquisition of lands and water rights in certain cases; for the disposal thereof by sale or lease; for the licensing of works for water conservation or utilization; for granting water rights to private persons, subject to certain conditions and reservations; and for conferring powers and making provision generally for giving due effect to and carrying out the purposes aforesaid.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
 Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
 Ordered, That the reception of the Resolution stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.
25. **PUBLICANS LICENSES FURTHER RESTRICTION BILL**:—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 a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend and extend the provisions of the "Licensing Acts, 1882-1883," under which publicans' licenses are subject to ratepayers' votes; and for other purposes in connection with the restriction of such licenses.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
 Ordered, That the reception of the Resolution stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.
26. **REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE BILL (No. 2)**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
 Question put and passed.
 Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 11.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 6 AUGUST, 1891.

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

COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—

- (1.) *Maturity of Warrant reported*:—Mr. Speaker reported that his Warrant, laid upon the Table on the 29th July last, appointing Robert George Dundas FitzGerald, Esquire, to be a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, 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; and intimated that it was therefore open to Mr. FitzGerald to be sworn at the Table by the Clerk, in accordance with the 59th Section of the Electoral Act of 1880.
- (2.) *Appointment of first meeting of Committee*:—Pursuant to the requirement of the 59th Section of the Electoral Act of 1880, Mr. Speaker appointed the first meeting of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications to take place at half-past eleven o'clock a.m. on Wednesday next, the 12th instant, in Committee Room No. 1.

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Land, County of Urana, Parish of Bundure:—Mr. Gornly asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that 2,275 acres 1 rood of land, county of Urana, parish of Bundure, is advertised for sale by auction at Urana on 23rd September?
- (2.) Is it a fact that if the land referred to is offered by auction sale that the owners of the run on which the land is situated—the New Zealand and Australian Land Company (Limited)—are likely to purchase the land; and, if so, will he withdraw the land from auction sale?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) I have directed that the sale be postponed, with the view of enabling intending selectors to apply for the land, which has been open to conditional purchase since 1888 as a special area, conditions of which have been modified on two occasions. I might explain to the Honorable Member that this land was made a special area in 1888. It has been open for conditional purchase since that time, and during the interim the special area conditions have been twice modified. In the first instance, it was open for selection subject to the conditions of the Land Act of 1884, which limited the area to 160 acres, but on the passing of the Land Act of 1889 conditional purchases could be made under special area conditions, with the extended area of 640 acres.
- (2.) Cost of Site for Technical College:—Mr. Hutchison asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) What was the cost of the land where the Technical College and other buildings connected therewith are now being erected?
- (2.) What is the total amount for which tenders have been accepted up to date for the erection of said buildings?
- (3.) Is it contemplated to let any more contracts; if so, to what amount?
- (4.) What is the total estimated cost of such buildings, including furnishing and land?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

(1.) The land at Ultimo was purchased for the purposes of Technical College workshops and Technological Museum, as well as for new High Schools, at a cost of £21,912.

(2.)	Engineering Workshops	...	...	...	...	£4,407	10	0
	Technical College	...	...	...	...	19,535	0	0
	High Schools	...	...	...	...	16,337	0	0
	Chemical Laboratory	...	...	...	...	2,660	0	0
	Architectural Workshops and Cookery Class-rooms	...	...	...	...	4,834	0	0
	Technological Museum	...	...	...	...	19,365	10	0

(3.)

(3.) Yes. To provide a School of Instruction in Electrical Engineering, with plant therein to work electrical machinery and lights; estimated cost, £7,000.

(4.) High Schools	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£16,337	0	0
Museum	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19,365	10	0
College	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19,928	0	0
Workshops	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9,241	10	0
Chemical Laboratory	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,660	0	0
Land	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21,912	0	0

"Furnishing" has not yet been estimated.

(3.) Transit of Wool by Rail:—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Did any bales of wool go astray in transit by rail during last wool season; if so, how many?
- (2.) What amount of compensation, if any, was paid to owners for such losses?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—Yes; but I am informed that in the conduct of a business of such magnitude as the Railways it is impossible altogether to avoid mistakes in the carriage of goods. During the last wool season a number of bales of wool were misdelivered, owing to the exceptional circumstances connected with the strike, but the exact number cannot be given without incurring a great amount of labour. It is added, with regard to compensation, that the Annual Railway Report, just published, shows the total amount paid for compensation for the loss and damage of wool and all kinds of merchandise carried during the year to be £3,642 only, and this was in connection with a total goods traffic of £1,797,161. This is a low percentage.

(4.) Railway Plant and Material Imported by Government:—*Mr. Walker*, for Mr. Copeland, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What was the value and quantity of railway plant and material imported during the year 1888, specifying items where convenient?
- (2.) What was the value and quantity of plant and material imported by Government during the same year in connection with Roads and Bridges, Harbours and Rivers, and Water and Sewerage Departments?
- (3.) The like information with respect to the years 1889 and 1890?

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

(5.) Railway Free Passes to Members of Parliament:—*Mr. Schey* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Did the Railway Commissioners take from Mr. J. P. Howe his Parliamentary railway pass as Member for Redfern on the day after he was defeated for that constituency?
- (2.) Was Mr. John Hurley defeated in the election for Hartley?
- (3.) Did he, subsequent to such defeat, travel to Molong and other places on the Parliamentary pass issued to him as Member for Hartley?
- (4.) Was Mr. John Hurley again defeated in the election for Molong?
- (5.) Did he, subsequent to such second defeat, travel on the free pass originally issued to him as Member for Hartley from Molong to Sydney?
- (6.) On what date did Mr. John Hurley finally give up his Parliamentary railway pass?
- (7.) Will he return to Mr. Howe the railway fares paid by him between his defeat for Redfern and his election for Bourke; or, will he take steps to compel Mr. Hurley to pay for all railway journeys undertaken by him subsequent to his defeat for Hartley?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I am informed that it is the practice in the Railway Department, on the dissolution of Parliament, to allow the passes held by Honorable Members in the previous Parliament to be retained, pending their re-election or otherwise. Mr. Howe, on contesting the constituency for which he sat in the last Parliament, was not successful; and on calling on the Railway Commissioners regarding his visit to Bourke in connection with his nomination for that electorate, they informed him that it was not usual to allow the retention of passes by defeated members, particularly as a pass would have to be handed to his successor. It is not known to the Commissioners if Mr. Hurley made use of his pass after being defeated at Lithgow. His pass was returned on the 2nd July.

(6.) Guards, Railway Service:—*Mr. Walker*, for Mr. Hoyle, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it a fact that any of the guards in the Railway Service have been refused a fire in their brakes during the past winter season?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I have to point out that the question refers purely to a detail of railway management. If any provision for the comfort of the railway staff has been refused by the officers, and representations to that effect made to the Railway Commissioners, they would, I assume, see that the matter was attended to.

(7.) Railway Traffic Returns:—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for Mr. Lyne, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) In estimating the traffic returns, do the Railway Commissioners take credit for freight (at ordinary rates) of all ballast and other material, &c., carried over the railways, and used in the construction of new lines, duplications, sidings, and other railway works?
- (2.) If not, what are the rates charged; and can he, in either case, say what is the total sum derived from this traffic during the last twelve months?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I am informed that the Commissioners have reduced the charge for the carriage of railway permanent way material from first-class (say 4d. per ton per mile for 100 miles) to 1d. per ton per mile; and the effect of the concession is shown in the Railway Report, in the case of the Cobar line, to have reduced the charge payable for the carriage of the materials for that extension from £39,155 to £12,532. Further, the annual amount credited to the railways for the carriage of railway material, for the ten years ending 1888, was £658,694, an average of £65,869, whereas the earnings from this source for the past three years has amounted to only £24,839, an average of £8,276 only, the railway earnings from all sources in the three years being over £8,000,000 sterling.

(8.)

- (8.) Pasteur's Vaccine of Anthrax :—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Have the licenses to vaccinate with Pasteur's vaccine of anthrax been withdrawn for the purpose of adding some new conditions?
 - (2.) Are not the new conditions, if applied to the vaccinators, practically putting a stop to vaccination?
 - (3.) Have not the owners performed the duties now sought to be cast upon the vaccinators, and carried them out satisfactorily?
 - (4.) Is there any reason why the owners cannot be called upon to perform the duty now sought to be put upon the vaccinators with regard to vaccinated sheep, but also to any unvaccinated sheep which may die of anthrax on their runs?
 - (5.) Is it intended to insist that sheep which die of anthrax spontaneously contracted should be burnt, as well as those which die from vaccination?
 - (6.) Is there any reason why the owners who are on the spot, and have every facility for doing so, should not be called upon to burn the vaccinated sheep?
 - (7.) Have the vaccinators official authority to go upon land to destroy sheep if the owners object to their doing so?
 - (8.) Will he obtain an opinion whether, under the 17th section of the Act, it is necessary for the vaccinators to have licenses at all?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

- (1.) Yes, in the public interest.
 - (2.) Not that I am aware of, as the new conditions do not essentially differ from the old ones.
 - (3 to 6.) The Animals Infectious Diseases Act provides for the issue of licenses to introduce and use certain microbes, and the imposition of such conditions as may be necessary on the holders of licenses only. There is no power conferred by the Act to deal with or impose any conditions upon owners who may be desirous of having their sheep inoculated by the holders of licenses.
 - (7.) No; the holders of licenses can, however, enter upon any land by mutual agreement with the owners.
 - (8.) This does not appear necessary in view of the terms of the section.
- (9.) School Grounds, Leichhardt :—Mr. G. D. Clark asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) Has his attention been drawn to the condition of the Leichhardt Public School grounds?
 - (2.) Will he cause the necessary steps to be taken with a view of having the grounds surrounding both schools asphalted with as little delay as possible?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

- (1.) No.
 - (2.) All the asphaltting reported as necessary to the grounds of these schools was done nine months ago. Inquiry will, however, be made into the present condition of the school grounds referred to.
- (10.) Railway from Parramatta to Dural :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it his intention to submit, according to promise, to the Cabinet for consideration, the construction of the railway from Parramatta through Toongabbie, Seven Hills, Baulkham Hills, Kellyville, Windsor Road, Castle Hill, Kenthurst, to Dural?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—Yes, when other railway matters are submitted for similar consideration.

- (11.) Employment of Workmen in Necropolis at Rookwood :—Mr. Ritchie asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Are the workmen employed in the Necropolis, at Rookwood, employed by the Government or by the several Trusts attached to the various denominations?
 - (2.) Is he aware whether these men are employed by the day, week, or month, and whether they are paid for Sunday work; if not, will he cause such payment to be made?

Mr. Gould answered,—I am informed that the workmen employed at the Necropolis by the Necropolis Improvement Committee are not employed on Sundays, and they are paid by the day; and in the Church of England Cemetery, where the men are employed by the Trustees of that cemetery, they are paid by the day, and any employed on the Sunday are paid for that day. I am not aware of the practice of the Trustees of the other cemeteries.

- (12.) Money Borrowed by the Government :—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. Seo*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What amount of money have the Government borrowed in the Colony during the past six months?
 - (2.) What institutions have the Government borrowed from; the amount from each institution, and for what period; and the rate of interest that the Government have agreed to pay?
 - (3.) The like information as regards the money borrowed in England by the Government for the same period?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I cannot give any other answer than the one I gave yesterday.

- (13.) Free Carriage of Newspapers by Rail :—*Mr. Collins* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it a fact that the Sydney newspapers are carried into the country free of charge by the Government; if so, will he direct that the material used in the production of country newspapers shall be carried also free of charge on the railways?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—As the Honorable Member is aware, the newspapers of this Colony are carried free of charge; I do not think it would be justifiable to carry newspaper printing paper free of charge.

- (14.) City Railway Commission :—*Mr. Neild* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Has the Commission appointed to report on city and suburban railway extension completed its labours?
 - (2.) Has any report been made by the said Commission?

(3.) Is it the intention of the Government to lay before Parliament, at an early date, proposals for extension of the railway into the city?

(4.) Is it the intention of the Government to lay before Parliament, at an early date, proposals for an extension of the railway into and through the eastern suburbs?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) I have not yet received the official report of the Commission.

(2.) I believe a report has been made, though it is possible it is not actually completed.

(3.) The report will be considered by the Cabinet as soon as public business will admit, and any railway proposals which are decided upon as the outcome of such consideration will be no doubt included in the Government railway policy decided upon.

3. GOULBURN TO CROOKWELL RAILWAY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Bruce Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Goulburn to Crookwell.
Question put and passed.
4. AUSTRALIAN BANKING COMPANY OF SYDNEY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Dowel moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That the Australian Banking Company of Sydney 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. Gould, Mr. McMillan, Mr. Garvan, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Lee, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Davis, and the Mover.
(3.) That the Minutes of the Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee on the Australian Banking Company of Sydney Bill of Session 1890 be referred to such Committee.
Question put and passed.
5. MORT'S DOCK AND ENGINEERING COMPANY (LIMITED) ENABLING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
(1.) Mr. Johnston moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable "Mort's Dock and Engineering Company (Limited)" to close portions of certain streets at Mort Bay, in the Borough of Balmain, being the north-east end of College-street and the north-east end of Trouton-street (now called New John-street), and to establish a new street in lieu thereof.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Johnston having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable 'Mort's Dock and Engineering Company (Limited)' to close portions of certain streets at Mort Bay, in the Borough of Balmain, being the north-east end of College-street and the north-east end of Trouton-street (now called New John-street), and to establish a new street in lieu thereof,*"—read a first time.
6. LIQUOR LICENSES AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Alfred Allen 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 secure the more effective closing of public-houses on Sundays and during prohibited hours.
Question put and passed.
7. SEATS RE-DISTRIBUTION BILL:—Mr. Haynes presented a Petition from certain Residents of the counties of Phillip, Bligh, Wellington, Lincoln, and Napier, representing that they reside within a radius of twenty-five miles, and have an identity of interest in common, and desire to be formed into a separate Electorate, to be called the Gulgong Electorate, instead of remaining in several different Electorates, as at present; setting forth the boundaries of the proposed Electorate; and praying that relief may be granted to them.
Petition received.
8. PAPERS:—
Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—Return showing number of Electors on the Rolls of the several Electoral Districts of the Colony, and the number of Votes recorded at the General Election of 1891.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Bruncker laid upon the Table,—Copies of *Gazette* Notices, setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the dedication of certain lands, in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
Ordered to be printed.
9. DISTRESS FOR RENT ABOLITION BILL:—Mr. Walker presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to abolish distress for rent, and to abolish preferential payments in certain cases,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 3rd November.
10. REDUCTION OF COST OF LITIGATION BILL:—Mr. Walker presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to lessen the cost of Litigation,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 6th October.
11. ALBURY MECHANICS INSTITUTE ENABLING BILL:—Mr. Gormly, for Mr. John Wilkinson, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and Report this Bill was referred on 30th July, 1891; together with a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Gormly then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 22nd September.
Question put and passed.

12. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS :—Robert George Dundas FitzGerald, Esquire, came to the Table, and was sworn by the Clerk as a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.
13. BANKRUPTCY ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—Mr. Walker presented a Bill, intituled “ *A Bill to amend the Bankruptcy Act, 1887,*”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 17th November.
14. LAW VACATIONS ABOLITION BILL :—Mr. Walker presented a Bill, intituled “ *A Bill to restrict the power of Judges in certain respects, and to facilitate the transaction of business in certain Courts,*”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 17th November.
15. REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE BILL (No. 2) :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Sir Henry Parkes, “ That this Bill be now read a second time,”—
And the Question being again proposed,—
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 7 AUGUST, 1891, A.M.

Question,—That this Bill be now read a second time,—put and passed.

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 progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.

16. CROWN LANDS ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Brunner moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
Mr. Brunner moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Brunner, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

The House adjourned, at twenty-nine minutes after One o'clock a.m., until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 12.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 11 AUGUST, 1891.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Railway Free Passes:—Mr. Houghton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Will he state the names of all Government officials who have been supplied with free passes over the railways and tramways of the Colony during the past twelve months, and the reasons for which such passes were granted?

(2.) Is it a fact that such passes are used for other than public purposes?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The information sought will be furnished in the shape of a Return.

(2.) Naval Artillery Volunteer Corps:—Mr. Neild asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to apply the partial-payment system to the Naval Artillery Volunteer Corps?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Commandant has recommended that this force should be placed on the partial-payment system, but his recommendation has not yet been considered.(3.) Girls' High School, Bathurst:—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. Suttor*, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) The number of pupils attending the Girls' High School at Bathurst?

(2.) The schools, public or private, attended by these pupils before entering the High School, and the number of such pupils received from each of these schools?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

(1.) Forty-nine.

(2.)	Bathurst Superior Public School	...	...	...	...	16
	Canowindra Public School	...	...	...	...	1
	Hill End Public School...	...	...	...	...	1
	Peel Public School	...	...	...	...	1
	Miss Lance's Private School	...	...	...	...	3
	Miss Jackson's Private School...	...	...	...	...	13
	Miss Keye's Private School	...	...	...	...	1
	Miss Thomas' Private School	...	...	...	...	7
	Private tuition	...	...	...	...	6

Total... .. 49

(4.) History of the Federal Convention:—*Mr. Cann*, for *Mr. Black*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) To what extent, and in what way, is the Ministry committed to the subsidising of "The History of the Federal Convention," proposed to be published by a Sydney firm at a cost of £6 Gs., and announced as under the editorship of a "public officer"?

(2.) Did he promise to place before the electors the fullest information concerning the Draft Convention Bill, and as the lately issued pamphlet, published at public expense, shows only the arguments for the measure, will he, in further execution of his promise, issue, also at public expense, another pamphlet, tabulating the arguments advanced against the Convention Bill?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Ministry is responsible for this work to the extent of subscribing for some few copies which I intended as a present to the delegates at the Convention; I think forty-five or fifty. In respect of the second Question, I never made a promise such as this, but I stated on two or three occasions that the Draft Constitution Bill of the Convention would be published with commentaries, governed by the rules that apply to the interpretation of Statutes. That was done, but it was never intended, nor do I think that the publication can be charged with arguing the question on one side or the other.

(5.)

- (5.) Cleveland-street Tram-line :—*Mr. Walker*, for *Mr. Schey*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is there any dispute between the Railway Commissioners and the contractor who constructed the Cleveland-street tram-line?
 - (2.) Why has the line not been taken over by the Commissioners?
 - (3.) Is it a fact that several people have already sustained injury through the state in which Cleveland-street has been left?
 - (4.) Is it a fact that it has been impossible to cross the street, except in two places a long way apart, in consequence of such works; and that not only inconvenience, but positive danger to life and limb, is incurred by people compelled to use the street in question?
 - (5.) If such is the case, will he take steps to have the state of things complained of remedied?
- Mr. Bruce Smith* answered,—
- (1.) No.
 - (2.) The Minister for Works being the constructing authority for Tramways and Railways, this is a matter which comes under his control, and I have ascertained from the Engineer-in-Chief for Railway Construction that before the Railway Commissioners take over the line they wish some further ballasting to be done. This is now in hand, and will be completed, it is reported, in a few days.
 - (3.) The Department has not been advised of any accident.
 - (4.) The public using this road have no doubt been put to inconvenience during the construction of the tramway, but no more than is incidental to the carrying out of any such work.
 - (5.) Certainly, prompt steps are already being taken to do what is requisite.
- (6.) Chief Commissioner for Railways :—*Mr. Crick*, for *Mr. Schey*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,— Referring to Question No. 19, answered on 4th August, in reference to leave of absence to *Mr. Eddy*, Chief Commissioner for Railways—will he now give a definite answer to the second Question asked?
- Sir Henry Parkes* answered,—I do not think I can give a more definite answer than I have already given. I said in my former answer that *Mr. Eddy* had applied for four months' leave, and that it was recommended by the late Treasurer, and approved of by the Government.
- (7.) Justices of the Peace :—*Mr. Collins* asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Will he, before requesting the gentlemen to resign the Commission of the Peace, who are acting as honorary secretaries to the Pastoralists' Union, inquire if they have taken part in any judicial matter in connection with the Shearers' and Pastoralists' Unions in their capacity as magistrates in their respective districts?
 - (2.) Should he receive replies in the negative, does he consider it advisable to interfere with these gentlemen who are only holding honorary positions as secretaries of the Pastoralists' Union?
 - (3.) If he finds it necessary to call on these gentlemen to resign their positions as magistrates, will he also take the same course in connection with the president, vice-presidents, and other members of the Pastoralists' Union who also hold the position of magistrates?
- Sir Henry Parkes* answered,—I never intended to ask these gentlemen to resign the Commission of the Peace. What I explained was, that I should point out to them the inconsistency of holding such a position as that of secretary to a pastoralists' union, or to a trades' union, with the retention of the Commission of the Peace, and to request them to retire from the former position.
- (8.) Reformatory Buildings, Rookwood :—*Mr. Ritchie* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has the Government yet considered the question of using the buildings at Rookwood, known as the Reformatory buildings; if so, with what result?
- Sir Henry Parkes* answered,—These buildings unfortunately are very ill-suited for any public purpose, both from the plan of their construction and from the inconvenience of their situation, or they would have been put to some public use long before this. At the present time the Minister of Public Instruction is considering whether they cannot be brought into use in connection with the system of technical education.
- (9.) Labouring Class Imported from Neighbouring Colonies :—*Mr. Sheldon* asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Can he give an approximate return of the number of male adults, other than Asiatics, of the labouring class, entering this Colony, whether by land or by sea, from any of the neighbouring colonies, since the 30th June of the present year?
 - (2.) Also the number of Asiatics, other than Chinese?
 - (3.) Can he also state the proportion of such number which has been brought here under contract to perform labour in this Colony?
- Sir Henry Parkes* answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Collector of Customs :—
- (1.) 1,904 adult males arrived as steerage passengers from the neighbouring Colonies.
 - (2.) No Asiatics arrived during the period named.
 - (3.) This information cannot be obtained. 206 men are said to have arrived from New Zealand under contract to labour in this Colony.
- (10.) Guns in Battery at Steel Point :—*Mr. Torpy* asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Referring to the answers of the Colonial Secretary, made on 5th August, in reference to the guns in Steel Point Battery, by whom was the "somewhat hurried report first made to the General," and what is its date?
 - (2.) Has the officer who made this "somewhat hurried report," which impugned the character of Colonel Spalding, been called upon to explain; if so, what was the nature of his explanation, and on what date was it made, and to whom?
- Sir Henry Parkes* answered,—
- (1.) By Colonel Bingham, Royal Artillery, Firemaster, 21st January, 1889.
 - (2.) He explains in memorandum 29th March, 1889, as contained in the printed correspondence already before the House.

2. **AGRICULTURAL HOLDINGS BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Bowes moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to agricultural holdings.
Question put and passed.
3. **MORT'S DOCK AND ENGINEERING COMPANY (LIMITED) ENABLING BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Johnston moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That Mort's Dock and Engineering Company (Limited) Enabling Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. G. D. Clark, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Darnley, Mr. Bruncker, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Cullen, Mr. Pegan, Mr. Gough, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
4. **INVOICE OFFICE AND GOODS-SHEDS AT REDFERN AND DARLING HARBOUR** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Sharp moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
(1.) A Return from the Time-book at the Invoice Office, and Goods-sheds at Redfern and Darling Harbour, showing the number of hours the clerks in the Invoice Office, also the porters in the Goods-sheds at those places, have worked during the past six months.
(2.) A Return showing the names, positions, and number of hours worked by the clerks and porters at the places mentioned; stating amount paid as overtime to each individual during the past twelve months; also the number of hours of extra duty performed for which no extra remuneration has been allowed.
Question put and passed.
5. **MULLAMUDDY CREEK BRIDGE, NEAR MUDGEE** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Jones moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers in connection with the last two tenderings for the Mullamuddy Creek bridge, near Mudgee.
Question put and passed.
6. **LEGAL PRACTITIONERS BILL**:—On motion of Mr. Crick, the Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill was discharged.
Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.
7. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
(1.) Legal Practitioners Bill (No. 2); second reading;—until Tuesday, 25th August.
(2.) Liquor Licenses Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to secure the more effective closing of public-houses on Sundays and during prohibited hours;—until Tuesday, 20th October.
8. **JAMBEROO AND KIAMA BOROUGHS NAMING BILL**:—Mr. Fuller presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to alter the names of the Boroughs of Kiama and East Kiama,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 25th August.
9. **LIQUOR TRAFFIC**:—Mr. Reid presented a Petition from J. Hunt, President, and W. H. Tausch, Secretary, of the East Sydney Branch of the United Licensed Victuallers Association of New South Wales, representing that it is desirable in the interests of the working classes that the 63rd section of the Licensing Acts of 1882-3 should be so amended as to permit the sale of liquor to be consumed on the premises within the hours of 5:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. on the six business days of the week, 7 to 9 a.m., 1 to 3, and 8 to 10 p.m. on Sunday, Good Friday, and Christmas Day; and praying the House to take the matter into earnest consideration.
Petition received.
10. **WILLOUGHBY AND GORDON TRAMWAY ACT AMENDING BILL**:—Mr. Barton presented a Petition from the North Sydney Investment and Tramway Company (Limited) of Sydney praying for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the "Willoughby and Gordon Tramway Act of 1887," and "Willoughby and Gordon Tramway Act Amending Act."
And Mr. Barton having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, *North Sydney Recorder*, and *North Shore and Manly Times*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.
11. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Crick 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 "to call the attention of the Government to grave causes of complaint against the "present administration of Law and Justice."
And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—
Mr. Crick moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
12. **CONTRACTORS LIEN BILL**:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read,—
Mr. Speaker stated that he had looked into the provisions of this Bill, and had arrived at the opinion that it was one of a class of Bills relating to trade, and should have originated in a Committee of the Whole.
On motion of Mr. Neild, the Order of the Day was discharged.
Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.

13. **INFANTS PROTECTION BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Neild moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Neild, 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.
Ordered, that the adoption of the report stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 13.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 12 AUGUST, 1891.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Money Borrowed by the Government:—Mr. See asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What amount of money have the Government borrowed in the Colony during the past six months?
 (2.) What institutions have the Government borrowed from; the amount from each institution, and for what period; and the rate of interest that the Government have agreed to pay?
 (3.) The like information as regards the money borrowed in England by the Government for the same period?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—A Return showing the sums advanced to this Government in England and in the Colony, together with the special amounts deposited in the Treasury during the last six months, will be laid upon the Table to-morrow.

- (2.) Royal Commission on Strikes:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. Copeland, asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will the evidence taken by the Royal Commission on Strikes be printed and circulated to Honorable Members?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I find that some necessary delay must take place in furnishing the evidence taken by this Commission. It appears that application was made by direction of the Commission to all the trades unions, I believe, in Australia for certain information, and 73 out of 86 of these trades unions have furnished this information. Some of it is said to be of a very valuable character. Then there are appendices to the report which offer, so I am informed, very interesting information on the problems of the labour question; and then the Secretary is compiling a condensation of the evidence in a narrative form, which I think will be very useful. This work will cause a delay which will render the whole complete report and evidence unavailable until early next month.

- (3.) Railway Free Passes to Members of Parliament:—*Mr. Schey* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Referring to the answer given to Question 5, on 6th August, 1891:—

- (1.) Did Mr. Hurley sign the voucher of the sleeping-car conductor for a sleeping berth on the Up Western Mail on Monday, 29th June last, thus travelling free as a Member of Parliament in such train from Orange to Sydney?
 (2.) If not, did he pay for a sleeping berth on that occasion?
 (3.) Is he aware that three Members of this House travelled with Mr. Hurley in the same car on the occasion named?
 (4.) Will he now reply to clause 7 of Question 5, of 6th August, 1891?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I have to point out that this is a question in connection with the detail working of the Railways. I am informed that inquiry is being made, and the matter will be dealt with in accordance with the Regulations of the Department.

- (4.) Mr. Whitton, late Engineer-in-Chief for Railways:—*Mr. Edden* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Has any money been paid to Mr. Whitton, late Engineer-in-Chief for Railways, since his retirement from the Public Service?
 (2.) If so, what was the amount, and on what account was the payment made?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I will give this information in the shape of a Return, which I will lay upon the Table.

- (5.) Milson's Point Railway Extension:—*Mr. E. M. Clark* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the compensations be paid in connection with the properties resumed for the Milson's Point Railway extension?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—I hope to be in a position to approve of the valuations next week, after which no delay will take place so far as the Department is concerned. I may mention that the colleague of the Honorable Member, Mr. Cullen, has also made similar inquiries of the Department, and he will please accept this as a reply to himself likewise.

(6.)

- (3.) Prisoners in Darlinghurst Gaol:—Mr. Walker asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) How many prisoners are there detained in Darlinghurst for neglecting to obey maintenance orders for the support of their wives?
 - (2.) Have any steps at any time been taken to ascertain how many of these are positively unable to obey such orders?
 - (3.) Is any opportunity afforded them whilst in gaol to find the means of supporting their wives?
- Mr. Gould answered,—I am informed by the Comptroller-General of Prisons that:—
- (1.) Twenty persons are now detained in Darlinghurst Gaol for wife desertion, and two for wife and child desertion.
 - (2.) Not so far as the Prisons Department is concerned.
 - (3.) Every facility in the way of communicating by letter, or interview with private or official persons and the legal profession, is allowed.
- (7.) Rushcutters' Bay Park Cricket Ground:—Mr. Crick asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it a fact that the monopoly has been granted to the Zingari Cricket Club, by the Trustees of the Rushcutters' Bay Park, of the cricket oval on that park; if so, will he insist that the present arrangement be discontinued, and that other cricket clubs have also the right to the use of this public cricket ground?
- Mr. Brunner answered,—I am not aware of a monopoly having been granted to the Zingari Cricket Club. The Trustees of the park have applied for authority to lease the cricket oval to that club for five consecutive seasons, but the application has not yet been finally dealt with.
- (8.) Civil Service Act:—Mr. Sharp asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to amend or repeal the "Civil Service Act" during the present Session; if so, when?
 - (2.) Will he take steps in accordance with the provisions of the above Act to compel the retirement from active service of officers who have attained the age of 60 years?
- Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I have stated on other occasions that it is the intention of the Government to deal with the present Civil Service Act. I cannot at this moment state precisely in what way. With regard to the inquiry whether I am taking steps to compel civil servants who are 60 years of age to retire from public service, I think all cases ought to be considered on their merits, and if I adopted a rule of that kind possibly the Honorable Member would be seeking to compel me to retire.
- (9.) Hired Sailing Boats:—Mr. Lee, for Mr. Inglis, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Referring to the eleven regulations relating to hired sailing boats just gazetted by the Marine Board,—Will he obtain the opinion of the Attorney-General as to whether the Navigation Acts of 1871 and 1881 confer the necessary power upon the Marine Board to make and enforce these Regulations?
- Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Marine Board procured legal opinion on this subject before the regulations were issued, but the opinion of the Attorney-General will, however, be obtained.
- (10.) Centennial Park:—Mr. Neild asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Have urgent representations been made on several occasions, by the Borough Council, and by the people of Randwick, for increased means of communication with the Centennial Park?
 - (2.) Is it intended to comply with these requests?
- Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The following answers have been supplied by the Officer-in-charge of the Centennial Park:—
- (1.) Several representations have been made for additional entrances to the Centennial Park from Randwick.
 - (2.) It has not been considered practicable to make carriage entrances at the places desired.
- (11.) Wool Traffic, Darling Harbour:—Mr. Kelly asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Was it decided during the present year to appoint an officer to superintend the wool traffic from Darling Harbour to the various wool warehouses?
 - (2.) Did the Chief Traffic Manager, the Chief Superintendent, and the District Goods Manager recommend a man named J. Williams for the position?
 - (3.) Notwithstanding these recommendations, did the Commissioners appoint a man outside the Department?
- Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I have to point out that this is a question of railway management, for which the Railway Commissioners are held responsible under the Railway Act, and the temporary appointment made is one which, in their opinion, is best calculated to serve the public interests.
2. MESSRS. BROWN BROTHERS LEASEHOLD PROPERTY, CASTLEREAGH-STREET (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Garvan moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all letters, papers, documents, &c., having reference to the proposed purchase by the Government of certain leasehold property in Castlereagh-street from Messrs. Brown Brothers.
Question put and passed.
3. COURT OF PETTY SESSIONS AT PADDINGTON (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Neild moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers relating to the establishment of a Court of Petty Sessions at Paddington.
Question put and passed.
4. DIVORCE AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
- (1.) Mr. Neild moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend and extend the Law of Divorce.
Question put and passed.
 - (2.) Mr. Neild then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend and extend the Law of Divorce*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 5th September.
5. RAILWAY, BORENORE TO FORBES:—Mr. Torpy presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of Forbes, Eugowra, Murga, Toogong, Cudal, Chinaman's Creek, and Borenore, representing that they feel aggrieved, inasmuch as a railway line was surveyed from Borenore to Forbes, and the money voted by the Assembly, but the Bill was rejected by the Legislative Council; that a line was subsequently

subsequently surveyed from Molong to Forbes, *via* Parkes, and was submitted to and approved of by the Public Works Committee, while the line from Borenore to Forbes was not so submitted; and praying that before tenders are called an opportunity may be afforded to the Public Works Committee to consider which line is the most suitable and the cheapest, and would contribute to produce the greatest good to the country at large.

Petition received.

6. PAPERS:—

Mr. Bruce Smith laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Copies of the Proclamation and Notification in connection with the transfer to the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage of a stoneware pipe sewer in various streets, North Sydney.
- (2.) Minute of the Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers respecting Mr. Gordon's Report on the floods on the Hunter.
- (3.) Evidence to Report of Mr. Stanley Alexander, on the proposed railways for Riverina.
- (4.) Evidence to Report of Mr. Stanley Alexander, on the proposed railway from Richmond to Kurrajong.
- (5.) Evidence to Report of Mr. Stanley Alexander, on the proposed bridge over the River Murray, at Tocumwal.
- (6.) Report of Mr. H. A. Gilliat, on the proposed railway extension from Gundagai to Tumut.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sydney Smith laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Regulation relating to Gold-mining Leases, under the Mining Act, 1874.
- (2.) Report, Minutes of Proceedings, Resolutions, &c., of the Meeting of Chief Inspectors of Stock, held in Sydney, June, 1891.

Ordered to be printed.

7. LIQUOR TRAFFIC:—Mr. Cullen presented a Petition from L. G. Cranney, President, and John S. Connolly, Secretary, of the St. Leonards Branch of the United Licensed Victuallers Association of New South Wales, representing that it is desirable in the interests of the working classes that the 63rd section of the Licensing Acts of 1882-3 should be so amended as to permit the sale of liquor to be consumed on the premises within the hours of 5-30 a.m. to 11-30 p.m. on the six business days of the week, 7 to 9 a.m., 1 to 3, and 8 to 10 p.m. on Sunday, Good Friday, and Christmas Day; and praying the House to take the matter into earnest consideration.

Petition received.

8. ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS:—Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice, That it be a Sessional Order of this House, That in lieu of the present system of Ministers giving *vivâ voce* replies to Questions, such Answers shall be laid upon the Table day by day for general information, until taken off by the Clerk of the Assembly.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

9. OBJECTIONS TO FORMAL BUSINESS:—Mr. Neild moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be a Sessional Order, That no objection made to Formal Business shall be effective unless at least three Members rise in their places and signify such objection.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Donald,
Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Hutchison.

Tellers,

Mr. Neild,
Mr. Ewing.

Noes, 75.

Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Marke,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Rose,
Mr. Brunner,	Mr. Coils,
Mr. Toohey,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Scott,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Dr. Hollis,	Mr. Gough,
Mr. R. G. D. FitzGerald,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Gurvan,
Mr. Sheldon,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Lysaght,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Lees,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. E. G. Brown,
Mr. See,	Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Newton,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Hoyle,	Mr. Barton,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Mcville,	Mr. Ritchie,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Rae,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Danahay,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Chapman.
Mr. Langwell,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Wheeler,	Dr. Cullen,
Mr. Dale,	Mr. Cullen.
Mr. Perry,	
Mr. Young,	

And so it passed in the negative.

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10. CROWN LANDS ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Brunker moved, "That" this Bill be now read a third time.

Mr. Copeland moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of Clauses 3 and 4."

Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question. Debate ensued.

Question put,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question. The House divided.

Ayes, 88.*

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Donald,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. Murphy,	Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Dale,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Rae,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Collis,
Mr. Crick,	Dr. Hollis,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Cotton,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Wall,	Mr. Scott,
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Marks,	Mr. Gormly,
Dr. Cullen,	Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Holborow,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Lysaght,
Mr. Hindle,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Rose,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Newton,	Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Noild,
Mr. E. M. Clark,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Darnley,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Cass,
Mr. G. D. Clark,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Bavister,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. See,
Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Perry.
Mr. Vaughn,	Tellers,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,	
Mr. Kirkpatrick,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Hassall.
Mr. Gough,	

Noes, 5.

Mr. Wright,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Copeland.

Tellers,
Mr. Traill,
Mr. Miller.

*So in Tellers' Lists.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question,—That this Bill be now read a third time,—put and passed.

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Brunker, passed.

Mr. Brunker then moved, that the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to validate certain forfeitures, and certain reversals of forfeitures, of lands sold or leased by the Crown, and to declare the effect of such reversals; to enable the Minister for Lands to reverse forfeitures; and to amend the law in respect of forfeitures and the reversal thereof; to permit further inquiries to be held in connection with forfeitures, and to facilitate the effectual waiver thereof; to prevent collusion at ballots upon conflicting applications; and for the purposes aforesaid to amend the 'Crown Lands Act of 1884' and the Acts amending the same.*"

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 validate certain forfeitures, and certain reversals of forfeitures, of lands sold or leased by the Crown, and to declare the effect of such reversals; to enable the Minister for Lands to reverse forfeitures; and to amend the law in respect of forfeitures and the reversal thereof; to permit further inquiries to be held in connection with forfeitures, and to facilitate the effectual waiver thereof; to prevent collusion at ballots upon conflicting applications; and for the purposes aforesaid to amend the 'Crown Lands Act of 1884' and the Acts amending the same,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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11. REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE BILL (No. 2):—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that a Point of Order had arisen in the Committee, and obtained leave to sit again after the decision of the House thereon.

Point

Point of Order :—The Chairman stated that Clause 6 being under consideration, Mr. Garvan, the Honorable Member for Eden, moved the omission of the words "being a natural born or "naturalised subject and," to which amendment exception was taken by Mr. Barton, the Honorable Member for East Sydney, that the amendment would put the clause beyond the scope of the Bill; he, the Chairman, upheld the objection to the amendment so taken; and the point was ordered to be submitted to the House.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker ruled that it was quite within the province of the Committee to alter the Bill in the manner proposed, and that the amendment was therefore in order.

On motion of Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Committee resumed.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

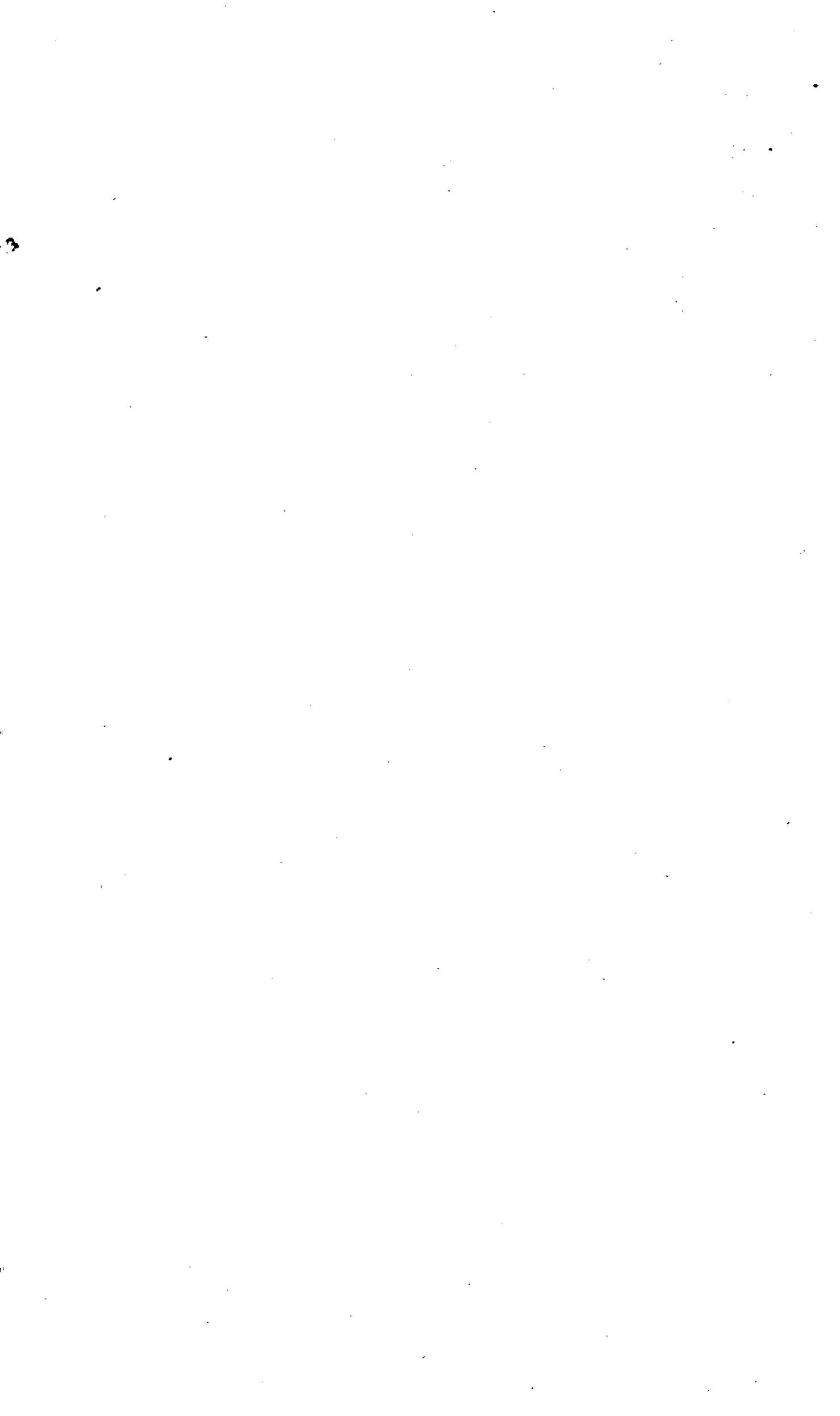
12. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at ten minutes before One o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 14.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 13 AUGUST, 1891.

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

ADDITIONAL STANDING ORDER (*Limitation of Speeches*):—Mr. Speaker announced to the House that he had this day presented to His Excellency the Governor the Additional Standing Order adopted by the House on the 4th instant, and that His Excellency had been pleased to approve of the same.

Mr. Speaker then said that the Standing Order being now in force, he desired to give expression to the hope that the good sense of Honorable Members would prevent the House from ever putting the Order into operation. Under this Standing Order, the Speaker and the Chairman of Committees had a duty to perform, acting upon their opinions, but the House alone could enforce the provisions of the Order; this would be the safeguard to all Honorable Members, as the House would not endorse the opinion of either the Speaker or Chairman of Committees unless it thought it just to do so. Mr. Speaker, for his own part, should not hesitate to do his duty under that Order, nor should he feel in the slightest degree aggrieved if the House, in its wisdom, did not enforce the Order when the opportunity to do so was given to it. He should at all times try to use the Order with moderation and with justice, and he knew that the House would do the same.

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Guns in Battery at Steel Point:—Mr. Black asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has any communication been made to Colonel Spalding exonerating him from charges made against him by Major-General Richardson in letters to His Excellency Lord Carrington, late Commander-in-Chief of the New South Wales Forces, dated 21st February and 2nd April, 1890?

(2.) If so, by whose instructions was the communication made, and what was its date?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I have given as much attention as other duties would allow me to the voluminous correspondence relating to this matter, and I have also seen the General Commanding on the subject. The result is that there can be no doubt whatever that much blame attaches to somebody for neglect of the guns at Steel Point. But it seems equally clear that all concerned in taking care of the guns ought to share that blame, and it seems quite clear that the first report from the firemaster was highly coloured against the principal officer. That is proved by the guns being, at the present time, in a perfectly sound condition. They have not suffered any permanent injury whatever. Then I find that this officer's command in other respects is highly meritorious beyond doubt, and that both in this particular command and in the much higher command of being in charge of the whole of the forces of the Colony during the General's absence at Thursday Island, and also at Albany, I think, he has given complete satisfaction to the General Commanding. Looking at the peculiar wording of the Question, and knowing that the Questions are really questions by an Honorable Member in the other Chamber, I have to state that no instruction whatever on the subject was issued by the Colonial Secretary.

- (2.) Telephones for Post Office Department:—Mr. Cotton asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that in the specifications for the supply of telephones for the Post Office Department tenderers are restricted to "The Western Electric Co.'s" telephones, thus securing a monopoly to the agents of those machines?

(2.) Will he in future tenders allow telephones of other makers to be supplied, subject to price and quality being satisfactory?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) Yes; Hunning's telephones, manufactured by the Western Electric Co. are specified, they having been found superior to anything the Department has been able to procure.

(2.) Tenderers are requested to submit a sample of telephone, and if anything superior to those the Department specifies can be obtained they would be accepted.

- (3.) Appointment of Mr. J. Pratt as Dockmaster:—Mr. Kelly asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has Mr. J. Pratt, at Mort's Dock, been appointed Dockmaster in the place of Mr. Samuel Hayes?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—Yes.

(4.)

(4.) Mr. District-Surveyor McDonald:—*Mr. Wright*, for Mr. Copeland, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has Mr. District-Surveyor McDonald taken up his duties at Armidale yet; if not, when will he do so, and what is the cause of his delaying?

(2.) Is he aware that substantially the following, amongst other queries of a like character, appeared in the *Sunday Times* of 2nd instant, and will he, in the public interest, furnish a reply thereto,—

(a) is it a fact that Mr. McDonald has been on two months' leave of absence, drawing full salary and allowances from the Lands Department, during which time he was working for the Railway Commissioners; (b) what bonus will Mr. McDonald receive for this work from the Railway Commissioners (if so engaged) in addition to his salary from the Lands Department; (c) are there regulations in force in the Lands Department forbidding officers engaging in private work;—and did Mr. McDonald, as one of the Board of Inquiry, recommend such a regulation?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

(1.) Mr. McDonald will proceed to Armidale, and take up his duties there as District Surveyor immediately after the expiration of his leave, viz., the 15th instant, which, through an error as to date of commencement of the leave, was stated in my reply of the 29th ultimo to be on the 10th instant.

(2.) I am not aware, but in reply to the Honorable Member's queries I may say that (a) Mr. McDonald has been on two months' leave of absence, on full salary, to which he is entitled under the Civil Service Act. He has not, however, been in receipt of the full allowances for maintenance of equipment for some time past. No communication has passed between the Railway Commissioners and the Lands Department relative to the employment of Mr. McDonald during his leave of absence, but I have been informed privately to-day, that he has been devoting some portion of the leave to investigations on their behalf; (b) I know of no arrangement by which Mr. McDonald will receive remuneration from the Railway Commissioners; (c) no; excepting as regards the preparation of plans and tracings for the general public by draftsmen employed on salary by the Department, which was recommended by the Board of Inquiry, of which Mr. McDonald was a member.

(5.) Penny Postage:—Mr. Dowel asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to bring in a Bill to establish throughout the Colony a uniform system of penny postage?

(2.) If so, when will the Bill be laid upon the Table of this House?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The question has not been under the consideration of the Government since this Parliament met, but it shall be considered, and I may state that, as one Minister, I am entirely in favour of the establishment of penny postage.

(6.) Town Common, Eugowra:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he see that early steps are taken to have a suitable portion of land set apart for dedication as a town common for the use of the inhabitants of Eugowra?

Mr. Brunker answered,—Yes, the District Surveyor has already been directed to report.

(7.) Workshops, Cockatoo Island:—Mr. Murphy asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to place on the Estimates a sum of money to defray the cost of erection of further workshops on Cockatoo Island?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—The matter will be dealt with when the Estimates are being prepared.

(8.) Railway Plant and Material Imported by Government:—*Mr. Wright*, for Mr. Copeland, asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will the Return promised by him in reply to Question 4 of 6th instant, with reference to "Railway Plant and Material imported by Government," be laid upon the Table?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Return will be ready next week, probably at an early date.

(9.) Franking Public Documents:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he see that steps are taken to have all public documents addressed to Members of Parliament and others franked, as in other colonies, through the Post Office, in place of, as at present, by the process of affixing postage stamps to the same?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I cannot state that the Government will take steps to enable letters of either Government officials or Members of Parliament to be franked. Whatever may be the usage in the other colonies, it is not the usage in England. From the Sovereign downwards postage stamps have to be affixed to letters. The Sovereign has not the power to frank letters.

(10.) Water Supply for Junee:—Mr. Rae asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What decision has been made as to the merits of the rival schemes for supplying the town of Junee with water; and when will the proposed water-works be commenced?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—There is a conflict of opinion on certain points between the Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers and the Engineer whom the Council has employed. The last Report of the latter, received a few days ago, is now in the hands of the Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers, who has been instructed to furnish a further Report, which is now being prepared. When this is before me I will come to a final decision in the matter. An interview on the subject has already been arranged between the Honorable Member's colleague (Mr. Dibbs) and myself, which has been awaiting the receipt of this Report. I shall be glad to arrange for the Honorable Member, who asks the Question, to take part in such interview which I shall immediately arrange.

(11.) Penny Postage:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the late considerable reduction in the rate of postage on letters to England, is it the intention of the Government to take any steps to reduce the postage on Colonial or inland letters to 1d., in place of 2d., as at present?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I answered this Question when replying to the Honorable Member, Mr. Dowel.

(12.)

(12.) Road for Access to Benerembah Railway Siding:—Mr. Rae asked the Secretary for Lands,—
 (1.) When is it intended to take action in regard to a petition lodged with the Chairman of the Land Board at Hay praying that a road for vehicular traffic should be opened along water reserve 910, Benerembah run, to give selectors and other residents direct access to Benerembah Railway Siding?

(2.) Is it a fact that letters have been on several occasions addressed to the Lands Department on the above subject, pointing out the great necessity for this road, and that the representations made have been ignored or neglected?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—Several letters advocating the opening of a direct road having been received, this matter has been fully investigated and reported upon, both by the District Surveyor and by the Local Land Board; and, after consideration of the whole of the circumstances, it has been decided to open a road along the western boundary of Benerembah pastoral holding, and instruction for survey of the route is with the District Surveyor.

(13.) Royal Commission on Construction of Theatres:—Mr. Dowel asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What steps (if any) have the Government taken to carry out the recommendations of the late Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the construction of theatres and other places of amusement or concourse, and the recommendations contained in the reports of the Colonial Architect, Superintendent of Fire Brigades, and Inspector of Theatres, having special reference to making better provision for the safety of the public from panic or fire?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to lay upon the Table of this House a Bill to bring all places of public concourse under statutory control?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I am sorry to say that no effectual steps have been taken in this very important matter, but I promise the Honorable Member that it shall receive very early consideration, with a view to having an efficient Bill passed through Parliament.

(14.) Loan of Plants from Botanical Gardens:—Mr. Wheeler asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it customary for the Director of the Botanical Gardens to lend, free of cost, pot-plants, ferns, &c., from the Botanic Gardens for the decoration of theatres and other public places of amusement, to the detriment of the business of tradespeople?

(2.) If so, will he cause such practice to be discontinued?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I believe it has been the custom for the Superintendent of the Botanic Gardens to lend these plants to places of amusement. For my own part I must confess that I see very little harm in his doing so, and I cannot undertake to interdict it.

(15.) Public Holidays in Country Districts:—Mr. Collins asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has his attention been called to the alleged great inconvenience which is caused in the country districts through Land Offices being closed on Thursdays when public holidays fall on that day?

(2.) If so, will the Government take steps to prevent a recurrence of this, by not proclaiming public holidays in country districts on Thursdays?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I admit that it is very inconvenient for a public holiday to be proclaimed on a Thursday, and the Department has uniformly avoided it where it could be avoided. I am afraid the inconvenience arises from Parliament having given the Government power under law to proclaim public holidays which are often unnecessary and sometimes mischievous.

3. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the adoption of the report from the Committee of the Whole on the Infants Protection Bill postponed until Tuesday, 25th August.

4. CRIMINAL LAW AND EVIDENCE AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Criminal Law, and certain laws for the administration of Justice*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
 Sydney, 13th August, 1891.

JOHN HAY,
 President.

Bill, on motion of Sir Henry Parkes, read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 27th August.

5. LIQUOR TRAFFIC:—

(1.) Mr. Black presented a Petition from T. F. Sweeney, President, and Henry Taylor, Honorary Secretary, of the West Sydney Branch of the United Licensed Victuallers Association of New South Wales, representing that it is desirable in the interests of the working classes that the 63rd section of the Licensing Acts of 1882-3 should be so amended as to permit the sale of liquor to be consumed on the premises within the hours of 5.30 a.m. to 11.30 p.m. on the six business days of the week, 7 to 9 a.m., 1 to 3, and 8 to 10 p.m. on Sunday, Good Friday, and Christmas Day; and praying the House to take the matter into earnest consideration.
 Petition received.

(2.) Mr. Barton presented a similar Petition from Frederick Albert Allen, President, and F. Beville, General Secretary, of the United Licensed Victuallers Association.
 Petition received.

6. BOROUGH OF NEWCASTLE ELECTRIC LIGHTING BILL:—Mr. Scott presented a Petition from the Mayor and Aldermen of the Borough of Newcastle, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to give powers to the Council of the Borough of Newcastle to light the streets and public places of the said Borough with the Electric Light, and to supply Electricity within or without the limits of the said Borough; and to levy rates and make charges in respect of such lighting and supply; and for the purposes aforesaid to acquire land, and the right to use patents, and acquire or construct works

works, and break open streets, remove obstructions, and lay down electric lines; and to borrow money, enter into contracts, sell or lease fittings, and do other matters incidental to such lighting and supply; and to enable Boroughs and Municipal Districts without the limits of the said Borough of Newcastle to participate in the benefits of such supply; and to empower the Municipal Councils of such Boroughs and Municipal Districts to give consents, enter into contracts, and levy rates in respect of such supply; and to amend the one hundred and fifty-third, one hundred and sixty-fifth, and one hundred and ninetyeth, and other sections of the "Municipalities Act of 1867," so far as may be necessary for the purposes aforesaid; and to impose certain penalties, and otherwise protect the Council from being defrauded, impeded, or harassed in the exercise of the aforesaid powers; and to make provision for the safety of the public; and to amend the law in other respects.

And Mr. Scott having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Daily Telegraph*, and *Newcastle Morning Herald*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.

7. PAPERS :—Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Report on State Children's Relief Department for year ending 5th April, 1891.
 - (2.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Jerilderie, under the Municipalities Act of 1867, and Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.
 - (3.) Additional By-laws of the Municipal District of Murrurundi.
 - (4.) Amended and Additional By-laws of the Borough of Albury.
 - (5.) By-law of the Municipal District of Mittagong.
 - (6.) Additional and Amended By-laws of the Borough of Cowra.
 - (7.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Cudal.
 - (8.) Return showing the sums advanced in England to the Government of New South Wales, the sums advanced in the Colony, and the special amounts deposited in the Treasury during the last six months.
- Ordered to be printed.
8. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Dibbs 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 discussing the mal-administration of the Government."
And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—
Mr. Dibbs moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
9. REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE BILL (No. 2) :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.
10. PAPER :—Mr. Sydney Smith laid upon the Table,—Progress Report by Mr. H. G. McKinney, M. Inst. C.E., on Water Conservation, Department of Mines and Agriculture.
Ordered to be printed.
11. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Bruce Smith moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 14 AUGUST, 1891, A.M.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at half-past Twelve o'clock a.m., until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 15.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 18 AUGUST, 1891.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Sydney Hospital, Macquarie-street:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) What was the cost of the present unfinished portion of the works of new hospital in Macquarie-street?
 - (2.) How long has it been allowed to remain in its present unfinished condition?
 - (3.) Is there any intention on the part of the Government to complete the work without further delay?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) £69,218 1s. 3d.
- (2.) Since 31st December, 1883.
- (3.) Steps have already been taken to complete the building.

- (2.) Fruit Markets, George-street:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—As the original grant of the George-street site to the City Council was for purposes of general markets, will he take steps to urge upon the City Council the necessity for at once re-building fruit markets on that site, or, failing that, in view of the importance of the fruit-growing industry of the Colony, and the great loss and inconvenience now resulting to fruit-growers through the want of convenient and central market accommodation, will he take steps to recommend to the Government the necessity for resuming the site for the purpose of erecting markets?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I believe the Municipal Council of Sydney have it in contemplation to erect markets on this site. I have had a communication from His Worship the Mayor of Sydney on the subject, and I am to see him again to consider it further.

- (3.) Lane Cove Road:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that a large portion of the Lane Cove Road between Milson's Point and Chatswood is in a dangerous condition?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that metal has been used upon the said road which is unsuitable for the purpose?
 - (3.) Is it a fact that the Road Superintendent has no stock of metal on hand, and that he has borrowed small quantities from the Borough Council of Willoughby?
 - (4.) Is the Department responsible for damages should an accident occur upon the road through its present condition; and, if so, will he cause the proper officer to at once report to him on the matter, with a view to immediate improvement?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1.) The Supervising Engineer reports that the road is in bad order, but not dangerous.
- (2.) No; excepting a short length in Walker-street, which is being strengthened.
- (3.) There is none actually in stock, but a supply has been ordered, and used as delivered. I am not aware that any metal has been borrowed, but inquiries are being made respecting the matter.
- (4.) This is a question of law, and can only be settled on the merits of each case. A full report is being obtained on the state of this road, and any action necessary will be taken.

- (4.) Reduction of Rates on Letters and Telegrams:—Mr. McCourt, for Mr. Kidd, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce Bills this Session (1) to reduce the postage rates on letters; (2) to reduce the rates charged on telegrams?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I have already, in reply to another Question, stated that the policy of reducing the postage on letters is under the consideration of the Government. I will have the other Question considered.

(5.)

- (5.) New Tubular Railway Cars :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Who are the contractors for the new tubular cars required by the Railway Department?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that the ironwork for these cars is being imported, and that much of it is cast-iron of inferior character, instead of being wrought-iron?
 - (3.) Is it a fact that the pull-rods of these cars are square, instead of being rounded at the ends?
 - (4.) Are some of the wheels of these cars of cast-iron; and, if so, are cast-iron wheels likely to stand a continuous strain of 30 tons?
 - (5.) Is it a fact that some of these cast-iron wheels may now be seen at Hudson's works in a broken state, after having been tested with a hammer?
 - (6.) Is it a fact that this imported ironwork has to be altered; and, if so, is it an economical proceeding for the Government to import work which has to be altered in the Colony?
 - (7.) Was any inspection of this ironwork made when it arrived in New South Wales; and, if so, by whom was the inspection made?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1.) Messrs. Hudson Bros. are the contractors, they having secured the right to import or manufacture tubular waggons in the Colony.
- (2.) It is a fact that the ironwork is being imported, but it is not cast-iron of inferior character. The materials referred to are of good quality, made of malleable cast-iron, which is a feature in the patent.
- (3.) This question is not understood.
- (4.) The wheels are chilled cast-iron, and the eight wheels under each vehicle will carry 30 tons.
- (5.) One wheel may be seen at Hudson's works in a broken state. It was broken purposely by the Inspector for testing purposes.
- (6.) Some of the imported ironwork had to be altered to suit our ordinary side-buffers and brake-gear. The contractors imported as designed for the use of railways in America, knowing that the alteration would have to be made in the Colony. As a rule, it cannot be considered an economical proceeding to import work which has to be altered in the Colony, and it would not be done if it could be avoided.
- (7.) The ironwork is inspected at the contractor's works during the work of erection, in the ordinary manner, by the properly authorised Rolling Stock Inspectors.

- (6.) Alteration of Suburban Railway Stations—Imported American Engines :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Are the suburban railway stations being altered to accommodate the imported American engines; if not, what is the meaning of the extensive alterations now being made at certain suburban railway stations?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the boys employed at Eveleigh railway workshops were recently engaged picking out the putty from holes in the engines imported from America?
- (3.) Is it a fact that one of these engines had to be left at the Newcastle railway workshop after the first trip?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1.) The platforms at several suburban stations were slightly modified, at a cost not exceeding £50, in consequence of their not being to gauge. The extensive alterations which are going on are the works in connection with the duplication of the line.
- (2.) No instructions were given to the boys employed in the Eveleigh railway shops to pick out putty from the holes in the engines imported from America.
- (3.) It is a fact that one of the new engines which was out for a trial trip before being reported as fit for traffic had to undergo a slight repair at Newcastle. One of the motion-pins seized, for want of oil and proper attention, and had to be removed and replaced with a new one, at a cost of £3 12s. 9d.

- (7.) Engines and Ironwork Imported from America :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—
In view of the statements which have been made with regard to the engines recently imported from America, and the ironwork imported for the new tubular cars, will the Government consent to the immediate appointment of a Select Committee of this House to inquire into these statements?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—This is a matter which will require to be submitted to the Cabinet, and I must ask the Honorable Member to give fresh notice for, say, Thursday.

- (8.) Hare Pest, Molong District :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is he aware that hares are becoming a great pest and nuisance to farmers in the Molong district, and will he see that some effectual steps are taken to have this increasing evil suppressed, in order to save the farming industry from ruin and destruction?
- (2.) Has he lately received any petitions from farmers in the Molong district complaining of the hare pest or nuisance; if so, will he state for the general information of the public what steps (if any) are being taken for the suppression of this increasing evil?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

- (1.) Yes; but any action taken towards their destruction rests with the Local Board.
- (2.) Yes; and these petitions have been referred to the Molong Pastures and Stock Protection Board, with a view to an increased rate of bonus being offered, or such other steps being taken as the Board may deem necessary. The necessity for taking active steps to stay the rapid increase of hares has for some time been urged upon all the Boards in the Colony. I may add that the Department is assisting in the establishment of an export trade in frozen hares, of which there is a fair prospect, and which would, of course, materially aid in keeping the pest within bounds.

- (9.) Bridge over Bombala River, at Cunningham's Point :—Mr. Dawson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders be called for the erection of a bridge over Balmoral River, at Cunningham's Point?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—In about a fortnight.

(10.) Road through Adaminaby Park:—Mr. Dawson asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of this House all papers in connection with closing of road through Adaminaby Park?

Mr. Brunker answered,—No, if moved for in the usual manner.

(11.) Forty Pounds Deposit under Sec. 25 of Electoral Act:—*Mr. Wall*, for Mr. Hugh McKinnon, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Have any defeated candidates who forfeited the £40 deposit had the amount refunded; if so, who were they, and upon what grounds was the refund in each case made?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—This Question does not specify the time of the supposed forfeitures. As far as I know there has been no refund arising out of late elections. If any definite information is required as to former occasions I shall be glad to lay a Return upon the Table giving it.

(12.) Twin-screw Hopper Dredge:—Mr. Hoyle asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has the Government ordered a twin-screw hopper dredge from Messrs. W. Simmons & Co., of Renfrew, Scotland?

(2.) If so, were any tenders invited for its construction (a) in the Colony; (b) in England or other places?

(3.) If no tenders were called for, what was the reason why tenders were not asked for in the usual way?

(4.) Were colonial manufacturers afforded an opportunity to tender for this work; and, if not, for what reason?

(5.) What is the contract price of the dredge delivered in Sydney?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2 to 5.) A special type of dredge was required for deepening bars exposed to the sea waves and ocean swell. A novel type of machine, suited for this kind of work, was successfully tried on the Mersey last year, and, recognising the great value of such a dredge for improving the exposed bars of the northern rivers, the Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers recommended that on this occasion the custom of the Department should be departed from, and one of these special type of dredges imported by way of experiment, as they could then serve as a sample for any future machines of the kind. I approved of the recommendation of the Engineer-in-Chief, and the dredge was ordered through the Agent-General, after correspondence with Sir John Coode. The cost of the dredge will be about £19,500, the cost of sailing her out, insurance, &c., about £1,500, or a total of £21,000.

(13.) Engines and Pumps for Sydney Water Supply:—Mr. Hoyle asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is the Water and Sewerage Board calling for drawings and specifications for engines and pumps for the Sydney Water Supply?

(2.) Are they calling for such exclusively in England?

(3.) Are there no men in the Colony capable of designing or specifying for such pumps and engines?

(4.) Is the Board also calling for tenders for the construction of the same in England, or is it proposed to do so?

(5.) Will he make such arrangements as will permit engineers and manufacturers in New South Wales having an opportunity to carry out the proposed works?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—I am informed that the recommendation made and adopted by the Board was that a specification should be prepared, and competition for designs invited in England, as well as in the Colony, but the recommendation of the Board has not yet reached the Department of Public Works.

(14.) Prisoners in Gaol for Wife Desertion:—*Mr. Melville*, for Mr. Walker, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Will he take any steps to ascertain how many of the prisoners now in gaol for wife desertion are actually unable to obey the order of the magistrates for maintenance?

(2.) Will he consider some means of employing such prisoners at union wages to enable them to support their wives whilst incarcerated?

Mr. Gould answered,—

(1.) I am unable to see how I can interfere in the manner desired in such cases. The law provides that the Justices must be satisfied that the husband is able to maintain his wife, or contribute to her maintenance, before making an order of Court directing him to pay such maintenance. If the husband feel aggrieved at the decision he may appeal to the Court of Quarter Sessions to have such order quashed or varied, or he may apply to the Bench to have the order varied.

(2.) It would be impracticable to employ such persons in the manner suggested. Under the Regulations I am informed that a prisoner serving a sentence of imprisonment only cannot be employed at other than light labour, but if he maintains himself he cannot be compelled to work. His civil rights while in gaol are suspended. If employed, as suggested, at wages, the question might be raised as to the competition of prison with free labour, which has frequently been under discussion in this House, and the undesirableness of which has been commented upon.

(15.) Forestry Bill:—*Mr. Melville*, for Mr. Walker, asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will the Government introduce the Bill to deal with the question of forestry in New South Wales?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Government will introduce a Bill to effect this purpose as early as other business will admit; but we cannot introduce it to interfere with the course of other business.

(16.) Case of Thomas Suffield :—Mr. Kelly asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Has his attention been officially called to the case of Thomas Suffield, sentenced by Judge Windeyer at the Circuit Court, Maitland, in April last, to ten years' penal servitude for alleged attempt to commit a rape?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the evidence upon which Suffield was convicted was of a most contradictory character?
- (3.) Is it a fact that complaint was made of the manner in which the preliminary inquiry before the Police Magistrate at Lambton was conducted towards Suffield?
- (4.) Is it a fact that respectable and competent witnesses clearly established an *alibi* in Suffield's favour, plainly proving that he could not have been near the scene of the alleged outrage, either at or about the time the outrage is said to have occurred?
- (5.) Will the Minister cause a judicial commission of inquiry to be instituted into the whole facts of the case, with a view to Suffield's prompt release should he be found to be innocent of the charge against him?

Mr. Gould answered,—

- (1.) No official or other representations have been made to me in reference to this case.
- (2.) It is not within my province as Minister of Justice to offer any opinion on the nature of the evidence offered at a criminal trial. The evidence in this case was submitted to the jury for their consideration, whose duty it was to determine the value of the same.
- (3.) No.
- (4.) The whole of the witnesses for the defence in support of an *alibi* were, it is presumed, examined at the trial, and the jury, whose duty it was to determine the value of that evidence, found the prisoner guilty of the charge preferred against him.
- (5.) If any doubt or question existed as to Suffield's guilt, or any mitigating circumstances in the case, or any portion of the evidence therein, is submitted on the petition of the prisoner, or some person on his behalf, addressed to His Excellency the Governor, duly supported by declaration or other evidence, representing such doubt or question, I will carefully consider whether the evidence so submitted is sufficient to justify me in recommending that an inquiry be held in accordance with the provisions of the 383rd section of the Criminal Law Amendment Act.

(17.) Bridge to connect Glebe Island with Pymont :—Mr. Johnston asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What are the dimensions of the proposed new bridge connecting Glebe Island with Pymont, and will provision be made to enable steamers to pass under?
- (2.) When will tenders be invited for same; and does he intend to invite tenders only in the colonies?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1.) The dimensions of the bridge are not yet determined, as it may have to be designed to carry a railway as well as wheel traffic. An opening span will be provided to pass vessels through.
- (2.) When all requisite conditions are decided upon competition will be invited for designs.

(18.) Reserves, Parish of Stewart, County Macquarie :—Mr. Chanter, for Mr. Hugh McKinnon, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Have portions of reserves Nos. 73 and 152, parish of Stewart, county Macquarie, been surveyed and reported on some months ago, with a view to their being revoked and opened for settlement?
- (2.) Is it his intention to so revoke and open these portions at an early date; if so, when?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—No report has as yet been received from the District Surveyor, who will be called upon to expedite the matter.

(19.) Test of Targets :—Mr. Alfred Allen, for Mr. Nobbs, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Did the Commanding Engineer on Saturday, 1st instant, conduct a test of targets on the Cadet Section of the Randwick Rifle Range?
- (2.) If so, how many of the targets entered in the authorised competition were tested?
- (3.) Were Members of the Board on Targets, and other persons interested, notified that such test would be made?
- (4.) If only one target was tested, was that one entered in the name of an employe of the Military Works Department; and did it comply with all the conditions laid down by the Board on Targets, in a circular dated 21st March, 1891?
- (5.) Is Colonel de Wolski, the Commanding Engineer, interested in any targets entered in such condition, or was he ever in any way so interested?
- (6.) When is it the intention of the authorities to decide upon the pattern of targets for use (a) on the general range (b) on the Cadet range?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

The following information has been supplied by the Major-General commanding the Military Forces:—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The two targets tested are stated by the Commanding Engineer to be improvements on targets entered for competition.
- (3.) No.
- (4.) The Commanding Engineer reports that the targets tested were designed by the Officer-in-charge of the range, and complied with all the conditions.
- (5.) Yes, but not commercially.
- (6.) The General Officer Commanding will be prepared to give a decision on receipt from the Commanding Engineer of the Report of the Board and his remarks.

(20.) Probate Act:—Mr. Danahey asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Under the present Probate Act, is it necessary for executors and trustees to file their accounts annually, especially in cases where the receipts and disbursements are large, and continue from year to year?
- (2.) If so, does the Department of Justice see that the Act, or the provision of the Act, is being so carried out?
- (3.) Is there any provision in the present Probate Act for the remuneration of trustees and executors out of estates?
- (4.) If so, is the Act, or the provision of the Act, being so administered as to remunerate trustees and executors holding such onerous and responsible positions?

Mr. Gould answered,—

- (1.) It is necessary by the rules promulgated, under the provisions of the Probate Act, that executors and administrators should file their accounts within twelve months from the date of grant of probate or administration, but it is not necessary that trustees should file their accounts in the Probate Office, as they are only amendable to a Court of Equity.
- (2.) It is the duty of the Registrar of Probates under the Act to call upon executors and administrators in default to file their accounts; but no case has arisen where that officer would be called upon to perform that duty.
- (3.) The 57th section of the Probate Act provides that "it shall be lawful for the Court to allow to any executor, administrator, or trustee such commission for his pains and trouble as shall be just and reasonable," provided that accounts are filed within the time limited by the rules or any order of the Court.
- (4.) Answered by paragraph 3.

(21.) Station Buildings, Summer Hill:—Mr. Danahey asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Have the Railway Commissioners accepted a tender for the erection of station buildings at Summer Hill?
- (2.) What is the amount of said tender?
- (3.) Is it correct that the successful tenderer has been asked to submit an amended tender for the erection of the buildings of wood?
- (4.) Is it the intention of the Commissioners to erect wood or brick buildings?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) £8,204 10s. 1d.
- (3.) Yes, for a portion of the structure.
- (4.) A part will be of brick and a part of wood.

(22.) Australian Agricultural Company:—Mr. Williams asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is there any agreement in existence between the Australian Agricultural Company and the Government of New South Wales under which said Company was granted 1,029,451 acres 1 rood 32 perches for agricultural purposes?
- (2.) If so, what were the conditions specified in that agreement?
- (3.) Have those conditions been complied with?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—No; the lands were granted in pursuance of Acts of the Imperial Parliament, passed in 1824 and 1829. A copy of the deed of grant will be laid upon the Table if moved for in the usual manner.

(23.) Security with London Banks for Loans:—Mr. Dibbs asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In what form, and what security was deposited with the London banks for the loans made to the Colony, and referred to in the paper laid upon the Table of this House on Thursday last, 13th August?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—There is no record in the Treasury of any security having been deposited with the London banks in connection with any of the advances made to the Colony. I find, in one of the Agent General's communications of June, mention of a probable deposit of Inscribed Stock, with one Bank, in this month (August), as security for advance of £200,000 made in June; but, even regarding that, there is no definite record that it has been actually deposited.

(24.) Public Loan:—Mr. Dibbs asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Has he ascertained since his appointment to the Treasury if any loan has been placed upon the London market; and if such loan has been sold, or any part of it, at 97, as stated in the *Herald* paper of Thursday last?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—No loan whatever has been placed upon the London market since July, 1889.

2. CONTRACTORS LIEN BILL (No. 2) (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Neild moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Tuesday, 22nd September, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to give contractors and others employed in performing labour and furnishing materials for improving land, by erecting, altering, or repairing houses, buildings, or other improvements thereon, protection against loss by reason of such improvements being effected.

Question put and passed.

3. COMPANIES HOLDING LEASES FROM THE CROWN OF PASTORAL HOLDINGS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Melville, for Mr. Walker, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

(1.) A scheduled return showing the names of all incorporated or chartered banks and other financial institutions registered under the Companies Acts holding leases direct from the Crown and paying rents thereto for pastoral holdings in New South Wales, with the name of each holding so held respectively.

(2.) A scheduled return giving the name of every other pastoral holding in New South Wales held by any of the abovementioned financial institutions by way of a registered deed of mortgage, other than as direct holdings from the Crown.

Question put and passed.

4. **POSTPONEMENT** :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Lessees Land Purchase Bill postponed until Tuesday, 6th October.

5. **COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS**—(*Election Petition—Vivian v. Hugh McKinnon, The Hastings and Manning*) :—Mr. Suttor, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table, the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, to whom was referred, on the 29th July, 1891, the Petition of Walter Hussey Vivian against the return of Hugh McKinnon as a Member for the Electoral District of The Hastings and Manning.

And the said Report was read at length by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, as follows :—

“ The Committee of Elections and Qualifications, duly appointed on 16th July, 1891, to whom was referred, on 29th July, 1891, a Petition from Walter Hussey Vivian, alleging that at the last General Election of Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly of this Colony Petitioner was one of the candidates duly nominated for the Electoral District of The Hastings and Manning, when a poll was demanded; that the Petitioner was duly qualified to be elected; that the Returning Officer certified to the return of James Henry Young and Hugh McKinnon as duly elected; that at several of the polling-places in the Electorate votes were declared informal which were not informal, and which should have been counted in favour of Petitioner and against the said Hugh McKinnon; and praying that the Petition may be dealt with according to law, and that the return of the said Hugh McKinnon as a Member of the said Legislative Assembly for the said Electoral District may be declared null and void for the reason aforesaid; that a scrutiny of all ballot-papers should be made by the Committee of Elections and Qualifications; that for the reason aforesaid it may be declared that the said Hugh McKinnon was not lawfully elected, and is not such Member of the said Legislative Assembly for the said Electoral District; that it may be declared and determined that Petitioner was duly elected at the said election to serve and be a Member of the said Legislative Assembly for the said Electoral District of The Hastings and Manning, and is entitled to take his seat accordingly in the said Assembly; and that such further or other Order and determination may be made in the premises as may be just,”— have determined and do hereby declare :—

“ 1. That Hugh McKinnon, Esquire, one of the Sitting Members, has been duly elected as a Member for the Electoral District of The Hastings and Manning.

“ 2. That the Petition of Walter Hussey Vivian, Esquire, is frivolous and vexatious.

“ 3. That the sum of £15 be awarded to the Sitting Member, towards his costs and expenses, such amount to be paid by the Petitioner to the Sitting Member.

“ 4. That the further sum of £10 be paid by the Petitioner to the Clerk of the Assembly, as a penalty, in accordance with the provisions of the Electoral Act.

“ No. 1 Committee Room,

“ Sydney, 18th August, 1891.

F. B. SUTTOR,

Chairman.”

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Suttor, that the Report and Minutes of the Proceedings and Evidence be printed.

6. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT** :—Sir Henry Parkes informed the House that on Friday last the office of Colonial Treasurer was offered to his colleague, Mr. Bruce Smith, and accepted by him; and that on the same day the office of Secretary for Public Works was offered to Mr. James Henry Young and accepted by him.

7. **VACANT SEAT** (*The Hastings and Manning*) :—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That the seat of James Henry Young, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the office of Secretary for Public Works since his Election and Return to serve in this House as a Member for the Electoral District of The Hastings and Manning.
Question put and passed.

8. **LIQUOR TRAFFIC** :—Mr. Levien presented a Petition from Frederick Albert Allen, President, and F. Beville, General Secretary, of the United Licensed Victuallers Association, representing that it is desirable in the interests of the working classes that the 63rd section of the Licensing Acts of 1882-3 should be so amended as to permit the sale of liquor to be consumed on the premises within the hours of 5.30 a.m. to 11.30 p.m. on the six business days of the week, 7 to 9 a.m., 1 to 3, and 8 to 10 p.m. on Sunday, Good Friday, and Christmas Day; and praying the House to take the matter into earnest consideration.
Petition received.

9. **AUSTRALIAN BANKING COMPANY OF SYDNEY BILL** :—Mr. Dowel, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and Report this Bill was referred on 6th August, 1891, together with Appendix and a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dowel then moved that the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 22nd September.

Question put and passed.

10. **ADJOURNMENT** :—Mr. Wall 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 “ to direct attention to the power conferred by the present Municipalities Act in regard to levying rates on minerals.”

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

11. PARLIAMENTARY "HANSARD":—Mr. Hutchison moved, pursuant to Notice, That, inasmuch as none of the daily papers publish anything like a correct and truthful report of the debates and proceedings of Parliament, this House is of opinion it is desirable, to enable the people to fully comprehend and understand the great questions affecting their own rights, liberties, and well-being, and the future destiny of the Colony, that a "daily" issue of *Hansard* should be published. Debate ensued.

Mr. Traill moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "daily," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "publication should be made by the Government to contain full reports of all proceedings and speeches in both Houses of Parliament when in Session, the text or substance of such reports, by Royal Commissions, Select Committees, and public Officers and Departments, as may be suited for publication, reports of deputations to ministers, and such other matters not being in the style of the opinions of the conductors of the publication as may be deemed advisable; the reports of proceedings in Parliament to be published on the morning following, in all cases where it is practicable so to do, such publication to give space for advertisements, and to be sent free by post, or, if reasonably feasible, to be delivered to the address of every elector of New South Wales who may make application for same."

Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question. Debate continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 55.

Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Schey,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Bruncker,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Newman,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Lysaght,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Holborow,	Mr. Dangar,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Marks,	Mr. Bowes,
Dr. Cullen,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Cotton,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Sheldon,	Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Donald,	
Mr. Stevenson,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Crick,
Mr. Dickens,	Mr. Fuller.
Mr. Scobie,	

Noes, 17.

Mr. Traill,
Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Murphy,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Rae,
Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Edden.

Tellers,

Mr. Howe,
Mr. Willis.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question then put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 33.

Dr. Ross,	Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Murphy,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. G. D. Clark,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Scott,	Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Howe,	Mr. Melville.
Mr. Rae,	
Mr. Schey,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Rose.
Mr. Williams,	
Mr. Houghton,	
Mr. Bowes,	
Mr. Traill,	
Mr. Hutchison,	
Mr. Grahame,	
Mr. Hoyle,	
Mr. Sharp,	
Mr. McGowen,	

Noes, 41.

Mr. Bruncker,	Mr. Nicoll,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Donald,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Newman,	Mr. Lysaght,
Mr. Holborow,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Cotton,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Marks,	Mr. Dawson,
Dr. Cullen,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Sheldon,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Collins,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Lees,	
Mr. Alfred Allen,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Dickens,	Mr. Ewing.
Mr. Gormly,	

And so it passed in the negative.

12. WENTWORTH ELECTORATE SUBDIVISION ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Cann moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Wentworth Electorate Subdivision Act. Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

13. COLONIAL MARBLE:—Mr. Hoyle moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, all marble required for the Public Works shall be the product of the "Colony."

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

Debate ensued.

Mr. Rae moved, That the Question be amended by the insertion after the word "Colony," at the end of the first resolution, of the words "obtained from quarries owned and worked by the State."

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

Debate continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 36.

Mr. Howe,	Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Sheldon,	Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Murphy,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Rose,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Newman,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Donald,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Langwell,	Dr. Ross,
Mr. G. D. Clark,	Mr. Melville.
Mr. Johnston,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Willis.
Mr. Rae,	

Noes, 23.

Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Lysaght,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Dickens.
Mr. Brunker,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Dr. Cullen.
Mr. Bruce Smith,	
Mr. Lonsdale,	
Mr. Gould,	
Mr. Marks,	
Mr. Sutor,	
Mr. Torpy,	
Mr. Barbour,	
Mr. Hutchison,	
Mr. Morton,	
Mr. Cullen,	
Mr. Lees,	
Mr. H. H. Brown,	
Mr. Hart,	
Mr. Cruickshank,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 19 AUGUST, 1891, A.M.,

Question then put,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, all marble required for the Public Works shall be the product of the Colony, obtained from quarries owned and worked by the State.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 44.

Mr. Hoyle,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Howe,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Donald,
Mr. Murphy,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. G. D. Clark,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Sutor,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Wall,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Rae,	Mr. Lysaght,
Mr. Cotton,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,	Mr. Dickens.
Mr. Gormly,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Rose,
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Sheldon.
Mr. Tonkin,	

Noes, 13.

Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Bruce Smith,
Mr. Lonsdale,
Dr. Cullen,
Mr. Gould,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Hart,
Mr. Cullen,
Mr. H. H. Brown.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Morton,
Mr. Lees.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

14. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Bruce Smith moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at eighteen minutes before One o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 16.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 19 AUGUST, 1891.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) New Court-house, Redfern:—*Mr. Willis*, for Mr. Schey, asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Does he intend to call for tenders shortly for the erection of the new Redfern Court-house?
- (2.) Have the plans for same been submitted to the Stipendiary Magistrates who sit in the Redfern Court, with a view to ascertaining their opinion as to the adequacy of the accommodation proposed?
- (3.) Have the plans been submitted to the Police authorities with a like object?
- (4.) Has the C.P.S. at Redfern been asked for any opinion on the proposed accommodation?
- (5.) Will he have the plans at once submitted to such of the above-indicated officers as have not yet had an opportunity of seeing them, and ask each of them for a report on the proposed accommodation?
- (6.) Is it a fact that the accommodation proposed is wholly inadequate, and very little greater than that of the present premises?
- (7.) What is the estimated cost of the proposed building?
- (8.) What was the cost of the court-houses at North Shore and Balmain respectively?
- (9.) Has the original estimate of cost for the Redfern Court-house been cut down?
- (10.) If so, by how much?
- (11.) Will he have inquiry made, and prevent tenders being called, until competent authority pronounces on the adequacy or otherwise of the proposed building?

Mr. Gould answered,—

- (1.) Tenders will be called for as soon as practicable.
- (2 and 3.) Yes.
- (4.) No.
- (5.) Answered by Nos. 2 and 3.
- (6.) No.
- (7.) £4,600.
- (8.) North Shore Court-house, including Police Station, Lock-up, and Post and Telegraph offices, £13,479; Balmain Court-house, including Post and Telegraph office, £15,470. It has been represented that the Court-houses at Newtown and Balmain are unnecessarily large, as they contain duplicate Court-rooms never used or likely to be required, with galleries for the public never occupied, and quite unnecessary.
- (9 and 10.) No.
- (11.) There does not appear any necessity for further inquiry.

- (2.) Driving Cattle between Flemington Sale-yards and the Abattoirs:—*Mr. Bavister* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) In view of the alleged great danger to life and property by the driving of large herds of cattle through the populous suburbs between Flemington Sale-yards and the Abattoirs, does the Government intend to take any action to remove such a danger?
- (2.) If so, of what nature?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) This matter has been under notice for a considerable time, but no decision has, up to the present, been arrived at.

(3.)

- (3.) Storm-water Sewer at Little Bondi:—Mr. Neild asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has the promised survey for a storm-water sewer at Little Bondi been completed?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—I presume this refers to the subject of the Honorable Member's Question of the 29th ultimo; if so, tenders will probably be invited for the work before the close of the month.

- (4.) Population Area, Gundaroo:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) When was the population area of Gundaroo thrown open for selection?
- (2.) Was the proclamation reserving a portion of this population area from sale ever revoked?
- (3.) If not, was not this step necessary before the land could be thrown open for selection?

Mr. Brunker answered,—All the papers are at present under reference to the District Surveyor. On receipt of his report a further communication will be made to the Honorable Member.

- (5.) Lavatories for Second-class Railway Carriages:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Railway Department to see that steps are taken to have suitable lavatories attached to all second-class carriages, the same as in the first-class, especially on long journeys, such as on the west, south, and north; if so, will he state when the change is likely to be made in the interest of the travelling public?

(2.) Will he state the percentage of second-class passenger traffic on our railways compared with first-class passenger traffic?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) The Railway Commissioners since they have been in office have done much to improve the accommodation for second-class passengers. A better description of carriage has been provided, the room being increased nearly 40 per cent., and, in addition, lavatory accommodation for second-class passengers is provided in all main line brake-vans. The Commissioners cannot see their way to do more at present, but the question is not being lost sight of.

(2.) The percentage of first-class passengers carried is 26, and second-class 74; the percentage earnings being—first-class 46, and second-class 54.

- (6.) Road between Cudal and Davy's Plains:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Have any final steps yet been taken for opening the road between Cudal and Davy's Plains; if so, will he state when the road is likely to be opened for the use of the travelling public and the cause of delay?

(2.) Will he have any objection to cause copies of the correspondence to be laid upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

(1.) It was decided in August, 1888, that there would not be, under the condition of things, sufficient justification for establishing the proposed road. Nothing has been done since the decision was given.

(2.) There is no particular objection to the correspondence being laid upon the Table of the House if moved for in the usual manner.

- (7.) Land on Boree Creek, County of Ashburnham:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has any decision yet been arrived at in regard to a portion of land on the Boree Creek, at the bridge on the road from Molong to the Forbes Road, in the county of Ashburnham; if so, will he see that the land is reserved as a permanent water reserve, it being in dry seasons the only available water in the neighbourhood at which settlers can water their stock?

Mr. Brunker answered,—No; the papers are still under reference to the District Surveyor, to which effect the Honorable Member was informed by letter yesterday.

- (8.) Inspectors, Education Department:—Mr. Williams asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) What is the classification of the various inspectors in the Education Department; how obtained—by examination or otherwise?

(2.) How many inspectors are there over 60 years of age?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

(1.) Exclusive of the Chief Inspector and the Deputy Chief Inspector, thirty-five inspectors are employed under the Department. Of these, twenty-five obtained first-class certificates by examination, eight others are University graduates, who, not having served as teachers under the Department, have not been examined for classification, and the remaining two were appointed as inspectors prior to the institution of the late Council of Education's system of examination, and were therefore not classified under the Department.

(2.) Two.

- (9.) Government Holidays to Public School Teachers:—Mr. Newman asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is it a fact that all Public School teachers are debarred from participating in Government holidays unless they receive special permission from the Department?

(2.) If so, will he take steps to allow teachers to have the same advantages extended to them as to other branches of the Civil Service; and will he kindly see that a remedy is effected as early as possible?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

(1.) No; excepting when holidays are proclaimed on account of races, when schools are not permitted to be closed.

(2.) Answered by No. 1.

- (10.) Public Works of the Colony:—Mr. Houghton asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What public works (if any) have been authorised by Parliament, the tenders for which have not yet been accepted by the Government?
 - (2.) The estimated cost of such works?
 - (3.) The approximate amount of money available for the construction of such works?
 - (4.) Is it intended to call for tenders for the construction of such works with all reasonable despatch before the close of the present year?
 - (5.) If so, how does he propose to meet the cost of such works, or any part of such cost?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—I will have this information prepared and laid upon the Table of the House in the shape of a Return.

- (11.) Cost of conveying Free Labourers to Bourke:—Mr. Willis, for Mr. Langwell, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What was the amount of money received by the Railway Department for each special train conveying free labourers to Bourke during the past two months?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—It is presumed that the Honorable Member refers to a number of trains which were run at other than ordinary times to Bourke, conveying passengers. The earnings of the trains were as under:—6th July, £360 17s. 3d.; 13th July, £793 19s. 6d.; 29th July, £300 15s. 9d.; 31st July, £900 8s. 6d.; 6th August, £309 0s. 6d.; 12th August, £282 11s.; total, £2,947 12s. 6d.

- (12.) Conversion Loan:—Mr. Garvan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Did the Government invite, through the press, the holders of bonds falling due on 1st July, 1891, and 1st January, 1892, to apply for a conversion of the amounts into a new loan at par?
- (2.) What date was fixed to receive application for such conversion loan?
- (3.) Of the sums falling due on 1st July, 1891, and 1st January, 1892, viz., £256,000 and £1,782,000, what amount was applied for as a new loan on the terms invited by the Government up to the date named for receiving said applications?
- (4.) Have any applications since the original closing date been made by the holders of above bonds to take up portion of the conversion loan; and, if so, to what extent?
- (5.) Have any applications since the original closing date been made in terms other than those originally invited; and, if so, to what extent, and with what result?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) 1st June last.
- (3.) In respect of the July bonds, £13,500. Regarding the January bonds, I am not prepared to give the Honorable Member any figures at present; the time allowed for conversion was extended to the end of the current year.
- (4.) I am not aware what applications have been received since 1st June.
- (5.) I have no definite information of any such application.

- (13.) Leave of Absence to Government Printer:—Mr. Willis asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What leave of absence has the Government Printer obtained?
- (2.) What portion of same, if any, has expired?
- (3.) Does Mr. Potter receive full pay on such leave?
- (4.) Considering Mr. Potter's age, does the Government contemplate appointing some person in his place as Government Printer?
- (5.) If so, have they considered the high claims of the present Acting Government Printer, Mr. Chapman, for the position?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1.) Six months, from 17th February last, but, on account of illness, an extension has been approved.
- (2.) Six months.
- (3.) Yes.
- (4.) The question of the retirement of Mr. Potter has not been considered.

- (14.) Grants in Aid of Agricultural Societies:—Mr. Stevenson asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Would he have any objection to lay upon the Table of the House a Return showing the special grants in aid of Agricultural Societies from the year 1882 to 1890 inclusive, showing the amounts and dates of grants to each Society respectively?
- (2.) Will applications from those Societies which have not participated in such grants be favourably dealt with?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I will lay a Return upon the Table giving the information required so far as it goes.

- (15.) Introduction of Murray Cod into Rivers of the Colony:—Mr. Lees asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Have the Fisheries Commission taken any steps to introduce the Murray cod into the Murrumbidgee, Nepean, Hunter, or any of the other fresh water rivers of the Colony?
- (2.) If not, will he state the reason, or cause such steps to be taken?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I am informed by the Commissioners of Fisheries that the Murrumbidgee is naturally full of cod and perch. Cod were put into Lake George by the late Sir Terence Aubrey Murray many years ago, and they are now very plentiful there. The Commissioners have not put any cod into the rivers, but have put English trout into many suitable waters.

- (16.) Alleged Grievances of Fishermen:—Mr. Wheeler asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has his attention been called to the alleged grievances of the fishermen, caused by the rivers being closed in the vicinity of the metropolis; if so, what steps does he propose to take to remedy the difficulty?

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Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I am informed by the Commissioners of Fisheries that all the closures that have been made have been in the interests of the public and the fishermen themselves. It is necessary that the breeding grounds should be properly protected against disturbance, and the Commissioners have closed only those waters that they consider are needful to give the breeding fish a fair chance of carrying out their spawning operations, and the young fish to grow to a proper size.

(17.) Import and Export of Gold and Silver:—Mr. Crick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What is the value of all gold and silver (in coin or bullion) imported into New South Wales during the ten years ending 31st December, 1890?
- (2.) The value of all gold and silver (in coin or bullion) exported during the same period?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—This information will be supplied in the form of a Return.

(18.) Money Borrowed by the Government:—Mr. Garvan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) In view of the necessity to borrow largely, will the Colonial Treasurer say if he approves of the private borrowings by the Government during the past six months in Sydney and London?
- (2.) Will not such private borrowings seriously prejudice the credit of the Colony, and injure our chances of floating a loan on favourable terms?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Not in my opinion.

(19.) New Lands Office:—Mr. Willis, for Mr. Walker, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has the attention of the Minister for Lands been directed to the structures in iron and cement now being carried out on the roof of the Lands Office?
- (2.) If so, will he be so kind as to state for what purposes these structures are intended?
- (3.) Has the large dome, said to have been specially constructed for astronomical or observatory purposes, ever been used for such purposes; and, if so, how often, and what is their nature and value?
- (4.) What has been the entire cost of the Lands Office building up to date, and what is the estimated cost of the entire structure when completed?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Photographic galleries.
- (3.) I am not aware. I shall be glad if the Honorable Member will put this Question to the Minister for Lands.
- (4.) The amount paid to date is £163,112; the estimated cost, when completed, is £225,000.

(20.) Guns in Battery at Steel Point:—Mr. Black asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Does he wish it to be understood by this House that he objects to answer any questions which he may imagine have been put in the mouth of the Honorable Member who asks them?
- (2.) In view of the approaching discussion of the Military Estimates for 1892, will he give the name of the "somebody" to whom "much blame attaches" for the neglect of the guns at Steel Point to which he made reference in a reply on 13th August?
- (3.) Will he inform the House whether the charges against Colonel Spalding and Lieutenant Le Mesurier, made by Major-General Richardson, in a letter to Lord Carrington, on 21st February, and reiterated in another of 2nd April, 1890, have been withdrawn by that officer; if so, on what date, and in what manner?
- (4.) In reference to his answer of 13th August, and in view of the Military Estimates, and in view of his reply of 13th August, will he give the name of the "principal officer" against whom "the first report of the firemaster was highly coloured"?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) I do not think the Honorable Member can seriously expect me to give an answer. In respect to the other questions the following answers have been supplied:—
- (2.) Invidious to specify, when all concerned must be considered to blame.
- (3.) Charges, as modified in subsequent letter of 2nd April, have not been withdrawn.
- (4.) Colonel Spalding, he being the Officer-in-Chief, and direct control of the district.

(21.) Molong-Parkes Railway:—Mr. Gardiner asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Can he furnish any definite information as to when tenders for the construction of the Molong-Parkes railway will be accepted?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—I cannot at present give the Honorable Member any definite date.

2. CORONER AT WINDSOR (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Neild moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers connected with the recent appointment of a coroner at Windsor.

Question put and passed.

3. 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, 20th October.

4. **BOROUGH OF NEWCASTLE ELECTRIC LIGHTING BILL (Formal Motion):—**

(1.) Mr. Scott moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to give powers to the Council of the Borough of Newcastle to light the streets and public places of the said Borough with the Electric Light, and to supply Electricity within or without the limits of the said Borough; and to levy rates and make charges in respect of such lighting and supply; and for the purposes aforesaid to acquire land, and the right to use patents, and acquire or construct works and break open streets, remove obstructions, and lay down electric lines; and to borrow money, enter into contracts, sell or lease fittings, and do other matters incidental to such lighting and supply; and to enable Boroughs and Municipal Districts without the limits of the said Borough of Newcastle to participate in the benefits of such supply; and to empower the Municipal Councils of such Boroughs and Municipal Districts to give consents, enter into contracts, and levy rates in respect of such supply; and to amend the one hundred and fifty-third, one hundred and sixty-fifth, and one hundred and ninetyeth, and other sections of the "Municipalities Act of 1867," so far as may be necessary for the purposes aforesaid; and to impose certain penalties, and otherwise protect the Council from being defrauded, impeded, or harassed in the exercise of the aforesaid powers; and to make provision for the safety of the public; and to amend the law in other respects.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Scott 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 give powers to the Council of the Borough of Newcastle to light the streets and public places of the said Borough with the Electric Light, and to supply Electricity within or without the limits of the said Borough; and to levy rates and make charges in respect of such lighting and supply; and for the purposes aforesaid to acquire land, and the right to use patents, and acquire or construct works and break open streets, remove obstructions, and lay down electric lines; and to borrow money, enter into contracts, sell or lease fittings, and do other matters incidental to such lighting and supply; and to enable Boroughs and Municipal Districts without the limits of the said Borough of Newcastle to participate in the benefits of such supply; and to empower the Municipal Councils of such Boroughs and Municipal Districts to give consents, enter into contracts, and levy rates in respect of such supply; and to amend the one hundred and fifty-third, one hundred and sixty-fifth, and one hundred and ninetyeth, and other sections of the 'Municipalities Act of 1867,' so far as may be necessary for the purposes aforesaid; and to impose certain penalties, and otherwise protect the Council from being defrauded, impeded, or harassed in the exercise of the aforesaid powers; and to make provision for the safety of the public; and to amend the law in other respects,*"—read a first time.

5. **HAY IRRIGATION BILL (Formal Motion):—**

(1.) Mr. R. B. Wilkinson moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to vest certain lands in the Council of the Municipal District of Hay, to enable the said Council to establish works thereon and elsewhere for conserving and utilising water for irrigation; and to lease such lands; and for other purposes incidental thereto.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Wilkinson then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to vest certain lands in the Council of the Municipal District of Hay, to enable the said Council to establish works thereon and elsewhere for conserving and utilising water for irrigation, and to lease such lands, and for other purposes incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 20th October.

6. **BALRANALD IRRIGATION BILL (Formal Motion):—**

(1.) Mr. R. B. Wilkinson moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to vest certain lands situated in the Municipality of Balranald in a Trust; to enable the said Trust to purchase lands; to establish works for conserving and utilising water for irrigation; to lease or sell such lands for purposes of settlement and improvement; to raise loans for purposes of irrigation; and for other purposes incidental thereto.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Wilkinson then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to vest certain lands situated in the Municipality of Balranald in a Trust; to enable the said Trust to purchase lands; to establish works for conserving and utilising water for irrigation; to lease or sell such lands for purposes of settlement and improvement; to raise loans for purposes of irrigation; and for other purposes incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 22nd September.

7. **WILLOUGHBY AND GORDON TRAMWAY ACT AMENDING BILL (Formal Motion):—**Mr. Nield, for Mr. Barton, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Willoughby and Gordon Tramway Act of 1887 and the Willoughby and Gordon Tramway Act Amending Act.

Question put and passed.

8. **APPRAISEMENT OF RENTS AND LICENSE FEES OF CROWN LANDS (Formal Motion):—**Mr. Hutchinson moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers having reference to the appraisal of rents of pastoral leases, conditional leases, and license fees of resumed areas, including letter or memorandum from the Chairman and Members of the Local Land Board at Forbes, dated 29th January, 1887; also copies of letters from the Chairman of the Local Land Board, Forbes, dated respectively 6th March, 1891, and 4th April, 1891.

Question put and passed.

9. **RESERVES IN LAND DISTRICTS OF FORBES, PARKES, AND CONDOBOLIN (Formal Motion):—**Mr. Hutchinson moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing the number and kind of reserves in the leasehold and resumed areas of the several pastoral holdings in the respective Land Districts of Forbes, Parkes, and Condobolin; such Return to give the dates of notification of each reserve, the acreage of each reserve, and the purposes for which such reserves have been made; and also the number and kind of reserves that have been revoked and thrown open for settlement in such land districts since the year 1835.

Question put and passed.

10. PASTORAL HOLDINGS IN LAND DISTRICTS OF FORBES, PARKES, AND CONDOBOLIN (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Hutchinson moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing the names of the respective lessees of the various pastoral holdings in the Land Districts of Forbes, Parkes, and Condobolin, and the number of acres at present held under each pastoral lease (exclusive of travelling stock and camping reserves) in the aforesaid land districts.

Question put and passed.

11. 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 Robert Adam Ritchie, 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 Robert Adam Ritchie, Esquire, lately serving in the said Assembly as a Member for the Electoral District of Central Cumberland, died on the 16th day of August, 1891.

“ We give you this notice, to the intent that you may issue 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 Robert Adam Ritchie, Esquire.

“ Given under our hands, at Sydney, this 19th day of August, 1891.

JOHN NOBBS.
DAVID DALE.

“ To the Honorable the Speaker
of the Legislative Assembly.”

Sir Henry Parkes then moved, That the Seat of Robert Adam Ritchie, Esquire, lately serving in this House as a Member for the Electoral District of Central Cumberland, hath become and is now vacant by reason of the death of the said Robert Adam Ritchie, 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.

12. DEATH OF ROBERT ADAM RITCHIE, ESQUIRE, ONE OF THE MEMBERS FOR CENTRAL CUMBERLAND:—Sir Henry Parkes (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House desires to place on record its sense of the loss it has sustained by the death of Robert Adam Ritchie, Esquire, one of the Members for Central Cumberland.

Question put and passed.

13. PAPERS:—

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—Return respecting special grants, &c., in aid of Agricultural Societies.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bruce Smith laid upon the Table,—

(1.) By-laws in connection with the Water Supply of the Borough of Orange.

(2.) Notification of resumption of land, parish of Russell, County of Durham, in connection with the erection of a bridge over the Hunter River, at Aberdeen.

(3.) Notification of resumption of land, parish of Kiama, County of Camden, in connection with the deviation of the Main South Coast Road at East's Hill, near Kiama.

(4.) Return of free Railway passes issued to Government Officials for the twelve months ended 31st July, 1891.

Ordered to be printed.

14. SEATS RE-DISTRIBUTION BILL:—Sir Henry Parkes presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to divide New South Wales into Electoral Districts, to return each one Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly, and to subdivide such Districts,*”—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday, 2nd September.

15. WILLOUGHBY AND GORDON TRAMWAY ACT AMENDING BILL:—Mr. Barton 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 amend the 'Willoughby and Gordon Tramway Act of 1887' and 'Willoughby and Gordon Tramway Act Amending Act,'*”—read a first time.

16. BOROUGH OF NEWCASTLE ELECTRIC LIGHTING BILL:—Mr. Cullen presented a Petition from C. F. Stokes, Joseph Wood, W. K. Lockhead, Robert B. Wallace, and H. B. Cotton, Directors of the City of Newcastle Gas and Coke Company, Limited, in opposition to so much of the Borough of Newcastle Electric Lighting Bill as would authorise the Council to supply Electric Light for private purposes or to outside Municipalities, or to sell or lease fittings; and praying that leave may be granted them to be heard by counsel or attorney before any Select Committee having the Bill under its consideration.

Petition received.

Mr. Cullen (*by consent*) moved, That the prayer of the Petitioners be granted.

Question put and passed.

17. LIGHTING OF THE CITY OF SYDNEY BY ELECTRICITY:—Mr. Martin presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of Sydney, representing that they have learnt that certain Bills have been introduced into the Assembly for the lighting of the City of Sydney with Electricity, with power to break up the streets which are vested in your Petitioners, and of which they are the guardians; that Petitioners are about to introduce a Bill for the good government of the City, in which is included power to use Electric Lighting power; and praying that the House will not pass any of the Bills now before it into law.

Petition received.

18. REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE BILL (No. 2):—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.
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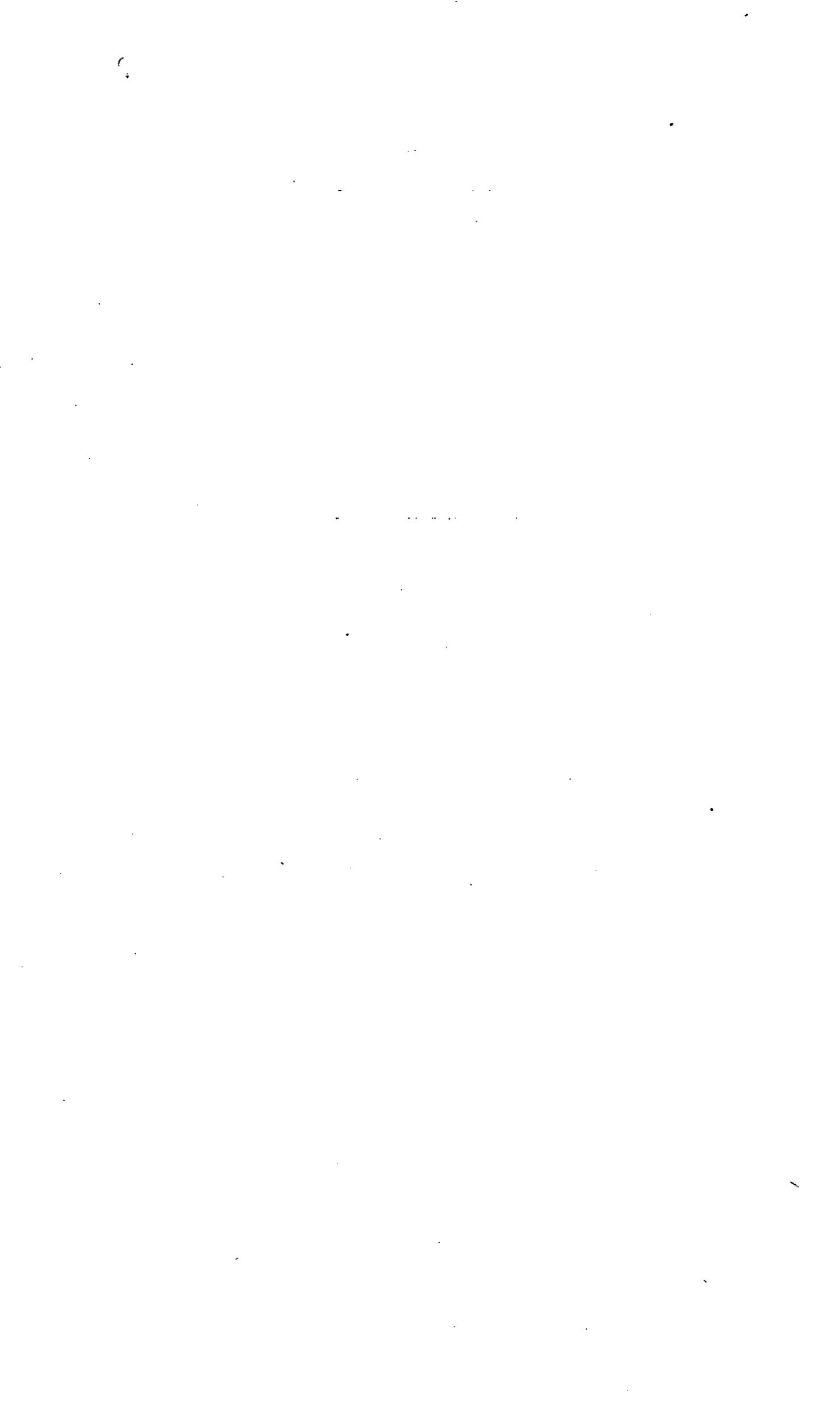
And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 20 AUGUST, 1891, A.M.

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

The House adjourned, at twenty-two minutes after One o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This day.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 17.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 20 AUGUST, 1891.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Engines and Ironwork Imported from America :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—
In view of the statements which have been made with regard to the engines recently imported from America, and the ironwork imported for the new tubular cars, will the Government consent to the immediate appointment of a Select Committee of this House to inquire into these statements?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—This Question refers to the Railway Department. The Honorable Member will recollect that an answer was given concerning these locomotives some days ago. If the Honorable Member says it is incorrect, and will show me in what way it is incorrect, I will have it corrected. But I am quite sure that he will see that to consent to a Select Committee to investigate the truth of statements made by the Railway Commissioners would be to strike a severe blow at their independence. I am bound to say at the present time, speaking on behalf of the Government, that I could not assent to a Select Committee on the question; but if the Honorable Member will come to me and will represent in what particulars the answers are untruthful, I can give him my assurance that he shall have the truth.

- (2.) Recreation Ground, Nimitybelle :—Mr. Dawson asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) When will the portion of land set apart for a new recreation ground at Nimitybelle be measured?
(2.) Will he issue instructions to district surveyor at Cooma to have same measured immediately?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—The proposed dedication for public recreation of 13 acres, being sections 14 and 19, town of Nimitybelle, will be included in the abstract which will be laid before Parliament on the 26th instant.

- (3.) Reserve, County Wellesley, Parish Bungarby :—Mr. Dawson asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) By whom was reserve No. of portion 181, county Wellesley, parish Bungarby, valued?
(2.) Is it a fact that £2 per acre was the upset price, and that not a single bid was elicited when offered for sale on the 12th instant?
(3.) If so, will he cause the said land to be reoffered at a less upset price?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—

(1.) Mr. Surveyor Hungerford valued the land, 37½ acres, at 25s. per acre, which was endorsed by the District Surveyor, but as the Honorable Member had himself recommended that the land be submitted to auction, "with a reserve of £2 per acre," it was offered at the higher price, as suggested by him.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) Yes; at the price recommended by the District Surveyor.

- (4.) Railway from Molong to Parkes and Forbes :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) Has any tender yet been accepted for the construction of the railway from Molong to Parkes and Forbes, such tenders having closed on the 12th instant; if not, will he state when tenders are likely to be accepted?
(2.) Is it true that a large number of unemployed are now at Molong waiting for the work to be proceeded with?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) No tender has yet been accepted, and I can only repeat the reply given to the Honorable Member for Forbes (*Mr. Gardiner*), who asked a similar question yesterday, viz., that I cannot at present give any definite date when the tenders are likely to be accepted. I have already informed the lowest tenderer of that.

(2.) I am not aware; I have never heard that such is the case.

(5.)

(5.) Grant at North Shore, known as the Crow's Nest:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Was a grant of about 500 acres at the North Shore, now known as the Crow's Nest, made to E. Wolstencroft, and afterwards transferred to Alexander Berry?

(2.) Did the deed of grant conveying the above to E. Wolstencroft expressly exclude rocks and sand?

(3.) Is it a fact that a peninsular forming a portion of the Crow's Nest Estate was formerly known as Gore Island, and was separated from the mainland at high tide by water, and at low tide by rocks and sand?

(4.) Did a former proprietor of the Crow's Nest, Mr. David Berry, have a causeway constructed across rocks and sand to connect Gore Island with the mainland?

(5.) If the rocks and sand were excluded from the Crow's Nest grant, was Mr. David Berry allowed to construct a causeway across the rocks and sand, and thus add Gore Island to his property?

(6.) Will he have an inquiry made into this; ascertain, and, if necessary, take steps to resume Gore Island, and dedicate it to the people as a recreation reserve?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

(1.) Yes, of 524 acres, by deed dated 30th June, 1825.

(2.) The deed of grant was for 524 acres, exclusive of rocks and sand.

(3.) The earliest plan in the Survey Office—that of Larmer, in 1833—shows the land as a peninsula, and as part of Wolstonecraft's grant. It appears from the District Surveyor's report to have been connected with the mainland by a low rocky causeway—dry at low water, awash at three-quarter tide, and at high tide covered for a short time.

(4.) I am not aware.

(5.) It does not appear that rocks and sand were excluded from the grant, but were in addition to the area of 524 acres.

(6.) Inquiry will be made in the direction indicated by the Honorable Member.

(6.) Agent-General for the Colony:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) How long has Sir Saul Samuel officiated as Agent-General of New South Wales?

(2.) Have not the circumstances of New South Wales changed very materially since Sir Saul Samuel was appointed Agent-General?

(3.) Is it probable that a man who has been so long away from New South Wales can be fully in touch with our requirements?

(4.) Was Sir Saul Samuel in any way responsible for the recent movement to borrow money for New South Wales; and, if so, can he be considered as a fit and proper person to have the direction of our financial arrangements in London at a critical time?

(5.) Is it not time that Sir Saul Samuel was replaced in the post of Agent-General by a younger and more capable man?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—It appears to me that there are only two of these Questions to which I can give answers. I find that Sir Saul Samuel has held the office of Agent-General since the 11th August, 1880, and in reply to Question (4.), if by "the recent movement to borrow money" is meant the bogus telegrams that appeared in the newspaper recently, my answer is that Sir Saul Samuel had nothing whatever to do with them. In regard to Questions (2.), (3.), and (5.), they seem to be of a character such as never were contemplated by the rule laid down for the guidance of Members of Parliament in asking Questions.

(7.) Roman Catholic Church at Tambaroora:—Mr. Langwell, for Mr. Wall, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) What area of land was granted to the authorities of the Roman Catholic Church at Tambaroora?

(2.) What was the date of such grant?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

(1.) According to the official maps an area of 1 acre has been set apart for Roman Catholic Church purposes in this locality, but no area has been dedicated.

(2.) No deed has issued.

(8.) Culcairn to Corowa Railway:—Mr. Stevenson, for Mr. Lyne, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In view of the dissatisfaction expressed and the alleged unfair pressure of the valuations made along the Culcairn to Corowa Railway, under 24th section of the Public Works Act, will he take into consideration, at an early date, the necessity for amending that clause?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—There are two questions agitating the people of Corowa at the present time concerning the railway. One is the application of the betterment principle, which is being applied to their land in connection with the Culcairn to Corowa railway, and the other is the result of a discovery which has been made by the Crown Solicitor, that in the original deeds of grant for their land there was a reservation to the Crown in the event of any railway being constructed. In the case of the betterment principle, the complaint is not that it is unfair to them, but that, inasmuch as it does not apply to other people whose land has not been touched, they think they have been unequally treated, and I may inform the Honorable Member for The Hume that, concerning that, I can offer him very little consolation, except that the House may see fit in the future to apply the betterment principle in its integrity to other cases. But I promise the honorable gentleman that, in view of the very great surprise which has occurred to the people of Corowa in discovering in their deeds this reservation clause, which none of them seemed to have been aware of, and which even the Crown itself had forgotten, I shall bring the matter before the Cabinet to see if the concession asked for cannot be foregone, on the ground that neither the Crown nor the owners of the land were aware of its existence. I do not think anything can be done as to the application under the Public Works Act of the betterment principle, and, regarding the question of reservation, that will come before the Cabinet as soon as the Secretary for Public Works has returned from the country.

- (9.) Registry Offices:—Mr. Houghton asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) Is it a fact that some of the so-called registry offices in this city are conducted for immoral purposes?
 (2.) Will he cause an inquiry to be made, without any delay, into the manner in which registry offices generally in the City of Sydney are conducted?
 Sir Henry Parkes answered,—
 (1.) I am informed that this has not come to the knowledge of the Inspector-General of Police; nor, as far as can be ascertained on a short notice, are the police aware of it.
 (2.) I will cause further and immediate inquiry to be made.
2. PROPOSED RESUMPTION OF CHINESE GARDENS, RUSHCUTTERS BAY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Alfred Allen, for Mr. Neild, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all applications, reports, plans, and other papers relating to the proposed resumption of the land known as the "Chinese Gardens," Rushcutters' Bay, Paddington.
 Question put and passed.
3. MAIN ROAD THROUGH ADAMINABY PARK (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Dawson moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers and documents relating to the closing of main road through Adaminaby Park.
 Question put and passed.
4. BOROUGH OF NEWCASTLE ELECTRIC LIGHTING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Scott moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That the Borough of Newcastle Electric Lighting 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. Joseph Abbott, Mr. Melville, Mr. Hassall, Mr. Fegan, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Grahame, Mr. Wright, Mr. Langwell, and the Mover.
 Question put and passed.
5. MAIL-GUARD D. MURDOCH (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Dowel moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all letters and documents connected with the charges made against Mail-guard D. Murdoch, and his dismissal from the Public Service.
 Question put and passed.
6. MUNICIPAL WHARVES BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Alfred Allen, for Mr. E. M. Clark, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Municipalities Act of 1867 to enable Municipalities to lease and acquire lands, and to erect thereon wharves; and for other purposes.
 Question put and passed.
7. GOVERNMENT OBSERVATORY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. G. D. Clark moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—
 (1.) The number of persons employed in the Government Observatory, and salaries paid for the years 1880 and 1890 respectively.
 (2.) The total cost of astronomical instruments obtained for the ten years ending 1890.
 (3.) The number of meteorological observing stations in the Colony, and area covered, with salaries attached, for the years 1880 and 1890 respectively.
 (4.) The cost of the Meteorological Department for the ten years ending 1890.
 (5.) The total cost of the Government Observatory, including country observing stations, for the same period.
 Question put and passed.
8. PAPER:—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table a copy of the Colonial Treasurer's Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Consolidated Revenue, and other Moneys, for the year 1890, together with the Auditor-General's Report thereon, transmitted to the Legislative Assembly under the provisions of the Audit Act of 1870.
 Ordered to be printed.
9. LIQUOR TRAFFIC:—Mr. Johnston presented a Petition from Frederick Albert Allen, President, and C. J. Fairbairn Burlinson, Secretary, of the Balmain Branch of the United Licensed Victuallers Association, representing that it is desirable in the interests of the working classes that the 63rd section of the Licensing Acts of 1882-3 should be so amended as to permit the sale of liquor to be consumed on the premises within the hours of 5.30 a.m. to 11.30 p.m. on the six business days of the week, 7 to 9 a.m., 1 to 3, and 8 to 10 p.m. on Sunday, Good Friday, and Christmas Day; and praying the House to take the matter into earnest consideration.
 Petition received.
10. COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY:—Mr. Bruce Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
11. COMMITTEE OF WAYS AND MEANS:—Mr. Bruce Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
12. REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE BILL (No. 2):—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

13. **ADJOURNMENT** :—Mr. Bruce Smith moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at five minutes to Two o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 18.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 25 AUGUST, 1891.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Release of Henry Myers:—*Mr. Darnley*, for Mr. Black, asked the Minister of Justice,—Is it true that Judge Backhouse has recommended the release of Henry Myers, sentenced to seven years' penal servitude in September last; if so, what action does he intend to take?

Mr. Gould answered,—No.

- (2.) Officials, Lands Office, Armidale:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. Copeland, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Have some of the officials, or all of them, in the Armidale Lands Office been working overtime, and late into the night for some considerable time past without additional remuneration; if so, is this state of things owing to the office being undermanned?

Mr. Brunner answered,—The officers at Armidale and elsewhere were called upon to work after the regular hours, owing to a great rush for land which took place on the expiration of the pastoral leases in the Eastern Division and the throwing open to selection of a large number of reserves. A sum of £85 has been granted for extra services in connection with computations and the checking of plans. The staff has been temporarily increased by the employment of extra officers to meet the emergency.

- (3.) Colonial Marble:—*Mr. J. D. FitzGerald*, for Mr. Rae, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Will the Government, in view of the motion passed on Tuesday, 18th August, in favour of all marble used for public purposes being obtained within the Colony from quarries owned and worked by the State, immediately take steps to prevent the further alienation of any Crown Lands on which marble exists, or may be reasonably supposed to exist?

(2.) Will the Government furthermore loyally carry out the expressed wish of this House, by abstaining from further importations of marble for public buildings after the termination of existing contracts, and the insertion in all future contracts of the clauses necessary to provide for the exclusive use of New South Wales marble obtained from Government quarries?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I have no hesitation in giving the Honorable Member my assurance in regard to the first Question, that the Government will take every precaution not to allow any valuable quarry of marble to be alienated from the Crown. In regard to the second Question, it involves considerations to which I can give no answer to-day.

- (4.) Civil and Criminal Cases heard at Central Police Court:—*Mr. Houghton* asked the Minister of Justice,—How many cases (civil and criminal) have been heard at the Central Police Court, Sydney, during the twelve months ending 31st July, 1891, in which persons resident within the electorate of the Glebe have been implicated?

Mr. Gould answered,—I am informed that there were 1,685 cases,—namely, 408 charges, 211 police summonses, 364 private summonses, and 702 small debts.

- (5.) Naval Artillery Volunteer Corps:—*Mr. Neild* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Referring to a recent answer given by him to Mr. Neild, has the recommendation of the Major-General Commanding the Forces, that the Naval Artillery Volunteer Corps be placed on the Partial payment System, been considered by the Government?

(2.) If so, what decision has been arrived at?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—Referring to my former answer, I may say that the usual course will be to consider this matter in preparing the Estimates.

- (6.) Report of Civil Service Commission.—Department of Justice:—*Mr. Neild* asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is the Report of the Civil Service Commission complete so far as it relates to the Department of Justice?

(2.) If so, will he lay such Report upon the Table, and when?

Mr. Gould answered,—I am not aware.

(7.)

(7.) Alleged Breach of the Coal-mines Regulation Act:—Mr. Nicholson asked the Secretary for Mines,—Has he received any intimation of a breach of the Coal-fields Act having been committed by Mr. Jones, Manager of the Bellambi Colliery, by not allowing the miners' check inspectors to record their report of an inspection made by them in a book provided for that purpose at the mine; and, if so, will he at once take the necessary steps to prosecute Mr. Jones for violation of clause 32 of the amended Coal-fields Regulation Act of 1876?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—No such intimation has been received.

(8.) Drainage Works for Town of Bungendore:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) How many times during the last two years has the attention of the Public Works Department been called to the necessity for carrying out drainage works for the town of Bungendore?
- (2.) What steps, if any, have been taken with regard to the proposed drainage works of Bungendore?
- (3.) If a tender has been accepted for a portion of the proposed works, who is the tenderer?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1.) When the Honorable Member takes up a matter he is so persistent that it is difficult to enumerate the number of his applications, but as near as possible seven is the number in this case.
- (2 and 3.) Surveys have been made and a scheme prepared. The tender of Mr. W. S. McAlister for the intercepting drain was accepted on the 21st instant.

(9.) Bridge across Murrumbidgee River, at Freshford:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) How many applications have been made to the Public Works Department during the past six years for a bridge across the Murrumbidgee River, at Freshford?
- (2.) Is it a fact that there are letters in the Department of Public Works showing that upwards of 300 people are at times cut off from their natural market (Queanbeyan), owing to the want of a bridge at Freshford or in its vicinity?
- (3.) Is it a fact that Mr. Scarr, the engineer who reported against the proposal for a bridge at Freshford, did not cross the Murrumbidgee River to make inquiries, and that he was led into a serious error with regard to the number of people residing across the river?
- (4.) If so, will he have another inquiry made into the requests for the bridge referred to?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1.) About twenty.
- (2.) There are letters stating that this number of people reside beyond the river, who would benefit by the erection of the bridge, but these statements do not agree with the carefully compiled statistics of the Government officials.
- (3.) It is a fact that Mr. Scarr did not cross the river; but not that he was led into any serious error as to the number of persons residing across the river.
- (4.) On the return of the Minister for Works, I will lay the facts of the case before him, with the view of his investigating the statements made on both sides of the question.

(10.) Increase of Rabbits in Central and Western Divisions:—Mr. Dickens asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is he aware that rabbits are increasing to an alarming extent in certain portions of the Colony?
- (2.) Is it a fact that large areas of land, held under Occupation License, in the Central and Western Divisions, have been abandoned and declared forfeited, principally owing to the depredations caused by rabbits?
- (3.) What steps (if any) do the Government intend to take as regards such abandoned and forfeited areas, with a view to derive revenue from the same?
- (4.) Will the Government take immediate steps to destroy rabbits on abandoned and forfeited areas, and on all other public lands which are rabbit infested?

Mr. Brunker answered.—

- (1.) It has been so reported by some of the Inspectors.
- (2.) Not that I am aware of—the reasons given in most of the notices of abandonment being—(a) too high a rental; (b) inferior country; or (c) the best portions taken up by homestead leases, &c.; and in scarcely any cases is the destruction caused by rabbits given as the reason for surrender. I may say that I have had the whole of the cases looked through to-day, and there is only one case out of the whole in which the forfeiture has been attributed to the station being overrun by rabbits.
- (3.) The Government have already offered five pastoral leases and seven occupation licenses in the Western Division for lease by auction, of which four of each class were sold; any others since forfeited will in all probability be similarly dealt with. In the case of the occupation licenses that were sold, the amount of the original rental was £1 6s. 8d., and the amount realised was £3 6s. 8d. In another case, where the original rental was a ½d., the lease brought 2¼d. Some of the forfeited holdings in the Central Division have already been subdivided and offered as annual leases, and steps are being taken to deal with the remainder, as provided by law, with a view to obtaining revenue. In all cases in the Central Division where occupation licenses have been forfeited, they are being taken up as rapidly as possible under annual lease, and the result will be very much in favour of the revenue of the country.
- (4.) Steps will be taken to proclaim a date on and from which the compulsory destruction of rabbits must be commenced and carried out on all public and private lands in any part of the Colony described in such proclamation, but the Inspectors recommend that such date should be postponed until the dry hot weather, when water is scarce and feed dry.

(11.) Report of the Board of Audit:—Mr. Alfred Allen, for Mr. Reid, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—When will he lay upon the Table the Report of the Board of Audit, showing the state of the Treasury Accounts at the time of his appointment?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—No Board of Audit was appointed, as there was no change of Government.

(12.) Juvenile Offenders, Darlinghurst Gaol:—Mr. Stevenson asked the Minister of Justice,—
 (1.) The number of youths under twenty-one years of age who are serving their first sentences in Darlinghurst Gaol?

(2.) How many have parents residing in the city of Sydney and suburbs?

(3.) For what offences convicted, and length of sentences?

Mr. Gould answered,—I will lay the information the Honorable Member requires upon the Table in the form of a Return.

(13.) Fines, Naval Brigade:—Mr. Darnley asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that sums of money, varying from 2s. 6d. to £1, are stopped, by way of fines, from the pay of the members of the Naval Brigade?

(2.) Does he know whether the money so stopped is accounted for to the Treasury or not; if not, will he make inquiries?

(3.) Do the men have any opportunity of knowing how such moneys are applied or disposed of?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Captain Commanding the Naval Forces:—

(1.) Fines, which in the aggregate have amounted to the larger sum mentioned, have, in some instances, been stopped for continuous absence from duty.

(2.) The money so stopped is not paid into the Treasury. It is paid into a fund in accordance with the rules of the Brigade.

(3.) The men know that this money is used principally to compensate old members when they are discharged after long service and unfit to continue in the Force.

(14.) Guns in Battery at Steel Point:—Mr. Black asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) In view of his answer of 19th August, and the approaching discussion on the Military Estimates,—will he please give the names of those persons who, in addition to Acting-Bombardier Longford, already punished in May, 1889, were responsible for the neglect of the guns at Steel Point Battery?

(2.) In view of section 3 of his answer of 10th August,—will he request General Richardson to state in what manner the charges were modified by a subsequent letter to Lord Carrington, of 2nd April, 1889, in which he states, "I am unable to change my views concerning the culpability of the officers referred to"?

(3.) In view of section 4 of his answer of 19th August, and his reply of 13th August, which says, "the first report from the fire-master was highly coloured against the principal officer,"—was any officer specifically condemned in that report?

(4.) As it is stated that "the fire-master's report was highly coloured,"—has he or the Commandant called on that officer for an explanation of his conduct in making such a highly-coloured report?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) Acting Bombardier Longford was reprimanded for disobedience of orders and making a false statement. The names of all responsible for the care of the guns are contained in the printed Steel Point papers.

(2.) As to the matter of degree in regard to the condition of the guns.

(3.) No; but in accordance with the custom of the Service the chief responsibility would be attached to the Officer Commanding the district of which Steel Point Battery formed a part.

(4.) The fire-master himself explains this in subsequent letter in printed correspondence.

(15.) Watchmen, Dredge Service:—Mr. Houghton asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the watchmen employed in the Dredge Service of the Harbours and Rivers Department have not received payment for overtime in the same way as other men in the Service?

(2.) If so, will he kindly state the reason?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—Night watchmen make no overtime; they are paid for the specific duty of watching during the night. Some time ago this matter was brought under my attention, and I at once called for a report on the subject, which, for the information of the Honorable Member, I will now read—"For the past sixteen years it has been the custom in the Dredge Service for the watchman to be on board from the time the workmen leave until the hour next morning they resume work. Eight hours is the day's work; but as meal hours have to be added, the crews' time on board, is with the single shift dredges, about ten hours, the watchman's fourteen. With the exception of starting the furnace fires in the morning, and trimming the lamps during the night, no work is expected from the watchmen. To show how workmen view the duties, I may state that when Mr. Hoey sends one of the 7s. per eight-hour day men from FitzRoy Dock to keep a watch of fourteen hours there is no murmur at the payment of 7s. for the fourteen hours of watching. It is the usage, where practicable, to allow old men to have the privilege of keeping watch, instead of retiring them at sixty, when they are generally unequal to a day's work." On that report I made the following minute:—"It is evident that one or more of the above watchmen have been endeavouring to bring influence to bear to obtain shorter (watching) hours or higher pay. I should like each of them to be given (in writing) the option of going on at the usual pay and hours, or, instead, doing eight hours work in lieu of watching. Their answers should then be obtained in writing, and a copy of those answers will serve as a reply to the representations which have been made." I find that replies have been received from all the watchmen except one, who was absent sick, and there is only one of them who asked for day work, and his request was at once complied with. It appears, therefore, that when the men had the option of eight hours' work or fourteen hours' watching, they all preferred the fourteen hours' watching.

2. WILLOUGHBY AND GORDON TRAMWAY ACT AMENDING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Crick, for Mr. Barton, moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the Willoughby and Gordon Tramway Act Amending 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. Cullen, Mr. E. M. Clark, Mr. Garvan, Mr. Jeanneret, Mr. Vaughn, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Lyne, Mr. Kidd, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

3. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Law Practitioners Bill postponed until Tuesday, 20th October.
4. **PAPERS**:—
 Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on the 12th August, 1891, “Messrs. Brown Brothers leasehold property, Castlereagh-street.”
 Ordered to be printed.
 Mr. Gould laid upon the Table,—Particulars respecting youths serving their first sentences in Darlinghurst Gaol.
 Ordered to be printed.
5. **LIQUOR TRAFFIC**:—Mr. Molesworth presented a Petition from Robert Thompson, President, and Laurence FitzGerald, Secretary, of the Newtown Branch of the United Licensed Victuallers Association, representing that it is desirable in the interests of the working classes that the 63rd section of the Licensing Acts of 1882–3 should be so amended as to permit the sale of liquor to be consumed on the premises within the hours of 5:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. on the six business days of the week, 7 to 9 a.m., 1 to 3, and 8 to 10 p.m. on Sunday, Good Friday, and Christmas Day; and praying the House to take the matter into earnest consideration.
 Petition received.
6. **MORT'S DOCK AND ENGINEERING COMPANY (LIMITED) ENABLING BILL**:—Mr. Johnston, 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 11th August, 1891; together with Appendix and a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.
 Ordered to be printed.
 Mr. Johnston then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 22nd September.
 Question put and passed.
7. **BOROUGH OF NEWCASTLE ELECTRIC LIGHTING BILL**:—Mr. Scott (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Reports from, Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committees on the “Borough of Newcastle Electric Lighting Bill,” and the “Borough of Newcastle Electric Lighting Bill (No. 2),” respectively, of Session 1890, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the “Borough of Newcastle Electric Lighting Bill.”
 Question put and passed.
8. **MUNICIPAL WHARVES BILL**:—Mr. E. M. Clark presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to amend the Municipalities Act of 1867 to enable Municipalities to acquire lands and to erect wharves thereon; and for other purposes*,”—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 3rd November.
9. **WORKMENS COMBINATION LAWS DECLARATION BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Langwell 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. Langwell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
 On motion of Mr. Langwell, the report was adopted.
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
10. **MUNICIPALITIES ACT OF 1867 AMENDMENT BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Neild moved, That this Bill be “now” read a second time.
 Mr. E. M. Clark moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word “now” with a view to the addition of the words “this day six months.”
 Question proposed,—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put,—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
 The House divided.

Ayes, 46.

Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Neild,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Hart,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Scott,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Wall,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Holborow,	Mr. Morgan,
Dr. Cullen,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Wheeler,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Lysaght,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. See,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Walker,	Mr. Gould.
Mr. Barbour,	
Mr. Miller,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Sheldon,	Mr. Crick.

Noes, 24.

Mr. Hutchinson,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. E. M. Clark,	Mr. Stevenson.
Mr. Kirkpatrick,	
Mr. Sharp,	
Mr. Alfred Allen,	
Mr. McGowen,	
Mr. Barister,	
Mr. Darnley,	
Mr. Johnston,	
Mr. Langwell,	
Mr. Davis,	
Mr. Rose,	
Mr. G. D. Clark,	
Mr. Melville,	
Mr. Vaughn,	
Mr. Jones,	
Mr. Danahey,	
Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,	
Mr. Newman,	
Mr. Dawson,	
Mr. Hindle.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original

Original Question then put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

Ordered, that the adoption of the report stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

11. EARLY CLOSING BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Alfred Allen, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the supervision, regulating, and closing of shops within prescribed hours; and for other purposes.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide for the supervision, regulating, and closing of shops within prescribed hours; and for other purposes.

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

(2.) Mr. Allen then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill for the Supervision and Regulation of Shops, and for the limitation of the hours of trading and working therein; and for other purposes*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 20th October.

12. LEGAL PRACTITIONERS BILL (NO 2.):—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Crick 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. Crick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments, and an amended Title.

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

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

13. JAMBEROO AND KIAMA BOROUGHS NAMING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Fuller moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

14. INFANTS PROTECTION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the adoption of the report from the Committee of the Whole on this Bill,—Mr. Neild moved, That the report be now adopted.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

15. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until To-morrow:—

(1.) Dairies Supervision Act Amendment Bill; second reading.

(2.) Timber Licenses Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the regulations in connection with timber licenses, and for the purpose of altering and re-adjusting the fees and charges in connection therewith.

16. SIMPSON'S RAILWAY BILL:—*Mr. Crick*, for Mr. Barton, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorise the construction of an extension of the railway commonly known as the Rosehill Railway, in three sections from a point about 9 chains 75 links from the northern end of the Rosehill station platform, crossing the Parramatta River, traversing the districts of Rydalmere, Pennant Hills, Dundas, and Castle Hill, and terminating at Dural.

Question put and passed.

17. MRS. CUNYNGHAME, LATE SUPERINTENDENT OF MACQUARIE-STREET ASYLUM FOR INFIRM AND DESTITUTE, PARRAMATTA:—*Mr. Crick*, for Mr. Howe, 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 removal of Mrs. Cunyngame from the position of Superintendent of the Macquarie-street Asylum for Infirm and Destitute, Parramatta.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Dale, Mr. Collins, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Crick, Mr. Nobbs, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Kidd, Mr. Willis, and the Mover.

(3.) That the Progress Report from the Select Committee of Session 1889, and the Report from the Select Committee of Session 1890, be referred to such Committee.

Question put and passed.

18. CLAIMS OF WILLIAM TOM, JAMES TOM, AND J. H. A. LISTER AS THE FIRST DISCOVERERS OF GOLD IN AUSTRALIA:—*Mr. Melville*, for Mr. Torpy, 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 claims (if any) of William Tom, James Tom, and J. H. A. Lister, for remuneration as the first discoverers of gold in Australia.

(2.)

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Tonkin, Mr. Howe, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Wright, Mr. Lee, Mr. Newman, and the Mover.

(3.) That the Report from the Select Committee on the same subject during the Session of 1890, together with Minutes of Proceedings, Evidence, and Appendices, be referred to such Committee. Question put and passed.

19. SELECTION MADE BY JAMES CONNELLY AT TAMWORTH:—Mr. Levien moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the selection made by James Connelly, at Tamworth, of a conditional purchase or conditional purchases Nos. 98, 105, and 106, county of Inglis, parish of Attunga, and the subsequent legal proceedings in the Supreme Court of the actions of James Connelly against John Brogan, the elder, Patrick Brogan, John Brogan, the younger, and James Brogan.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Bruncker, Mr. Dowel, Mr. Hassall, Mr. Wall, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Neild, Mr. Miller, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Cotton, and the Mover.

(3.) That the Minutes of the Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee of Session 1890 be referred to such Committee.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

20. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Bruce Smith moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 19.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 26 AUGUST, 1891.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Test of Targets:—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for Mr. Nobbs, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Referring to answers to Questions No. 19, of 18th instant, will he request the Major-General Commanding the Military Forces to reconsider the answers supplied in reference to targets for Randwick Rifle Range, particularly as regards the last part of the answer given to sub-question 4?
 - (2.) Why were the members of the Board on Targets, and other persons interested, not notified of the test conducted by the Commanding Engineer on 1st instant?
 - (3.) Is it a fact that the officer-in-charge of the range has repudiated any personal connection with the targets said to stand in the competition in his name?
 - (4.) Has Colonel de Wolski taken out a provisional patent for a target since the competition was authorised?
 - (5.) What is the cause of the delay which has occurred in forwarding the report of the Board on Targets from the Military Works Department to the Major-General Commanding?
 - (6.) Will he please give instructions that the Randwick Rifle Range shall be completed without any further delay, taking into consideration the fact that in a very short time the annual meeting of the Rifle Association is to take place, as authorised by the Military Authorities?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Commanding Engineer and Director of Military Works has supplied the following information:—

- (1.) The Commanding Engineer considers that the target tested on the 1st August complied as nearly with all conditions laid down as any other target submitted for trial, due weight being given to relative cost.
 - (2.) The Commanding Engineer has no authority to convene the Board, which had terminated its labours prior to the 1st of August. He had authority from the General Officer Commanding to erect twelve cheap targets for practice, pending the adoption of a suitable pattern, if obtainable; and, in compliance with that authority, he asked Colonel Paul to allow a squad of cadets to practice at two experimental targets erected on the cadet range. It was in no sense an official trial, and everyone interested had free access to the range.
 - (3.) There is not the slightest foundation for this.
 - (4.) Yes; and until his target was withdrawn from competition he gave no advice in the matter.
 - (5.) The delay was due to the great cost of the target recommended by the Board, involving an expenditure of upwards of £1,500, for which funds are not available; and also to the failure of the inventor to exhibit on the range a first-class target, only a rough pencil sketch being submitted, involving the construction of a trench 21 inches deep. The report was sent on from the Military Works Branch immediately the requirements of the Inspector of Musketry were received.
 - (6.) The range is being completed with all possible despatch, and no instructions are necessary.
- (2.) Proposed Railway from Wagga Wagga to Tumberumba:—*Mr. Lyne* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Have the Examiners submitted their report upon the proposed railway from Wagga Wagga to Tumberumba; if so, when will it be possible to obtain a copy of such report?
- Mr. Bruce Smith* answered,—No; but the Examiner who has the matter in hand states that he is waiting for some statistics, which have been promised, before he can complete his report.
- (3.) Services of Police Force during late Strike:—*Mr. Sharp*, for Mr. J. D. FitzGerald, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the members of the Police Force were deprived of their usual monthly holiday during the progress of the recent maritime strike; if so, have they been in any way compensated?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that the clerks in the police offices received a donation of £5 at the termination of that strike, while, for the same service, the outside police received no extra remuneration?
 - (3.) Will the Department take action to have justice done in this matter?

Sir

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Inspector General of Police:—

- (1.) It was considered necessary to suspend the rule regarding leave during the strike. The police, however, received a special allowance for extra duties during the period.
- (2.) Four clerks in the office of the Inspector General were paid for working overtime. The police who performed extra duties received remuneration for such services.
- (3.) There does not appear to have been any injustice.

(4.) Railway, Orange to Forbes:—Mr. Hutchinson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Have any Acts been passed by Parliament authorising the raising of loans to defray the cost of the construction of a line of railway from Orange, *via* Molong, to Forbes, or from Orange *via* Borenore, to Forbes?
- (2.) If any, what are the respective dates of the passing of such Acts?
- (3.) Have any loans been negotiated for such purpose?
- (4.) What were the amounts raised, and how much of such money has been expended in such railway construction?
- (5.) Are there any funds now available; if so, what amount?
- (6.) What are the reasons for the delay in acceptance of the tender for the Molong-Parkes-Forbes railway?
- (7.) Is there any probability of such tender being accepted within the next month?
- (8.) Will a fresh loan be required to be raised before any further construction of railways sanctioned by Parliament can be proceeded with?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—These Questions involve so many figures that I shall have a Return laid upon the Table for the Honorable Member. I may say in answer to the Honorable Member's last Question that I am unable to state, at present, when the tender will be accepted. I have already explained to the Honorable Member why it was not accepted immediately.

(5.) Proposed Railways, Young to Dubbo and Werris Creek:—Mr. Hutchinson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Was any gentleman appointed to investigate and report upon the lines of proposed railways from Young, *via* Grenfell, Forbes, Parkes, to Dubbo and Werris Creek, and from Cowra to Forbes; if so, what is the name of the gentleman?
- (2.) Have the reports thereon been received?
- (3.) Will there be any objection to such reports being laid upon the Table of this House, or will he state if either of the two lines mentioned have been favourably reported upon, and which line?
- (4.) Is it the intention of the Government to submit any railway proposals this Session, including either of the above lines?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1.) Yes. The name of the gentleman who was appointed is Mr. R. E. Jones.
- (2.) The Report has been received.
- (3.) It was laid upon the Table of this House on the 29th July last.
- (4.) This cannot be answered at present. The whole question of railway extension will in due course be submitted to the Cabinet.

(6.) Claim of Matthew McIvor to a Tin-mine at Pheasant's Creek:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—Have the Government considered the report of the Select Committee appointed by the Legislative Assembly on the claim of Mr. McIvor to a tin-mine at Pheasant's Creek, which was that the claim of Matthew McIvor is entitled to the most favourable consideration of the Government; if not, will he cause the papers to be laid before the Cabinet for their decision?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The case was considered by a previous Government in November, 1888, and from the papers it would appear that the conclusion arrived at was that there were not sufficient grounds to warrant them in asking Parliament to vote any sum as compensation to Mr. McIvor.

(7.) Museum of Economic Forestry:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—What steps, if any, have been taken by the Forestry Department with reference to the establishment of a Museum of Economic Forestry?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I find that, though considerable material and specimens have been collected by the Director-General of Forests, there is not sufficient accommodation or convenience at present where they can be arranged, even as the nucleus of a museum. I need hardly say that the Director-General of Forests thinks this very necessary—an opinion with which I entirely concur; but considerable expense must be incurred to provide premises, which, however, I think ought to be incurred.

(8.) Railway Plant and Material Imported by Government:—*Mr. Scott*, for Mr. Copeland, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—With respect to the "Return" of railway plant, material, &c., imported by the Government, promised to be laid upon the Table in reply to Question 4 on the 6th instant,—will he say when the Return in question will be forthcoming?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—The Return (in part) will be laid upon the Table to-day.

(9.) Richmond River:—Mr. Perry asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In view of the present obstructions to the navigation of the Richmond River, will he take steps to call for tenders for supply of stone for south training wall in lots of (say) not less than 1,000 tons each?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—The Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers states that it is doubtful whether this course would in any way expedite the work. Punts are now being fitted up in Sydney for carrying stone from the quarry to the training wall, and when ready, which will be very soon, will be despatched to the Richmond. The quarry is now being opened up so that stone will be ready for loading immediately the punts arrive.

2. WORKMENS COMBINATION LAWS DECLARATION BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Langwell, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Langwell then moved, that the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to declare that the Act of the Imperial Legislature, sixth George IV., chapter 129, intituled 'An Act to repeal the laws relating to the combination of workmen, and to make other provisions in lieu thereof,' does not extend to, and is not in force in, New South Wales.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to declare that the Act of the Imperial Legislature, sixth George IV., chapter 129, intituled 'An Act to repeal the laws relating to the combination of workmen, and to make other provisions in lieu thereof,' does not extend to, and is not in force in, New South Wales,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 26th August, 1891.*

3. LEGAL PRACTITIONERS BILL (No. 2) (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Stevenson, for Mr. Crick, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Stevenson then moved, that the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to give Attorneys, Solicitors, and Proctors of the Supreme Court of the Colony of New South Wales right of audience in all Courts in the said Colony; and to extend the rights of Barristers, Attorneys, Solicitors, and Proctors, and the liabilities of Barristers; and for other purposes in connection therewith.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to give Attorneys, Solicitors, and Proctors of the Supreme Court of the Colony of New South Wales right of audience in all Courts in the said Colony; and to extend the rights of Barristers, Attorneys, Solicitors, and Proctors, and the liabilities of Barristers; and for other purposes in connection therewith,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 26th August, 1891.*

4. JAMBEROO AND KIAMA BOROUGHS NAMING BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Fuller, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Fuller then moved, that the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to alter the names of the Boroughs of Kiama and East Kiama.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to alter the names of the Boroughs of Kiama and East Kiama,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 26th August, 1891.*

5. INFANTS PROTECTION BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Neild, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Neild then moved, that the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to provide for the Protection of Infants.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the Protection of Infants,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 26th August, 1891.*

6. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the adoption of the report from the Committee of the Whole on the Municipalities Act of 1867 Amendment Bill postponed until Tuesday, 8th September.

7. LIQUOR TRAFFIC:—

(1.) Mr. Wheeler presented a Petition from G. W. Crawshaw, Chairman of a Public Meeting, held in the Town Hall, Petersham, praying the House to amend the laws relating to the sale of intoxicating liquors, by establishing a system of local option, whereby the majority of the Parliamentary electors would have the right to veto the liquor traffic in their own electoral districts.

Petition received.

(2.) Mr. Sharp presented a similar Petition from James Ralph, Chairman of a Public Meeting, held in the Ragged School, Botany-street, Waterloo.

Petition received.

8. LIQUOR TRAFFIC:—Mr. Hoyle presented a Petition from William John Cotton, President, and Charles D. Roylett, Secretary, of the Redfern Branch of the United Licensed Victuallers Association, representing that it is desirable in the interests of the working classes that the 63rd section of the Licensing Acts of 1882-3 should be so amended as to permit the sale of liquor to be consumed on the premises within the hours of 5-30 a.m. to 11-30 p.m. on the six business days of the week, 7 to 9 a.m., 1 to 3, and 8 to 10 p.m. on Sunday, Good Friday, and Christmas Day; and praying the House to take the matter into earnest consideration.

Petition received.

9. PAPERS:—

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Carrington.
- (2.) By laws of the Borough of Narandera.
- (3.) Additional By-law of the Municipal District of Wilcannia.
- (4.) By-laws of the Borough of Richmond.
- (5.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Nyngan.
- (6.) Return to an Order, made on the 29th July, 1891,—“Applications of Lionel Ralston and Charles Murphy for Oyster Leases at Wallis Lake.”
Ordered to be printed.
- (7.) Return to an Order, made on the 20th August, 1891,—“Mail-guard D. Murdoch.”

Mr. Bruce Smith laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return showing the value of the exports and imports of gold and silver (in coin and bullion), and silver lead, during the ten years ended 31st December, 1890.
- (2.) Return showing the value and quantity of railway plant and material imported by the Railway Commissioners during the years 1888, 1889, and 1890.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Brunker laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorised to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
- (2.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from Sale for the preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 101st, 109th, and 112th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
- (3.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th and 101st sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
- (4.) Abstract of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the 107th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
- (5.) Copies of *Gazette* Notices, setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the dedication of certain lands, in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
Ordered to be printed.

10. MARINE BOARD RECONSTRUCTION BILL:—Mr. Davis presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to reconstruct the Marine Board,*”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 17th November.
11. BANKRUPTCY ACTS AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Gould presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to amend the Bankruptcy Acts of 1887–1888,*”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
12. SYDNEY ELECTRIC LIGHTING BILL:—Mr. Dibbs, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 4th August, 1891; together with Appendix and a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Dibbs then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 22nd September.
Question put and passed.
13. REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE BILL (No. 2):—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 20.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 27 AUGUST, 1891.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Dismissal of Railway Employee Iverson:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Was a railway employee named Iverson, engaged at Albury, dismissed for absenting himself from work on Good Friday, 1891?
- (2.) Had Iverson been authorised by Chief Goods Clerk Pocock to absent himself on Good Friday, in return for double service rendered on Thursday, 26th March?
- (3.) Had Iverson rendered six years good service, without serious complaint, prior to the offence which led to his dismissal?
- (4.) If the circumstances attending Iverson's dismissal are such as are related in the foregoing, will he request the Railway Commissioners to have an inquiry made into the matter?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) Yes; on certain conditions, which he did not comply with.
 - (3.) Iverson joined the service in March, 1886, but his conduct had been most unsatisfactory, as at different times he was cautioned and fined for being asleep on duty, general negligence, unsatisfactory condition of accounts, and general inattention to duty.
 - (4.) He appealed against the dismissal, and the Commissioners inquired into the case, with the result that they confirmed the action of the officer who dismissed him.
- (2.) Banking Institutions:—Mr. Molesworth asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that at present much distress exists among the thrifty portion of our industrial population, in consequence of the failure of certain institutions which have been trading as banks of deposit?
 - (2.) When is it intended to bring in the long-promised Government measure dealing with this subject?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1.) I am not aware.
 - (2.) As soon as the course of business will permit.
- (3.) Public Parks for Randwick:—Mr. Willis, for Mr. Neild, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Was application made by the Randwick Borough Council about three months since for the dedication of two reserves as public parks?
 - (2.) Has such application been replied to, or otherwise dealt with?
 - (3.) When will the dedication in question be made?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 - (2 and 3.) Still under consideration; but I must point out that Randwick is one of the most favoured suburbs in the matter of recreation and other reserves, as, besides the Racecourse Reserve of 202 acres, there are within the boundaries of the Borough no less than twenty-four reserves, of an aggregate area of 104 acres 2 roods 38½ perches, thirteen of which are under the control of the Borough Council, and seven of the remainder vested in Messrs. Charles Moore and others, as Trustees.
- (4.) Imprisonment of Man named Jamieson:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that a man named Jamieson, who was acquitted by a jury at Darlinghurst on a charge of attempted murder, is still under imprisonment?
 - (2.) Is it also a fact that at the end of the trial the foreman of the jury, in answer to His Honor Sir W. Windeyer, stated that the jury found that accused was temporarily insane at the time of the attempt complained of, but that he was perfectly sane at the date of trial?

(3.)

- (3.) Is it a fact that the Judge of the Divorce Court gave a decree for divorce in favour of Jamieson some months after the said acquittal, mainly on the evidence of Jamieson?
 (4.) Is it a fact that His Honor, in dealing with an application made by the co-respondent in Jamieson's case, stated openly in Court that Jamieson would have been released long before but for the defence set up in his behalf?
 (5.) Is it the intention of the Government to release the said person from imprisonment?

Mr. Gould answered,—

(1.) A person named Roger Henry Jamieson, who was tried at the Criminal Court, at Darlinghurst, on the 6th October, 1890, charged under two counts, with shooting at with intent to murder, and with shooting at with intent to do grievous bodily harm, on both of which he was found not guilty, on the grounds of temporary insanity, is at present detained in Parramatta Gaol during the pleasure of His Excellency, in pursuance of the provisions of section 2 of Act 45 Vic. No. 16.

(2, 3, and 4.) I am unable to answer these Questions.

(5.) Under the report of the Medical Adviser to the Government, I am unable to recommend the discharge of this prisoner at the present time.

- (5.) Reformatory Buildings at Rookwood:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What was the cost of the buildings near Rookwood, known as the Reformatory?

(2.) What has been the cost of their maintenance since the buildings were taken over from the contractors?

(3.) Why have these buildings not been utilised?

(4.) Is it a fact that these buildings are about to be utilised as a Military Barracks?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) £18,643 1s. 9d.

(2.) £3,049 0s. 1d. up to 31st July last.

(3.) I have at different times endeavoured to explain why these buildings have never been put to any use. I would remind the Honorable Member and the House that several Governments have existed in succession since these buildings were erected, and that no one of these Governments has attempted to put the buildings to any use. The reason for that is very obvious,—they are unsuited for a reformatory, they are unsuited by reason of their locality for a benevolent asylum, because, from my point of view, to put persons on the verge of the grave in a place where they would have no outlook except on the graves of those already gone before them would be cruel in the extreme, and they are unsuited for most other purposes on account of their locality and distance from Sydney. At the present time, however, there is some negotiation on hand to make them available for the purpose of technical education.

(4.) With regard to the last Question, if there is any intention to utilise these buildings as a military barracks I have not heard of it.

- (6.) Labour Bureau:—Mr. Walker asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to take any steps to establish a Labour Bureau for the collection, registration, and publication of statistics connected with labour?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I suppose the Honorable Member means by this Question to inquire whether this Government is about to establish any institution on the model of the Labour Bureau of the United States. That has come partly under consideration, but, if we do take any steps in this direction, I think the institution will assume larger dimensions than that of a mere Bureau.

- (7.) Leave of Absence to Railway Employees:—Mr. Hutchison asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In view of the fact that the Chief Commissioner for Railways, Mr. Eddy, is absent through ill-health on full pay, will he extend the same justice to all railway employees when overtaken by sickness?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—The cases to which the Honorable Member refers can only be dealt with on their individual merits. I cannot lay down any general principle.

- (8.) Wages of Workmen on Darling Island:—Mr. Davis asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Are any men employed by the Government on Darling Island at the rate of 6s. per day, and working from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m., exclusive of two meal hours?

(2.) Are these men employed receiving iron rails from wharf labourers in receipt of 1s. per hour?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—I believe there are some men working under the Commissioners at that rate of pay, and I believe they are employed in receiving iron rails from wharf labourers; but I am not aware of the wages which the labourers obtain.

- (9.) Visiting Magistrate, Lord Howe Island:—Mr. Kelly asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What is the salary of the Visiting Magistrate, Lord Howe Island; and how many visits per annum is he supposed to take; and what amount is he allowed for travelling expenses?

(2.) Are his visits made in the regular trading schooner "Mary Ogilvie," which calls at the island every two months, or in a special Government steamer?

(3.) What is the supposed cost of each trip made by the Government steamer to Lord Howe Island?

(4.) Is it a fact that within the last three months the Government steamer "Ajax" was placed at the disposal of the Visiting Magistrate, and that arrangements are now being made for another such excursion, the schooner having left only on Monday with plenty of passenger and freight accommodation open?

(5.) Do the exigencies of the island (consisting of about thirty-eight adults and twenty children) necessitate such an appointment as that of Visiting Magistrate?

(6.) Should not the fact of a special constable and forest ranger, lately appointed, be sufficient to regulate all matters to the satisfactory working of the island?

Sir

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) £300 per annum; three visits annually; no allowance for travelling expenses.
- (2.) No; they were formerly made in the "Mary Ogilvie," but now in the Government steamer "Ajax." The "Mary Ogilvie" is a very old schooner of 68 tons, too uncertain in her movements (her voyages being often very long), and she is altogether an unsuitable vessel for the purpose.
- (3.) £100 per trip.
- (4.) Yes, and the steamer will probably reach Lord Howe Island before the "Mary Ogilvie."
- (5.) Yes.
- (6.) No.

(10.) Reformatory Buildings at Rookwood:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has the Government decided as to what use the reformatory buildings at Rookwood are to be put?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I hope the Honorable Member will take the answer which I gave to a question higher on the business paper, as I can give no other.

2. PROPOSED RAILWAY FROM JAMBEROO TO THE ILLAWARRA AND SOUTH COAST LINE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Stevenson, for Mr. Vaughn moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers, letters, minutes, and other documents relating to, or in connection with, the survey and report to the Minister for Works, on the proposed railway from Jamberoo to the Illawarra and South Coast line.
Question put and passed.

3. APPOINTMENT OF INSPECTOR OR SUPERVISER OF WOOL, DARLING HARBOUR RAILWAY STATION (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Houghton moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence, papers, and other documents having reference to all recommendations for, and appointment of, Inspector or Supervisor of wool delivered from Darling Harbour Railway Station to the different wool warehouses.
Question put and passed.

4. WENTWORTH ELECTORATE SUBDIVISION ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Cann presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Wentworth Electorate Subdivision Act,' 51 Vic. No. 24,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 8th September.

5. YONGALEATHA MARBLE, FLAG, AND FLUX COMPANY BILL:—Mr. Want presented a Petition from the "Yongaleatha Marble, Flag, and Flux Company (Limited)," praying for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the "Yongaleatha Marble, Flag, and Flux Company (Limited)," and their assigns, to construct and maintain a tramway from their flux quarries and properties, in the parish of Gairdner's Creek, county of Mootwingie, in the Colony of New South Wales; and to use horse, steam, or other motive power upon the said tramway; and to carry fuel and timber, and also all marble, flagging, and fluxing material, and also all plant or material necessary for the development or working of the quarries, properties, and tramways to and from their said flux quarries and properties, in the parish of Gairdner's Creek aforesaid, to a point at Broken Hill, in the Colony aforesaid, connecting with the tramway system of the Broken Hill mines.
And Mr. Want having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Daily Telegraph*, and *Barrier Miner*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.

6. PAPERS:—

Mr. Bruce Smith laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) General Abstract of Bank Liabilities and Assets for quarter ended 30th June, 1891.
 - (2.) Return to an Order, made on the 10th December, 1890—"Traffic from Guyra and Glen Innes to Inverell, &c."
- Ordered to be printed.

7. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Bankers Books Evidence Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Law of Evidence with respect to Bankers' Books,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

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Sydney, 27th August, 1891.

JOHN HAY,
President.

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

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

(2.) Crown Lands Act Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to validate certain forfeitures, and certain reversals of forfeitures, of lands sold or leased by the Crown, and to declare the effect of such reversals; to enable the Minister for Lands to reverse forfeitures; and to amend the law in respect of forfeitures and the reversal thereof; to permit further inquiries to be held in connection with forfeitures, and to facilitate the effectual waiver thereof; to prevent collusion at ballots upon conflicting applications; and for the purposes aforesaid to amend the 'Crown Lands Act of 1884' and the Acts amending the same,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 27th August, 1891.

JOHN HAY,
President.

CROWN LANDS ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 27th August, 1891.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 3, line 25. *Omit* "of a forfeiture"

Page 2, clause 3, line 25. *After* "made" *insert* "of a forfeiture"

Page 2, clause 3. *After* sub-section (iv) *insert* the following new sub-section:—

"(v) In any case where a forfeiture has been, or may hereafter be, duly notified or declared for any cause other than the nonpayment of money, the Minister shall, before absolutely reversing such forfeiture, refer to the Local Land Board for inquiry and report as to any fact or circumstance in virtue of which he proposes to make such absolute reversal as aforesaid. And such Board or the Land Court, upon an appeal or reference, shall inquire into such fact or circumstance, and make a report and recommendation thereon to the Minister. And in any such case no absolute reversal of such forfeiture shall take place except on the recommendation of such Board or Court."

Page 2, clause 3, line 45. *After* "shall," *insert* "as soon as practicable"

Page 2, clause 4. At end of clause *add* "And no provisional or absolute reversal hereafter to be made of any forfeiture shall defeat any valid application for a conditional purchase or conditional or homestead lease which shall have been lodged before the receipt by, or on behalf of, the Minister of a request in writing for such reversal, unless the applicant shall consent in writing to such reversal."

Page 3, clause 6. *Omit* clause 6.

Page 3, clause 8, line 40. *Omit* "persons in the same interest," *insert* "applicants on behalf of one person."

Page 3, clause 8, line 41. *Omit* "sufficient," *insert* "*prima facie*"

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Wednesday next.

8. REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE BILL (No. 2):—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

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

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

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 21.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER, 1891.

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

WRITS OF ELECTION:—

- (1.) *Electorate of The Hastings and Manning*:—Mr. Speaker informed the House, that upon the passing of the Resolution of the 18th August last, declaring the Seat of James Henry Young, Esquire, vacant, he had issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve in the room of Mr. Young, and that such Writ had been duly returned, with a Certificate endorsed thereon by the Returning Officer of the election of James Henry Young, Esquire, to serve as a Member for the Electoral District of The Hastings and Manning.
- (2.) *Electorate of Central Cumberland*:—Mr. Speaker informed the House, that upon the passing of the Resolution of the 19th August last, declaring the Seat of the late Robert Adam Ritchie, Esquire, vacant, he had issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve in the room of Mr. Ritchie, and that such Writ had been duly returned, with a Certificate endorsed thereon by the Returning Officer of the election of Jacob Garrard, Esquire, to serve as a Member for the Electoral District of Central Cumberland.

2. THE CLERK SUMMONED:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Clerk had received summonses to appear before the Court of Quarter Sessions in the following cases of personation at Elections:—

- (1.) At Bourke, on Tuesday, the 15th day of September instant, in the case *Crown v. Frank Smith*.
- (2.) At Bourke, on Tuesday, the 15th day of September instant, in the case *Crown v. Henry Hall*.
- (3.) At Moree, on Friday, the 2nd day of October next, in the case *Crown v. Robert Sydley*.
- (4.) At Bingera, on Tuesday, the 6th day of October next, in the case *Crown v. George Thompson*.
- (5.) At Kempsey, on Wednesday, the 2nd day of December next, in the case *Crown v. Edward Hopkins*.

And having reminded the House that the Clerk could not comply with such summonses without leave of the House,—put a Question,—That the Clerk have leave to comply with the summonses personally, or by one of the Officers of his Department, as may be most convenient to the business of this House,—which passed in the affirmative.

3. MEMBER SWORN:—James Henry Young, 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 The Hastings and Manning.

4. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Deposits of Iron Ore or Ironstone in the Colony:—Mr. Rae asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) What is the extent of country in this Colony in which deposits of iron ore or ironstone of commercial value are known to exist?
- (2.) What is the approximate present value of such lands, including the minerals they contain, and what proportion of the same has been already alienated?
- (3.) Will the Government undertake to prevent the acquirement by private persons or syndicates of lands which contain, or may be reasonably supposed to contain, iron ores of commercial value, for the purpose of holding the same for a speculative increase in value, and to that end reserve such lands from sale, unless applied for by persons or companies under a guarantee to develop the iron industry of New South Wales under approved conditions?

Mr.

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

(1.) Iron ore deposits and lodes occur scattered throughout many districts of the Colony, but without a detailed survey the actual area occupied cannot be computed. The chief deposits of iron ore suitable for the production of iron are situated near Mittagong, on the Great Southern Railway Line, and near Wallerawang, Rylstone, and Blayney, and other places, on the Great Western Railway Line. Most of these deposits are on conditionally purchased land.

(2.) The value of iron ore deposits depends upon their proximity to railway lines, coal, and limestone. The chief value of many ironstone lodes is derived from the more valuable metals contained in them. Without data afforded by prospecting, it is impossible to estimate the extent or value of such deposits.

(3.) The Government cannot undertake to prevent the acquirement of such lands, but leases granted to mine for iron and other minerals contain certain conditions as to expenditure and labour, which are strictly enforced.

(2.) Applications for Mineral Leases, Newcastle Water Reserve :—Mr. Walker asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) When was reserve No. 4 dedicated to Newcastle as a water reserve ?

(2.) The name of person or persons or parties who have applied for mineral lease of same, giving the date of application or applications, and statement of objections in each instance of refusal by the Department ?

(3.) The date of the application by the Agents of Scottish-Australian Mining Company for the said reserve ?

(4.) Is it a fact that the mining conditions are not being carried out by the Scottish-Australian Mining Company ; and, if so, will any steps be taken to cancel the various leases held by this company ?

(5.) Will he give the date of the application made by T. G. Alcock, for mineral lease of portion 114, and the date of the application of the Scottish-Australian Mining Company for the same portion ?

(6.) The same as Question 5 with regard to portion 115 ?

(7.) Will he lay upon the Table a copy of letter forwarded by the Mines Department to the Crown Commission, Newcastle, ordering that no inquiry be held respecting portion 115 ?

(8.) Has the Department still in its possession the sum of £5 deposited by T. G. Alcock for the purposes of an inquiry respecting portion 115 ?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

(1.) Reserve No. 4, notified 1st January, 1867 (not noted as dedicated).

(2.) Application No. 87-1, Newcastle, 17/1/87, V. T. Shorbrooke-Houghton and Samuel Palmer. No objections lodged. Application approved 7th March, 1887. Lease No. 215. Application No. 87-3, Newcastle, 640 acres, 19th January, 1887, R. D. Adams. Objections lodged by V. T. S. Houghton and Samuel Palmer, on the grounds—(1) that the land was not taken possession of in accordance with the Regulations, nor on the date mentioned in the application ; also (2) the application was not lodged forthwith after the alleged date of possession, and no notice board was posted on the ground after making application ; (3) the area of the land comprised 693 acres 1 rood ; (4) the said land was already held by them under mineral permit No. 177 since December, 1886 ; (5) no notice of intention to apply for lease of said land was tendered to them. The application was refused 1st March, 1887, having been withdrawn.

(3.) No application appears to have been made by the Scottish-Australian Mining Company, but the leases were transferred from Messrs. Houghton and Palmer to the Company.

(4.) Complaint has been lodged against all the leases but one, but was disallowed, as the leases were amalgamated.

(5.) Application No. 86-9, Newcastle, T. G. Alcock, 20th November, 1886, for portion 114 of 320 acres. Application approved for 69 acres 0 roods 14 perches. Lease No. 302. Application No. 87-7, Newcastle, V. T. S. Houghton and S. Palmer, 14th February, 1887, 250 acres. Approved 17th May, 1887. Lease No. 241.

(6.) Application No. 86-10, Newcastle, T. G. Alcock, 4th December, 1886, 320 acres, portion 115. Refused 11th February, 1887, as the land was included in mining permit granted to Palmer and Houghton. Application No. 87-8, Newcastle, V. T. S. Houghton and Samuel Palmer, 14th February, 1887, 320 acres, portion 115. Approved 10th May, 1887. Lease No. 242.

(7.) The letter referred to cannot be traced in the Department.

(8.) The £5 is at the Treasury, and is available for refund.

(3.) Guns in Battery at Steel Point :—Mr. Black asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he, for the information of this House, when considering the Military Estimates, request General Richardson, if that has not been already done, to state in writing his final decision in the cases of the officers whose conduct in reference to the Steel Point guns he (General Richardson) adversely reported on to Lord Carrington, then Commander-in-Chief, on 21st February and 2nd April, 1889, and lay such statement at an early date upon the Table ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I shall have no objection to request the General Commanding the Forces to write a statement of this kind, assuming that it is not already in some letter of his.

(4.) Mail Guards :—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it true that mail guards are at present engaged, or have been recently engaged, in the through journey from Sydney to Junee, so as to necessitate twelve hours continuous duty ?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—I am informed that the guards in the train service referred to applied for their duties to be arranged for them to run through from Sydney to Junee, and, on the recommendation of the traffic officers concerned, the request was complied with. The arrangement is convenient for the Department, and the hours of duty of the men are averaging forty-three hours per week only.

- (5.) Re-blocking of Parramatta-street:—Mr. J. D. FitzGerald asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
When is it the intention of the Government to proceed with the re-blocking of Parramatta-street?
Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—This matter has had the consideration of the Commissioners, and they have decided that the matter should remain in abeyance for the present.
- (6.) Colonial Marble:—Mr. Willis, for Mr. Hoyle, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has any other than colonial marble been used in the pavements of the Anatomical Pavilion in connection with the University of Sydney?
Mr. Young answered,—No other than colonial marble has been used in the building named.
- (7.) Sale of Debentures in London:—Mr. Chanter, for Mr. Lync, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Were negotiations of any nature opened with the London and Australian Debenture Corporation for the sale of debentures in London, representing £1,500,000, or with any other Corporation in New South Wales?
(2.) Was a sum, shown to be due to the London and Australian Debenture Corporation in a Return recently laid upon the Table of this House, received from such Corporation in cash?
Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—
(1.) None whatever.
(2.) Yes.
- (8.) Water Frontages, Five Dock Bay:—Mr. Murphy asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has any application been made by any person to fence in or otherwise acquire the water frontage of any part of Five Dock Bay; and, if so, does he intend to grant such application?
Mr. Bruncker answered,—Yes; parts of the 100-feet reservation along the shore of Five Dock Bay have been rescinded, and the land alienated. These applications were received in 1876 and 1884, and were dealt with during those years. Two other applications for rescission of reservation, and two for permission to reclaim land below high-water mark have been received, and are now under consideration.
- (9.) Construction of new Government Steamboat:—Mr. Murphy asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Is it the intention to call for tenders for the construction of a new steamboat to replace the "Captain Cook"?
(2.) If so, will he cause such tenders to be called for within the Colony, and such work executed within the Colony?
Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—
(1.) Yes.
(2.) Tenders will be called for within the Colony as well as in Great Britain. In deciding whether the vessel shall be built here or in Great Britain, there will be added to the British cost such items as interest on the outlay during the voyage out, insurance, cost of bringing such vessel out, cost of supervision in Great Britain, &c., and if, after such additions, the total cost is found to be equal, a preference will be given to the Colonial manufacture.
- (10.) Railway Station Buildings:—Mr. Scott asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Is it a fact that the Railway Commissioners, after accepting tenders for erecting brick station buildings, and awnings supported on iron columns and lattice girders, at Eveleigh, Macdonaldtown, Newtown, and Summer Hill, caused fresh plans of wooden buildings and awnings to be prepared, and cut out almost the whole of the brickwork and ironwork?
(2.) Have the contractors received instructions to erect the buildings and awnings of wood; and has he approved of the substitution of wood for brick and iron in these buildings?
Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—
(1.) I am informed it is a fact that the original tenders that were accepted for these buildings have been modified. It was found that little or no progress was being made with the brick structures, owing to the difficulty in getting bricks for face work, and in order to expedite the construction, the tenders were amended so as to provide for the booking offices only of brick, the remainder of the buildings having brick foundations and timber sides. The awnings and roofs will be as originally specified.
(2.) The alteration greatly expedites the completion of the work, and the cost is reduced. It is considered that in appearance the altered buildings will be quite equal to those originally designed, and there will be ample accommodation.
- (11.) Plan or Record of Abandoned Mines:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Mines,—
(1.) Is it the practice of the Mining Department to keep a plan or record of abandoned mines?
(2.) Is any officer of the Mining Department empowered to examine the explosives imported for use in mines?
(3.) Have any instructions with regard to the best method of dealing with unexploded dynamite or gelatine in old mines been issued by the Mines Department?
(4.) If the above practices do not obtain in the Mining Department, will he take steps to give effect to them?
Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—
(1.) No.
(2.) No, but regulations are provided for its storage and use.
(3.) The regulations refer to explosives or inflammable substances, as well as to gunpowder, and give power to the inspectors to deal with practices dangerous or defective.
(4.) The whole question, both as regards coal and metallic mines, is now under consideration.
- (12.) Coolabah School-house:—Mr. Willis asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
(1.) What is the cause of delay in carrying out the very necessary improvements to the Coolabah school-house?
(2.) Is it a fact that the school is too small, unventilated, and dangerous to the health of the children?
Mr.

- Mr. Carruthers answered,—
- (1.) The difficulty of obtaining a reasonable tender; arrangements have now been made for enlarging the building.
 - (2.) No. Accommodation is provided for twenty-one children, and the average attendance is eighteen.
- (13.) Broken Hill Proprietary Silver Mining Company:—Mr. Willis asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) What number of acres of land do the Broken Hill Proprietary Mining Company hold under mineral or other leases from the Crown?
 - (2.) For what term of years were such leases (if any) first given?
 - (3.) Has any renewal of lease been granted?
 - (4.) On what date will the said leases expire?
- Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—
- (1.) 120 acres in the parish of Picton; 79 acres in the parish of Naradin.
 - (2.) Twenty years.
 - (3.) No.
 - (4.) Three leases in the parish of Picton expire on 31st December, 1904; one in the parish of Naradin, on 31st December, 1907. Two in the parish of Naradin, on 31st December, 1908, and one in the parish of Naradin, on 31st December, 1910.
- (14.) Byrock Tank:—Mr. Willis asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) What steps (if any) have been taken to go on with the masonry of the Byrock tank?
 - (2.) Will he expedite the matter, in view of the approaching summer, when townspeople will be in straits for water?
- Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—
- (1.) It is not intended to erect masonry in connection with the proposed tank at Byrock.
 - (2.) Tenders will be invited without delay, and the work will be proceeded with as early as possible.
- (15.) Special Trains:—Mr. Willis asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he cause to be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—(a) the number of special trains run by the Railway Department since the Commissioners took office; (b) for what purposes such trains were run; (c) by whom each train so run was paid for?
- Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—I find that the terms "special train" comprehends a number of various trains, such as those for live stock and goods. I would suggest to the Honorable Member that he should intimate the particular class of special train to which he refers, otherwise the Return will be of a very voluminous and expensive character. If he will intimate the character of special train I will get him the information he requires.
- (16.) Aborigines at Brewarrina Mission Station:—Mr. Willis asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the aborigines at Brewarrina Mission Station complain to the townspeople regularly of the insufficiency of the provisions received at the Mission Camp?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that several aborigines have died lately, and the blacks at the camp state that it was for the want of nourishment and food?
 - (3.) Will he authorise the Police Magistrate at Brewarrina to investigate these alleged complaints?
- Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Chairman of the Aborigines Protection Board:—
- (1.) Police visited the mission station on the 29th instant, and report that there are 30 aborigines there, and that they were all spoken to on the subject of provisions, and not one of them complained of being short of rations.
 - (2.) Only three deaths have occurred during the last two years and a half. In each case they were very old and infirm persons.
 - (3.) There does not appear to be any necessity for an investigation.
- (17.) Proposed New Court-house at Bourke:—Mr. Willis asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) When will tenders be called for the erection of the proposed new Court-house at Bourke?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that two-thirds of the money for the work has been voted during the last Parliament?
- Mr. Young answered,—
- (1.) I cannot at present give a definite answer to this Question.
 - (2.) Yes: on the Loan Estimates.
- (18.) Justices of the Peace:—Mr. Willis asked the Colonial Secretary,—What steps (if any) have been taken to remove from the Commission of the Peace gentlemen holding the positions of Secretaries of the Pastoralists' Union?
- Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I have never undertaken to recommend the removal of gentlemen from the Commission of the Peace who hold these offices. What I have more than once explained is that I should call upon them either to retire from those offices, or resign the Commission of the Peace, and most of them have been communicated with to that effect.
- (19.) Increase of Pay to Police in the Interior:—Mr. Willis asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he take into consideration the advisability of increasing the pay to the police stationed in the interior of the Colony, where cost of living, necessaries, &c., are much dearer in price than in the more favoured portions of the Colony, whilst the pay is uniform all over the Colony?
- Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I am informed by the Inspector-General of Police that for some years a special vote for such purposes was granted, but it was discontinued when the cost of necessaries fell. Though the cost of living is not much higher in distant parts of the interior, there is more discomfort, as compensation for which he endeavours, as far as practicable, to advance the police serving there in rank and pay, and, after a fair term, to transfer them to more eligible districts. In the event of drought or other exceptional circumstances, increasing the cost of living considerably, the Inspector-General will apply to the Government to renew the former allowance.
- (20.) Rabbit Inspectors, Western Division:—Mr. Willis asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) How many rabbit inspectors are now doing duty in the Western Division?
 - (2.) What are the names of such inspectors, and what is the salary each is in receipt of?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

- (1.) Four.
- (2.) J. Phillips, A. R. Torrens, G. S. M. Grant, and Wallace Webster; each of them being in receipt of a salary of £225 per annum, and an allowance of £100 per annum to cover the cost of travelling and equipment. In addition, the Inspectors of Conditional Purchases and of Stock in the Western Division have been appointed Inspectors under the Rabbit Act without salary or allowance.

(21.) Special Areas, Brewarrina, Bourke, Cobar, and Byrock :—Mr. Willis asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) How many acres of land have been thrown open for settlement, under the special area system, in close proximity to the towns of Brewarrina, Bourke, Cobar, and Byrock?
- (2.) What amount per acre has been demanded by the Department on such special areas?

Mr. Brunker answered,—At Brewarrina, 1,967 acres, proclaimed 9th May, 1891, at 30s. per acre; at Bourke, 5,552½ acres, proclaimed 10th April, 1886, at 40s. per acre; at Bourke, 350½ acres, proclaimed 4th April, 1891, at 30s. per acre; at Cobar, 4,368½ acres, proclaimed 18th April, 1891, at 30s. per acre; at Byrock, nil.

(22.) Sydney School of Arts :—Mr. Barbour, for Mr. Traill, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Does the Sydney School of Arts receive a subsidy from the Government?
- (2.) Is the hall of that institution used for entertainments of a minstrel and comic variety character?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

- (1.) Yes; in proportion to the amount raised from private cash contributions by members.
- (2.) This Department is aware, from advertisements and notifications in the public press, that the hall is let for entertainments of the character referred to, but the Government does not in any way supplement amounts derived from rentals. The Committee of the Institution has sole control of the uses to which the hall is put.

(23.) Case of William Lenehan :—Mr. Crick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) On what date did William Lenehan, recently convicted at the Circuit Court, Bathurst, enter the Civil Service?
- (2.) The amount paid by the said Lenehan, or deducted from his salary, towards any Government fund?
- (3.) Was Lenehan entitled to retire on a pension; if not, when would he be, and what would be the amount of such pension?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) 19th July, 1869.
- (2.) £55 17s. 6d.
- (3.) No. He would be entitled, had he remained in the Service, to retire in sixteen years' time, when he reached sixty years of age. The amount of pension cannot be computed, as it would depend upon his salary prior to retirement.

(24.) Test of Targets :—Mr. Nobbs, for Mr. Frank Farnell, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Referring to the answers to Questions by the Honorable Member for Central Cumberland, Mr. Nobbs, on Wednesday last, in reference to test of targets, and the answers to previous Questions on the same subject,—

- (1.) Will he direct an examination of the "improved" targets now on the cadet range, to be made by some person not connected with the Military Works Department, with a view to stating whether those targets comply with conditions 1, 2, and 4 of the competition, since Colonel de Wolski stated (answers to Question 19 of 18th August) that these targets "complied with all the conditions"?
- (2.) Have the two "improved" targets on the cadet range been permanently erected with a paved trench about 20 inches deep?
- (3.) Did the Board on Targets recommend the adoption of a target which had not been tested, as shown by the Commanding Engineer in his answer to sub-question (5) of Question 1, of 26th August?
- (4.) Were the "first-class" targets fully tested in the case of each pattern submitted?
- (5.) For how much of the work on the Randwick Range were tenders called publicly?
- (6.) How much money has been paid, and how much is due to Messrs. Goodlet and Smith for material supplied (a) for timber and iron for shelter mounds; (b) for buildings (cost in regard to each building separately)?
- (7.) Were tenders called for such supplies?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I will endeavour to give this information in the shape of a Return.

(25.) Windsor Parks :—Mr. Alfred Allen, for Mr. Bowman, asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the grant authorised for the improvement of the Windsor Park be paid to the Borough Council, and what is the cause of the delay?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The grant cannot be paid until the advances made to the Trustees in 1889 and 1890 have been adjusted to the satisfaction of the Auditor-General.

(26.) Officer-in-Charge, Military Works Department :—Mr. Wall asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What are the functions of the Officer-in-Charge of the Military Works Department; and is it considered necessary that this position should be filled by an officer on the active list of the British Army?
- (2.) Is it true that a Major Tylour, of Gibraltar, has been appointed to the position of Officer-in-Charge of Military Works of the Colony; and, if so, what are Major Tylour's qualifications, how have these qualifications been ascertained, and on whose recommendation was the appointment made?
- (3.) Are any assistant engineers or surveyors employed under the Officer-in-Charge of the Military Works Department at Newcastle, Wollongong, or other places; what is the character of their employment, rate of salary and allowances, and by whom were these appointments made?
- (4.) What amount has been expended on improvements and repairs at the Victoria Barracks since the Officer-in-Charge of the Military Works Department entered upon his duties?

(5.)

(5.) What amounts have been expended on improvements to the officers' mess-room, Victoria Barracks, and to the quarters occupied by Lieutenant-Colonel Airey, during the last three years; and on whose authority were these amounts expended?

(6.) What other amounts have been expended at the Victoria Barracks over the same period; for what purpose, and by whose authority?

(7.) During the same period, what amounts have been expended on improvements and repairs on any buildings, barracks, or officers' mess-rooms at Dawes Point, and by whose authority?

(8.) Will he state the number of engineers, draftsmen, surveyors, and others employed under the Officer-in-Charge of Military Works, the rate of salary and allowances of each person, their qualification for the work on which they are engaged, date of appointment, on whose recommendation, and the number of officers in this Department who are not naturalised subjects of the Queen?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I will lay a Return upon the Table in a day or two giving the required information.

(27.) Hinton Ferry:—Mr. Bowes asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What have been the annual expenses in connection with working the Hinton ferry, including wear and tear of machinery, repairs, &c., from the 31st July, 1881, to 31st July, 1891?

(2.) What have been the total annual receipts from all sources during the same period?

Mr. Young answered,—I will lay this information upon the Table in the shape of a Return.

(28.) Journeymen Painters:—*Mr. Johnston*, for Mr. Murphy, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that a master painter of the name of Morrison supplies journeymen painters to various Departments of the Government at 7s. per day?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I have caused inquiries to be made, and I cannot elicit any facts which I can identify with this subject.

(29.) Government Holidays to Public School Teachers:—Mr. Newman asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Referring to his answers to Mr. Newman's Question No. 9, on 19th August, 1891,—is it a fact that it is the practice of the Department not to allow Public School teachers to close their schools on proclaimed public holidays without receiving written permission from the Department, which permission they are required to initial and forward to the local Inspector?

(2.) If so, will he consider the justice of allowing teachers to close the schools under their charge on the authority of the *Gazette* proclaiming the public holiday?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

(1.) When a public holiday is proclaimed for a district show all schools within a radius of 15 miles from the town in which such show is to be held may be closed on the day in question without permission from this Department. No school, however, is to be closed on more than one proclaimed holiday in any year without special permission, and no school outside the 15 miles radius can be closed without special authority.

(2.) It would not be advisable to accede to this, in view of the Regulation of this Department forbidding teachers to close their schools when a holiday is proclaimed for races.

5. MASTERS AND SERVANTS ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Willis moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Masters and Servants Act of 1857. Question put and passed.

6. DISEASES IN SHEEP ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Dickens moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Diseases in Sheep Acts Amendment Act of 1878. Question put and passed.

7. YONGALEATHA MARBLE, FLAG, AND FLUX COMPANY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) *Mr. Crick*, for Mr. Waut, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorise the "Yongaleatha Marble, Flag, and Flux Company (Limited)," and their assigns, to construct and maintain a tramway from their flux quarries and properties, in the parish of Gairdner's Creek, county of Mootwingie, in the Colony of New South Wales; and to use horse, steam, or other motive power upon the said tramway; and to carry fuel and timber, and also all marble, flagging, and fluxing material, and also all plant or material necessary for the development or working of the quarries, properties, and tramways to and from their said flux quarries and properties, in the parish of Gairdner's Creek aforesaid, to a point at Broken Hill, in the Colony aforesaid, connecting with the tramway system of the Broken Hill mines.

Question put and passed.

(2.) *Mr. Crick* 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 authorise the 'Yongaleatha Marble, Flag, and Flux Company (Limited),' and their assigns, to construct and maintain a tramway from their flux quarries and properties, in the parish of Gairdner's Creek, county of Mootwingie, in the Colony of New South Wales; and to use horse, steam, or other motive power upon the said tramway; and to carry fuel and timber, and also all marble, flagging, and fluxing material, and also all plant or material necessary for the development or working of the quarries, properties, and tramways to and from their said flux quarries and properties, in the parish of Gairdner's Creek aforesaid, to a point at Broken Hill, in the Colony aforesaid, connecting with the tramway system of the Broken Hill mines,"—read a first time.

8. MEMBER SWORN:—Jacob Garrard, 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 Central Cumberland.

9. YONGALEATHA MARBLE, FLAG, AND FLUX COMPANY BILL:—*Mr. Crick*, for Mr. Waut, moved (*by consent*), without Notice.—

(1.) That the Yongaleatha Marble, Flag, and Flux Company Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. McMillan, Mr. Melville, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Cann, Mr. Newman, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Cullen, and Mr. Waut.

Question put and passed.

10. **SEGENHOE ESTATE IRRIGATION BILL**.—Mr. Neild presented a Petition from the Land Company of Australasia (Limited) of Sydney, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise and enable the "Land Company of Australasia (Limited)," to establish a system of Irrigation and Water Supply in and upon the Segenhoe Estate, situate in the parishes of Macqucen, Russell, and Rouchel, in the counties of Durham and Brisbane, and the lands adjacent thereto; to acquire lands; to establish irrigation works; to authorise the sale and supply of water for irrigation and domestic use; and to make, construct, and lay dams, weirs, or floodgates upon and across the River Page and Rouchel Brook; and to take and divert water therefrom; and for all other purposes which may be incidental thereto.
And Mr. Neild having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, and the *Scone Advocate*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—Petition received.
11. **PAPER**.—Mr. Young laid upon the Table,—Return showing the value and the quantity of plant and material imported by the Government during the years 1888, 1889, and 1890, in connection with the Roads and Bridges and Harbours and Rivers Branches, and the Water and Sewerage Board.
Ordered to be printed.
12. **WILLOUGHBY AND GORDON TRAMWAY ACT AMENDING BILL**.—Mr. Molesworth presented a Petition from George Brown, of Waterside, Bay View, Pittwater, praying the House to refuse to grant the further powers asked for by the North Sydney Tramway and Investment Company in the Willoughby and Gordon Tramway Act Amending Bill so far as the Petitioner's land is concerned.
Petition received, and referred to the Select Committee on the Bill.
13. **ENCOURAGEMENT TO LOCAL INDUSTRIES**.—Mr. Copeland moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) "That," with a view of enabling the artizans of this Colony to make steel rails and manufacture locomotives and other rolling stock for our railways, and to enable our tradesmen to make such other articles as enter into general use, this House is of opinion that encouragement should be given to our local industries, by levying import duties on such articles as enter into competition with our own manufactures.
(2.) That, inasmuch as the other Australian Colonies have adopted a protectionist tariff against our agricultural products, this House is of opinion that, in justice to our farmers, protective duties should be collected on all agricultural produce sent into our markets from abroad.
Mr. Barton moved, That the Question be amended by the insertion after the first word "That" of the words "inasmuch as the anticipated union of the Australian Colonies will bring as a necessary and early consequence a uniform fiscal policy for the whole continent; and seeing that the patriotic co-operation of all parties is essential to securing the legislation of which our own Colony stands urgently in need, this House is of opinion that, pending the attainment of Federation, the financial requirements of the Colony, rather than the rigid doctrines of any system of political economy, should regulate the mode of raising any further revenue through the Customs."
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted.
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 60.		Noes, 49.
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Donald,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. E. M. Clark,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Jones,	Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. Danahay,	Mr. R. G. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Barton,	Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. E. G. Brown,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Wise,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. G. D. Clark,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,	Mr. Hindle,	Mr. Willis,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Reid,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Neild,	Mr. Howe,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Dale,	Mr. Daruley,	Dr. Ross,
Mr. Bowman,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Newton,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Marks,	Mr. Rae,	Mr. Suttor,
Dr. Cullen,	Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. McGowen,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Collins,	Mr. Fegar,	Mr. See,
Mr. Holborow,	Mr. Lees,	Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Janneret,	Mr. Hart,	Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Wheeler,	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Kirkpatrick,	Mr. Murphy,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Newman,	Mr. Barister.	Mr. Cass,
Mr. Gardiner,		Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Cotton,	<i>Tellers,</i>	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,	Mr. Rose,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Molesworth.	Mr. Hutchinson,

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. McMillan then moved, That the Question be further amended by the omission of all the words of the original motion after the words just inserted.

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

Debate ensued.

Question

Question put,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
The House divided.

Ayes, 63.

Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. John Wilkinson,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Neild,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Howe,	Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Scott,
Mr. Sutor,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Newton,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Dickens,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Cass,	Mr. Lysaght,
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Gough,
Mr. Dowel,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Langwell,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Rose,	Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Bowes,	Mr. Gardiner.
Mr. E. M. Clark,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. See,	Mr. R. G. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Sheldon.
Mr. Stevenson,	
Mr. Barnes,	

Noes, 46.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Donald,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Rae,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Cook.
Mr. Dale,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Bowman,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Alfred Allen.
Mr. Marks,	
Mr. Scobie,	
Mr. Collins,	
Dr. Cullen,	
Mr. Jeanneret,	
Mr. Molesworth,	
Mr. Wise,	
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	
Mr. E. G. Brown,	
Mr. Holborow,	
Mr. Jones,	
Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,	
Mr. Kirkpatrick,	
Mr. Haynes,	
Mr. Cullen,	
Mr. Newman,	
Mr. Cann,	
Mr. Cotton,	
Mr. Danahy,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Main Question, as amended, then put,—

(1.) That inasmuch as the anticipated union of the Australian Colonies will bring as a necessary and early consequence a uniform fiscal policy for the whole continent; and seeing that the patriotic co-operation of all parties is essential to securing the legislation of which our own Colony stands urgently in need, this House is of opinion that, pending the attainment of Federation the financial requirements of the Colony, rather than the rigid doctrines of any system of political economy, should regulate the mode of raising any further revenue through the Customs; with a view of enabling the artisans of this Colony to make steel rails and manufacture locomotives and other rolling stock for our railways, and to enable our tradesmen to make such other articles as enter into general use, this House is of opinion that encouragement should be given to our local industries, by levying import duties on such articles as enter into competition with our own manufactures.

(2.) That, inasmuch as the other Australian Colonies have adopted a protectionist tariff against our agricultural products, this House is of opinion that, in justice to our farmers, protective duties should be collected on all agricultural produce sent into our markets from abroad.

The House divided.

Ayes, 47.

Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Scott,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. R. G. D. FitzGerald,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Sheldon,	Mr. Lysaght,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Gough,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Howe,	Mr. Hoyle,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Perry.
Mr. Henry Clarke,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Sutor,	Mr. Rose,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Hayes.
Mr. Barbour,	
Mr. Hutchison,	
Mr. Kelly,	
Mr. Dickens,	
Mr. Garvan,	
Mr. Nicoll,	
Mr. Cass,	
Mr. Hogan,	
Mr. Dowel,	
Mr. See,	
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. Stevenson,	
Mr. Barnes,	
Mr. John Wilkinson,	
Mr. Vaughn,	
Mr. Miller,	

Noes, 62.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Young,	Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Dale,	Mr. Rae,
Mr. Bowman,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Newton,
Mr. Marks,	Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Collins,	Mr. Langwell,
Dr. Cullen,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Jeanneret,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Newman,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Cotton,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Danahy,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Donald,	Mr. Haynes.
Mr. Wise,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Neild,
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	Mr. Hindle.
Mr. E. G. Brown,	

And so it passed in the negative.

14. SEATS RE-DISTRIBUTION BILL:—Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table (*as Exhibits only*) four maps showing the Electoral Districts as per Schedule "A" in the Seats Re-distribution Bill.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 22.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 2 SEPTEMBER, 1891.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Diseased Meat :—*Mr. Sharp*, for *Mr. Cotton*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that diseased meat is being sold for human food in some of the suburban districts?
- (2.) If so, will he take some steps to prevent this practice?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) No report of diseased meat being sold for human food during the last few weeks has been received by the Board of Health.
- (2.) The Government is aware of the danger, and has the matter under consideration.

(2.) Wingen Population Reserve :—*Mr. Willis* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) On what date were the Wingen Population Reserves thrown open for settlement?
- (2.) Will he give the name of the Minister for Lands who authorised the throwing open of such reserve?
- (3.) Will he further give the names of the persons who selected the land when thrown open, and date of such application to so select?

Mr. Brunner answered,—

- (1.) The Wingen Population Reserve was revoked on 22nd October, 1885, and became available for selection on the 22nd December in same year.
- (2.) *Mr. Farnell*.
- (3.) On 24th December, 1885,—*W. Bell*, *James Wood*, *Francis A. Abbott*, *W. E. Abbott*, *R. Cummins*, *W. Challis*, *Samuel M'Gregor*, *J. P. Abbott*, *P. Mullins*, and *R. Stevenson*. On 4th February, 1886,—*James Ryan*. On 20th May, 1886,—*P. Mullins*. On 9th June, 1887,—*P. Mullins* and *Wm. Challis*. On 22nd December, 1887,—*W. Challis*. On 8th March, 1888,—*Lydia Shaw*. On 21st June, 1888,—*James Wood*. On 6th December, 1888,—*P. Mullins*. On 13th May, 1889,—*G. Challis*. On 16th August, 1890,—*James Rae*.

(3.) Cattle travelling through the Colony :—*Mr. Stevenson*, for *Mr. Dickens*, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that large numbers of cattle (principally from Queensland), described as "fats," but which in many cases are "stores," are in the habit of travelling through this Colony without giving such notice to the Crown tenants and other occupiers of the land, as is required under the Diseases in Sheep Acts Amendment Act of 1878?
- (2.) Is it a fact that all cattle so travelling, "fats" or otherwise, which are not required to give notice under such Act, are the cause of considerable loss to the Crown tenants and other occupiers of the land, owing to the destruction of rabbit-proof and other fencing by them, trespass and other causes?
- (3.) Will he cause a report to be made upon the matter by the Chief Inspector of Stock?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

- (1.) Yes; through the difficulty of proving that the cattle were not "fats" when started, and through a few fat cattle being put with the others, inspectors have been unable, except in a very few instances, to make out a case against drovers of cattle for failing to give notice, although they have had special instructions to prosecute whenever, in their opinion, the cattle were "stores."
- (2.) Yes; constant complaints have been received by the Department from all parts of the Colony, but more especially from the western districts, of the loss and injury caused by these cattle, and the "Stock and Pastures Bill" revised by the Stock Conference, which met in 1888, provides that all travelling cattle whether "store" or "fat" shall give notice.
- (3.) The Chief Inspector of Stock has frequently urged this course.

(4.)

(4.) Appointment of Justices of the Peace for Captain's Flat:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that there is now only one Justice of the Peace at Captain's Flat—a mining centre of 800 inhabitants—and that as a result no Court can be held there, save when the Police Magistrate happens to call about once a month?

(2.) Is it a fact that when the Court at Captain's Flat falls through, owing to the absence of a second magistrate, offenders will have to be taken to Bungendore, a distance of 26 miles?

(3.) If so, will he recommend to the Cabinet the desirableness of immediately appointing two more Justices of the Peace for Captain's Flat?

Mr. Gould answered,—I have no information as to the alleged facts, but will cause full inquiry to be made into the matter.

(5.) Experiments for producing Rain:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has the attention of the Government been directed to the successful results which have attended the experiments made in the United States to produce rain?

(2.) In view of the immense importance of rain to the pastoral and agricultural interests of New South Wales, will the Government take immediate steps to obtain the latest information on this subject, and, if necessary, imitate the action of the United States Congress in a sum of money to aid similar experiments in New South Wales?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I have read in the newspapers, as I have no doubt the Honorable Member himself has done, of these interesting experiments, but I am not quite sure whether there have been any successful results. As soon as I get a shower of rain for the purpose of some experiments of this kind I will immediately communicate with the Honorable Member.

(6.) Holidays to Members of Police Force:—Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the members of the police force who were recently sent on special duty to the district of Bourke have had their usual holiday stopped?

(2.) If so, will the Department favourably consider the advisableness of giving the usual monthly holiday to those who were deprived of it?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I am informed by the Inspector-General that the police sent on special duty to Bourke were allowed twenty-four hours leave on their return to Sydney, and as far as the exigencies of the service will permit the usual leave will be granted.

(7.) Case of Regina v. M'Leod:—Mr. Alfred Allen, for Mr. Wise, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has his attention been called to the decision of the Privy Council in the case of the Queen v. M'Leod, in which it was held that our Courts had no jurisdiction to try a case of bigamy if the bigamy had been committed out of the Colony?

(2.) Is he aware that the jurisdiction in such cases as above were conferred by the Imperial Act 9 Geo. IV, c. 31, which does not appear to have been brought to the notice of the Board?

(3.) Will he, in order to ensure certainty in the administration of the Criminal Law, advise the Governor to prefer a request to Her Majesty, that the opinion of Her Majesty's Privy Council may be taken as to the important points of law and practice raised by the case of Regina v. M'Leod, as submitted by the Supreme Court?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—My answer is that I have received a letter from the Honorable and learned Member for South Sydney, Mr. Wise, stating his intention to postpone this Question for a week, and it will not much concern me if he postpones it for six months.

(8.) Mining on Private Property Bill:—Mr. Molesworth, for Mr. Tonkin, asked the Secretary for Mines,—When is it his intention to introduce a Bill to authorise mining on private property?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—I intend to give notice of the introduction of a Bill at an early date.

(9.) Officials, Lands Office, Armidale:—Mr. Barbour, for Mr. Copeland, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Referring to his reply to Mr. Copeland's Question No. 2 of Tuesday, 25th August, will he say if any of the £85 was paid to the clerical staff, or was it all allotted to the draftsmen, in the Survey Office, Armidale?

(2.) Did not the clerical staff work as much overtime as the draftsmen, and become thereby entitled to as much consideration as their fellow officers, the draftsmen?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—

(1.) The whole sum of £85 was paid to draftsmen in the Armidale Land Office for piece-work in connection with computations, and the checking of plans performed since the 25th March last.

(2.) It cannot be stated whether the clerical staff worked as much overtime as the draftsmen, but it is a fact that the officers at Armidale and elsewhere were called upon to work after the regular hours, owing to the great rush for land which took place on the expiration of the pastoral leases in the Eastern Division, and the throwing open to selection of a large number of reserves, for which no extra payment has been made.

(10.) Purchase of Wrought-iron and other Materials:—Mr. Barbour asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Did the Military Department invite tenders from parties willing to purchase 350 tons of old wrought-iron and other metals, returnable on the 20th July last?

(2.) Were any of such tenders accepted?

(3.) Was a tender accepted for the whole, or for a part only?

(4.) What was the price offered by the accepted tenderer or tenderers?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The following information has been furnished by the Major-General Commanding the Military Forces:—

(1 and 2.) Yes.

(3.) For the whole.

(4.) For cast and wrought iron, £2 13s. per ton; gun-metal, £20 per ton; lead alloy, £8 per ton.

(11.)

(11.) Gaol, Glen Innes—Police Courts, Paddington, Deniliquin, and Young :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) (a) The cost of the Gaol at Glen Innes; (b) when was this gaol erected; (c) has the building ever been used as a gaol?
- (2.) (a) The cost of the police court at Paddington; (b) when was this building erected; (c) has it ever been used as a police court?
- (3.) (a) The cost of the court-house at Deniliquin; (b) when was the building erected; (c) has it ever been used as a court-house?
- (4.) (a) The cost of the court-house at Young; (b) is it a fact that the building is used as a minor court only?

Mr. Young answered,—

- (1.) (a) £12,344 15s. 9d.; (b) in 1886; (c) no.
- (2.) (a) £3,977 14s. 6d.; (b) in 1838; (c) no; but the watch-house premises attached have been occupied as a police station.
- (3.) (a) £12,794 8s. 6d.; (b) in 1836; (c) no; but it will be next Assize Court.
- (4.) (a) £11,464 18s. 11d.; (b) in 1836; (c) the new court-house at Young is used as Assize Court, Courts of Quarter Session, and District Courts.

(12.) Goods Clerks, Railway Department :—Mr. Sharp asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1) Will he at once refund the 4 per cent. deducted from the clerks in the Goods' Department, since the Commissioners took office, in view of the fact that these persons are not recognised as civil servants under the Railway Act?
- (2.) Is it a fact that certain officers in this Department receive an additional salary as Board Members?
- (3.) Will he, in justice to these clerks, who have been compelled to work long hours, as well as on Sundays, pay them a fair rate of overtime; and so increase the staff as to minimise both overtime and Sunday work?
- (4.) Is it a fact that neither drinking water, latrines, or water-closet accommodation is provided at Darling Harbour; and, if so, will he take steps to at once remedy this state of things?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1.) With regard to the first Question, I may point out that clause 106 of the Railways Act provides for the saving of rights to officers as regards the provisions of the Civil Service Act.
- (2 and 3.) Questions 2 and 3 refer purely to the Railway staff, which, by the Railways Act, is placed under the control of the Railway Commissioners, and it would only tend, in my opinion, to weaken their administration if questions of this nature were dealt with as proposed.
- (4.) As regards Question 4, I will bring the matter under the notice of the Railway Commissioners. I take this opportunity of saying that I shall feel constrained in the future to decline answering questions dealing with the details of Railway administration, as, in my opinion, it was never intended by the Railways Act—nor is it, in my opinion, desirable—that every minor matter of our Railway management should be reviewed in Parliament, so long as the provisions of the Act are being duly observed by the Commissioners.

(13.) Manager, Bank of Sydney :—Mr. Willis, for Mr. Walker, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is he aware that a bank, trading under the name "Bank of Sydney," has, as manager, a gentleman named Macartney, J.P.?
- (2.) Is it consistent with the high office of a Justice of the Peace to use the designative letters J.P. for trading purposes?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—It appears that some gentleman named Macartney is in the Commission of the Peace, and it pleases him to attach "J.P." to his name when announcing himself as the manager of a banking company. I do not think the case is one in which the Government can interfere. It is a matter of taste, which I do not think will be very highly appreciated.

(14.) Lodging-houses :—Mr. Darnley asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a measure dealing with lodging houses, such as will prevent Chinese and others from herding together in the manner they do; if so, when?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—This is one of the subjects of legislation which has been before the Government, not only recently, but some considerable time ago. I would be very glad to introduce a Bill to deal with it, if the position of other measures before Parliament would permit me to do so; and if the opportunity arises it shall be done.

(15.) Registration of Dogs :—Mr. Darnley asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the inconvenience caused by the owners of dogs having to attend at the Water Police Court to register their dogs, will he consider the advisability of arranging for the licenses being issued from the various post offices?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I am afraid we cannot make this alteration. We cannot get the dogs to go to any place to be registered, and some one who is responsible for the dogs, and also the puppies, must undertake the responsibility of registration.

(16.) Short Weight of Goods as sold in Sydney Streets :—Mr. Darnley asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that goods, such as butter, tea, bacon, cheese, &c, are hawked about the streets of Sydney, and that short weight is frequently given?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the Inspector of Weights and Measures has no jurisdiction over such cases?
- (3.) If so, will he, in the interest of the shopkeepers and general public, take such steps as are necessary to give the Inspector power to deal with such cases?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The answers supplied to me are these :—

- (1.) I am not aware.
- (2 and 3.) I will cause inquiry to be made into the matter, and communicate the results to the Honorable Member. These are the answers supplied to me from the proper department. I may add that I do not see how I can possibly be personally answerable for short weight in the sale of bacon, cheese, and butter.

(17.)

(17.) Dispute between Pastoralists and Shearers:—Mr. Williams asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) In view of the letter received from Mr. W. E. Abbott, President of the Pastoralists' Association, will he take the necessary steps to prevent officers of that Association from adjudicating on any dispute which may crop up between pastoralists and shearers?

(2.) If not, will he appoint an equal number of the officials and members of the Shearers' Union Justices of the Peace, so that both sides may be fairly and equally represented?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I am afraid I must confess I have not read this letter of Mr. W. E. Abbott, and I am hardly in a position to answer the Question; but if the Honorable Member for the Upper Hunter wishes me to so balance the persons who occupy judicial positions in this country for the minor courts as to enable them to have a fair fight on this or on any other question, I cannot undertake to do it. All I can undertake to do is to the best of my ability to see that the gentlemen recommended to the Government for appointment to the Commission of the Peace are eligible for their important duties, and it is not for me to inquire particularly as to what class they belong to. It must be assumed that the gentlemen who undertake these responsible duties are prepared to discharge them in a just and judicious spirit, and if any breach of conduct contrary to these obvious rules is brought before my notice, I will take the necessary steps for the removal of the person from the Commission of the Peace.

(18.) Irrigation Works:—Mr. Houghton asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to take any steps with a view to starting the long-promised irrigation works on the State lands of the Colony?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I shall be very much obliged to the Honorable Member if he would ask this Question (say) in a week's time, and if he would ask it from the Secretary for Mines and Agriculture.

(19.) Watchmen, Dredge Service:—Mr. Houghton asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the watchmen employed in the dredge service of the Harbours and Rivers Department have to be on duty fourteen hours on every day in the week (Sundays and holidays included), for which they are remunerated at the rate of £2 per week?

(2.) If so, will he cause some alteration to be made whereby these men will not be compelled to undergo such long hours of service?

Mr. Young answered,—I have received the following report from the Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers on the subject, and all I can promise at present is that I will carefully look into the matter myself, and acquaint the Honorable Member of my decision. The report reads as follows:—"The hours cannot be considered long, seeing that the men have almost nothing to do but sit about and read; but, if possible, some arrangement will be made to employ the watchmen, and then their pay can be assimilated to the pay received by men who work eight hours. This will, however, necessitate the removal of all watchmen who are incapable of a day's work, and the employment of men in their places who can work."

(20.) Coogee Bay Road:—Mr. Neild asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Referring to his reply to Mr. Neild, on the 28th July, has he received the report for which he was waiting before deciding upon the application of the Randwick Borough Council for a grant to enable the widening of the Coogee Bay Road?

Mr. Young answered,—The report has not yet been received, but I understand the local officer is visiting the locality to-day. As soon as his report is before me I will come to a decision on the matter.

(21.) Land for Public Park at Watson's Bay:—Mr. Neild asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the papers anent the proposed public park at Watson's Bay, ordered by Resolution of this House on the 29th July, be laid upon the Table?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—The papers are being copied, and will be laid upon the Table of this House during the course of the ensuing week.

(22.) Gambling by Sweeps and Totalisators:—Mr. Dibbs asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is the law, in the opinion of the Attorney-General, sufficient to put down the present gambling system by sweeps and totalisators which prevails in Sydney?

(2.) If so, why does not the police do its duty?

(3.) If the law is insufficient, will he introduce a Bill forthwith to deal with this evil?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Honorable Member was kind enough to inform me beforehand of his intention to ask this Question, and I have in consequence consulted the Attorney-General, and although it is not the usual course, I think I may read his opinion. It is hardly right to read the Attorney-General's opinion in this House, but I think I may be permitted to read it. The Attorney-General says:—"I am of opinion that if the penalties of imprisonment provided by the existing enactment were imposed by the magistrates, instead of fines merely being inflicted, the evil complained of would be greatly lessened; but there are at present defects in the law which it is desirable to cure by legislation. I am having a Bill prepared, which it is hoped will more effectually deal with the matter." I cannot leave this subject, if the Honorable Member and the House will permit me, without saying that although I am not a betting man, and have but little knowledge of this meritorious operation, I have a shrewd suspicion there is a great disposition to smile at gambling in high places, and to make a great fuss about gambling in the lower walks of life.

(23.) Thoroughfare known as Breakneck, Double Bay:—Mr. Neild asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the papers anent the thoroughfare known as Breakneck, Double Bay, ordered by Resolution of this House on the 30th July, be laid upon the Table?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—The papers are being copied, and will be laid upon the Table of this House with the least possible delay.

(24.)

(24.) Construction of Randwick Rifle Range:—Mr. Nobbs asked the Colonial Secretary,—Whether he intends to take any action with regard to the statements which have been made in the Press and elsewhere regarding the faulty construction of Randwick range?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—Steps have been initiated, and I believe a Board of Inquiry will be appointed to satisfy the public on these rather important points, and I think I am justified in admitting that there is some ground for fear that mistakes have been made in the laying out of the range. If that is found to be the case, I undertake to see that they are rectified.

(25.) Martin-place:—Mr. Lyne asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it intended to open Martin-place for vehicular traffic, or for foot traffic only?

Mr. Young answered,—Yes; for both, as follows:—48 feet ornamental pavement in front of post office; 38 feet wood-blocked road for vehicular traffic; 14 feet footpath on opposite side from post office.

(26.) New Lands Office:—Mr. Lyne asked the Secretary for Lands,—What is the object of disfiguring the top of the additions to the Lands Office by the extraordinary structures there being erected; and for what purpose are they placed there?

Mr. Brunker answered,—I am informed by the Works Department that the structures on the east and west fronts are erected as photographic galleries. The cupola to the central dome is part of the lantern intended to light the large fire-proof record chamber. All these are included in the design originally considered and sanctioned.

(27.) Postal Pillars:—Mr. Black asked the Colonial Secretary.—Is it the intention of the Government to compel the Postal Pillar and General Advertising Company of New South Wales to fulfil that part of their agreement with the Honorable the Postmaster-General which binds them to furnish their advertising postal pillar-boxes with electrical and telephonic contrivances for the purposes of police and fire-brigade alarm?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—There is no obligation on the part of the contractor to provide electrical and telephonic contrivances for the purpose of police and fire brigade alarm. He has already provided in these postal pillars compartments which can be utilized for the purposes indicated by the Honorable Member whenever it may be considered desirable.

2. CALLAN PARK ASYLUM (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. J. D. FitzGerald moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all the recent correspondence relating to the appointment of a Committee to inquire into the administration of the Callan Park Asylum. Question put and passed.

3. SOUTHERN RIFLE ASSOCIATION (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Stevenson, for Mr. Rose, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers and correspondence in connection with the formation of the head-quarters of the Southern Rifle Association at Moss Vale. Question put and passed.

4. ACCIDENTS ON THE TRAM-LINES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—
(1.) The number of persons who lost their lives through accidents on the tram lines since the initiation of the tramway service.
(2.) The number of persons injured on the tram lines during the same period.
(3.) The amount of compensation paid by the Government on account of these accidents. Question put and passed.

5. PAPERS:—

Mr. Young laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return to an Order, made on 11th August, 1891,—“Mullamuddy Creek Bridge, near Mudgee.”
- (2.) Return respecting expenditure and receipts in connection with Hinton Ferry.
- (3.) Report of Mr. E. B. Price, Examiner of Public Works proposals on the proposed railway from Kempsey to Hickey's Creek and Upper Macleay.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Gould laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Annual Return of Particulars of Inquests and Magisterial Inquiries for the year 1890.

Ordered to be printed.

- (2.) Return to an Order, made on 5th August, 1891,—“Mr. W. S. Caswell, Police Magistrate at Dubbo.”

- (3.) Return to an Order, made on 19th August, 1891,—“Coroner at Windsor.”

Mr. Sydney Smith laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 30th July, 1891,—“Model Farms.”

Mr. Bruce Smith laid upon the Table,—Report of the Board appointed to inquire into the efficiency of the Westinghouse and Vacuum Continuous brakes for goods trains.

Ordered to be printed.

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—Transcript of the judgment of the Privy Council, and extracts from the correspondence on the case *The Queen v. McLeod*.

Ordered to be printed.

6. MARRIED WOMEN'S PROPERTY BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to amend the Law relating to the Rights and Liabilities of Married Women*,”—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 2nd September, 1891.

JOHN HAY,
President.

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

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

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7. **DISEASES IN SHEEP ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.**—Mr. Dickens presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to amend the Diseases in Sheep Acts Amendment Act of 1878, and for other purposes,*”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
8. **CLAIMS OF WILLIAM TOM, JAMES TOM, AND J. H. A. LISTER AS THE FIRST DISCOVERERS OF GOLD IN AUSTRALIA.**—Mr. Torpy, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, the Select Committee for whose consideration and Report this subject was referred on 25th August, 1891.
Ordered to be printed.
9. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Kelly 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 “to consider the delay of the Government in removing the barriers erected during the late strike at the Circular Quay.”
And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—
Mr. Kelly moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
10. **CROWN LANDS ACT AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Brunker moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had amended one, disagreed to another, and agreed to the remainder of the Council’s amendments.
On motion of Mr. Brunker, the report was adopted.
11. **COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS.**—(*Election Petition—Eve v. Wheeler, Canterbury*):—Mr. Suttor, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, to whom was referred, on the 29th July, 1891, the Petition of James Eve in reference to the election and return of Joseph Hector Carruthers, Thomas Bavister, Cornelius James Danahey, and John Wheeler as Members for the Electoral District of Canterbury.
And the said Report was read at length by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, as follows:—
“The Committee of Elections and Qualifications duly appointed on 16th July, 1891, to whom was referred, on 29th July, 1891, a Petition from James Eve, alleging that at the last General Election of Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly Petitioner was one of the candidates duly nominated for the Electoral District of Canterbury, when a poll was demanded; that the Petitioner was duly qualified to be elected; that the Returning Officer certified to the return of Joseph Hector Carruthers, Thomas Bavister, Cornelius James Danahey, and John Wheeler, as duly elected; that Petitioner is advised and believes that the said John Wheeler is unduly elected, and that he, the Petitioner, should be declared elected, or a new election ordered, upon the grounds (1) That at Canterbury Polling Booth a number of ballot-papers used were in writing and not printed, and that such ballot-papers were not issued by the Returning Officer to the Presiding Officer; (2) That the Marrickville Polling Booth was not opened until twenty minutes past eight o’clock, and consequently some electors were unable to vote; (3) That certain votes were rejected as informal which should count as votes to Petitioner; (4) That the votes have not been correctly counted; (5) That at Five Dock Polling Booth the said John Wheeler was given one more vote than he was entitled to, and your Petitioner was deprived of one; and (6) That the election was otherwise irregularly conducted; and praying that the said John Wheeler may be declared to be unduly elected as a Member to serve in the said Assembly, and that Petitioner may be declared elected as such Member, or that a new election may be ordered to take place,”—have determined and do hereby declare:—
“1. That John Wheeler, Esquire, who was returned as elected by the Returning Officer was not duly elected as a Member of the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of Canterbury.
“2. That James Eve, Esquire, who was not returned by the Returning Officer, was duly elected as a Member of the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of Canterbury.
“3. That the Petition is not frivolous or vexatious.
“4. That the Committee make no award as to costs.
“No. 1 Committee Room,
“Legislative Assembly, 2nd September, 1891.
F. B. SUTTOR,
Chairman,”
Ordered, on motion of Mr. Suttor, that the Report and Minutes of the Proceedings and Evidence be printed.
- The House adjourned, at seven minutes after Eleven o’clock, until To-morrow at Four o’clock.
- J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 23.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 3 SEPTEMBER, 1891.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Appointment of Statist and Auditor of Friendly Societies:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that upwards of ten years ago some of the strongest of the Friendly Societies in the Colony were pronounced by a Royal Commission to be hopelessly insolvent?

(2.) If so, will the Government take steps to appoint a Statist and Auditor of Friendly Societies, in order that the public may be kept informed as to the true financial condition of these institutions?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) If the Royal Commission referred to by the Honorable Member is the Commission whose report was printed on the 17th January, 1883, I am not aware that that Commission pronounced "some of the strongest of the Friendly Societies in the Colony to be hopelessly insolvent"; but in a report of Messrs. Black and Teece, referred to in the report of that Commission, large "deficiencies" on the actuarial valuations of the assets and liabilities of certain important societies were asserted to exist, which were considered to result from insufficient scales of contribution. The societies whose financial position was investigated by Messrs. Black and Teece are mentioned in the report of these gentlemen, which is appended to that of the Royal Commissioners.

(2.) The desirability of appointing a Statist and Auditor of Friendly Societies will be considered in connection with a new Friendly Societies Bill, which will be introduced (as already stated) at the earliest opportunity.

(2.) Military Works Department:—Mr. Stevenson, for Mr. Wall, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has Colonel de Wolski, previous to his engagement in this Colony, ever constructed or supervised the construction of any fortifications or batteries; if so, where?

(2.) Who is the Clerk of Works at the Military Office, and what are his qualifications, and what amount of salary is he paid?

(3.) Who is the Foreman of the Works at Bare Island, and what are his qualifications, and the amount of salary paid to him?

(4.) Have the repairs to Victoria Barracks been carried out according to the usual custom of the Royal Engineers and other Civil Departments?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) Colonel de Wolski declines to be catechised as to his experience as an Officer of the Royal Engineers, prior to his engagement with this Colony.

(2.) Mr. A. J. Pinchen is the Clerk of Works at the Military Works Office. He is in charge of works at Spectacle and Goat Islands, and till recently at Bare Island also. He is now temporarily engaged at Newcastle. He has prepared the designs and specifications of the magazines and other buildings at Spectacle and Goat Islands, barracks at Bare Island, &c. His salary is £300 per annum.

(3.) Mr. W. H. Maynard is the Clerk of Works at Bare Island. He has excellent testimonials of his experience on military works. He is a competent and efficient officer, and can prepare his own working drawings, &c. His salary is £250 per annum.

(4.) The repairs to Victoria Barracks have been carried out under Ministerial authority, and in accordance with the regulations of the Public Works Department of this Colony.

(3.) Goods manufactured in Gaols in the Colony:—Mr. Houghton asked the Minister of Justice,—Is it a fact that goods manufactured in the gaols of this Colony are sold to the general public at prices much below those prevailing for similar classes of goods manufactured outside the gaols?

Mr. Gould answered,—I am informed that goods manufactured in the gaols are not sold to the general public. (4.)

(4.) Water Supply for Goodooga:—Mr. Howe asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) What steps (if any) have been taken with a view to boring for artesian water within the town of Goodooga?

(2.) Is it a fact that in times of drought the township is totally without a water supply?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

(1.) Yes; two bores have been sunk at Goodooga. No. 1, depth 104 feet, tapped fresh water at 68 feet, which rose to 60 feet from the surface; supply, 1,000 gallons per hour; not artesian. No. 2, depth 132 feet, tapped fresh water at 67 feet, which rose to 62 feet from surface; supply, 1,000 gallons per hour; not artesian. Diameter of bores, 7 inches. A pump was fitted to one of the bores for the use of the townspeople, but this they have removed to a private well, which is known as Moore's well.

(2.) No. In addition to the bore and well mentioned there are two wells $1\frac{1}{2}$ and 1 mile respectively from the town (which has a population of 110), which yield an unlimited supply. The Barwon, which is near the town, has only been dry there twice in ten years, and that there was even then several fine water-holes available 6 miles from the town.

(5.) Bridge over Narran River, near Brewarrina:—Mr. Howe asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What is the cause of the delay in the construction of the bridge over the Narran River, near Brewarrina?

Mr. Young answered,—Delay has been occasioned, owing to a question raised by the Progress Committee of Brewarrina as to the increased waterway. This caused a delay of six weeks, and in consequence thereof contractor refused to take up his tender. Fresh tenders will be invited tomorrow.

(6.) Post and Telegraph Office at Gongolgon:—Mr. Howe asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Government are renting a small building as post and telegraph office at Gongolgon?

(2.) If so, what is the rent paid, and for what term is the building leased?

(3.) Would not an unused public school building in the town make a more suitable and convenient post office?

(4.) Will he cause inquiries to be made in the matter, with a view of taking over the school building for the purpose of a post office?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) 15s. per week. The building is not leased for any term.

(3.) I am informed that it would.

(4.) Yes; inquiry will be made as to whether the building is procurable.

(7.) Railway, Nyngan to Cobar:—Mr. Howe asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What extension of time (if any) has been granted to the contractors for the construction of the railway between Nyngan and Cobar?

(2.) Has any allowance or concession on the contract price been made to the contractors; if so, what is the nature of such concession?

Mr. Young answered,—

(1.) No extension of time has been granted.

(2.) None.

(8.) Town Common, Goodooga:—Mr. Willis asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he cause an extension to be made to the present town common of Goodooga?

Mr. Brunner answered,—Inquiry will be made as to the necessity for an extension to the present town common at Goodooga, which contains an area of about 1,065 acres.

(9.) Approaches to Warrego Bridge, at Enngonia:—Mr. Willis asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the approaches to the Warrego Bridge, at Enngonia, have remained in an imperfect state for over two years, causing the bridge to be absolutely useless?

(2.) Will he cause inquiries to be made, with a view to having this work completed, as much inconvenience and annoyance to the public are experienced?

Mr. Young answered,—

(1.) Yes; but this has been largely due to the flooded state of the country, which prevented work being proceeded with.

(2.) I have already done so.

(10.) Post and Telegraph Office, Goodooga:—Mr. Willis asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What steps (if any) have been taken to proceed with the very necessary repairs to the post and telegraph office, Goodooga?

Mr. Young answered,—The plan and specification have been prepared, and the work will be put in hand as soon as further funds are available, the annual vote for repairs to post and telegraph offices having become exhausted.

(11.) Road between Barrington and Bourke:—Mr. Willis asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that the road between Barrington and Bourke is in a most deplorable condition, and almost impassable?

(2.) Is he aware that several accidents have recently occurred there?

(3.) Will he take steps to call for an inquiry, with a view to having the road repaired?

Mr. Young answered,—

(1.) It has been so reported.

(2.) I am not aware.

(3.) Steps have already been taken, and instructions have been given to the Resident Engineer to invite tenders for the necessary repairs to the road.

(12.)

(12.) Site for Post Office, Miller's Point:—Mr. Kelly asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it his intention to erect a post office at Miller's Point on the site lately occupied as a lock-up.

(2.) If so, what steps have been taken?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—Inquiry was made a short time since as to the possibility of procuring the site mentioned, but the Inspector-General of Police reported that it was "about to be used for the erection of quarters for the divisional police officer, for which a high rental is at present paid in an unsuitable situation."

(13.) Iron Railing around Circular Quay:—Mr. Kelly asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it his intention to have an iron railing put around that portion of Circular Quay that is unprotected, and thus prevent a danger to the public?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—I shall be glad if the Honorable Member will give me more definite information as to the portion of Circular Quay to which he refers. I shall then have the matter inquired into.

(14.) Broken Hill and District Water Supply Company:—Mr. Willis, for Mr. Copeland, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Has he given his approval to the scheme of the Broken Hill and District Water Supply Company for the purpose of supplying Broken Hill with water from Lake Speculation and the Darling River, as to certain concessions in accordance with the Act of Parliament, passed in 1889; if not, will he state fully what are the obstacles to his giving such approval, and his reasons for such action?

(2.) Is he aware that the Act referred to limits the time for the completion of these works to two years from the passing of the Act, which time is rapidly expiring without the company as yet obtaining his sanction for the carrying out of such works?

(3.) Is it the intention of the Government to expend public money in providing a water supply for Broken Hill?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

(1.) No; approval has not been given. The reason why approval has not been given is that the company has neglected to submit a complete description of the scheme and plans of the works proposed to be carried out.

(2.) Yes, perfectly aware; and am surprised that the company, though repeatedly informed of the necessity for supplying a proper description of the scheme and plans of the same, has neglected to do so. Even in regard to the 12,000 acres of land required, although the company has been repeatedly informed that a proper plan of this land must be submitted, it was only within the last fourteen days that the company, by way of complying with this request, handed in a plan on a scale of 2 miles to an inch.

(15.) Proposed Agricultural Farm at Kenmore:—Mr. Rose asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Has Dr. Manning any power to prevent him from proceeding with the necessary improvements for the proposed agricultural farm at Kenmore?

(2.) If so, does he intend to contest that power, and when?

(3.) Is it a fact that Dr. Manning has authorised a Goulburn firm to lease the Kenmore Estate?

(4.) If so, will he immediately take steps to prevent the leasing of such estate?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—The question of establishing an experimental farm at Goulburn is under consideration, and I hope before long to be in a position to commence operations at that place.

(16.) Appointment of Registrar of Births, Marriages, and Deaths for Balmain West:—Mr. Johnston asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he kindly inquire into the advisability of appointing a Registrar of Births, Marriages, and Deaths for Balmain West?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—Inquiries have been made, and under a report from the Registrar-General it does not appear desirable to appoint a registrar in that locality.

(17.) Health Bill:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the alleged prevalence of cancerous cattle offered for sale at Homebush and cancerous meat in the meat market, as lately reported in the metropolitan Press, will he see that some steps are taken to deal with the important matter, in the interests of public health, either by the introduction of a comprehensive Public Health Bill, or by a separate Bill dealing with this most alarming and important question?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—If we could only arrive at a time when we could undertake this kind of legislation, I admit its desirableness, and the Government would be quite prepared to introduce a Bill dealing with this subject.

(18.) Superintendent of Stores:—Mr. McGowen asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that Mr. Hopkins, the Superintendent of Stores, is representative or agent for the firm of Horrice, Hopkins, & Co., at Townsville?

(2.) Are all goods purchased for the said firm in Sydney, by the said agent or representative, sent to the Government Stores, and packed by an officer of that Department, in cases, the property of the Government, and conveyed to the wharf, and shipped to the above firm, by an officer of the Department?

(3.) Have goods for the above firm at any time been received at the Stores Department, and official labour and material utilised for furthering the interest of this firm, without the sanction of the Minister?

(4.) How many brothers-in-law has the Superintendent of Stores in the Department, and by whom recommended for appointment, and have they been appointed without having passed the prescribed examination under the Civil Service Act?

(5.) Will he cause inquiry to be made in these matters at an early date?

Mr.

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1.) I am informed it is not a fact that Mr. Hopkins, Superintendent of Stores, is representative of, or agent for, the firm of Messrs. Hollis, Hopkins, & Co., of Townsville.
- (2.) Purchases in Sydney for the firm referred to are, I am informed, almost invariably made by a broker, and the goods are sent direct by the firms from whom purchased.
- (3.) I am informed that on one or, perhaps, two occasions, cabbage-tree hats—purchased by Mr. Hopkins at Richmond—were packed in cases, and consigned to him at the Government Stores. The cases containing those hats were shipped by one of the clerks for the superintendent.
- (4.) Two. Mr. Wilkinson, stockkeeper, and Mr. A. Smith, clerk. Mr. Wilkinson was recommended by the late Mr. Henry Prince, and appointed by Mr. James Watson; he has been in the office nine years, but only became brother-in-law to Mr. Hopkins about six months ago. Mr. Smith was recommended by Mr. Hyam, and appointed by Mr. Burns. In neither instance did Mr. Hopkins recommend the appointment, nor was he consulted respecting the particular person to be appointed. Mr. Wilkinson was appointed prior to the passing of the Act referred to. Mr. Smith has not passed the examination.
- (5.) I do not consider further inquiry necessary.

(19.) Goff's Harbour Telegraph Office:—Mr. Dangar asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What officer has been appointed to the charge of the Goff's Harbour Telegraph Office?
- (2.) How long has this officer been in the Service?
- (3.) What salary did he receive, and what position did he hold in the office from which he was promoted?
- (4.) What is his present salary?
- (5.) Has he quarters, or any perquisites?
- (6.) Is his present remuneration considered sufficient and in keeping with his work and responsibilities?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) Mr. A. W. Gregg, who is also postmaster.
- (2.) Since the 20th January, 1886?
- (3.) £78 per annum as postal assistant and telegraph messenger at Fernmount.
- (4.) £89 per annum.
- (5.) The office is a building (14 feet x 22 feet) divided into two rooms, the second one being at his private disposal. A commission of 2½ per centum on the sale of postage stamps is allowed.
- (6.) Yes, for the present, the returns for the office being extremely small, and Mr. Gregg being a youth of only 20 years of age, who voluntarily accepted the office last month at the salary named.

(20.) Tram Conductors:—Mr. Darnley asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it a fact that some of the tram conductors are compelled to do an extra trip, after having completed the ordinary eight hours, without receiving any extra pay or acknowledgment?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—It is not a fact, as represented by the Question. The men are conveyed to and from their homes, free per tram, in going to and from their work, and on such occasions, when it occurs on Saturdays midday, they are required to assist their mates.

(21.) Civil and Criminal Cases heard at Central Police Court:—Mr. Houghton asked the Minister of Justice,—Whether, in view of the information lately given, showing the large amount of Police Court work now going from the Glebe to the Central Police Court in Sydney, he will take an early opportunity to arrange for the Glebe to be visited periodically by a stipendiary magistrate, and so utilise the new court-house, which has been unoccupied since its completion about two years ago?

Mr. Gould answered,—The desirability of establishing Courts of Petty Sessions at the Glebe was passed upon my notice many months ago by my honorable colleague, the Minister for Works, when I informed him that after having obtained reports from the Stipendiary Magistrates it was found impracticable to hold Courts of Petty Sessions at the Glebe without the appointment of an additional stipendiary magistrate, and that such appointment could not be made without legislation. I may add that if it be decided to establish Courts of Petty Sessions in response to the several applications already received from the suburbs within the Metropolitan Police District, I am informed it will necessitate the appointment of at least two additional stipendiary magistrates.

(22.) Town Common, Orange:—Mr. Newman asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that an officer connected with the Department of Agriculture reported to him that a portion of the town common at Orange would be suitable for a model farm, but that the people of Orange objected to its being used for that purpose?
- (2.) If so, will he state from whom the officer received the information?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—In December, 1889, Mr. Pudney reported unfavourably with regard to the Orange Common as a site for an experimental farm. He did not report that the people of Orange objected to the common being used for the purpose of such a farm.

(23.) Proposed Resumption of Chinese Gardens, Rushcutters' Bay:—Mr. Neild asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the papers relating to the proposed resumption of land at Rushcutters' Bay, ordered on the 20th August, be laid upon the Table?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The papers are at present with the Works Department with reference to the proposed resumption, and upon their return to this Department copies will be at once made.

(24.) Report of Civil Service Commission, Department of Justice:—Mr. Neild asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Report of the Civil Service Commission so far as it relates to the Department of Justice, was handed to him on the 20th April last, or upon any other date?
- (2.) If so, when will such Report be placed in the hands of Honorable Members?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I cannot say at this moment when this Report was received; but there is no objection to laying it upon the Table.

(25.)

(25.) Military Contracts:—Mr. Black asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Does he, as Minister for Defence, admit the correctness of statements, in reference to the conduct of the business of that Department, made in a letter above the signature of Jno. M. Creed, published in the *Sydney Morning Herald* of 28 August, to the following effect:—"That the contractor for the works on Bare Island, it was stated in the Legislative Council to-night, has been overpaid upwards of £6,000 on that contract; whilst in the same House information was given in a former Session that upwards of three millions of cartridges had been condemned which had cost us more than £13,000. Papers also show that a single contract for clothing for the Permanent Forces of only £2,100 resulted in a loss of upwards of £1,074. Again, we find that guns purchased at a cost approaching £100,000 were found some years after arrival, on being unpacked, to have essential parts defective, which had remained undiscovered. Material bought six years since at a cost of £2,000, of a different description to that for which Ministerial authority for the purchase had been given, is still in store, not 3 per cent. of it having been used, the 97 per cent. left having become useless from mismanagement and age?"

(2.) If not, will he, for the information of this House, when considering the Military Estimates, officially call on the writer to state on what authority he has made these extreme and unqualified statements?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—With every desire not to be supposed to be wanting in courtesy to the honorable gentleman, I must decline to answer this Question. It is laid down by the authority by which we are guided that all Questions should be limited as far as possible to matters immediately connected with the business of Parliament or administration, and should not involve opinion, argument, inference, imputation, irony, or hypothetical cases, nor are any facts to be stated unless they are necessary to make the Question intelligible, and can be authenticated. Now I am asked whether I will do something in regard to a statement made in a letter in a newspaper, and, as I think, most irregularly an extract from that letter is imported into this Question, and hence appears upon our *Votes and Proceedings*. Then, again, I am asked some other thing to which I decline to give any answer whatever, as being, in my judgment, contrary to the rules of Parliament, and contrary to what ought to be the course of transactions between Members and Ministers. If a question appertains to any transaction of public business, and is necessary to more fully elucidate that transaction, I shall be prepared to answer it. I am bound to say that I have very good reason to know that these Questions come from a Member of another branch of the Legislature, and that itself is a thing quite unprecedented, so far as I have any knowledge, in the history of Parliament. I believe I should be quite justified in giving my reasons why I cannot answer this Question; but I am not quite sure whether in such a statement as I am allowed to make I could state those reasons. Possibly, as I have entered so far upon the matter, I may make a statement. I am extremely anxious to avoid doing anything which would violate precedent, or would not be governed by the strict Parliamentary rule; but if I am strictly in order I will make a statement, why, on one ground, I decline to answer these Questions. I will make a statement, avoiding all inference, all attempt at argument, and all reference of any kind whatever beyond the statement of facts. This gentleman, Mr. John M. Creed, came into my office, and asked whether I had seen anything in the course of the elections to alter my opinion with regard to the creation of a Department of Military Defence. I told him I had seen nothing to modify my opinion, and I added that I disputed his right to ask my opinion. He went out from my office and obtained access to the Under Secretary of the Department, and he there stated that as he had more time at his disposal than I had at mine, he should seek to worry me until I complied with his wish. He not only did that, but he obtained entrance into different divisions of the Colonial Secretary's Department, until we had to put labels on the doors, "No admission." Surely it is a reflection on the country that it should be necessary to take that step, but we either had to lock up documents, or conceal documents, or to put tablets on the doors to show there could be no admission. A person who so far forgets himself as to take courses of that kind, and declares what is his intention in asking these Questions, certainly is out of the category for receiving any very strict compliance with his wishes in furthering that amiable purpose of worrying the Minister.

2. MEMBER SWORN:—James Eve, 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 Canterbury.

Mr. Speaker stated that, in accordance with the practice in such cases, he would direct the Clerk to amend the Roll of the House, and make a note in that Roll of the causes by which Mr. Wheeler ceased to be, and Mr. Eve became, a Member.

3. STATISTICS OF THE POPULATION AND TAXATION OF THE COLONY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—

(1.) The number of civil servants of all ranks in New South Wales, specifying the number in each Department.

(2.) The number of police and military in New South Wales.

(3.) The total amount paid per annum to civil servants of all ranks in New South Wales.

(4.) The total cost of the military and police.

(5.) The population of New South Wales, and the amount per head paid in taxation.

Question put and passed.

4. SITE FOR POST OFFICE AT CANOWINDRA (*Formal Motion*):—Dr. Ross moved, pursuant to Notice,—

That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers, correspondence, reports, and plans, &c., having reference to the site for the post office at Canowindra.

Question put and passed.

5. PRIVATE BUILDINGS USED AS PUBLIC OFFICES, STORES, &c. (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—

(1.) The total amount paid per annum for private buildings used as public offices, stores, &c.

(2.) The amount paid out by each Department for this purpose, stating also the branch of the Department for which the building is used.

(3.) The names of the owners of these buildings, with the amount paid to each.

Question put and passed.

6. SEGENHOE ESTATE IRRIGATION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Neild moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorise and enable the Land Company of Australasia (Limited) to establish a system of Irrigation and Water Supply in and upon the Segenhoe Estate, situate in the parishes of Macqueen, Russell, and Rouchel, in the counties of Durham and Brisbane, and the lands adjacent thereto; to acquire lands; to establish irrigation works; to authorise the sale and supply of water for irrigation and domestic use; and to make, construct, and lay dams, weirs, or floodgates upon and across the River Page and Rouchel Brook; and to take and divert water therefrom; and for all other purposes which may be incidental thereto.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Neild 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 authorise and enable the 'Land Company of Australasia (Limited)' to establish a system of Irrigation and Water Supply in and upon the Segenhoe Estate, situate in the parishes of Macqueen, Russell, and Rouchel, in the counties of Durham and Brisbane, and the lands adjacent thereto; to acquire lands; to establish irrigation works; to authorise the sale and supply of water for irrigation and domestic use; and to make, construct, and lay dams, weirs, or floodgates upon and across the River Page and Rouchel Brook; and to take and divert water therefrom; and for all other purposes which may be incidental thereto.*"—read a first time.

7. SUPREME COURT PROCEDURE BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to remove doubts as to the legality of certain sittings in Banco of Judges of the Supreme Court, and to provide for the holding of simultaneous sittings of such Court in Banco by and before Judges thereof in two or more divisions.*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 3rd September, 1891.

JOHN HAY,

President.

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

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

8. CROWN LANDS ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Ordered, on motion of Mr. Brunker, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 27th August, 1891, requesting its concurrence in certain amendments made by the Council in the Crown Lands Act Amendment Bill,—

Agrees to the amendments in clause 3, lines 25 and 45.

Agrees to the amendment which inserts new sub-section (v.) in clause 3, but proposes to amend it by omitting therefrom the words, "and in any such case no absolute reversal of such forfeiture shall take place except on the recommendation of such Board or Court,"—in which amendment the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 4, which proposes to add, at end thereof, the words, "And no provisional or absolute reversal hereafter to be made of any forfeiture shall defeat any valid application for a conditional purchase or conditional or homestead lease, which shall have been lodged before the receipt by, or on behalf of, the Minister of a request in writing for such reversal, unless the applicant shall consent in writing to such reversal,"—because it is considered that a reversal of forfeiture should not be dependent upon the date of any application for the land.

Agrees to the remaining amendments made by the Council in the Bill.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 3rd September, 1891.

9. PUBLICANS LICENSES FURTHER RESTRICTION BILL:—Mr. J. D. FitzGerald presented a Petition from certain Members of the Committee appointed by the Congregational Union of New South Wales to deal with matters relating to temperance and morality, representing that they regard with great satisfaction the introduction of the Publicans Licenses Further Restriction Bill; and praying the House to take the Bill into its favourable consideration, and pass it as early as possible, so that thereby many of the evils so much to be deplored will be greatly abated.

Petition received.

10. SIMPSON'S RAILWAY BILL:—Mr. Barton 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 authorise the construction of an extension of the railway commonly known as the Rosehill Railway in three sections from a point about nine chains seventy-five links from the northern end of the Rosehill Station platform, crossing the Parramatta River, traversing the districts of Rydalmere, Pennant Hills, Dundas, and Castle Hill, and terminating at Dural.*"—read a first time.

11. YONGALEATHA MARBLE, FLAG, AND FLUX COMPANY BILL:—Mr. Want, 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 1st September, 1891; together with Appendix and a copy of the Bill as agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Want then moved, that the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday next.

Question put and passed.

12. **BOROUGH OF NEWCASTLE ELECTRIC LIGHTING BILL** :—Mr. Scott, 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 20th August, 1891 ; together with a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Scott then moved, that the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 1st December.

Question put and passed.

13. **ADJOURNMENT** :—Mr. Williams 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 “ to call attention to the broken promises of the head of the Government in reference “ to the striking off the Roll of Magistrates the gentlemen who hold the joint position of Justices “ of the Peace and Secretaries to the Pastoralists’ Union.”

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 4.

Mr. Willis,
Mr. Hoyle.

Tellers,

Mr. Williams,
Mr. Miller.

Noes, 73.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Brunner,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Booth,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. E. G. Brown,
Mr. Want,	Dr. Hollis,
Mr. Eve,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Parkes,
Dr. Cullen,	Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Newton,
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Sheldon,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Colls,
Mr. R. G. D. FitzGerald,	Mr. J. A. Mackinnon,
Mr. Traill,	Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Seobie,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Dale,	Mr. Danahy,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Lees,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Rose,
Mr. Collins,	Mr. Crieck,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Dowel,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Bowes,	Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Wall,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Cook.
Mr. Bavister,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Langwell.
Mr. Sharp,	
Mr. Houghton,	

And so it passed in the negative.

14. **REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE BILL (No. 2)** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER, 1891, A.M.,

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

The House adjourned, at twenty-five minutes before Eight o'clock a.m., until Tuesday next at Four o'clock p.m.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 24.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER, 1891.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Locking the Barwon River:—Mr. Willis asked the Colonial Secretary,—What steps (if any) do the Government intend to take with a view to locking the Barwon River?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—Investigations were made, and a report submitted some months ago by Mr. Darley, Chief Engineer for Harbours and Rivers on the question of locking the River Darling for navigation purposes. More recently a report has been presented by Mr. McKinney, Chief Engineer for Water Conservation, dealing with the question of utilising the waters of this river for irrigation. The surveys, with the latter object in view, are still in progress.

(2.) Defence Department:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Mr. Davis, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Are contractors who have completed contracts since November last for the Defence Department still unpaid; if so, why?

Mr. Young answered,—Yes; one firm of contractors, Messrs. Russell & Co., Newcastle, who have declined to accept the final payment for a contract, as they claim more than the Director of Military Works is prepared to certify.

(3.) Sugar produced in New South Wales:—*Mr. Sharp*, for Mr. Rae, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) What amount of sugar has been produced in New South Wales in each of the years 1888, 1889, 1890, from cane grown in this Colony?

(2.) Was such sugar-cane grown with the aid of black, Chinese, or other coloured labour, or by white labour only?

(3.) What is the acreage of sugar-cane under crop this year?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

(1.) 1888, 225,580 tons; 1889, 380,320 tons; 1890, 530,600 tons.

(2.) Precise information not obtainable.

(3.) The returns of the Government Statistician, just published, show 8,344 acres cut this year, and 12,102 acres not cut; total, 20,446 acres.

(4.) Reward for Discovery of Gold at Peak Hill:—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for Mr. Gough, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Have any applications been made for a reward for the discovery of gold at Peak Hill?

(2.) If so, will he give the names of such applicants?

(3.) Has he approved of any reward being given?

(4.) Does he intend to hold an inquiry, and take evidence, as to who were the discoverers of gold at Peak Hill before making any award?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Messrs. Fenton, Hayes, Menzies, Madden, and Ring.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) The Warden reported upon the matter, and the report has been dealt with by a Board, who recommended an amount. Since then one of the party (*Mr. Madden*) claims the whole sum, and this claim has been referred to the Warden.

(5.) Ship "Sobraon":—*Mr. Sharp* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Was an inventory given of the articles on board the "Sobraon" at the time of the sale of that ship to the Government of New South Wales?

(2.) If so, is it a fact that while the "Sobraon" was lying at Melbourne several articles named in the inventory were taken out of the ship?

(3.) Have the Government, in the interest of the public, taken any steps to punish the pilferers?

Mr.

Mr. Brunker answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) The Department is not aware. The ship was not handed over to the Government until after her arrival in Sydney.
- (3.) Answered by No. 2.

- (6.) Forty Pounds Deposit under sec. 25 of Electoral Act:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. Hugh McKinnon, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Since the passing of the Act requiring all candidates for Parliament to deposit £40 with the Returning Officer before being nominated, how many defeated candidates who forfeited the deposit have had the said amount refunded, and on what ground was the refund made in each case?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—A return is being prepared, and will shortly be laid upon the Table of the House.

- (7.) Report by Board of Experts on the Westinghouse and Vacuum Continuous Brakes:—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for Mr. Wright, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—As the papers laid upon the Table of this House in connection with the inquiry by the Board of Experts into the question of brakes are incomplete, will there be any objection to lay upon the Table the further papers in connection therewith, consisting of the reply of Professor Warren, Messrs. Thow and Cruickshank, to the minority report signed by Mr. D. H. Neil, and that gentleman's reply thereto?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—There will be no objection, and the papers referred to will be laid upon the Table of this House. I may point out to the Honorable Member, however, that the papers he asks for are not part of, or connected with the Report, being correspondence which passed subsequent to its being concluded and handed to the Commissioners.

- (8.) Lavatories for Second-class Railway Carriages:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In view of the frequent complaints that have been made of the unsuitableness of second-class railway carriages for long journeys, will he see that steps are taken in the construction of the proposed new second-class carriages to have suitable lavatories attached to each carriage?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—The Railway Commissioners are not aware that frequent complaints have been made, and, as previously intimated, they have made great improvements in the accommodation for second-class passengers, and will not be backward in still further improving the accommodation as they can consistently do so.

- (9.) Targets for Randwick Rifle Range:—*Mr. Nobbs* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Commanding Engineer has ordered the construction of a number of targets for Randwick Rifle Range, which are of a pattern not approved by the Board on Targets?
- (2.) If so, why?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—No.

- (10.) Fisheries Bill:—*Mr. Stevenson* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has a new Fisheries Bill been prepared and submitted to him by the present Fisheries Commissioners?
- (2.) If so, can he say when he will be prepared to submit the same to the House?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) My honorable colleague is not prepared at present to say.

- (11.) Court of Petty Sessions at Swansea:—*Mr. Stevenson* asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that at Wallarah, a mining township on the coast, there is a population of some 400; that there is a policeman stationed there, and a lock-up, but no magistrate?
- (2.) Is it a fact that at Swansea the same state of things exists; and that, though there is a monthly Court held, there is no local magistrate?
- (3.) Has his attention been called to the above, and the name of a suitable person recommended, not only by the Member, but by the Board of the Coal Company; if so, what action has he taken to remedy this great want, by asking the Colonial Secretary to appoint a local gentleman, resident at Wallarah, to the Commission of the Peace?

Mr. Gould answered,—

(1.) I am informed that Wallarah, otherwise known as Catherine Hill Bay, is a private mining township on the coast; that it has a population of about 300; that there is a policeman stationed there, and a suitable lock-up erected; and that, although there is no resident magistrate at present, no inconvenience appears to have arisen in the administration of justice therefrom.

(2.) I am also informed that Swansea is between 6 and 7 miles from Wallarah, and has, with its surroundings, a population of about 450; that there is a constable stationed there, and also a lock-up; that a Court of Petty Sessions is held monthly, and sometimes more frequently. Mr. James E. Hannell, of Bellmont (4 miles distant), is the nearest magistrate. Mr. Hannell and Mr. Gordon, Police Magistrate of Gosford, constitute the Bench, and administer justice. As very few cases at Swansea which necessitate prosecution, the police at present experience no possible inconvenience through Justices of the Peace not being more numerous.

(3.) With the exception of a recommendation made by the Honorable Member some months ago, and which was forwarded for the consideration of the Cabinet, no communication on the subject of the appointment of additional Justices of the Peace has been received at the Department of Justice.

- (12.) Civil Service Act:—*Mr. Williams* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Do teachers of Public Schools reap the benefits of the Civil Service Act?
- (2.) Do they reap the benefits of the 40th clause?
- (3.) If not, why; and at whose instance?

Mr.

Mr. Brunker answered,—

- (1.) Teachers reap the benefits of the provisions embodied in Part V of the Act only.
- (2.) No ; but special rules regulating leave of absence to teachers have been sanctioned by the Department.
- (3.) At the instance of the framers of the Act.

(13.) Appointment of Land Valuer :—Mr. McCourt asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Have the Railway Commissioners appointed a Land Valuer ; if so, what is his name, and the salary given ?
- (2.) Has the gentleman appointed any special qualifications for the office ?
- (3.) Were applications called through the Press for the position ?
- (4.) Has not Mr. Thompson for years done all this kind of work ; if so, why was another valuer appointed ?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—The Railway Commissioners have not appointed a Land Valuer.

(14.) Bridges over Birie Creek, Bokarah Creek, and Culgoa River :—Mr. Willis asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What are the names of the contractors, and the names of their sureties, for bridges over the Birie Creek, Bokarah Creek, and Culgoa River ?
- (2.) How long is it since the contractors signed the contract ?
- (3.) What is the cause of delay in erecting the three bridges named ?
- (4.) Is it a fact that the whole of the traffic which naturally belongs to Brewarrina is diverted through not being able to cross the streams indicated ?
- (5.) Will he ask Mr. Grant to visit the localities, with a view of furnishing a report on these works ?

Mr. Young answered,—

- (1.) Bridge over Birie Creek—T. Bell, contractor ; G. Bell and S. Kellett, sureties. Bridge over Bokarah Creek—the same contractor and sureties. Bridge over the Culgoa—G. Burrows, contractor ; T. McMahon and J. Cowell, sureties.
- (2.) The contracts for bridges over Birie and Bokarah Creeks were signed on 2nd March, 1889, and the contract for the bridge over the Culgoa was signed on 12th March, 1889.
- (3.) The flooded state of the country.
- (4.) No ; only that from Lednappa.
- (5.) Yes.

2. DAIRIES SUPERVISION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2) (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Rose 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 amend the Dairies Supervision Act.
Question put and passed.

3. STATE FORESTS AND FOREST RESERVES (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—

- (1.) The number of State forests in New South Wales, and their total area.
- (2.) The number of forest reserves in New South Wales, and their total area.
- (3.) The total quantity of the timber, including trees and piles, cut on these reserves in 1890.
- (4.) The revenue derived from the issue of timber licenses, royalties, permits, and other dues in each year, from 1879 to the end of 1890, stating also the total amounts thus derived.
- (5.) The number of trees ready for transplanting in the State forest near Gosford.
- (6.) The number of cedar plantations, and the number of trees planted therein.
- (7.) The number of wattle plantations.
- (8.) The names of the trees planted in the Railway Reserve at Cootamundra.
- (9.) The extent of tree-planting carried out by the Forestry Department this year up to date.
- (10.) The number of forest rangers employed in connection with the Forest Department, and the amounts annually paid them for salaries.

Question put and passed.

4. SEGENHOE ESTATE IRRIGATION BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Neild moved, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) That the Segenhoe Estate Irrigation Bill be referred to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, for consideration and report.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Newman, Mr. Nobbs, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Perry, Mr. Alfred Allen, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Rose, Mr. H. H. Brown, Mr. Scobie, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

5. SIMPSON'S RAILWAY BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Crick, for Mr. Barton, moved, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) That Simpson's Railway 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. Young, Mr. Lyne, Mr. Neild, Mr. R. B. Wilkinson, Mr. Wright, Mr. Sheldon, Mr. Melville, Mr. Frank Farnell, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

6. ROAD BETWEEN CUDAL AND DAVY'S PLAINS (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Barbour, for Dr. Ross, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers, correspondence, reports, &c., having reference to the re-opening of the public road between Cudal and Davy's Plains.

Question put and passed.

7. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Diseases in Sheep Act's Further Amendment Bill postponed until Tuesday, 22nd September.

8. **LIQUOR TRAFFIC**:—Mr. Neild presented a Petition from W. Sidaway, Chairman of a Public Meeting, held in the Oddfellow's Hall, Waverley, representing that Resolutions were adopted at the meeting affirming that the enormous evils—economic, social, and moral—everywhere resulting from the traffic in intoxicants, and the widespread demand for the right of popular veto, render it necessary to deal with the subject at the earliest moment; that the most reasonable, democratic, and satisfactory method of dealing with the question would be by passing a law prohibiting the manufacture, importation, and sale of alcoholic liquor for beverage purposes, such law before coming into operation to be submitted to a vote of the entire adult population of the country; and praying that the subject may receive favourable consideration.
Petition received.
9. **EMPLOYERS LIABILITY ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Kelly moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Kelly, 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.
Ordered, that the adoption of the report stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.
10. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Parliamentary Representatives Allowance Act Amendment Bill postponed until Tuesday, 22nd September.
11. **EIGHT HOURS BILL**:—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Schey, 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 declare eight hours to be a legal day's labour; to declare void, and in some cases penal, certain contracts and agreements; to regulate labour on Saturdays and Sundays; to provide for overtime working and payments therefor; and for other purposes connected with the aforesaid objects.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), That the report be now received.
The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to declare eight hours to be a legal day's labour; to declare void, and in some cases penal, certain contracts and agreements; to regulate labour on Saturdays and Sundays; to provide for overtime working and payments therefor; and for other purposes connected with the aforesaid objects.
On motion of Mr. Schey, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
- (2.) Mr. Schey then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to declare eight hours to be a legal day's labour; to declare void, and in some cases penal, certain contracts and agreements; to regulate labour on Saturdays and Sundays; to provide for overtime working and payments therefor; and for other purposes connected with the aforesaid objects*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 1st December.
12. **WAGES OF WORKMEN BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Schey Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the better securing of wages to workmen; to render stoppages from wages as contributions to benevolent funds of any kind illegal; to punish persons making such stoppages; and for other purposes connected therewith.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), That the report be now received.
The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide for the better securing of wages to workmen; to render stoppages from wages as contributions to benevolent funds of any kind illegal; to punish persons making such stoppages; and for other purposes connected therewith.
On motion of Mr. Schey, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
13. **DIVORCE AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Neild moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER, 1891, A.M.

Mr. Dickens moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Debate ensued.
Question put.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Rose,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Rac,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Dickens,	Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Murphy,	Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Newman,	Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Cook,	Dr. Cullen,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,	Mr. Gillics.
Mr. Donald,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Dawson,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Lysaght,	Mr. Sharp.
Mr. Darnley,	

Noes, 18.

Mr. Davis,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Neild.
Mr. Vaughn,	
Mr. Melville,	
Mr. Grahame,	
Mr. Scott,	
Mr. Williams,	
Mr. Cotton,	
Mr. Cann,	
Mr. Cullen,	
Mr. Edden,	
Mr. Houghton,	
Mr. Danahey,	
Mr. Bavister,	
Mr. G. D. Clark,	

And so it passed in the affirmative.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday, 3rd November.

14. MUNICIPALITIES ACT OF 1867 AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the adoption of the report from the Committee of the Whole on this Bill,—Mr. Neild moved, That the report be now adopted.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

The House adjourned, at One o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 25.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER, 1891.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Irrigation Works:—Mr. Houghton asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is it the intention of the Government to take any steps with a view to starting the long-promised irrigation works on the State lands of the Colony?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—The progress report lately laid upon the Table of Parliament shows that the necessary preliminary work in connection with water conservation is being pushed on. The large works contemplated cannot be proceeded with till the Water Conservation Bill is passed, and it is intended to go on with that Bill as soon as the state of business in the House will allow.

(2.) Roads through Conditional Purchases:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for Mr. Ewing, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it the practice of the Department to allow a conditional purchaser the right to appeal to the Local Land Board, in order that the value of land taken for road purposes may be investigated by such Board?

(2.) Will he, in any case in which any conditional purchaser feels he is suffering any injustice from roads being forced through his selection, send such case to the Local Land Board for investigation?

Mr. Brunner answered,—

(1.) Should claims be made on account of lands resumed for roads from conditional purchases the claims will be sent to the Local Land Boards to assess the value of the lands so resumed in accordance with the law.

(2.) Reasonable opportunity is afforded to all who would be affected by the opening of a new road to place any objections they may have before the Minister, and they are invited to do so; and all objections received are inquired into and fully considered before a decision to open the road or not is arrived at. Should it at any time be considered expedient to obtain information from a Land Board reference will be made to it.

(3.) Tram Waiting-room at King-street:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Has the attention of the Railway Commissioners been directed to the inconvenience caused to intending female passengers by trams through the absence of a waiting-room at King-street stopping-place?

(2.) As the King-street stopping-place is the locality where the larger number of passengers by every tram wait, will he urge upon the Railway Commissioners the desirableness of resuming the corner hotel, or two of the adjoining shops, for the purpose of providing a waiting-room commodious enough to temporarily accommodate the passengers referred to?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—This matter has been considered, but in view of the large expense which would be necessary in connection with the suggested resumptions, and the absence of any pressing necessity for any accommodation beyond that now provided, the Commissioners do not intend to resume the property referred to.

(4.) Case of William Burnett:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a man named William Burnett received a sentence of three years imprisonment in December last for criminally assaulting a girl at a Sunday school picnic at Chowder Bay?

(2.) Is it also a fact that Burnett was released from prison after serving only eight months of his sentence, and that he has now been arrested on a similar charge?

(3.) What reasons were assigned for the release of Burnett, and who were the persons who asked for his release?

(4.)

- (4.) Is it a fact that a man named Murphy received a sentence of two years imprisonment for a common assault committed near Bungendore, in a quarrel with a male neighbour?
- (5.) Is it also a fact that, though the magistrates, clergymen, and chief residents of the Bungendore district signed and presented a petition, asking for a curtailment of Murphy's sentence, he refused to recommend such curtailment?

Mr. Gould answered,—

(1.) A man named William Bennett Burnett received such a sentence in December last for indecent assault on a girl under the age of 14 years.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) In May last it was found necessary, on account of the state of his health, as reported by the Visiting Surgeon at Berrima, to remove Burnett from Berrima to the warmer climate of Parramatta. In June, Messrs. Street and Paterson, solicitors, on behalf of the relatives and friends of Burnett, drew attention to the condition of his health, and petitioned for his release, representing that he could not live long, and would receive attention and comfort if remitted to the charge of his relatives before he died. On the 12th of that month the Visiting Surgeon to the Gaol at Parramatta reported that prisoner was admitted into the Gaol Hospital on the 6th idem suffering from hæmoptysis, and on the previous night had a severe attack of angina pectoris, and that he had been under treatment by a doctor at Woollahra for heart disease, and that his condition was serious. On the 19th of the same month the Medical Adviser to the Government stated he had examined the prisoner, and found him suffering from hæmoptysis, with such serious symptoms that he could only be moved with great danger to his life, and recommended that as soon as, in the opinion of the Visiting Medical Officer, he was fit for removal Dr. Violette should report it, and the question of his discharge might be again raised. On the 30th June the Visiting Surgeon again reported that Burnett was still in a precarious condition, having had a relapse of hæmoptysis, and was unfit for removal. On the 8th July he was reported by the Visiting Surgeon as being sufficiently fit to travel if it were determined that he should be released to the care of his friends. On the strength of the official representations as to the state of prisoner's health his release was recommended, as is usual in cases where prisoners are reported to be suffering from disease likely to prove shortly fatal or to be seriously aggravated by further incarceration.

(4.) A man named Thomas Murphy received a sentence of two years imprisonment with hard labour for maliciously wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm at Bungendore.

(5.) A petition was received for a remission of Murphy's sentence, signed by certain inhabitants of Bungendore, but in view of the report of the Judge who tried the case, and the fact that the prisoner had been summarily convicted more than twenty times, the remission was not recommended.

- (5.) Western Mail Train:—Mr. Morgan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Was the Western up-mail train nearly wrecked between Glenbrook and Springwood on the 4th instant?

(2.) If so, what was the cause, and who is responsible?

(3.) Have any steps been taken to prevent the possibility of similar accidents in future?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) On the date in question the driver of the up-mail felt an inequality in the road at about mileage 43 miles 10 chains west, which, on examination, was found to have been caused by its being slightly out of line. The road was put right in a few minutes, and there was nothing to justify the assumption that the train was nearly wrecked.

(2.) It is thought that the previous goods train had slightly affected the road.

(3.) Every precaution is taken to keep the line in good order. The matter is having the proper attention.

- (6.) Revenue derived from Peak Hill Gold-fields:—Mr. Morgan asked the Secretary for Mines,—
What amount of revenue has been derived from gold and mineral leases, miners' rights, and mineral licenses in connection with the Peak Hill Gold-fields to date?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—£1,972 ls. 6d.

- (7.) Columbian Exhibition, at Chicago:—Mr. McCourt asked the Colonial Secretary,—Before appointing Commissioners for New South Wales to the Columbian Exhibition, at Chicago, will he, in view of the Federal feeling which exists in all the Colonies, communicate with the Premiers of the other Australian Colonies, suggesting to have Australia represented as a whole, so that we may have one Australian Court without petty divisions; one Australian Commission, to consist of a few of the leading colonists from each Colony, with power to elect an executive commissioner for Australia; each Colony to contribute to the cost according to population?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—After consideration, the Government do not think of taking the step proposed by the Honorable Member. It seems to me that there are very special and substantial reasons against it; that the Colony of New South Wales, even if all the Colonies were united under a Federal Government, should, in a matter of this kind, represent itself exclusively, and that the other Colonies would desire to do the same. That is, that it is not an occasion when the individual character and resources of any Colony should be sunk in a union of the whole, and we think that, as the representation by this Colony is for this Colony alone, it would be much more effective and much more to its credit and advantage for it to stand alone in this great Exhibition.

- (8.) Postal Union:—Mr. Leven, for Mr. Wall, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) At what date will the Australian Colonies enter the Postal Union?

(2.) What class will they be in?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) 1st October next.

(2.) Classification only exists for the purpose of assessing the expenses of the International Bureau, which must not exceed 100,000 francs (£4,166) annually. Australasia will probably be in the first class.

(9.) Insufficient Postage on Letters.—Mr. Kidd asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a large number of letters posted within the metropolitan and penny postage areas to country districts are insufficiently stamped?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the penalty of double the deficiency is inflicted upon the persons to whom such letters are addressed?
- (3.) Is it a fact that instructions have been issued to all postmasters that letters insufficiently stamped shall not leave the office until the deficient postage and fine are paid?
- (4.) Is it a fact that postmasters are not obliged to give notice of such letters lying at their offices?
- (5.) If so, will he recognise the justice of adopting a regulation that all letters insufficiently stamped be returned to the senders?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) No. Such letters are, with others, sent out of the offices for delivery by letter-carriers where such delivery is afforded, but no letters chargeable with postage are deliverable until the postage be paid.
- (4.) Yes.
- (5.) Such a regulation would be contrary to the existing law, but the general desire seems to be that insufficiently and even wholly unstamped letters should be delivered and double postage charged. Provision for such a course is made in the draft amending Postal Bill, introduced last Session in the Australasian Convention, agreed to at the recent Intercolonial Postal Conference, and is in accordance with the Universal Postal Union, into which the Australasian Colonies are to enter on 1st October next.

(10.) Stock Department :—Mr. Tonkin asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) What is the cost of the Stock Department to the pastoralists of this Colony?
- (2.) What benefit do the pastoralists derive from such expenditure?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

- (1.) About £20,000 per annum.
- (2.) Principally the prevention of "scab" in sheep, the introduction of which among the flocks in the Colony would involve incalculable loss, and seriously injure the pastoral industry; also the inspection and quarantining of imported stock, and the investigating, advising, and assisting owners in connection with outbreaks of disease already affecting the stock of the Colony. The Department is also charged with the registration of horse and cattle brands, and sheep brands and marks, which has done much to put down stock-stealing, the supervision of pounds and commons, and the protection of travelling stock and camping reserves from trespass, so as to secure the grass on them for *bonâ fide* travelling stock.

2. PERMANENT AND VOLUNTEER MILITARY FORCES (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Hugh McKinnon moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—
 (1.) The distribution of pay allowances, and "efficiency" for all ranks, inclusive of Permanent and General Staff, which was in force under the Volunteer and Military and Naval Statutes (and Regulations thereunder) of New South Wales on 1st January, 1884.
 (2.) The same for each and every succeeding amendment or alteration in said distribution, from 1st January, 1884, to 1st September, 1891.
 Question put and passed.

3. METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITIES CATTLE AND SHEEP DRIVING BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Danahey, for Mr. Bavister, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to empower the Council of any Municipality in the Metropolitan District of Sydney to make by-laws for regulating the driving of cattle and sheep, and to repeal an Act passed in the sixteenth year of Her present Majesty's reign, numbered twenty-three, to prevent cattle being driven through populous towns and places, except within certain hours, as far as the same relates to the Municipalities in the Metropolitan District of Sydney.
 Question put and passed.

4. CASE OF WILLIAM LENEHAN (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Melville moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers, evidence, petitions, letters, and other documents or extracts therefrom as may appear unobjectionable, in connection with the case of William Lenchan, who was tried and convicted at Bathurst Circuit Court in April last.
 Question put and passed.

5. MUNICIPALITIES ACT OF 1867 AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Neild, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Neild then moved, that the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the 'Municipalities Act of 1867.'*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Municipalities Act of 1867.'*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 9th September, 1891.

6. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Yongaletha Marble, Flag, and Flux Company Bill postponed until Thursday, 17th September.

7. PAPERS:—Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—
 (1.) Return to an Order, made on 20th August, 1891, "Government Observatory."
 Ordered to be printed.
 (2.) Notification of resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land for Public School Purposes at Shellharbour, Rothbury, Eversleigh, Gosford, Ward's River, Byron Creek, and Nanegai.
8. DOCUMENTS RETURNED TO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:—Mr. Young (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the following documents be returned to the custody of the Department of Public Works,—
 (1.) Report of the Examiner of Public Works Proposals on the proposed improvement of the River Brunswick, laid upon the Table of this House on 26th November, 1890.
 (2.) Correspondence respecting Brushgrove and Maclean Roads, laid upon the Table of this House on 17th December, 1890.
 (3.) Papers in connection with Murwillumbah Ferry, laid upon the Table of this House on 26th May, 1891.
 Question put and passed.

9. JAMBEROO AND KIAMA BOROUGHS NAMING 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 alter the names of the Boroughs of Kiama and East Kiama*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
 Sydney 9th September, 1891.

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
 Chairman Presiding.

JAMBEROO AND KIAMA BOROUGHS NAMING BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 9th September, 1891.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
 Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, clause 1, line 8. Omit "of" insert "now called and known as"
 Page 1, clause 1, line 9. Omit "the names of the Boroughs of"
 Page 1, clause 2, line 11. Omit "Jamberoo and"
 Page 1, clause 2, line 12. After "Kiama" insert "and East Kiama"
 Page 1, clause 2, line 12. Omit "Naming Bill" insert "Re-naming Act"
 Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
 Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Tuesday next.

10. PUBLICANS LICENSES FURTHER RESTRICTION BILL:—
 (1.) The Order of the Day having been read for the reception of Resolution from Committee of the Whole,—on motion of Sir Henry Parkes the Resolution was received.
 Resolution then read a first time, as follows:—
Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend and extend the provisions of the "Licensing Acts, 1882-1883," under which publicans' licenses are subject to ratepayers' votes; and for other purposes in connection with the restriction of such licenses.
 On motion of Sir Henry Parkes, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
- (2.) Sir Henry Parkes then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend and extend the provisions of the 'Licensing Acts, 1882-1883,' under which publicans' licenses are subject to ratepayers' votes; and for other purposes in connection with the restriction of such licenses*,"—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday, 23rd September.
11. REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE BILL (No. 2):—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER, 1891, A.M.

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

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

J. P. ABBOTT,
 Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 26.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER, 1891.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Postage Acts Amendment Bill :—*Mr. Farnell*, for *Mr. Jeanneret*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to reintroduce the Bill introduced by the Honorable *D. O'Connor*, Postmaster-General, during the last Session of Parliament to establish a system of penny postage on letters throughout the Colony of New South Wales?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I must ask the Honorable Member to give fresh notice of this Question, as I should like to consult with the Postmaster-General before answering it.

(2.) Town Allotments at Bunyan and Adaminaby :—*Mr. Dawson* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) When will the town allotments, already surveyed at Bunyan be sold?

(2.) Do the Government intend offering any town lots in the township of Adaminaby at an early date?

Mr. Brunner answered,—

(1.) No application has been received for the sale of allotments at Bunyan, but the District Surveyor will be asked to report as to the advisableness of submitting the same to auction.

(2.) Allotments in the town of Adaminaby are advertised for sale on the 28th proximo, to which effect the Honorable Member was informed on the 4th instant, by official letter covering three slips of upset prices, &c.

(3.) Military Works Department :—*Mr. Frank Farnell* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) How many public works have been carried out since Colonel de Wolski took charge of the Military Works Department?

(2.) How many of those works were publicly tendered for?

(3.) What was the contract price of each work, whether by public tender or otherwise?

(4.) How much money was paid to the contractors in each case over and above the contract price?

(5.) Why have the additional payments (if any) been made?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Director of Military Works has been instructed to submit at an early date a Return embodying full and complete information on all the matters referred to. This will be laid upon the Table as soon as it is obtained.

(4.) Wages to Workmen employed on Centennial Park :—*Mr. J. D. FitzGerald* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the workmen employed on the Centennial Park only receive at the rate of 6s. per day, while the workmen employed on all the other parks receive pay at the rate of 7s. per day?

(2.) If so, will he consider the advisableness of increasing the pay of the men employed on the Centennial Park to 7s.

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1 and 2.) I am informed by the officer in charge of the Centennial Park that the men that do heavy work in water are paid at the rate of 7s. per day; the others are paid 6s. and 6s. 6d., according to work.

(5.) Marine Board Regulations :—*Mr. Willis*, for *Mr. Nicoll*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is there any regulation by which the Marine Board has power to stop the "Kembla," or any ship or ships sailing out of any New South Wales port, whether such ships have a certificate or not?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—Although the responsibility—under a heavy liability—of sending and taking an unseaworthy ship to sea rests primarily with the ship's owner and shipmaster, the Marine Board could, under certain conditions, order the detention of the "Kembla," or any other vessel, no matter whether such vessel had a certificate or not. (6.)

- (6.) Complaints against Police Officer at Rockley :—*Mr. Willis*, for *Mr. Crick*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Have any complaints been made against *Mr. Cromie*, a police officer, at Rockley?
 - (2.) If so, what was the nature of such complaints?
 - (3.) How were same dealt with?
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- Sir Henry Parkes* answered,—The Inspector-General of Police reports that he has not heard of any complaints against *Sergeant Cromie*, of Rockley, nor has his Superintendent. Further inquiries will be made.
- (7.) Site for Model Farm in Bathurst District :—*Mr. Willis*, for *Mr. Crick*, asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Has he yet decided on a site for a model farm in the Bathurst District?
 - (2.) Have any negotiations been entered into for the purchase of a place called Dockairne?
 - (3.) If not, is it his intention to endeavour to purchase this place?
- Mr. Sydney Smith* answered,—
- (1.) The matter is now under consideration.
 - (2.) Dockairne has been offered for this purpose, but it is intended to use Government reserves wherever practicable.
- (8.) Case of *Thomas Stapleton* :—*Mr. Willis*, for *Mr. Crick*, asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Was a prisoner named *Thomas Stapleton* recently flogged in Parramatta Gaol?
 - (2.) How many lashes did he receive?
 - (3.) Who imposed the sentence, and what was the offence?
- Mr. Gould* answered,—
- (1.) Yes; on the 26th August.
 - (2.) Twenty-five.
 - (3.) I am informed the sentence was imposed by the Visiting Justice, *Mr. Neil Stewart*, and *Captain Chatfield, J.P.* The offence was violently assaulting the Gaol Storekeeper, *Mr. Howard*, who had found it necessary, in the performance of his duty, to report the prisoner for a breach of discipline, for which punishment was awarded. The assault was committed in retaliation.
- (9.) Site for Offices, &c., of Water and Sewerage Board :—*Mr. Willis*, for *Mr. Crick*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Did the Government purchase a site for the offices, &c., of the Water and Sewerage Board?
 - (2.) The name of the vendor?
- Mr. Young* answered,—
- (1.) A site was resumed in the ordinary way for the purpose stated.
 - (2.) *Donald Manson*.
- (10.) *Mr. Brooks, P.M.* :—*Mr. Rose* asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Why was *Mr. Brooks, P.M.*, of Maitland, removed to Sydney?
 - (2.) Who discharged temporary duty as deputy Stipendiary Magistrate before *Mr. Brooks* came?
 - (3.) Who is now discharging the duties of Police Magistrate and Coroner at Maitland?
 - (4.) Does *Mr. Brooks* when at Maitland attend Singleton?
 - (5.) How long is *Mr. Brooks* to remain in Sydney?
- Mr. Gould* answered,—
- (1.) In order to perform the duties of Stipendiary Magistrate during the absence on leave of *Mr. G. W. F. Addison, S.M.*
 - (2.) *Mr. Cornelius Delohery*, who has since been promoted to the position of Stipendiary Magistrate, rendered vacant by the death of *Mr. T. K. Abbott*.
 - (3.) The local Bench has arranged to perform the duties of *Mr. Brooks*, and *Mr. Henry Crothers, J.P.*, has been appointed to act as Coroner during *Mr. Brooks*' absence.
 - (4.) Yes.
 - (5.) *Mr. Brooks* was appointed to perform the duties of *Mr. Addison* until the termination of that gentleman's leave of absence, namely, the 30th instant.
- (11.) Appointment of Inspector of Conditional Purchases at Molong :—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Has any person been appointed to the office of Inspector of Conditional Purchases at Molong, vacant by the death of *Mr. Griffiths*; if so, will he state the name of the person?
 - (2.) Has the person yet resumed the duties of his office; if so, will the Minister state if he resides in the district, or where he is to be found?
- Mr. Brunker* answered,—
- (1.) *Mr. C. H. Battye*.
 - (2.) *Mr. Battye* reported himself to the Chairman at Orange on the 17th July last, where any communications will find him.
- (12.) Shipment of Butter :—*Mr. Henry Clarke* asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Is he aware that the Victorian Government have arranged with the P. and O. and Orient Companies to reserve space in the refrigerating chambers of their steamers for the shipment of butter?
 - (2.) Has this Government made a similar arrangement with these companies?
- Mr. Sydney Smith* answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) This matter has hitherto been left entirely to private enterprise. In view, however, of recent developments, I shall cause full inquiries to be made if it will be practicable and expedient to attempt to assist the dairy farmers in the direction indicated.
- (13.) Amendment of Fire Brigades Act :—*Mr. Barbour* asked the Colonial Secretary,—When does he propose dealing with the Bill for amending the Fire Brigades Act?
- Sir Henry Parkes* answered,—I might reasonably answer that, looking at the progress we have made, some time in the year 1894; but I will really answer that I will enter into this business as soon as we possibly can.

2. RESERVE RIFLE COMPANIES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Nobbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing the number of Reserve Rifle Companies in the Colony, giving the strength of each Company, and the names of the Captains, Secretaries, and Treasurers.
Question put and passed.

3. PETTY SESSIONS JURISDICTION EXTENSION BILL. (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Torpy moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend the jurisdiction of Courts of Petty Sessions.
Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Torpy then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to extend the jurisdiction of Courts of Petty Sessions*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 6th October.

4. PAPERS:—

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

(1.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Bowral, under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.

(2.) Return respecting Test of Targets.

(3.) Report of the Executive Commissioner for New South Wales on the International Exhibition of Mining and Metallurgy, London, 1890.

(4.) Progress Report on the extension of the Railway into the City and the North Shore Bridge connection.

(5.) Addendum to the Progress Report on the extension of the Railway into the City; and Report on the extension of the Railway to the Suburbs of Sydney.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—Report of the Minister of Public Instruction for the year 1890.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Young laid upon the Table,—Return respecting Contracts for Public Works.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sydney Smith laid upon the Table,—Annual Report of the Department of Mines for the year 1890.

Ordered to be printed.

5. LEVEL CROSSINGS ON RAILWAYS BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Bruce Smith, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

JERSEY,
Governor.

Message No. 8.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to enable the Railway Commissioners of New South Wales to close certain level crossings, and to substitute, where necessary, overhead bridges or subways, or other conveniences in lieu thereof.

*Government House,
Sydney, 3rd September, 1891.*

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

6. LIQUOR TRAFFIC:—

(1.) Mr. Slattery presented a Petition from certain persons, in favour of the introduction into Parliament of an Amended Licensing Bill, having for its object the removal of certain restrictions by which the licensed victuallers are oppressed and the public harassed; suggesting alterations in the existing Licensing Act in the direction of hours of closing, Sunday closing, single-room clubs, power of police to enter hotels, issue of summonses, onus of proof, right of appeal, issue of licenses to grocers, recovery of debts, refreshment for travellers, duty on spirits; and praying the House to take all these matters into consideration.

(2.) Mr. Traill presented a Petition from James H. Rainford, President, and W. A. Court, Secretary, of the South Sydney Branch of the United Licensed Victuallers Association, representing that it is desirable in the interests of the working classes that the 63rd section of the Licensing Acts of 1882-3 should be so amended as to permit the sale of liquor to be consumed on the premises within the hours of 5:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. on the six business days of the week, 7 to 9 a.m., 1 to 3, and 8 to 10 p.m. on Sunday, Good Friday, and Christmas Day; and praying the House to take the matter into earnest consideration.
Petitions received.

7. CROWN LANDS ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having taken into consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated 3rd September, 1891, in reference to the "Crown Lands Act Amendment Bill,"—
Insists upon its amendment in clause 3, which inserts subsection (v), and disagrees from the Assembly's amendment therein,—

(1.) Because that portion of subsection (v) of clause 3 which the Legislative Assembly wishes to omit embodies one of the main principles of the Land Acts of 1884 and 1889, namely, the limitation of the judicial functions of the Minister.

(2.) Because the said portion accords with section 20 of the Land Act of 1884, which makes the decision of the Land Board on any question of forfeiture (subject to appeal) final.

(3.)

- (3.) Because, under the provisions of the said subsection (v), the Minister, before absolutely reversing a forfeiture, must refer to the Local Land Board for inquiry and report as to any fact or circumstance in virtue of which he proposes to make any reversal; and that such inquiry must essentially be a local one, and depend chiefly on local evidence of fact, therefore, it is all-important and in strict conformity with the principles contained in the beforementioned Acts that the report and recommendation of the Local Land Board, based on local inspection and evidence, should not be liable to be ignored by the Minister.

Insists upon its amendment in clause 4,—Because it is inconsistent to declare forfeited land legally open to selection, and then to dispossess a second applicant who has acted within the law, and for whom no compensation is provided.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 10th September, 1891.*

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman Presiding.

Ordered, that this Message be taken into consideration on Wednesday next.

8. **AGRICULTURAL HOLDINGS BILL**:—Mr. Bowes presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill for amending the Law relating to Agricultural Holdings*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 22nd September.
9. **METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITIES CATTLE AND SHEEP DRIVING BILL**:—Mr. Bavister presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to empower the Council of any Municipality in the Metropolitan District of Sydney to make by-laws for regulating the driving of cattle and sheep, and to repeal an Act passed in the sixteenth year of Her present Majesty's reign, numbered twenty-three, to prevent cattle being driven through populous towns and places, except within certain hours, as far as the same relates to the Municipalities in the Metropolitan District of Sydney*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 17th November.
10. **ADDITIONAL SITTING DAY (Sessional Order)**:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That, during the remainder of the present Session, unless otherwise ordered, "Monday" 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.
Mr. Neild moved, That the Question be amended by the addition of the words "and that during the remainder of the present Session the measures of reform promised in the Governor's Speech at the opening of Parliament,—particularly Electoral Reform, District Self-Government, Courts of Conciliation and Tribunals for Arbitration, Regulation of Coal Mining, Amendment of the Mining Law, Regulation of Factories, Water Conservation and Irrigation, Regulation of the Liquor Traffic, and Revision of the Tariff,—be proceeded with prior to the consideration of the Federation Question."
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be added be so added.
Debate ensued.
Point of Order:—Mr. Crick requested the ruling of the Chair on the proposed amendment, which he considered out of order (being unauthorised by the 35th section of the Constitution Act, which provides for the adoption of Standing Rules and Orders), and only capable of being considered as a substantive motion, upon notice.
Mr. Speaker supported the objection raised, and ruled that the proposed amendment could not be put.
Debate continued.
Mr. Suttor moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word "Monday," with a view to the insertion in its place of the word "Friday."
Question proposed,—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
Debate continued.
Mr. Speaker stated that he was bound, by a decision of the House itself on 16th April, 1874, overruling the decision of Mr. Speaker Arnold on a similar amendment, to declare the proposed amendment out of order.
Original Question,—That, during the remainder of the present Session, unless otherwise ordered, Monday 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,—put and passed.
11. **SUPPRESSION OF GAMBLING**:—Mr. Lees presented a Petition from George Brown, President of the New South Wales and Queensland Wesleyan Conference, representing that recent investigations disclose painful facts relating to the alarming growth of the practice of betting and gambling in this Colony; and praying the House to pass an Act that shall deal in an effective manner with this evil.
Petition received.
12. **LEVEL CROSSINGS ON RAILWAYS BILL**:—Mr. Bruce Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to enable the Railway Commissioners of New South Wales to close certain level crossings, and to substitute, where necessary, overhead bridges or subways, or other conveniences in lieu thereof.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
13. **RESCISSON OF ORDER FOR PRINTING**:—Mr. Gould moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Order for printing the "Annual Return of Particulars of Inquests and Magisterial Inquiries for the year 1890," laid upon the Table by him on 2nd September, 1891, be rescinded.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

14. **RACING ASSOCIATION BILL** :—Mr. Crick presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to define the rights of the people in and to the use and occupation of all lands granted, dedicated, or leased to, or otherwise occupied by, companies, clubs, or associations for horse-racing purposes; to provide for the establishment of a representative tribunal; to control all matters affecting horse-racing; to repeal in part the Australian Jockey Club Act; and for other purposes.*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Monday next.
15. **REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE BILL (No. 2)** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

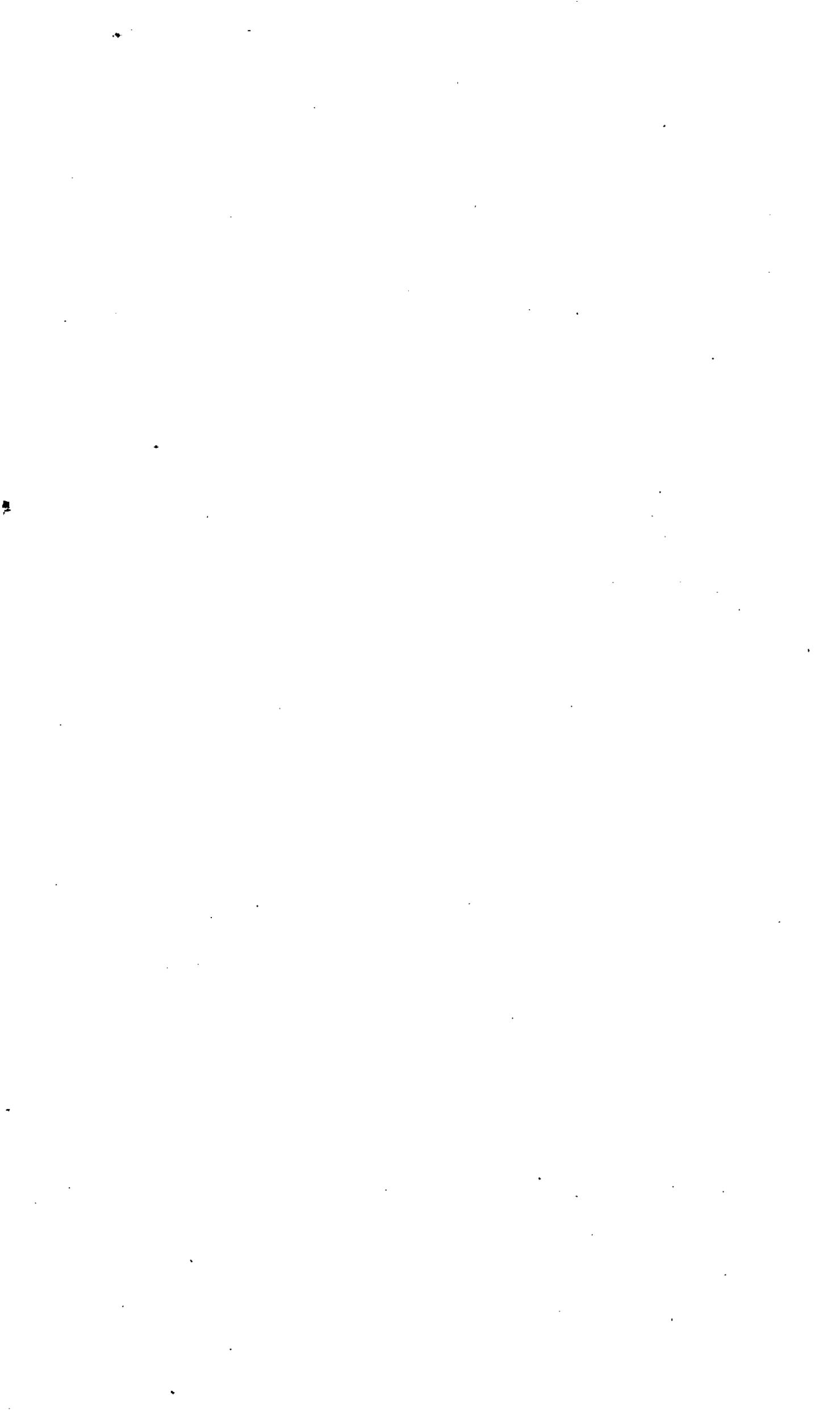
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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Monday next.

16. **ADJOURNMENT** :—Mr. Bruce Smith moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at five minutes after One o'clock a.m., until Monday next at Four o'clock p.m.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 27.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER, 1891.

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

MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Sydney Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for mining on private lands for gold and other minerals, and for the resumption in certain cases of private lands.
Question put and passed.

2. PURCHASE OF THE SHIP "SOBRAON" (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Murphy moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers in connection with the purchase of the ship "Sobraon."
Question put and passed.

3. MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES—PRODUCTION OF MINERALS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. G. D. Clark moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—
(1.) The amount of capital, and number of hands employed in the following manufacturing industries of the Colony:—(a) Woollen Mills; (b) Iron Foundries and Engineering Works; (c) Boot Factories; (d) Clothing Factories; (e) Furniture Factories; (f) Aerated Water Factories; (g) Breweries and Distilleries.
(2.) The total value of the gold, silver, copper, and coal obtained in the Colony during the year 1890, with the number of hands employed in the production of those minerals.
Question put and passed.

4. DEATH OF THE HONORABLE GEOFFREY EAGAR:—Sir Henry Parkes (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House desires to place on record its regretful sense of the loss sustained by this Colony by the death of the Honorable Geoffrey Eagar, formerly a Member of this House, and for more than four years Colonial Treasurer.
And Mr. Toohy having seconded the motion,—
Mr. J. D. FitzGerald addressed the House.
Question then put and passed.

5. THE CLERK AND CLERK ASSISTANT SUMMONED:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Clerk and Clerk Assistant had been subpoenaed to appear before the Supreme Court in the case *Cape v. McMillan*, to give evidence, and to produce certain Documents, being records of the House, specified in such subpoenas.
And having reminded the House that such subpoenas could not be complied with except with the leave of the House,—put a Question,—That the Clerk and Clerk Assistant have leave to comply with the subpoenas personally or by other Officers of the Department, as may be most convenient to the business of this House,—which passed in the affirmative.

6. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Black 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 "to call attention to the reports circulated concerning the treatment of the men aboard "H.M.S. *Mildura*, one of the Auxiliary Squadron subsidised by this, among other, Colonies."
And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—
Mr. Black moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.

7. WILLIAM STAFFORD, EX-SERGEANT OF POLICE:—Mr. Darnley presented a Petition from William Stafford, in reference to the inquiry by a Select Committee into the matter of his dismissal from the Police Force, and praying the House to complete that inquiry by the immediate appointment of another Select Committee.
Petition received.
8. PAPER:—Mr. Sydney Smith laid upon the Table,—Annual Report of the Stock and Brands Branch, Department of Mines, for the year 1890.
Ordered to be printed.
9. REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE BILL (No. 2):—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 28.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER, 1891.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Influx of Chinese to the Colony:—Mr. Sheldon asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) How many persons of Chinese race not naturalised in New South Wales have been admitted to this Colony since the passage of the Chinese Restriction and Regulation Act of 1888 without payment of the £100 poll-tax?
 (2.) Will he furnish names of such persons and dates upon which they were respectively admitted?
 (3.) How many persons (Chinese) have been admitted on payment of poll-tax since same date?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) One.

(2.) Mr. Way Lee. March, 1891.

(3.) Six. I ought to explain that Mr. Way Lee is a Chinese merchant in Adelaide, and he was allowed to come to Sydney on special business, at the instance of the South Australian Government. He transacted his business and returned.

- (2.) Victoria Park:—Mr. Hindle asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he cause to be erected turnstiles or wicket-posts in place of the gates which at present debar the public from access to a certain portion of Victoria Park?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The park having been dedicated and vested in the hands of Trustees any improvements necessary must be carried out under their direction. The Cumberland Ranger has been asked to report as to the representations made by a deputation which waited on me on the 2nd instant.

- (3.) Postage Acts Amendment Bill:—Mr. Morton, for Mr. Jeanneret, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to reintroduce the Bill introduced by the Honorable D. O'Connor, Postmaster-General, during the last Session of Parliament, to establish a system of penny postage on letters throughout the Colony of New South Wales?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—It will be the business of the Government to consider this matter, and if time and other circumstances will allow we shall introduce a Bill to establish penny postage throughout the Colony.

- (4.) Maintenance of Parramatta Road from Newtown Road to Norton-street, Leichhardt:—Mr. Joseph Abbott asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What is the total annual cost to the Government of the maintenance of that portion of the Parramatta Road extending from the Newtown Road to Norton-street, Leichhardt?

Mr. Young answered,—£900, being at the rate of £400 per mile.

- (5.) Conservation of Water, Lake Urana:—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Mines,—In view of the importance of diverting part of the waters of the Murrumbidgee River into Lake Urana during an ordinary fresh in the river, have steps been taken since the recent floods to ascertain the quantity of water that can be stored in the lake, and what part of the natural channels can be utilised as canals to fill the lake from the River?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—The storage capacity of Lake Urana was ascertained before the recent floods occurred. The question as to utilising natural channels for filling Lake Urana has received attention, and the result will be shown when estimates in detail are submitted.

- (6.) Public School at Lake Albert:—Mr. Gormly asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Were tenders called for the erection of a public school at Lake Albert, near Wagga Wagga; if so, when will the erection of the building be commenced?

Mr. Carruthers answered:—Yes; but in view of the pressing demands of a more urgent and necessary character on the funds of the Department, the acceptance of a tender has been postponed until the end of the year.

(7.)

- (7.) Conservation of Water, Lake Cudgellico:—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Mines,—When is it intended to have the proposed works to conserve water in Lake Cudgellico carried out?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—As soon as the state of the country near Lake Creek will permit.

- (8.) Cases of Phillip Abott and Joseph Campbell at Blayney:—Mr. Willis, for Mr. Crick, asked the Minister of Justice,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House all papers and depositions relative to the charges of sheep-stealing against Phillip Abott and Joseph Campbell, at Blayney, in which Abott was discharged and Campbell fined on a reduced charge?

Mr. Gould answered,—There will be no objection if moved for in the usual way.

- (9.) Civil Service Inquiry Commission, Department of Mines:—Mr. Alfred Allen, for Mr. Tonkin, asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is it his intention to place the Report of and Evidence taken before the Commission of Inquiry into the Civil Service on the Mines Department upon the Table of the House; if so, when?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—As I have already stated in reply to a Question, until the House has given a decision upon a motion for the production of the Report and Evidence, I am not prepared to lay the Report upon the Table without the Evidence.

- (10.) Test of Targets:—Mr. O'Sullivan, for Mr. Hassall, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that the pattern of target adopted for use at the new rifle range by the military authorities did not comply with the conditions at the time of trial, and that it is even now unsuitable, and cannot safely be used at the first-class range, in consequence of the ironwork used in its construction rising above the safe limit?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Major-General informs me that the target did not comply strictly with the conditions, notwithstanding which it has been reported by the Board on Targets as very suitable, and that the danger is infinitesimal.

- (11.) Alterations and Improvements at Victoria Barracks:—Mr. Willis, for Mr. Walker, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What amount has been expended on alterations and improvements to the officers' mess and billiard-rooms at Victoria Barracks during the last three years to the present date?

(2.) Were these works let by tender; what was the amount of contract; and who was the successful tenderer?

(3.) What amount has been expended on improvements and alterations to the quarters now occupied by Lieutenant-Colonel Airey since the date of his occupation, giving detail of each improvement or alteration, and total cost of same?

(4.) On whose authority were these improvements and alterations carried out?

Mr. Young answered,—The information asked by the Honorable Member cannot be answered on so short a notice; but I have directed that it be obtained, and I will lay it upon the Table of the House in the form of a Return.

- (12.) Sub-letting of Government Contracts:—Mr. Houghton asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he cause a provision to be inserted in all Government contracts in the future prohibiting the sub-letting of the whole or any portion of such contracts, and insist upon such provision being carried out in its entirety?

Mr. Young answered,—I find that a short time before my predecessor gave up control of the Works Department the subject referred to in the Honorable Member's Question was dealt with by that gentleman, who left the following minute, which I will read:—"Although it does not appear expedient to abolish the practice of sub-letting absolutely in Government contracts, in future the clause requiring consent in writing before any part of a contract can be sub-let shall be adhered to, instead of the practice being allowed as a matter of course, as heretofore. It is to be understood, however, that consent shall not be withheld arbitrarily where no good cause exists for withholding it." I do not see any reason for departing from the principle therein laid down.

- (13.) *H. C. Woods v. Commissioners for Railways*:—Mr. Houghton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—(1.) What was the nature or the amount of the settlement arrived at in the action of *H. C. Woods v. the Commissioners for Railways*, tried in the Supreme Court last week?

(2.) How long is it since the cause of action arose?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) The case was settled by an agreement to pay an amount of £500 and taxed costs.

(2.) The original contract in this case was entered into in 1884.

- (14.) Registry Offices:—Mr. Houghton asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What is the result of the inquiry he promised to have made into the allegation that certain so-called registry offices in Sydney are conducted for immoral purposes?

(2.) Has it come to his knowledge that men and women are continually being robbed by the proprietors of these so-called registry offices, and that under the law, as it stands, the persons so robbed have no means of redress?

(3.) Will he cause an immediate and independent inquiry to be made into the manner in which registry offices generally are conducted, with a view to legislation on the subject at the earliest possible date?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—Inquiry has been made into this matter, and I have in my hands now the report of a very confidential detective of the police force, and amongst other things he says that he has failed to obtain any information that would confirm the report as to immorality in registry offices. He further states that he is not aware, nor can he find out, that any robberies have taken place except in two cases at some distance apart. One was a case where a person obtained money under the pretence of finding employment for another person and failed to do it, and the other was the case of a woman, who obtained money in a somewhat similar manner. I cannot at this time undertake to institute any formal inquiry of the kind mentioned. As far as I have ascertained through the police, there are not sufficient grounds for my taking that course. So far as my office is concerned, it is so overweighted with inquiries of one kind and another, added to the other business, that, unless I get a lieutenant, I shall not be able to manage there any longer.

(15.)

(15.) Guns in Battery at Steel Point:—Mr. Black asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Referring to his answer to Mr. Black's Question No. 3, of 1st September, relative to the case of the guns in Steel Point Battery, has he yet received the statement in writing from General Richardson which he said he had no objection to request that officer to make?
- (2.) If so, when will he lay it upon the Table?
- (3.) If not, will he state the cause of the delay in this matter?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I will lay the memorandum referred to upon the Table in about ten minutes.

(16.) Appointment of Coroner:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is it the practice in Great Britain for the freeholders to elect the Coroner of a district by virtue of a writ issued by the Sheriff?
- (2.) Is it the practice in New South Wales for the Coroner to be nominated by a Bench of Magistrates?
- (3.) In view of the altered circumstances now, as compared with the period when the right was given to the magistrates, will he take steps to introduce a measure conferring upon the electors the right to select the Coroner?

Mr. Gould answered,—

(1.) Under the most recent legislation in Great Britain of which I am aware, coroners are not appointed by the freeholders, but by the County Councils, under the "Local Government Act, 1888."

(2.) This appointment is made in New South Wales by the Governor-in-Council, upon the recommendation of the Minister of Justice, but it is the usual practice to obtain in the first instance a recommendation from the local Bench of Magistrates as to who, in their opinion, would be the most eligible person to fill the position.

(3.) I am not prepared to introduce a measure of the nature indicated.

2. VICE SUPPRESSION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

- (1.) Mr. Neild moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the better suppression of Vice.
Question put and passed.
- (2.) Mr. Neild then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill for the better suppression of Vice*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 17th November.

3. PAPERS:—

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Memorandum by the Major-General Commanding the Military Forces respecting guns in battery at Steel Point.
- (2.) Report of the Barque "Ellen" Inquiry Board, together with Minutes of Evidence.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Young laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Ballina, county of Rous, in connection with certain Improvements to the entrance of the Richmond River.
- (2.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Concord, county of Cumberland, in connection with the Sydney Water Supply.
Ordered to be printed.

4. COAL MINES REGULATION BILL:—Mr. Sydney Smith presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to make better provision for the Regulation of Coal Mines and Collieries, and for other purposes connected therewith*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Monday next.

5. WILLOUGHBY AND GORDON TRAMWAY ACTS AMENDING BILL:—Mr. Cullen, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and Report this Bill was referred on 25th August, 1891; together with a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Cullen then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday next.
Question put and passed.

6. LIQUOR TRAFFIC:—

(1.) Mr. Johnston presented a Petition from G. D. Clark, Chairman of a meeting of Representatives of the Independent Order of Good Templars, held at the Good Templars Hall, stating that in the opinion of the said meeting enormous evils—economic, social, and moral—everywhere resulting from the traffic in intoxicants render it necessary that the subject should be dealt with at the earliest possible moment; that the most reasonable, democratic, and satisfactory method of dealing with the question would be by placing upon the statute book a law providing for the prohibition of the manufacture, importation, and sale of alcoholic liquors for beverage purposes, such law before coming into operation to be submitted to a vote of the entire adult population of the country; and praying the favourable consideration of the House.
Petition received.

(2.) Mr. Cullen presented a Petition from Alexander Riddel, Chairman of a Public Meeting, held in the Lecture Hall at North Sydney, praying the House to amend the laws relating to the sale of intoxicating liquors, by establishing a system of local option, whereby the majority of the Parliamentary electors would have the right to veto the liquor traffic in their own electoral districts.
Petition received.

7. LIQUOR TRAFFIC:—Mr. G. D. Clark moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House is of opinion,—

- (1.) That the enormous evils—economic, social, and moral—everywhere resulting from the traffic in intoxicants, and the widespread demand for the right of popular veto, render it necessary that the subject should be dealt with at the earliest possible moment.
- (2.)

(2.) That the most reasonable, democratic, and satisfactory method of dealing with the question would be by placing upon the Statute Book a law providing "for" the prohibition of the manufacture, importation, and sale of alcoholic liquors for beverage purposes, such law before coming into operation to be submitted to a vote of the entire adult population of the Colony.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Alfred Allen moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "for" in the second paragraph, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "an extension of the principle of Local Option, so as to give the people power to restrict the sale of intoxicating drinks."

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

Point of Order :—Mr. Toohey submitted that the amendment was irregular, as it originated and anticipated a discussion of the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Publicans' Licenses Further Restriction Bill, already on the Notice Paper.

Mr. Speaker decided that the amendment was quite in order.

Debate continued.

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

Debate continued.

Question,—That this Debate be now adjourned,—put and negatived.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Rae,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Cass,
Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Dale.

Tellers,

Mr. Donald,
Mr. Murphy.

Noes, 50.

Mr. Levien,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Sharp,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Scott,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Lysaght,
Mr. Howe,	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Sheldon,	Mr. E. G. Brown,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Jeanneret,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Newman,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. Wall,	Mr. Fuller.
Mr. Jones,	
Mr. Nicholson,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Gormly,	Dr. Hollis,
Mr. Langwell,	Mr. Haynes.

And so it passed in the negative.

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

Question then put,—That this House is of opinion,—

(1.) That the enormous evils—economic, social, and moral—everywhere resulting from the traffic in intoxicants, and the widespread demand for the right of popular veto, render it necessary that the subject should be dealt with at the earliest possible moment.

(2.) That the most reasonable, democratic, and satisfactory method of dealing with the question would be by placing upon the Statute Book a law providing for an extension of the principle of Local Option, so as to give the people power to restrict the sale of intoxicating drinks.

The House divided.

Ayes, 57.

Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. E. G. Brown,
Mr. Murphy,	Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Donald,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Jeanneret,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Scott,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Morton,
Dr. Hollis,	Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. Newman,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Rae,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Colls,
Mr. Cotton,	Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Dawson,	Mr. Holborow.
Mr. Darnley,	
Mr. Jones,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Danahey,	Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. G. D. Clark.
Mr. Dale,	

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Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Levien,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. Cass,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Williams,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Lysaght,
Mr. Morgan.

Tellers,

Mr. Howe,
Mr. O'Sullivan.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

8. **IMPORT DUTIES ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE**:—Mr. McFarlane proceeding to move his motion on this subject,—

Point of Order:—Mr. Houghton requested Mr. Speaker's ruling as to whether the motion was not substantially the same as that decided by the House this Session on the motion of Mr. Copeland—(See Votes and Proceedings, No. 21, entry 13.)

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker decided that the object of both motions was the same, and that this motion could not therefore be entertained.

9. **CONDITIONAL PURCHASES OF NEIL GALLAGHER, ORANGE**:—Mr. Barbour moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the conditional purchases of Neil Gallagher, Orange, conditional purchase 84-166 of 96 acres, and 84-169 of 84 acres, made at Orange in 1884.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Brunker, Mr. McFarlane, Dr. Ross, Mr. Torpy, Mr. York, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Hugh Taylor, and the Mover.

Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Question put and passed.

10. **CONDITIONAL PURCHASE MADE BY ANNE NASH O'BRIEN, AT COROWA**:—Mr. Barbour moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the conditional purchase and additional conditional purchase of Anne Nash O'Brien, Corowa, made August, 1885.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Brunker, Mr. McFarlane, Mr. John Wilkinson, Mr. Crick, Mr. Gormly, Mr. Gough, Mr. Hugh Taylor, Mr. Alfred Allen, Mr. Nobbs, and the Mover.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Bruce Smith moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-eight minutes after Twelve o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

J. P. ABBOTT,

Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 29.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER, 1891.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Director of Military Works:—Mr. Nobbs asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) Was it necessary that an Imperial Officer should have been appointed to succeed Colonel de Wolski as Commanding Engineer and Director of Military Works in this Colony?
 (2.) What experience has Lieutenant-Colonel Boddam, who is now in the service of this Colony, had in the construction of important Military works in Australasia or elsewhere?
 (3.) Is there not an officer in the pay of this Colony who would be capable of filling the position of Director of Military Works?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) The General Officer Commanding as well as the Commanding Engineer recommended that the services of an Imperial Officer should be obtained to fill these positions.
 (2.) Lt.-Col. Boddam has had great experience in the construction of important Military Works in New Zealand, Tasmania, and this Colony.
 (3.) No Officer in the pay of this Colony could be recommended to fill the position of Director of Military Works.
- (2.) Bridge over Murrumbidgee River at Narrandera:—Mr. Darnley, for Mr. Rae, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) Has he been informed by his predecessor that the bridge over the Murrumbidgee River, at Narrandera, has not been constructed according to the specifications, although passed by a Government official?
 (2.) Is it a fact that some scores of dummy bolts were used in fastening the chords or stringers, and also in the transoms, girders, and corbels, to the great injury of the structure, and the danger of the public?
 (3.) If so, will he take steps to have the contractor punished, or at any rate prevented from securing Government contracts in future?
 (4.) What is the name of the officer who passed the work?
 (5.) Is it a fact that the abovementioned bridge is erected in a place that will prevent it from being of any use when the river is flooded, notwithstanding the large amount of money spent in constructing approaches of earthwork, and will he cause a portion of the unexpended balance of the sum placed upon the Estimates for this work to be spent in the further improvement of the road or causeway leading to such bridge on the side nearest the town of Narrandera?

Mr. Young answered,—

- (1.) It is a fact that some defective work has been discovered in this bridge.
 (2.) Some sixty-six dummy bolts were found in it.
 (3.) The contractor, it appears, left this work to a foreman; but on learning the circumstances of the case he at once called at the Office, and, expressing astonishment at the report, stated that if it were found to be correct he would pay the cost of putting in new bolts. This work is now in hand.
 (4.) Mr. J. D. C. Gibson.
 (5.) It was decided that the great expense necessary to raise the approaches above the highest flood level was not warranted. The main bridge is put above flood level in order to ensure its safety.

(3.)

- (3.) *Hansard* Staff:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Did a Sessional Reporter retire from the *Hansard* staff recently?
 - (2.) Has his successor been appointed yet?
 - (3.) If not, what is the cause of the delay?
 - (4.) Have any persons applied for the vacant office; if so, how many, and at what salaries?
 - (5.) Has the position been refused by any person; if so, for what reason?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Principal Shorthand Writer, Parliamentary Reporting Staff:—

- (1.) Yes; on 30th June, 1891.
- (2.) No.
- (3.) Not necessary (owing to the non-appointment of Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works).
- (4.) Yes, two; presumably at salary voted for the office.
- (5.) No offer of the position has been made.

- (4.) Public Works Committee:—Mr. Hutchison asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) When the Public Works Committee was in existence was a secretary, or secretaries or other officers, appointed to carry on the work of the Committee; if so, how many?
 - (2.) What is the salary each receives annually?
 - (3.) Are the services of any or all of such officers still retained, and at what rate are they paid, and for performing what work?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) There is connected with the Committee a staff consisting of a secretary, a clerk, and examiner of printed matter, a temporary clerk and a messenger.
- (2.) The salaries as voted by Parliament are:—Secretary, £750; clerk and examiner of printed matter, £325; messenger, £52. The temporary clerk receives £3 per week.
- (3.) The services of the staff are retained, because though the Committee may be temporarily out of office it is necessary, in view of the important nature of its duties, to see that everything relating to them is brought to and kept in such a state of completeness as will prevent the occurrence of any difficulty when the Committee's inquiries are resumed. There is always a considerable amount of work necessary to be done by the staff in the time between the expiration of one Committee and the appointment of another.

- (5.) Officers employed in Department of Forests:—Mr. Hutchison asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) How many officers are there employed in the Department of Forests, including the Forester-General?
 - (2.) At what rate are they paid respectively?
 - (3.) Is it a fact that a Bill has been prepared, giving the Forester-General necessary powers for the working of the Department?
 - (4.) Is the heavy expenditure justified by the results; if not, will he introduce the Bill at once?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1 and 2.) I will presently lay upon the Table a Return in answer to these questions.
- (3.) Yes.
- (4.) I confess I do not know how I am to answer this question. The question is,—“Is the heavy expenditure justified by the results; if not, will he introduce the Bill at once?” I must admit that I do not see the logic of the connection. I do not know what the question means.

- (6.) Effect of Lead upon Miners:—Mr. Cann asked the Secretary for Mines,—Will he cause an inquiry to be made as to the effect of lead upon miners and others working in silver and lead mines at Broken Hill and other places?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—This matter is now under consideration.

- (7.) Delivery of Mails in Country Districts:—Mr. Langwell asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it customary for country postmasters to refuse to deliver the mails if not sorted before 8 o'clock p.m.?
 - (2.) Is he aware that the postmaster at Bourke refused to deliver the mail from Sydney on Thursday night last, because it was not sorted before 8 p.m., thus preventing all business people that have not private boxes from replying to any letters before Sunday, there being no mail train on Saturday?
 - (3.) Will he inquire into the matter, and, if possible, prevent it occurring again?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) Under the Postal Regulations no postmaster is obliged to keep his office open for the delivery of letters later than 8 p.m.
- (2.) I am not aware.
- (3.) Inquiry will be made into the matter.

2. TRADE UNIONS ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

- (1.) Mr. J. D. FitzGerald moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Trade Union Act in certain particulars.
Question put and passed.
- (2.) Mr. FitzGerald then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to provide for the recovery of contributions to the Funds of Trade Unions from Members of such Unions; and to amend the Trade Union Act, 1881.*”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

3. **MINING LEASES, PARISH OF BOLAIRO** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Cann moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all leases, letters, reports, and suspension orders affecting leases 2,738, 3,758, 4,315, being portions 99, 25, and 24, parish of Bolairo. Question put and passed.

4. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
 (1.) Dairies Supervision Act Amendment Bill (No. 2); consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Dairies Supervision Act;—until Tuesday, 15th December.
 (2.) Jamberoo and Kiama Boroughs Naming Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Legislative Council's amendments;—until To-morrow.

5. **MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Albury Racecourse Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act for the purpose of enabling the Trustees of the Albury Racecourse to grant leases thereof to any Club; and to enable the members of the Club to sue and be sued in the name of the Chairman of the Committee for the time being of the Club; and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence; accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

Legislative Council Chamber,
 Sydney, 16th September, 1891.

JOHN HAY,
 President.

Bill, on motion of Sir Henry Parkes, read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

(2.) Voluntary Conveyances Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Law relating to Voluntary Conveyances,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
 Sydney, 16th September, 1891.

JOHN HAY,
 President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Want, read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

6. **PAPERS**:—Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Particulars respecting Forest Department.
 - (2.) Amended By-law of the Borough of Cudgegong.
 - (3.) Notification of reduction in rates for telegrams.
 - (4.) Statement showing the defeated candidates whose deposits have been refunded, and the ground for such refund, since the passing of the Electoral Act of 1880.
- Ordered to be printed.

7. **REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE BILL (No. 2)**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour of the day.

8. **COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS**:—

(1.) *Election Petition—Artis v. The Sitting Members—Illawarra*:—Mr. Suttor, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, to whom was referred, on the 29th July, 1891, the Petition of Alexander Spence Artis, in reference to the election and return of John Barnes Nicholson and Andrew Lysaght, as Members for the Electoral District of Illawarra.

And the said Report was read at length by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, as follows:—

"The Committee of Elections and Qualifications, duly appointed on the 16th July, 1891—
 "to whom was referred, on 29th July, 1891, a Petition from Alexander Spence Artis, against the
 "return of John Barnes Nicholson and Andrew Lysaght, Esquires, as Members for the Electoral
 "District of Illawarra."—have determined, and do hereby declare:—

"The Election for the Electoral District of Illawarra to have been wholly void.

"That the irregularities in the conduct of the said Election were due to errors of judgment
 "on the part of Mr. Henry Strange Fry, the Presiding Officer at Bulli, and of Mr. Charles
 "Frederick Smith, the Returning Officer for the Electoral District.

"No. 1 Committee Room,
 "Sydney, 16th September, 1891.

F. B. SUTTOR,
 Chairman."

Mr. Suttor moved, That the Report and Minutes of the Proceedings and Evidence be printed.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.

(2.) *Adjournment of the Committee*:—Mr. Suttor then moved, that the Committee of Elections and Qualifications have leave to adjourn *sine die*, the matters referred to them having been disposed of.
 Question put and passed.

Mr. Speaker stated that under the authority of the Report of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications just read he would issue a new Writ.

9. REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE BILL (No. 2).—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.
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And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

10. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Bruce Smith moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-nine minutes after One o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 30.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER, 1891.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Goods manufactured in Gaols in the Colony:—Mr. Houghton asked the Minister of Justice,—
 (1.) Referring to his answer to the Question put by Mr. Houghton on the 3rd instant, to the effect that “he was informed that goods manufactured in the gaols are not sold to the general public,” is it not a fact that certain firms in Sydney and some of the principal provincial towns are supplied with prison-made goods by the gaol authorities, and is not book-binding, mat-making, and other work done for private individuals in Darlinghurst Gaol?
 (2.) Will he take immediate steps to prevent prison-made goods from entering into competition with goods manufactured outside the gaols?

Mr. Gould answered.—

- (1.) I am informed that the trade in Sydney and some country storekeepers are supplied with mats and matting. Book-binding to a small extent is done for the general public, but not mat-making. Hair-picking and upholstering have also been done, but not for a considerable time past. Occasionally articles are made in gaols for persons who supply the material.
 (2.) One of the greatest difficulties the Prisons Department has to contend with is the obtaining of suitable work for prisoners serving labour sentences. It would be impossible to find any sort of productive work which would not to some extent compete with free labour. It is most necessary, for the maintenance of proper order and discipline in the gaols, as well as for the physical and moral well-being of the prisoners, that they should be kept employed on productive work of some kind that requires the exercise of a certain degree of skill and intelligence. Penal or afflictive labour, such as the “crank,” “tread-wheel,” or “shot-drill,” does not form part of the prison system of this Colony. Productive labour is of great value from an instructive and reformatory point of view; and while it enables a prisoner to earn something towards the cost of his maintenance, and a small sum by way of bonus or gratuity to assist him on his discharge, it also provides him with the means of earning an honest livelihood.

- (2.) Work called *Men of Mark*:—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is he aware that a large number of respectable residents in the interior, some hundreds of miles from Sydney, are being sued in the District and Supreme Courts, in Sydney, by the *Men of Mark* Company, for the sum of six guineas, being the amount charged for the publication and delivery of a “work” called *Men of Mark*, and which, it is alleged, such persons never ordered?
 (2.) Is it necessary to cause people to be brought from their homes, some hundred of miles in the interior, to defend such suits in Sydney; or could not the cases be tried in the locality or district in which the alleged debt is supposed to have been contracted?
 (3.) Will he see that immediate steps are taken, with a view of having all such cases tried in the Petty Court or District Court in the district or locality in which the alleged debt is supposed to have been contracted, and thus save the parties from hardship by being compelled to travel to Sydney to defend such cases or suits?

Mr. Gould answered,—This is not a matter in which the Government can interfere. If, however, these questions correctly state the matter, the remedy is in the hands of the persons aggrieved.

2. EXPENDITURE ON ROADS AND BRIDGES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Vaughn moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—
- (1.) The name of every road district in the Colony.
 - (2.) The whole of the Roads and Bridges Votes apportioned to each district, specifying which are ordinary or contingent.
 - (3.) The amount of 1890 balances of these Votes written off by the Treasury.
 - (4.) The amount of 1891 balances to 30th June this year.
 - (5.) Copies of circulars, telegrams, or other communications to the resident engineers stopping the ordinary expenditure.
- Question put and passed.
3. TRADE UNIONS ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—On motion of Mr. J. D. FitzGerald, the Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill discharged.
Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.
4. CASINO SCHOOL OF ARTS ENABLING BILL:—Mr. Ewing, 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 August, 1891; together with a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Ewing then moved, that the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 6th October.
Question put and passed.
5. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Sydney Smith, and read by Mr. Speaker:—
- JERSEY,
Governor.
- Message No. 9.*
- In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to provide for mining on private lands for gold and other minerals, and for the resumption in certain cases of private lands.
- Government House,
Sydney, 17th September, 1891.*
- Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.
6. PAPERS:—
- Mr. Bruce Smith laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Concord, county of Cumberland, for and in connection with the erection of a retaining-wall at Shaftesbury Road, Burwood.
 - (2.) General Summary of Liabilities and Assets of the Banking, Land, Building, and Investment Companies, for quarter ended 30th June, 1891.
 - (3.) Despatch respecting the termination of the Commercial Convention of 1886 between Great Britain and Spain.
 - (4.) Despatch respecting the termination of the Treaty of Commerce and Navigation between Great Britain and Portugal.
- Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Gould laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 12th August, 1891,—“ Court of Petty Sessions at Paddington.”
Ordered to be printed.
7. MRS. CUNYNGHAME, LATE SUPERINTENDENT OF MACQUARIE-STREET ASYLUM FOR INFIRM AND DESTITUTE, PARRAMATTA:—Mr. Howe, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, the Select Committee for whose consideration and Report this subject was referred on 25th August, 1891.
Ordered to be printed.
8. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL:—
- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for mining on private lands for gold and other minerals, and for the resumption in certain cases of private lands.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), That the report be *now* received.
The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide for mining on private lands for gold and other minerals, and for the resumption in certain cases of private lands.
On motion of Mr. Smith, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
 - (2.) Mr. Smith then presented a Bill, intituled “ *A Bill to provide for Mining on Private Lands for Gold and other Minerals; and for the Resumption in certain cases of Private Lands*,”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Monday next.
9. CROWN LANDS ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—On the Order of the Day being read for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of Legislative Council’s Message of 10th September, relative to the amendments made in this Bill,—Mr. Brunker moved, That the Order of the Day be postponed until Wednesday next.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

10. REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE BILL (No. 2):—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.
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And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER, 1891, A.M.

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

11. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Bruce Smith moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-four minutes before One o'clock a.m., until Monday next at Four o'clock.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 31.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER, 1891.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Chinese Immigration:—Mr. J. D. FitzGerald asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has any agreement been entered into between this Colony and Western Australia, either before or since the establishment of responsible government in the latter Colony, on the subject of the restriction of Chinese immigration?

(2.) Is it a fact that Chinese labourers are brought into Western Australia under contract?

(3.) Will the Government make inquiries into this matter, with a view to taking immediate steps to ascertain the accuracy of the statements made, and in order that Western Australia may be brought into agreement with this and the other colonies with regard to restricting the influx of Chinese?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) No agreement has been entered into between this Colony and Western Australia on this subject.

(2.) I am not aware whether Chinese labourers have or have not been brought into Western Australia under contract.

(3.) I shall consider it of so much importance as to warrant special inquiry into all the circumstances.

(2.) Abattoirs, Glebe Island:—Mr. Rose, for Mr. Hoyle, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to remove the Abattoirs from their present position at Glebe Island?

(2.) If so, has the Government selected a suitable site for carrying on this industry?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The expediency of removing the Abattoirs is, at the present time, under the consideration of the Government. We admit the cause of complaint as being very great, and we shall do the best we can to remedy it.

(3.) Widow of the late Honorable John Sutherland:—Mr. Sharp, for Mr. Howe, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has the amount voted by Parliament been paid to the widow of the late Honorable John Sutherland?

(2.) If not, would he state the reason for withholding the same?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—This Question unfortunately does not represent the true state of the case. A sum of money was appropriated by Act of Parliament for the widow of the Honorable John Sutherland, but unhappily the lady died before the money went into her hands; and the Government, after taking the Attorney-General's opinion, feel that they are not warranted in paying the money to any one other than Mrs. Sutherland, who is dead. But we think we should be quite justified in asking the House to express its opinion whether this sum of money—I think £3,000—should be paid to her only surviving child or not. That is the only way we can see in which we should be justified in paying the money.

(4.) Mr. Angus Mackay:—Mr. Sharp, for Mr. Schey, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is a Mr. Angus Mackay an officer under the Department of Public Instruction?

(2.) Did Mr. Mackay stand as a candidate for Parliament at the recent General Election?

(3.) Did he go to the poll, and was he defeated?

(4.) Did he resign his Government position prior to or while engaged in such electoral contest?

(5.) Is he aware that several officers of the Railway Department were dismissed the Service for becoming candidates for Parliament?

(6.)

- (6.) Does he propose to take any action regarding Mr. Mackay's candidature?
 (7.) Does he regard such action on Mr. Mackay's part as a breach of any existing law or Governmental regulation?
 (8.) Will he consult with his colleagues in the Government with a view to re-instating any Government servants who may have lost their positions through becoming candidates for Parliament?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 (2.) Yes.
 (3.) Yes.
 (4.) No.
 (5.) I have no information on this point.
 (6.) Mr. Mackay was called upon for an explanation. He furnished one, which was considered; and, under all the circumstances of the case, he was informed that he must resign before again coming forward as a candidate for Parliament.
 (7.) I consider that no person can hold the position of a civil servant and be a candidate for Parliamentary honors.
 (8.) This Question had better be addressed to the Chief Secretary.

(5.) Eight-Hour Day:—Mr. Hutchinson, for Mr. Williams, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the fettlers on certain portions of the railways were allowed a holiday for last Eight-Hour Day?
 (2.) If so, were the fettlers and other railway employees between Singleton and Wallangarra granted a similar privilege?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—I am informed that the holiday for the last Eight-Hour Day was, by proclamation, limited to certain localities, within which only the day was allowed. It did not extend to the districts between Singleton and Wallangarra.

(6.) Attendants at Hospital for Insane, Parramatta:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—Considering the nature of the duties of the attendants at the Hospital for Insane, at Parramatta, will he cause an inquiry to be made, and, if possible, increase the pay of such attendants to the same rate as the warders of gaols receive?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I am informed that the attendants at the Hospital for the Insane at Parramatta receive board and lodging, or allowance in lieu thereof, in addition to their salaries, which make their total emoluments about equal to those of warders in gaols of the same age and standing.

(7.) Appointment of Government Geologist:—Mr. Dowel asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is there any acting Government Geologist?
 (2.) Has he taken any steps to appoint a successor to the late Mr. Wilkinson, Government Geologist?
 (3.) If so, will the appointment be made with as little delay as possible?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 (2.) Steps are now being taken.
 (3.) Yes.

2. TRADE UNION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (No 2) (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. J. D. FitzGerald moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the recovery of contributions to the funds of Trade Unions from members of such Unions, and to amend the Trade Union Act of 1881.
 Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. FitzGerald then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the recovery of contributions to the funds of Trade Unions from Members of such Unions, and to amend the Trade Union Act of 1881*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 6th October.

3. USE OF CAMELS PROHIBITION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Willis, for Mr. Howe, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to prohibit, with certain exceptions, the use or introduction of camels within the boundaries of municipalities.
 Question put and passed.

4. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Wednesday next:—

- (1.) Yongaleatha Marble, Flag, and Flux Company Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
 (2.) Racing Association Bill; second reading.
 (3.) Employers Liability Act Amendment Bill reported; adoption of report.

5. LIQUOR TRAFFIC:—Mr. Houghton presented a Petition from James Bryan, President, and Stephen T. Davoren, Secretary, of the Glebe Branch of the United Licensed Victuallers Association, representing that it is desirable in the interests of the working classes that the 63rd section of the Licensing Acts of 1882-3 should be so amended as to permit the sale of liquor to be consumed on the premises within the hours of 5:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. on the six business days of the week, 7 to 9 a.m., 1 to 3, and 8 to 10 p.m. on Sunday, Good Friday, and Christmas Day; and praying the House to take the matter into earnest consideration.
 Petition received.

6. PAPERS:—Mr. Brunker laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on the 29th July, 1891,—
 "Land for Public Park at Watson's Bay."

7. SEGENHOE ESTATE IRRIGATION BILL :—Mr. Neild (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Select Committee now sitting on the "Segenhoe Estate Irrigation Bill" be authorised to make a visit of inspection to, and hold inquiries in the locality of, the proposed irrigation works, and that the Committee have power to sit during any adjournment of this House, to enable them to make the said visit of inspection.
Question put and passed.
8. SYDNEY ELECTRIC LIGHTING BILL :—Mr. Dibbs presented a Petition from certain Residents of Sydney, representing that they are deeply interested in the commercial progress of the city of Sydney, and desirous of securing such benefits as electricity for light and power affords; and praying that legislative sanction be given to the Sydney Electric Lighting Bill now before this House.
Petition received.
9. REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE BILL (No. 2) :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.
10. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Bruncker moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

TUESDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER, 1891, A.M.

Question put and passed.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 32.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER, 1891.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Improvements in Parramatta Park:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has application been made to the Government for a sum of money to be placed on the Estimates for carrying out improvements in the Parramatta Park; if so, is it the intention of the Government to comply with the request, so that it will enable the trustees to make better arrangements for the convenience of the thousands of persons from all parts of the country who visit it?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—These applications will be considered in due time, before the Estimates are prepared.

(2.) Sewage of Government Establishments at Parramatta:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—With reference to the following Question and Answer on 11th May, 1880:—"Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to cause immediate inquiries to be made into the system of sewerage at present prevailing in connection with the Government institutions at Parramatta, which by reason of large quantities of the foulest sewage it deposits daily in the bed of river and along the banks of same, has, it is believed by many, caused diphtheria and typhoid fever to spread amongst the residents of that township?"

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—Yes; and arrangements will be made which will not permit of sewage from the Government establishments at Parramatta entering the Parramatta River or any creek or watercourse leading to it."

Will the Colonial Secretary cause immediate steps to be taken to have this nuisance removed from the borough of Parramatta?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—This matter is being dealt with by the Works Department. I am informed there are very difficult questions to decide in connection with the case. My colleague, the Minister for Public Works, however assures me that he is at the present time engaged in obtaining all the necessary information on the subject, and that he will come to a decision thereon without unnecessary delay.

(3.) Reformatory Buildings at Rookwood:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has the Government decided as to what use the reformatory buildings and grounds at Rookwood are to be put?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I am really not in a position to give any definite answer. I informed the Honorable Member and the House some days ago that the matter was being considered by some of my colleagues, to see to what use this building could best be turned. I think it will be decided in a week or two, and when it is decided I will inform the Honorable Member.

(4.) Eight-Hour Day:—Mr. Sharp, for Mr. Schey, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Eight-Hours Day holiday is only allowed to a portion of the railway men, while a very large number of them in country districts are deprived of the same?

(2.) Will he take steps to ensure that all railway employees are treated alike in regard to this public holiday?

(3.) Will he have a day's leave granted to all those who were deprived of this holiday in the year 1890?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—As intimated yesterday, the proclamation as to Eight-Hour Day has only been local in its application, and the employees outside the localities affected have not been granted the holiday, nor do the Commissioners propose to allow it.

(5.)

- (5.) Leave of Absence to Letter-carriers :—*Mr. Murphy*, for *Mr. Rae*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that six letter-carriers in the employ of the General Post Office have failed to obtain their annual leave of absence, on account of the Department being worked short-handed, although their applications have been granted for over two months?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that several letter-carriers have been transferred to the letter-sorting department of the Post Office, and that their places have not been filled, thereby causing the other letter-carriers to do extra work, and depriving them of their fortnightly and annual leave, particularly the latter?
 - (3.) How many letter-carriers are there now under suspension; for what causes; and will he undertake to provide a sufficient number of carriers to allow them to have the regulation holidays?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) Four carriers have had to defer their leave for about four weeks, and one for about seven weeks, owing to others being absent from illness, and three (an unusual number) under suspension.
- (2.) Yes, but their places have been filled; although in the case of one (a transfer from the country) he has not yet been able to join.
- (3.) Two, at the present time, for disorderly conduct.

- (6.) Warders in Country Gaols :—*Mr. Murphy*, for *Mr. Rae*, asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that several of the country gaols are under-manned, and that in consequence the warders frequently have to remain on duty for twelve or fourteen hours without intermission?
- (2.) Is it a fact that when warders in the small country gaols are away on their annual leave of absence it is not the custom to provide relieving officers, and that consequently those warders remaining have to do the whole extra duty required?

Mr. Gould answered,—

- (1.) I am informed that the country gaols are not under-manned. The general daily average number of hours of duty is about 10½, but in some gaols 12 hours is considered about the measure of a warder's duty. It is impossible to keep a fixed proportion of officers to prisoners, neither can the hours of duty be fixed on exactly similar lines in the different gaols (which are scattered over the great extent of the Colony), owing to the uncertain and varying requirements of the service, but the duties of gaol warders are light when compared with those of men who have to be constantly on their feet and at work.
- (2.) When practicable, leave is granted in small country gaols, but it is not the custom to provide relieving officers.

- (7.) Construction of Railway Bridge at Newtown :—*Mr. Scott* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it true that cast-iron girders are being used in the construction of the railway bridge at Newtown?
- (2.) What is the length of each girder?
- (3.) What is the depth of each girder in the centre, and the depth at each end?
- (4.) What is the width of each girder at the top and bottom flanges?
- (5.) What is the thickness of each flange?
- (6.) What is the thickness of the centre rib?
- (7.) What number of brackets or ribs are there on the sides of each girder?
- (8.) What brand of iron was used for the said girders?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1.) Yes, for portions of the structure.
- (2.) The span is 25 feet, and the length of girder 29 feet.
- (3.) 1 ft. 9 in. at the centre, and 1 ft. 3 in. at the end.
- (4.) Width at top, 6 in.; at bottom, 1 ft. 8 in.
- (5.) 2 in. at top, and 2¼ in. average thickness at bottom.
- (6.) If web is meant, the average thickness of same is 1½ in.
- (7.) There are five brackets on each side.
- (8.) No particular brand is provided, but the material must pass certain specified tests. To allay any fears the Honorable Member may have as to the strength of the girders being placed in this bridge, I think it well to inform him that they are considerably stronger than the girders in the old portion of the same bridge, which are also of cast-iron, and have carried the traffic for very many years, and are in every way suitable for the traffic they will have to carry in the future. It must be remembered that the bridge referred to is an over-bridge for comparatively light traffic, and is not intended or required to carry the traffic of a railway.

- (8.) Scarcity of Correspondence Clerks, General Post Office :—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for *Mr. Chapman*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is there a scarcity of correspondence clerks in the Postmaster-General's Department?
- (2.) Is it a fact that letters from Members of this House do not receive prompt attention from that Department?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) No.
 - (2.) Not that I am aware of; on the contrary, I believe that all correspondence receives the most prompt attention possible.
- (9.) *Mr. Byrnes*, J.P., Licensing Magistrate at Parramatta :—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that Henry Byrnes, J.P., the Licensing Magistrate at Parramatta, occupies a remunerative position in the Government Statist's Office, at £250 per annum?
 - (2.) If so, is it desirable that the said magistrate should hold the two positions?
 - (3.) Under what section or sections of the Licensing Act does he occupy his two positions?
 - (4.) Will he see that a new magistrate is appointed to the above bench before its next sitting takes place?

Mr.

Mr. Gould answered,—

(1.) I am informed that Mr. Byrnes is temporarily employed in the Government Statistician's office at a salary of £20 per month.

(2.) I am not aware of any objection to a person holding the position of Licensing Magistrate, to which no salary is attached, performing any other duties provided such occupation does not interfere with the proper discharge of his duties as Licensing Magistrate.

(3.) Mr Byrnes holds only one position under the Licensing Act, that of Licensing Magistrate, to which office he was appointed on 30th August, 1889, for a period of three years, under section 6, subsection 2, of the Principal Act.

(4.) I see no reason to interfere with existing arrangements.

(10.) Railway Employees :—Mr. Houghton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that under section 77 of the Government Railways Act, 51 Victoria No. 35, no regulation which the Commissioners are empowered to make, in any way altering or annulling any privileges or immunities which their servants have previously enjoyed, or dealing in any way with hours of work or wages, shall have any force or effect until the same is confirmed by the Governor, nor until the said regulation has been published in the *Gazette* one week?

(2.) Is it not a fact that one of the privileges previously enjoyed by the servants of the Commissioners was that they were allowed a half-day for the purpose of attending the nomination on the occasion of a general election, in common with other employees in the Government service?

(3.) Is it a fact that the Commissioners made a regulation a few days previous to the recent general election abolishing the privilege hitherto enjoyed by their servants in this respect?

(4.) Did the Commissioners carry out the provisions of section 77 of the Government Railways Act previous to enforcing such regulation?

(5.) Was such regulation binding on the employees in the Railway service at the time of its enforcement?

(6.) If not, will he take steps to have the half-day's pay deducted from the wages of the Railway employees for their absence on nomination day refunded to such employees?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered.—The provisions of the Railway Act are as stated by the Honorable Member. I am informed that it is a fact that prior to the Railway Commissioners taking office it had been usual to allow railway employees a half-holiday to attend the parliamentary nominations in connection with general elections, but this has now been discontinued by the Railway Commissioners, who took the necessary legal action in the matter. The Commissioners do not propose to pay the employees who absented themselves from duty on the day of nomination for the time lost.

(11.) Goods manufactured in Gaols in the Colony :—Mr. Houghton asked the Minister of Justice,—

Referring to his answer to the Question put by Mr. Houghton on the 17th instant, to the effect that certain goods manufactured in the gaols are sold to the general public,—will he cause a schedule of prices for such goods to be prepared, in accordance with the prices prevailing for similar goods manufactured outside the gaols, and insist upon such schedule being strictly adhered to in the disposal of prison made goods?

Mr. Gould answered,—I am informed by the Comptroller-General of Prisons that schedules of prices have been prepared, and are strictly adhered to, in connection with gaol-manufactured goods. These schedules are based upon the annual contract price lists, and, in the case of mat-making, upon the prices charged by the only mat manufacturer in the Colony known to the Prisons Department. The present schedule of prices for binding books has been in use for some years, but steps are about to be taken to have it revised.

(12.) Payments of Instalments on Conditional Purchases :—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has a circular been sent from the Treasury to the different Land Agents throughout the Colony, instructing those officers that certain payments of instalments on conditional purchases would become due at a certain time?

(2.) In accordance with instructions contained in the circular, have Land Agents made written demands on holders of conditional purchases, stating that if payment were not made by certain dates the selections would be forfeited?

(3.) Is he aware that many persons interested contend that demands for payment made by Land Agents are not in accordance with the land laws in regard to conditional purchases made before the Land Act of 1884 came into operation, the holders of which have applied to convert their holdings under 35th section of that Act, so far as regards balances unpaid of purchase money, into a holding under the conditions of payment prescribed by that section?

(4.) Has he obtained the opinion of the legal adviser to the Government on this subject; if not, will he do so?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

(1.) Not since August, 1887; but I am informed by the Treasury that Land Agents were instructed to go carefully through their registers and prepare a list of all selections upon which the necessary legal payments have not been made for 1891.

(2.) I am not aware, but I am also informed by the Treasury that the notice issued by Land Agents reminded certain selectors that "they had failed to pay the interest and instalment due for the current year, and to warn them that the same (selections) are now liable to forfeiture."

(3.) No; the question has been raised by a few persons only in the Wagga Wagga Land District.

(4.) No; the law appears to be clear, and, consequently, there is no necessity to obtain such advice.

(13.) Tenders for late Loan :—Mr. Walker asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Did the Government arrange with the Agent-General to tender for £5,000 of the late loan?

(2.) Has any communication by cable passed between the Government and Sir Saul Samuel in reference to any such tender?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) No.

(14.)

- (14.) Hospital Nurses:—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it his intention to license hospital nurses after passing a standard examination?
Sir Henry Parkes answered,—It has not been the practice under this Government to license trained hospital nurses, nor is there any standard examination recognised.
- (15.) Mr. A. Smith, Government Stores Department:—Mr. Cullen asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) With reference to answers to Questions, given by him on the 3rd instant, respecting appointments to the Department of the Colonial Storekeeper, when he said that Mr. A. Smith was appointed by Mr. J. F. Burns, while acting as Colonial Treasurer,—is it a fact that no such appointment was made by Mr. Burns, nor any other appointment to that Department?
(2.) If so, by whom was Mr. Smith appointed?
Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—
(1.) Yes.
(2.) I find the appointment was made by Mr. G. R. Dibbs.
- (16.) Construction of Bridges at Jingellic and Tintaldra:—Mr. O'Sullivan, for Mr. Lyne, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the bridges to be erected at Jingellic and Tintaldra, on the Murray, be commenced?
Mr. Young answered,—No definite time can be stated. Fresh tenders, to close on the 28th proximo, have been invited for Jingellic bridge; and in the case of Tintaldra bridge action is being withheld pending a reply from the Victorian Government as to the use of tallowwood and ironbark in preference to red-gum.
- (17.) Tenders for Late Loan:—Mr. Dibbs asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) The amount actually tendered for the late loan?
(2.) The amount tendered by the Colonial Banks?
(3.) The names of the banks so tendering; and the amounts tendered for by each bank?
(4.) The terms of arrangement made between the Government and the banks as a condition for their tendering?
(5.) The amount tendered for or taken over by the Bank of England (if any)?
(6.) Were special terms made with the Bank of England and the Colonial Banks as to exchange and interest; if so, what were such special terms?
(7.) The amount required to repay borrowings in advance of the floating of the loan?
(8.) The amount required for conversion purposes?
(9.) The amount represented by the discount at which the loan was floated?
(10.) An estimate of the cost of floating the loan?
(11.) The amount remaining available for public works after providing for the foregoing contingencies?
(12.) The amount of accrued interest (if any) allowed to the purchasers of the late loan?
Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—The detailed information which the Honorable Member desires will be prepared and laid upon the Table in the form of a Return, probably to-morrow. I may say, in regard to these Questions, that since last night I have had an opportunity to look into the 2½ per cent. question; and, going over the prospectus of past loans, I find that there is a clause providing that 2½ per cent. per annum shall be allowed where tenderers pay cash, instead of distributing their payments over various instalments. I find that in the prospectus I hold in my hand, and I believe it is contained in all since.
- (18.) Case of Mary Miller:—Mr. Walker asked the Minister of Justice,—Is it a fact that on or about 11th instant, one Mary Miller, aged 72 years, was, at the Central Police Court, Sydney, convicted by Stipendiary Magistrate G. O'Malley Clarke of having no lawful visible means of support, and for that offence sentenced by him to three months' imprisonment with hard labour?
Mr. Gould answered,—I would ask the honorable gentleman to be good enough to postpone this Question until Monday next. In consequence of inquiries I have made with regard to the case, I have considered it desirable and advisable to make some further inquiry before I reply to the Honorable Member's Question.
2. CASE OF HENRY MYERS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Black moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers which may appear unobjectionable concerning the inquiry into, and also the Judge's report on, the case of Henry Myers, sentenced on 10th September, 1890, to seven years penal servitude.
Question put and passed.
3. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
(1.) Agricultural Holdings Bill; second reading;—until Tuesday next.
(2.) Albury Racecourse Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—until Tuesday, 6th October.
(3.) Wentworth Electorate Subdivision Act Amendment Bill; second reading;—until Tuesday, 1st December.
4. YONGALEATHA MARBLE, FLAG, AND FLUX COMPANY BILL:—Mr. Walker presented a Petition from certain Property-owners in Broken Hill, stating that they have been absolutely debarred from any opportunity whatever of protecting their interests by appearing and giving evidence before the Select Committee on this Bill; and praying the House to remit the Bill for fuller evidence before it is further dealt with.
Petition received.
5. PAPERS:—Mr. Young laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Peter-sham, county of Cumberland, in connection with the construction of a line of tramway from Forest Lodge to Balmain.
(2.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of St. Luke, county of Cumberland, in connection with the erection of a bridge over George's River.
(3.) Return respecting the accident to H.M.S. "Boomerang," at Fitzroy Dock, Cockatoo Island.
Ordered to be printed.

6. MUNICIPALITIES ACT OF 1867 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2):—Mr. York presented a Petition from certain Residents of the Municipality of Wellington in favour of this Bill; and praying that it may receive the support of the House, and be speedily passed into law.
Petition received.
7. SUNK NETS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Frank Farnell moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Farnell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
On motion of Mr. Farnell (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
8. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Agreements Validating Act Repeal Bill postponed until Tuesday, 6th October.
9. NUISANCES PREVENTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Frank Farnell moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Farnell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
On motion of Mr. Farnell (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
10. FISHERIES ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Frank Farnell moved, That the Order of the Day be discharged.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.
11. ALBURY MECHANICS INSTITUTE ENABLING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. John Wilkinson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Wilkinson, 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. Wilkinson (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
12. CONTRACTORS LIEN BILL (No. 2):—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Neild, 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 give contractors and others employed in performing labour and furnishing materials for improving land, by erecting, altering, or repairing houses, buildings, or other improvements thereon, protection against loss by reason of such improvements being effected.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), That the report be now received.
The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to give contractors and others employed in performing labour and furnishing materials for improving land, by erecting, altering, or repairing houses, buildings, or other improvements thereon, protection against loss by reason of such improvements being effected.
On motion of Mr. Neild, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
(2.) Mr. Neild then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to give contractors and others employed in performing labour and furnishing materials for improving land, by erecting, altering, or repairing houses, buildings, or other improvements thereon, protection against loss by reason of such improvements being effected*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 1st December.
13. AUSTRALIAN BANKING COMPANY OF SYDNEY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Dowel moved, "That" this Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Bruce Smith moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the first word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "the Bill be referred back to the Select Committee appointed on the Bill for further consideration and report."
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 Bill be referred back to the Select Committee appointed on the Bill for further consideration and report,—put and passed.

14. **BALRANALD IRRIGATION BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. R. B. Wilkinson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.

Point of Order:—Mr. Crick submitted that the Bill was out of Order, as clause 44 necessitated a Message from the Governor, and was outside the Order of Leave.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the clause referred to did not appropriate revenue, and therefore did not require a Message, and that it was sufficiently covered by the Order of Leave.

Debate continued.

Question put,—That this Bill be now read a second time.

The House divided.

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Melville,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. Barnes.
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Dangar.
Mr. Young,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Newton,	Mr. O'Sullivan.
Mr. Crick,	
Mr. Dickens,	
Mr. Frank Farnell,	
Mr. Willis,	
Mr. Torpy,	
Mr. H. H. Brown,	
Mr. Dibbs,	
Mr. Brunker,	
Mr. Suttor,	
Mr. Scobie,	
Mr. Bowman,	

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Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Cruickshank,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Rae,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Sheldon,	Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Hoyle,	Mr. Lonedale,
Mr. Newman,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Walker,	Dr. Hollis,
Mr. Rose,	Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. York,	Mr. Hutchinson.
Mr. Johnston,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Danahey,	Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. Hindle,	Mr. Morton.
Mr. McGowen,	
Mr. Fegan,	

And so it passed in the negative.

15. **MORT'S DOCK AND ENGINEERING COMPANY (LIMITED) ENABLING BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Johnston 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. Johnston, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

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

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

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

16. **SYDNEY ELECTRIC LIGHTING BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Dibbs moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER, 1891, A.M.

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday, 6th October.

17. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Bruce Smith moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at five minutes before One o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 33.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER, 1891.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Vine Diseases Act:—Mr. Morton asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is it his intention to renew the present Vine Diseases Act, which expires at the end of the year?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—Yes; with certain amendments.

(2.) Mr. V. Cohen, Lands Department:—Mr. Stevenson, for Mr. Schey, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is there an officer in the Lands Department named V. Cohen?

(2.) If so, what is his position, and what salary is attached to it?

(3.) Is this the same Mr. V. Cohen who is organising a cricket team to visit England, *vide Sydney Morning Herald*, 7th instant?

(4.) If so, is it proposed to grant Mr. Cohen leave of absence for such purpose, and on what terms?

(5.) Will he say if he approves of such absence on either public or departmental grounds?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Accountant, with a salary of £550 per annum.

(3.) I am not aware.

(4.) No application for leave has been received from Mr. Cohen, who is an officer of the Civil Service of more than twenty years standing, and therefore entitled to consideration in the event of his applying for an extended leave, under the Civil Service Act.

(5.) If such an application is made, the claim will be fairly considered with due regard to the public interest.

(3.) Contractors for Public Works:—Mr. Morton, for Mr. Ewing, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has it always been the custom with the several Departments under his control, such as Harbours and Rivers, or any Department where annual contracts are in existence, to give the contractor all work and supplies not publicly tendered for; that is, if the contractor is carrying out his contract to the satisfaction of the officer in charge?

(2.) If the contractor fails to supply material under his schedule, does the Department always purchase at his risk, and charge him with the loss to the Department (if any)?

Mr. Young answered,—

(1.) Annual contracts are only taken for stores. If any article of a similar character is required it is usual to give the contractor the opportunity of supplying it, but only if he is prepared to do so at the lowest market price.

(2.) Yes.

(4.) Principal Messenger, Government Printing Office:—Mr. Houghton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it a fact that the principal messenger in the Government Printing Office is allowed to attend race-meetings at Randwick and other places, for the purpose of engaging in private service, at times when he should be in attendance at the Government Printing Office performing his ordinary duties; if so, will he prevent this practice from being allowed in the future?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—I believe that one of the messengers in the Government Printing Office has been in the habit of taking his leave by instalments, and he has been allowed to occupy that leave by attending at the Randwick Racecourse, and performing certain duties there in his own time. Having looked into the matter, I am satisfied that the practice is not a desirable one, and I have at once taken steps to put a stop to it. (5.)

- (5.) Delivery of European Mails :—*Mr. Stevenson*, for *Mr. Jeanneret*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
In view of the fact that the European mails are frequently delivered on Saturdays after business hours,—would it not be possible to expedite the transmission from Albany by an express train from Adelaide, or by a slight acceleration of the mail steamer's speed on the voyage out?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—Arrangements already exist under which if the mails reach Adelaide up to 8.30 p.m. on Wednesday a special train is employed at the joint cost of Victoria, New South Wales, and Queensland, to catch Thursday's express from Melbourne, and secure delivery here at 2 p.m. on Friday, which otherwise would not take place till 2 p.m. on Saturday. If the mails reach Adelaide later than 8.30 p.m. on Wednesday the only means by which a delivery could be effected in Sydney earlier than by the express on Saturday would be by arranging for a special train from Adelaide to Melbourne, at a cost to this Colony of £200, or a special train right through from Adelaide to Sydney, at a cost to this Colony of about £600—the prices varying according as the time of arrival of the steamer at Adelaide necessitated the special train only to Melbourne to catch the Friday morning's train to Sydney, or right through from Adelaide to Sydney. As regards the acceleration of the steamer's speed, it may be explained that the mails are not due in Sydney under contract until the Monday morning, and the contract could not be varied without the consent of all parties thereto, namely, the Imperial Government, the two Companies, and the Australian Colonies.

- (6.) Church and School Estates :—*Mr. Langwell*, for *Mr. Chapman*, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is it a fact that owing to the conditions under which the Church and School Estates of this Colony are held the Government are unable to grant portions for reserves, commons, and school purposes?

(2.) If so, will he take steps to immediately introduce a Bill to amend these conditions, and make other alterations which may appear desirable in the best interests of the people?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) A Bill is now in course of preparation.

- (7.) Durham Colliery—Mineral Leases near Newcastle :—*Mr. Walker* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is it a fact that only eleven men, are told, are employed at the Durham Colliery?

(2.) Were the Mining Regulations complied with by Messrs. Houton and Palmer *in re* the publication of notice to apply for permits?

(3.) What is the total area of land held by the Scottish-Australian Mining Company?

(4.) Will he furnish a copy of the evidence taken before the Crown Commissioners at Newcastle *re* portion 114?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

(1.) No; fourteen men are employed.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) 4,056 acres 1 rood and 9 perches under Mineral Lease.

(4.) Do not know what Commissioners are referred to.

- (8.) Applications for Mineral Leases, Newcastle Water Reserve :—*Mr. Walker* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Referring to Questions answered by him on Tuesday, 1st September,—will he now give the names of all persons or parties who have applied for mineral leases on the No. 4 Newcastle water reserve?

(2.) Is it a fact that from ten to twelve applications were made for permits or mineral leases?

(3.) Is it a fact that the mining conditions are not being carried out by the Scottish-Australian Mining Company; and, if so, will any steps be taken to cancel the various leases held by this Company?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

(1.) The names of the only persons who have applied for leases were given in the answer referred to, but the following persons applied for authority under section 28 of the Mining Act to mine under Water Reserve No. 4, viz., Statham and Verge, J. B. Wilson, Prince Butchart and others, W. A. Manning, F. Gardner, and H. Lane. All refused, as the land was required for water supply. Since the reserve has ceased to be required for water supply, the area was applied for by Houghton and Palmer, and was included in an authority to mine—but is now held as mineral leases. Application has also been made by H. Rouse for part of the reserve, but has been refused, the land being held under mineral leases.

(2.) Eight applications have been made.

(3.) Complaint has been lodged, and is now being inquired into. It would not be proper to express any opinion pending the inquiry.

- (9.) Shipment of Butter :—*Mr. Dowel*, for *Mr. Rose*, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is it his intention to secure any refrigerating space on the steamers for shipping butter to England?

(2.) Would not such an action on the part of the Government be likely to materially assist the smaller butter factories in shipping direct to England?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—I have made inquiries with regard to the matter, and being desirous of assisting the farmers as far as possible I had several interviews with the agents in Sussex-street and with other people connected with shipping arrangements. I believe that in a short time satisfactory arrangements will be made for the shipment of butter at the same price as that which is now charged to other exporters; and I think this can be done without any payment on the part of the Government.

(10.) Survey of the Hawkesbury River:—Mr. Bowman asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has the report of the recent survey of the Hawkesbury River yet been received; if so, has he any objection to lay the same upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Young answered,—The report has not yet been received.

(11.) Influx of Chinese to the Colony:—Mr. Sheldon asked the Colonial Secretary,—Referring to the answer given by the Colonial Secretary to Mr. Sheldon's Question of 15th September, relating to the admission of Chinese not naturalised into New South Wales,—

(1.) Was not Mr. Way Lee, of Adelaide, allowed to enter this Colony in January, 1889, as well as on the date mentioned in reply (March, 1891), without payment of poll-tax?

(2.) Is the Chinese doctor, On Lee, naturalised in New South Wales; if so, upon what date?

(3.) Has he not been admitted to this Colony without payment of poll-tax?

(4.) If so, how often, and upon what dates, has this occurred since the passage of the Chinese Restriction and Regulation Act of 1888?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) Mr. Way Lee was allowed to visit Broken Hill in September, 1889, at the request of the Premier of South Australia. Mr. Way Lee transacted his business and returned to Adelaide.

(2.) Yes; 1st December, 1874.

(3.) Yes, as a naturalized British subject.

(4.) September, 1889, November, 1889, and April, 1890. The facts are that Dr. On Lee has a considerable practice in Victoria, and with the consent of the Government of Victoria he has been allowed to go to see his patients, and his entry into this Colony is simply on returning to his home.

2. MASTERS AND SERVANTS BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Willis moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal the Masters and Servants Act of 1857, and the Agreements Validating Act, and to make other provisions in the laws relating to masters and servants, and contracts made out of the Colony of New South Wales for personal service therein, and for other purposes connected therewith.

Question put and passed.

3. BROKEN HILL AND DISTRICT WATER SUPPLY COMPANY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Copeland moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence between the Government and the Broken Hill and District Water Supply Company, with reference to the concessions granted by Act of Parliament.

Question put and passed.

4. DISCOVERY OF GOLD, SILVER, AND COPPER AT NARANGARIL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Copeland moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence between Mr. Christian Knoblanche, of Mudgee, and the Mining Department, relative to the discovery of gold, silver, and copper at Narangaril, county of Napier, &c., near Denison town.

Question put and passed.

5. SUNK NETS BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Lees, for Mr. Frank Farnell, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Lees then moved, that the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to declare unlawful, and prevent the use of, certain fishing nets known as sunk nets, and to make other provision subsidiary thereto.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to declare unlawful, and prevent the use of, certain fishing nets known as sunk nets, and to make other provision subsidiary thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd September, 1891.*

6. NUISANCES PREVENTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Lees, for Mr. Frank Farnell, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Lees then moved, that the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the 'Nuisances Prevention Act,' 39 Victoria No. 14, in certain respects.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Nuisances Prevention Act,' 39 Victoria No. 14, in certain respects,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd September, 1891.*

7. ALBURY MECHANICS INSTITUTE ENABLING BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. John Wilkinson, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Wilkinson then moved, that the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to enable the Trustees of the Albury Mechanics Institute to mortgage certain lands, situated in the town of Albury, and for declaring the trusts of the moneys raised by such mortgage.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered,

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Trustees of the Albury Mechanics Institute to mortgage certain lands, situated in the town of Albury, and for declaring the trusts of the moneys raised by such mortgage,*"—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.

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Sydney, 23rd September, 1891.*

8. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
 (1.) Yongaleatha Marble, Flag, and Flux Company Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading ;—until Tuesday, 6th October.
 (2.) Racing Association Bill ; second reading ;—until Tuesday, 6th October.
 (3.) Employers Liability Act Amendment Bill reported ; adoption of report ;—until To-morrow.
 (4.) Mort's Dock and Engineering Company (Limited) Enabling Bill ; third reading ;—until To-morrow.
 (5.) Dairies Supervision Act Amendment Bill : second reading ;—until Tuesday, 17th November.
9. **PAPER** :—Mr. Bruce Smith laid upon the Table,—Return showing the amount of the late loan tendered for, and other particulars respecting the £4,500,000 loan.
 Ordered to be printed.
10. **SUPPRESSION OF GAMBLING** :—Mr. R. G. D. FitzGerald presented a Petition from William G. Taylor, Chairman of a meeting of the Social Reform League, held in the Centenary Hall, Sydney, representing that recent investigations disclose painful facts relating to the alarming growth of the practice of betting and gambling in this Colony ; and praying the House to pass an Act that shall deal in an effective manner with this evil.
 Petition received.
11. **MUNICIPALITIES ACT OF 1867 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)** :—Mr. Langwell presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of Bourke in favour of this Bill, but suggesting an amendment therein ; and praying favourable consideration of the suggestion.
 Petition received.
12. **ADJOURNMENT** :—Mr. Garvan 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 drawing attention to the proposed purchase by the Government of certain leasehold property in Castlereagh-street, and in part owned by Mr. Herbert Harrington "Brown, a Member of this House."
 And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—
 Mr. Garvan moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
13. **CROWN LANDS ACT AMENDMENT BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Brunner, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Legislative Council's Message of 10th September, 1891, relative to the amendments made in this Bill.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported that the Committee insists upon its amendment upon the Council's amendment in clause 3, new sub-section (v) ; and insists upon its disagreement from the Council's amendment in clause 4.
 On motion of Mr. Brunner, the report was adopted.
 Ordered that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 10th September, 1891, in reference to the Crown Lands Act Amendment Bill,—

Insists upon its amendment upon the Council's amendment in clause 3, new sub-section (v).
 Insists upon its disagreement from the Council's amendment in clause 4.

And requests a Free Conference with the Legislative Council on the subject of the said disagreements ; and has appointed the following of its Members to be managers of such Conference in its behalf :—Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Brunner, Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Crick, Mr. Gormly, Mr. Lyne, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Ewing, and Mr. Lee.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd September, 1891.*

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

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 34.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER, 1891.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Tram-line from St. Peters to Cook's River:—Mr. Walker asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to continue the construction of the tram-line from the St. Peters railway bridge to Cook's River; if so, when?

Mr. Young answered,—I cannot give the Honorable Member any definite reply at present.

- (2.) Imports of New Zealand Bacon:—Mr. Hugh McKinnon asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that large imports of New Zealand bacon have been smuggled into Sydney and Newcastle under the name of "pickled pork," thus evading the duty on bacon?

(2.) Is it also a fact that a large quantity is now detained on the Union Company's wharf by the Customs officer?

(3.) If so, will he take steps to have the same confiscated?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) Such importations are carefully watched, and it is believed that the bacon duty has not been evaded.

(2.) No.

(3.) Answered by No. 2.

- (3.) Trustees, Wentworth Falls Reserve:—Mr. Hugh McKinnon asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) When were the new trustees appointed for the Wentworth Falls Reserve, and why?

(2.) Is it a fact that the old trustees and the new are at variance, and that in consequence thereof the money granted for improving the reserve is not being laid out?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—

(1.) Additional trustees were appointed on the 16th April, 1890, as it was represented that most of the original trustees were non-resident.

(2.) The official papers do not disclose any dispute among the trustees, who will be asked whether the money granted for improving the reserve has been laid out.

- (4.) Special Area, Parish of Conjola, County St. Vincent:—Mr. Morton asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has the district surveyor, Cooma, reported on the application of the Dowling Progress Association to reduce the price of special area No. S,789, parish of Conjola, county St. Vincent, from 30s. to 20s. per acre?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—No; he has been requested to expedite his report, on receipt of which the Honorable Member shall be communicated with.

- (5.) Inmates of Charitable Institutions:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) (a) Is it a fact that in one of the charitable institutions there is an inmate with the initials F.B., 74 years of age, whose brother is a police magistrate, and with one son a magistrate, and another a bank manager, whose relatives decline to subscribe more than 1s. per week for his maintenance; (b) what is the name of this inmate?

(2.) (a) Is it a fact that there is a widow, 63 years of age, with the initials M.B., in one of the charitable institutions, whose son is a well-known sporting character, but who declines to contribute to the support of his mother; (b) what is the name of this inmate?

(3.) (a) Is it a fact that there is a female inmate of one of the charitable institutions, with the initials E.J., whose son is a retired bank manager, who stopped her board and lodging in order to force her into the poor-house; (b) what is the name of this inmate?

(4.) (a) Is it a fact that there is an inmate of the charitable institutions, with the initials F.L., who is a colonist of fifty-one years' standing, whose brother is a rich squatter, whose sister is a leading resident of an important inland town, and who has other well-to-do relatives—all of whom refuse to contribute to his support; (b) what is the name of this inmate?

(5.) Are there other cases of a similar character in the charitable institutions in which well-to-do relatives refuse to contribute to the support of inmates?

(6.) If so, will he take steps to compel these well-to-do people to contribute to the support of their relatives in the charitable institutions?

Sir

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) (a) Yes; (b) Frederick Becke.
- (2.) (a) Yes; (b) Maria Brett.
- (3.) (a) Yes; (b) Elizabeth Jones.
- (4.) (a) Yes; (b) Frederic Larnach.
- (5.) Yes.

(6.) There is no law to compel persons to pay for relatives maintained in charitable institutions; and they have refused to recognise any moral obligations which they may have in this matter.

These and other cases were cited under initials in the Director of Asylums' Report for 1890, in order to show the necessity for a law to compel persons to pay for the maintenance of near relatives in the Government Asylums. Remedies for these and other abuses in connection with our charitable institutions are suggested in the Report under headings "Defaulting Relatives" (p.p. 29 to 32), and "Outlines of Necessary Legislation" (p.p. 41 to 46). As there is at present no legal obligation upon these relatives to pay, the names were not given because I was advised that their publication would, in such circumstances, probably leave the Department open to prosecutions for libel.

(6.) Railway Extension to Broken Hill, *via* Wilcannia:—Mr. Dickens asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) In view of the promises made by the Premier and the late Minister for Public Works to extend railway communication to Broken Hill, *via* Wilcannia, and in view of the flotation of the loan of four and a half millions in the London market,—is he prepared to carry out the pledges of his colleagues, with a view to the immediate construction of such railway?

(2.) Is he in possession of the Report of the Public Works Committee regarding the proposed railway extension to Broken Hill, *via* Wilcannia?

(3.) If so, will he lay such Report upon the Table of this House at an early date?

Mr. Young answered,—

(1.) I regret that I am not at present prepared to give any information to the Honorable Member as to when this particular work will be proceeded with.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) The Report has already been laid upon the Table of this House, at the instance of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.

(7.) Eight-Hour Day—Special Trains:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a special excursion train is to run from Melbourne to Sydney, at the rate of £1 per head, to bring visitors to the Sydney Eight-Hour Demonstration?

(2.) If so, will he endeavour to make arrangements for the running of special trains from the country towns at cheap rates, in order that residents of these towns may participate in the same demonstration?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—I am informed that a special excursion train is to be run from Melbourne to Sydney at the rate of £2 for return tickets. It is thought the ordinary trains will be sufficient to meet the requirements of visitors from the country, and accommodation will be provided as may be required. Holiday excursion rates will be charged.

(8.) Construction of Railway Bridge at Newtown:—Mr. Scott asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Where were the girders that are being used for the construction of the railway bridge at Newtown tested?

(2.) How were they tested?

(3.) What was the test weight?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—The cast-iron girders that are being used in connection with the new opening of the bridge over the railway at King-street, Newtown, were manufactured by Messrs. Hudson Brothers, at Clyde, were tested on the works at Newtown, in accordance with the usual engineering practice, the result being satisfactory.

(9.) Railway Employees:—Mr. Houghton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Referring to his answer to the Question put by Mr. Houghton on the 22nd instant, to the effect that the Railway Commissioners "took the necessary legal action" in accordance with section 77 of the Government Railways Act previous to enforcing the new regulation abolishing the privilege hitherto enjoyed by the railway employees, of being allowed a half-day to attend the nominations on the occasion of a general election,—will he state the date when such regulation was confirmed by the Governor, also the date when the regulation was published in the *Gazette*?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—The regulation referred to was approved by the Governor in Council on the 10th December, 1889, and gazetted on 12th December, 1889.

(10.) Report of the State Children's Relief Department for 1891:—Mr. McCourt asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has his attention been called to a paragraph in the Report of the State Children's Relief Department for 1891, wherein it is stated:—"It is worthy of remark that the average number of applications refused has been about the same during the past three years. It generally exceeds 20 per cent. of the whole number, although in every instance the recommendation of a clergymen and a magistrate have been attached. Some of the applications refused during the past year have been from persons of most scandalous character, and it is difficult to understand indeed how the necessary testimonials could have been obtained. The recurrence of this discreditable state of things, year after year, has naturally led the Board to attach very little importance to applicants' credentials?"

(2.) If so, will he call upon magistrates who have given certificates to persons of scandalous character for an explanation, and, if guilty, remove them from the Commission of the Peace?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—As I desire to have a consultation with the Chairman of the Board for Boarding-out Children, I must ask the Honorable Member to postpone this Question, to enable me to give a more satisfactory answer.

- (11.) Proposed Route for Railway from Piper's Flat to Sunny Corner :—*Mr. Kelly*, for *Mr. Copeland*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has the proposed route for a railway from Piper's Flat to Sunny Corner been inquired into by a railway examiner; if so, will he lay the Report upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Young answered,—Yes; and I shall have no objection to lay the papers upon the Table of this House as soon as the action thereon is completed.

- (12.) Mineral Leases, Newcastle Water Reserve :—*Mr. Walker* asked the Secretary for Mines,—Will he furnish a copy of the evidence taken at the inquiry respecting the dispute over the mining lease on portion 114, referred to in questions asked on the 1st September?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—I have given instructions for a copy of the evidence to be supplied to the Honorable Member.

- (13.) Gate of Grafton Wharf, at foot of Jenkins-street :—*Mr. J. D. FitzGerald* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the gate of the Grafton Wharf, at the foot of Jenkins-street, near the Australian Gaslight Company's Works, has been closed since the strike?

(2.) Is it a fact that through the gate being closed hundreds of persons are put to much inconvenience?

(3.) If so, will he inquire into the legality of such closure, and, if possible, have the gate thrown open again?

Mr. Young answered,—I am under the impression that this wharf is private property, in which case I should have no control; but will make further inquiry.

- (14.) Leichhardt Public Schools Grounds :—*Mr. G. D. Clark* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Has his attention been drawn by residents of the district to the condition of the Leichhardt public schools grounds?

(2.) Will he kindly give effect to a promise made by him more than a month ago to have the matter attended to?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—Everything has been done to place the play-ground of this school in as satisfactory a condition as possible while the work of building is going on. On the completion of the present contract, the whole subject of improving the play-ground will receive careful consideration.

- (15.) Fisheries Commission :—*Mr. Kelly* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it his intention to appoint *Mr. James M'Fadyen* on the Commission of Fisheries?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—It is the intention of the Government to appoint two practical fishermen on the Fisheries Commission; and, if so, *Mr. M'Fadyen* will be kept in view for one of those appointments, but at the present time there is no vacancy.

- (16.) Bridge over Green's Creek, Road from Bourke to Hungerford :—*Mr. Langwell* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Have any tenders been accepted for the erection of a bridge over Green's Creek, between Forbes Bridge and Kerribee?

(2.) If so, who were the successful tenderers?

(3.) When was work supposed to be commenced and completed?

(4.) Who are the contractors' sureties?

Mr. Young answered,—

(1.) A tender has been accepted for a crossing over Green's Creek, road Bourke to Hungerford.

(2.) *P. Deignan*.

(3.) The bond was signed on the 12th of January last, and the time for the completion of the contract was four months. The local officer reported on the 20th May last that the contractor had the whole of the timber ready, but, owing to the flooded state of the country, he was unable to get it to the site, and it would be impossible to proceed with the work until the flood subsided.

(4.) Messrs. *E. Glover* and *R. H. Warmole*.

2. MORT'S DOCK AND ENGINEERING COMPANY (LIMITED) ENABLING BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of *Mr. Johnston*, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Johnston then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to enable 'Mort's Dock and Engineering Company (Limited)' to close portions of certain streets at Mort Bay, in the Borough of Balmain, being the north-east end of College-street and the north-east end of Trouton-street, and to establish a new street in lieu thereof.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable 'Mort's Dock and Engineering Company (Limited)' to close portions of certain streets at Mort Bay, in the Borough of Balmain, being the north-east end of College-street and the north-east end of Trouton-street, and to establish a new street in lieu thereof,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 24th September, 1891.

3. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Parliamentary Representatives Allowance Act Amendment Bill postponed until Tuesday, 15th December.

4. PAPERS :—

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Quirindi.
- (2.) Return to an Order, made on the 10th September, 1891,—“ Reserve Rifle Companies.”
- (3.) Return to an Order, made on the 8th September, 1891,—“ State Forests and Forest Reserves.”
- (4.) Return to an Order, made on the 30th July, 1891,—“ Fisheries Commission.”

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Brunker laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th and 101st sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
- (2.) Abstract of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the 107th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
- (3.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale for the preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 101st, 109th, and 112th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
- (4.) Copies of *Gazette* Notices, setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the dedication of certain lands, in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
- (5.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorised to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bruce Smith laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Correspondence relating to the Report of the Board appointed to inquire into the efficiency of the Westinghouse and Vacuum Continuous Brakes for goods trains.
- (2.) Statement showing the payments made to Mr. John Whitton since his retirement from the position of Engineer-in-Chief for Railways.
- (3.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Menangle, county of Cumberland, for and in connection with a partial reconstruction of the Great Southern Railway, at or near Glen Lee, between Campbelltown and Menangle.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Correspondence respecting Official Record of Parliamentary Debates.

Ordered to be printed.

5. DISTRICT GOVERNMENT BILL:—Sir Henry Parkes presented a Petition from certain Representatives of Municipal Councils of the Colony, in Annual Conference assembled, representing that the present law governing Municipalities urgently needs extension to meet the requirements of the Suburban and Country districts, which have outgrown the present Act; that up to the present time none of the several Bills introduced for effecting this object have passed the second reading stage; that Petitioners are of opinion that no more important matter can be brought before the House than the extension of the principle of Local Self-Government as embodied in the District Government Bill, introduced by the Premier; and praying that this Bill may be proceeded with during the present Session.
Petition received.
6. REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE BILL (No. 2):—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER, 1891, A.M.

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

7. POSTPONEMENTS :—

- (1.) The Orders of the Day of Government Business, Nos. 2 to 16, postponed until Monday next.
- (2.) The remaining Notices of Motions of General Business postponed until Monday next.

8. EMPLOYERS LIABILITY ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the adoption of the Report from the Committee of the Whole on this Bill,—Mr. Kelly moved, That the report be now adopted.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Monday next.

The House adjourned, at eight minutes after One o'clock a.m., until Monday next, at Four o'clock.

J. P. ABBOTT,

Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 35.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER, 1891.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Imprisonment of Mary Miller:—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for *Mr. Walker*, asked the Minister of Justice,—Is it a fact that on or about 11th instant, one Mary Miller, aged 72 years, was at the Central Police Court, Sydney, convicted by Stipendiary Magistrate G. O'Malley Clarke of having no lawful visible means of support, and for that offence sentenced by him to three months' imprisonment with hard labour?

Mr. Gould answered,—Yes. I have made inquiries in reference to this matter, and find that the prisoner, who was at one time an inmate of the Newington Asylum, had been under the observation of the police some time prior to her conviction for vagrancy. When arrested, she declined to become an inmate of any Benevolent Asylum, and repeated that declaration at the Police Court, and said she preferred to go to gaol. She has since stated to the Governor of Biloela Gaol that she has no relatives or friends in the Colony able to take charge of her, and prefers staying in gaol to entering any Asylum for the Infirm and Destitute.

(2.) Grants to Municipalities of Bathurst, Orange, Forbes, Condobolin, and Parkes:—*Mr. Hutchinson* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What is the amount of money given annually to each of the Municipalities of Bathurst, Orange, Forbes, Condobolin, and Parkes, for the repairs and maintenance of main roads through such municipalities?

Mr. Young answered,—Bathurst, nil. Orange, £37 10s. for the Main Western Road, within municipal limits. Forbes, £350 for the road, Orange, *via* Boree to Forbes, within municipal limits. Condobolin, nil; there is no main road in the municipality. Parkes, nil; there is no main road in the municipality.

(3.) Government Loans to City Council:—*Mr. Hutchinson* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) How many loans have there been made by the Government to the Council of the City of Sydney since its incorporation, and what are the respective amounts?

(2.) Have any of such loans been paid off; if so, what are the amounts, and the dates of payments?

(3.) What is the present indebtedness of the City Council to the Government?

(4.) Was the City Council at any time unable to meet its obligations to the Government; if so, what were the amounts of such debts, and did the Government abandon its claim to any loan or loans or parts thereof advanced to the City Council; if so, what were the amounts, and the dates when such debts were written off?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—The information will be prepared, and laid upon the Table in the form of a Return.

(4.) Construction of Waterworks under Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880:—*Mr. Hutchinson* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) In what towns have the Government, under the provisions of the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880, constructed waterworks?

(2.) What is the cost respectively of such waterworks, and how are the repayments made; if by annual instalments, what amounts severally have been paid on account of such waterworks?

(3.) Have any loans been made by the Government to municipalities on account of waterworks that have been already or partly constructed by such municipalities; if so, what are the amounts?

(4.) What is the total cost of the Nepean Water Supply Scheme for the City of Sydney and suburbs; and also the cost of Western Suburbs and City Sewerage Scheme; and what are the terms and conditions for the payment of interest and repayment of loans on account of such works; and the annual payments (if any) that have been made up to the present time?

Mr. Young answered,—This information will be prepared, and laid upon the Table of this House in the shape of a Return. (5.)

(5.) Rossiville Asylum :—Mr. Rose asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- 1.) When will tenders be accepted for the Rossiville Asylum ?
- 2.) Is it the intention of the Government, upon the acceptance of tenders, to at once proceed with the erection of the asylum ?

Mr. Young answered,—

- (1) Competitive designs will be received on the 1st of December next for this work.
- (2.) If a tender is accepted the work will, of course, be proceeded with.

(6.) Parramatta River, Newington to Queen's Wharf :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the river from Newington to the Queen's Wharf, at Parramatta, is fast filling up, and that all traffic on that portion of the Parramatta River is prevented by such filling up, and causing a serious loss to the residents ?
- (2.) Will he cause a survey to be made, and a report sent in as early as possible, of the probable cost of clearing out and deepening the above, and place the necessary amount on the Estimates for carrying out the work ?

Mr. Young answered,—

- (1.) The river has no doubt shoaled during the last twenty years, but there is no reason to believe that the shoaling is taking place more rapidly now.
- (2.) A survey has been made of this part of the river. A dredge is now at work—it commenced above Ryde, and is gradually working up the river.

(7.) Site for Cemetery, Parramatta :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—The Borough Council of Parramatta having passed a By-law, which was confirmed by the Government, that no interments shall be made in the cemeteries within the Borough without the sanction of the Mayor,—will he cause an inquiry to be made as early as possible as to the necessity of resuming that portion of the old Government Domain, close to the Parramatta Freshwater River, and granted as a site for Church of England, Roman Catholic, Wesleyan, Presbyterian, Jews, Independents, and General Cemetery, containing about 30 acres, for disposing of the same, and applying the proceeds in procuring a more suitable site for the requirements of the town and district ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Lands Department :—It has been ascertained from the papers that an inquiry was made in the year 1887, at the instigation of the Honorable Member, and after the prohibition of interments in the existing cemeteries (except with the sanction of the Mayor) the District Surveyor reported that, though the Westmead site was not very suitable for interments, there was no other site in the vicinity that was, and further he recommended that the Necropolis at Rookwood should be used for Parramatta.

(8.) Liabilities on Government Contracts :—Mr. O'Sullivan, for Mr. Dibbs, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—The amount of liabilities outstanding and to become due on contracts at present accepted, and on contracts current, to be provided for from Loan funds ?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—The information will be prepared, and laid upon the Table in the form of a Return.

(9.) Provisions for the Promotion of Drainage :—Mr. Alfred Allen, for Mr. Dangar, asked the Secretary for Mines,—Will he consider the propriety of embodying in the measure about to be introduced into the Assembly for the promotion of irrigation provisions for the promotion of drainage on more practical and liberal lines than those laid down in the present Drainage Union Act ?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—In the Bill dealing with water conservation, which is now ready to proceed with, provisions have been made for the promotion of drainage and the constitution of Drainage Trusts.

(10.) Construction of Railway Bridge at Newtown :—Mr. Edden, for Mr. Scott, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What number of girders are being used for the construction of the railway bridge at Newtown ?
- (2.) What distance are they apart ?
- (3.) What is the total weight of the said girders ?
- (4.) What number and weight of built-up wrought-iron or steel girders would be needed to sustain the roadway of the said bridge ?
- (5.) Upon whose recommendation are cast-iron girders being used ?
- (6.) Who is the responsible officer ?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1.) Thirty-six cast and 24 wrought-iron girders.
- (2.) 5-foot centres.
- (3.) Cast-iron girders, weight about 120 tons, and wrought-iron about 45 tons.
- (4.) Sixty girders, weighing about 144 tons.

Regarding Questions (5) and (6), I can give no further Answers than to say that the responsibility for the material and construction of the bridge rests with the Railway Commissioners, who are prepared to bear that responsibility with the firm conviction that the bridge is ample for the purposes for which it is intended. I should like to add that this is the third or fourth batch of Questions which has been asked of me in the House regarding the details of this bridge. I may say that I am so convinced of the unwisdom of answering detail Questions of this kind, that I must tell the Honorable Member candidly that I shall decline to answer any more Questions concerning this bridge.

(11.)

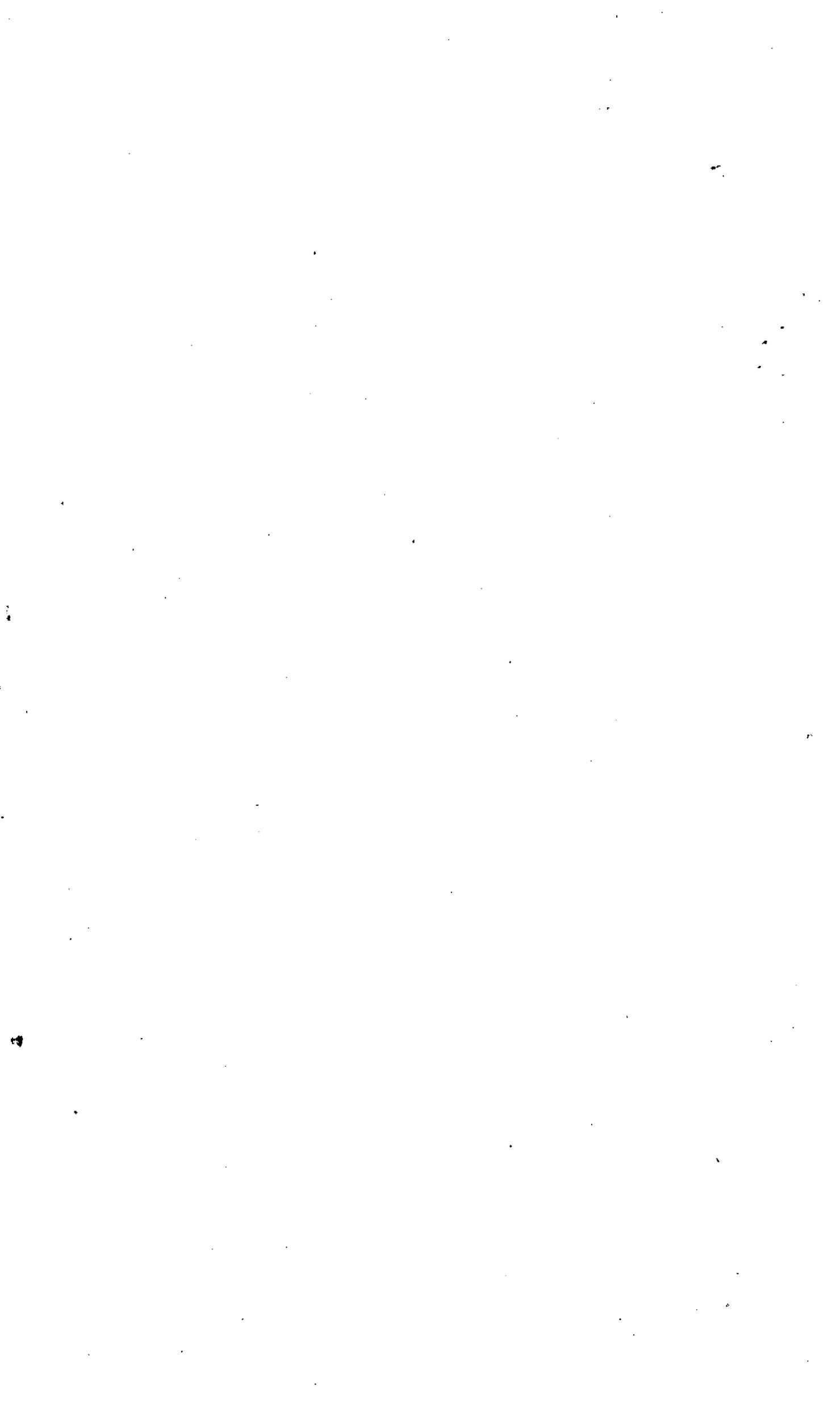
- (11.) Influx of Chinese to the Colony:—Mr. Sheldon asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) In reference to Mr. Sheldon's Question of 23rd September,—was not Mr. Way Lee admitted to this Colony in January, 1889, without payment of the poll-tax?
 - (2.) In reference to the reply to section No. 2 of same Question, which says that Dr. On Lee was naturalised as a British subject on 1st day of December, 1874,—in which portion of the British Empire was such naturalisation granted?
 - (3.) Has a record been kept of the persons of Chinese race who have been allowed to enter New South Wales without payment of the poll-tax since the passage of the Chinese Restriction and Regulation Act of 1888; if so, by whom, and where?
- Sir Henry Parkes answered,—
- (1.) A Chinese was allowed to continue his journey from Melbourne to Sydney in January, 1889.
 - (2.) New South Wales.
 - (3.) A record is kept at each customs station by the appointed officer.
2. PAPERS:—Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Return to an Order, made on 2nd September, 1891,—“Southern Rifle Association.”
 - (2.) Return to an Order, made on 5th August, 1891,—“Randwick Rifle Range.”
 - (3.) Return to an Order, made on 2nd September, 1891,—“Callan Park Asylum.”
- Ordered to be printed.
3. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Crick 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 “to call the attention of the Government to the improper delivery of letters, &c., in connection with racing consultations, and the working of the totalisator.”
- And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—
- Mr. Crick moved, That this House do now adjourn.
- Debate ensued.
- Question put and negatived.
4. MASTERS AND SERVANTS BILL:—Mr. Willis presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to repeal the ‘Masters and Servants Act of 1857,’ and the ‘Agreements Validating Act,’ and to make other provisions in the Laws relating to Masters and Servants, and contracts made out of the Colony of New South Wales for personal service therein, and for other purposes connected therewith,*—which was read a first time.
- Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
5. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes stated to the House the course which the Government intended to take in proceeding with the Government Business.
6. REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE BILL (No. 2):—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.
- Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.
7. POSTPONEMENTS:—
- (1.) The Orders of the Day of Government Business, Nos. 2 to 16, postponed until To-morrow.
 - (2.) The remaining Notices of Motions of General Business postponed until To-morrow.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

TUESDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER, 1891, A.M.

8. EMPLOYERS LIABILITY ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Kelly moved, “That” this Bill be now read a third time.
- Mr. Bruce Smith moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word “That,” with a view to the insertion in their place of the words “the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of the proviso in clause 4.”
- 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 passed.
- Question,—That this Bill be now read a third time,—put and passed.
- Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Kelly, *passed*.
- Mr. Kelly then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to amend the ‘Employers Liability Act of 1886.’*”
- Question put and passed.
- Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the following Message:—
- MR. PRESIDENT,—
- The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to amend the ‘Employers Liability Act of 1886,’*”—presents the same to Legislative Council for its concurrence.
- Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney 29th September, 1891, A.M.
9. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Bruce Smith moved, That this House do now adjourn.
- Debate ensued.
- Question put and passed.
- The House adjourned accordingly, at sixteen minutes after One o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 36.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER, 1891.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Water Conservation Department:—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) How long has the Department of Water Conservation been established?

(2.) What has been the entire cost of maintaining the Department; and what has been the result of the outlay incurred?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—I intend to lay a Return upon the Table.

(2.) Noxious Weeds Bill:—Mr. Perry asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is it his intention to introduce a Bill dealing with noxious weeds?

(2.) If so, when?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—If the Honorable Member will refer to the Local Government Bill he will find that provision has been made there to carry out his wishes.

(3.) Repairs of Roads within Municipalities:—Mr. Cruickshank asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to have an additional sum put on the Estimates towards the repairs of the scheduled roads within Municipalities?

Mr. Young answered,—Yes.

(4.) Widening of Lennox Bridge in Parramatta:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When is it likely that tenders will be invited for widening Lennox bridge in Parramatta, the sum of £4,000 having been voted by Parliament on the Loan Vote for such work, and the traffic over the bridge having increased, so that it is dangerous at times to persons using it?

Mr. Young answered,—In view of the construction of new bridges at the Gasworks and O'Connell-street, it is stated that it is not necessary to expend any money in widening Lennox Bridge; but I will have the matter further inquired into before coming to a final decision.

(5.) National Scholarships:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Referring to the following Resolutions, which were unanimously adopted by this House on 5th July, 1889:—

“(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the educational system of New South Wales does not afford the means by which the talented children of the poorer classes may participate in the benefits conferred by the University.

“(2.) This House is, therefore, of opinion that a system of national scholarships should be established, by means of which children attending the primary schools may win the right to be educated at the higher schools and the University at the expense of the State,”—

What steps have been taken by the Education Department to carry out the Resolutions?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—A system of bursaries and scholarships has been established, by means of which children under the age of 14 years attending the primary schools are enabled to win the right of education at the higher schools at the expense of the State. Other bursaries have also been established, which provide free education at the University for talented children of the poorer classes, where such children are under the age of 18 years, and have attended primary or higher schools for a certain time previous to examination.

(6.) Discovery of Gold and Platinum in Town of Queanbeyan:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Has a discovery of gold and platinum in the town of Queanbeyan been reported to the Department of Mines?

(2.) If so, will he send a geologist to report upon the discovery, and, if the claims be found worthy of encouragement, recommend the same for assistance out of the Prospecting Vote?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

(1.) Yes; but a sample of the supposed platinum, on being tested, was proved to be amalgam.

(2.) An officer will, as early as possible, inspect the ground, and at same time inquire into the application for aid to prospect for gold.

(7.)

- (7.) Removal of Machinery from Glebe Island to New Meat Markets, Darling Harbour:—*Mr. Willis* for Mr. Sharp, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Have any steps been taken to remove the machinery from Glebe Island to the new meat markets, Darling Harbour, so as to complete the refrigerating plant of that establishment?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that these premises are let to Messrs. Hudson Brothers; if so, what rent does the firm pay?
 - (3.) Is it a fact that the Government employ two watchmen (day and night) on the premises, and that these men have to receive and check goods belonging to Hudson Brothers; and have these men been called upon to make good any deficiency?
- Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—
- (1.) The removal of the machinery from the Glebe Island abattoirs to the new meat-markets at Darling Harbour has been withheld, as it is represented by the lessee of the markets that such machinery is not required.
 - (2.) The premises known as the meat-markets, at Darling Harbour, are let to Mr. Robert Hudson for a term of fifteen years, at an annual rental of £3,200, under certain conditions.
 - (3.) Watchmen are not now employed by the Department.
- (8.) Tramway Employees:—Mr. G. D. Clark asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that a number of men, some of whom had been employed for long periods, have recently been discharged from the tram service for no other reason than to make way for young lads at a very much lower rate of wages?
 - (2.) Is it a law of the Department that employees on the tramways must insure their lives or be dismissed from the service?
- Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—
- (1.) No.
 - (2.) The Railway Act provides that persons permanently employed in the Department after the passing of the Act must insure their lives.
- (9.) Government Contracts:—Mr. G. D. Clark asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the practice of subletting is allowed in connection with Government Contracts or in Government departments?
 - (2.) If it is, will he, in the interests of the workers, who are unfairly treated by the system of subletting, issue such instructions as will cause the practice to be discontinued?
- Mr. Young answered,—
- (1.) Yes, under certain well-defined limits.
 - (2.) Instructions have already been given, which it is hoped will so restrict the system as to prevent abuses creeping in.
- (10.) Sewerage Works for the Borough of Parramatta:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Now that all surveys and information have been obtained by the officers of the Department with reference to the sewerage works for the Borough of Parramatta, and reported upon, will he cause the subject to be submitted to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report?
- Mr. Young answered,—The matter will be taken into consideration when those of a like nature are before the Cabinet.
- (11.) Bridge across the Hunter River at Morpeth:—Mr. Bowes asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has any decision been arrived at in reference to the erection of a bridge across the Hunter River at Morpeth?
- Mr. Young answered,—No decision has yet been arrived at, but I have called for the papers, and will give the matter my consideration.
- (12.) Sydney Deposit Bank:—Mr. Johnston asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it a fact that the Sydney Deposit Bank is issuing notes; if so, by whose authority?
- Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—The Government have no better opportunity than the Honorable Member has of ascertaining the method of conducting business of companies of this kind; and I therefore cannot give any information on the subject.
2. RESUMPTION OF LAND AT PATERSON FOR WATER CONSERVATION (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for Mr. Garvan, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers, &c., in connection with resumption of land at Paterson, last October, for the purpose of water conservation.
Question put and passed.
3. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Agricultural Holdings Bill postponed until Monday, 5th October.
4. WILLIAM STAFFORD, EX-SERGEANT OF POLICE:—Mr. O'Sullivan presented a Petition from William Stafford in reference to the inquiry by a Select Committee into the matter of his dismissal from the Police Force; and praying the House to take his claim for justice into favourable consideration, and allow Mr. Murphy's motion to be taken formally, that justice may be arrived at without delay.
Petition received.
5. FORFEITURE OF J. J. RAY'S SELECTION IN THE LAND DISTRICT OF WAGGA WAGGA:—Mr. Gormly 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 forfeiture of J. J. Ray's selection in the land district of Wagga Wagga.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Brunker, Mr. McCourt, Mr. Kidd, Mr. Perry, Mr. Bowes, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. E. G. Brown, and the Mover.
- Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

6. COURT OF PETTY SESSIONS AT PADDINGTON:—Mr. Neild moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, steps should be forthwith taken to open the Court-house, Paddington, and establish therein a Court of Petty Sessions.
- (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
- Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 33.

Mr. Murphy,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Rose,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Hutchinson.
Mr. Sheldon,	
Mr. Schey,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Frank Farnell.
Mr. Vaughn,	
Mr. Hoyle,	
Mr. Gillies,	
Mr. Gormly,	
Mr. Sharp,	
Mr. Williams,	
Mr. Gardiner,	
Mr. Daruley,	
Mr. Stevenson.	
Mr. G. D. Clark,	
Mr. Johnston,	

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Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Garrard,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Scott,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Dowel,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Eve,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Dale,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Lec,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Hindle.
Mr. Perry,	
Mr. Lonsdale,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Newman,	Mr. Cullen.

And so it passed in the negative.

7. GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS:—Mr. Schey moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Government "should" at once proceed to amend the Government Railways Act of "1888," in the direction of curtailing the powers of the Commissioners to make contracts, purchase rolling stock and materials, alter lines, erect buildings, and deal with employees.
- (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
- Debate ensued.

Mr. Copeland moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words in the first paragraph after the figures "1888," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "so as to provide that the Commissioners shall not enter into any contract for the supply, either directly or indirectly, from places outside New South Wales, of materials, locomotive engines or other motive or tractive power, or of any other matter or thing, without the sanction of the Governor in Council."

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

Debate continued.

Proposed amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Mr. Dibbs moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words in the first paragraph after the word "should," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "forthwith with move for a Select Committee to inquire and report upon the administration of the Railways and the working of the Railways since the passing of the Act."

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

Debate continued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER, 1891, A.M.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 43.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Dangar,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Hart,	Mr. Young,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Donald,
Dr. Cullen,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Eve,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Jeanneret,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Bowman,	Mr. Daruley.
Mr. Marks,	
Mr. Cullen,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Dowel,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Martin.
Mr. Cann,	

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Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Rose,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Cruickshank.
Mr. Dibbs,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Walker.
Mr. Hoyle,	
Mr. Melville,	
Mr. Williams,	
Mr. Scott,	
Mr. Kelly,	
Mr. Houghton,	
Mr. Langwell,	
Mr. G. D. Clark,	
Mr. Gormly,	
Mr. Johnston,	
Mr. McGowen,	
Mr. Sharp,	
Dr. Holis,	
Mr. Edden,	
Mr. Grahame,	
Mr. Bowes,	
Mr. Stevenson,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original

Original Question,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should at once proceed to amend the Government Railways Act of 1888, in the direction of curtailing the powers of the Commissioners to make contracts, purchase rolling stock and materials, alter lines, erect buildings, and deal with employees.

(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor,—
put and negatived.

The House adjourned, at fourteen minutes before Two o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 37.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER, 1891.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Messengers and Waiters employed in Government Service:—Mr. Houghton asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that persons employed in the Government Service as messengers, waiters, and in other capacities, at remunerative salaries, are allowed to perform work for private persons, to the detriment of other persons in the community who can find little or no employment?

(2.) Is it in accordance with the spirit of the Civil Service Act that persons permanently employed by the Government should be permitted to engage in private service?

(3.) Will he take steps to prevent persons permanently employed by Government from engaging in private service?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I find that these Questions were asked in the last Session, and the Answer given by my honorable colleague, Mr. McMillan, at that time was this:—"In the case of persons employed to discharge certain duties within stated hours, whether as messengers or in similar capacity, it is considered that the Government can only deal with them during the time they are so employed, and that they cannot interfere with their lawful disposal of their time afterwards." I adopt these words as my answer to-day.

- (2.) Harbour Trust for Ports of Sydney and Newcastle:—Mr. Nicoll asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it his intention to bring in a Bill to create a Harbour Trust for the ports of Sydney and Newcastle?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—With regard to Sydney, the matter is under consideration. With regard to Newcastle, I have a Bill already in print, which I am endeavouring to perfect.

- (3.) Proposed Extension of Railway into the Town of Nowra:—Mr. Morton asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has he considered the Report of the Public Works Committee on the proposed extension of the railway into the town of Nowra, which was laid upon the Table of this House on the 19th May, 1891?

(2.) Is it his intention to submit the proposed extension to the House at an early date?

Mr. Young answered,—I have considered the Report in question, but am not prepared at present to state when the necessary resolution to give effect to the recommendation of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works will be submitted to the House.

- (4.) High Schools at Sydney, Bathurst, Goulburn, and Maitland:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) What was the actual cost of each of the High Schools at Bathurst, Goulburn, and Maitland, for the year 1890?

(2.) The amount of fees received at each of these institutions for the same year?

(3.) The average number of pupils in each of these High Schools for 1890?

(4.) The cost per head of these pupils to the State for the year 1890—specifying the cost in each school?

(5.) The average number of pupils attending the Sydney High School for 1890?

(6.) The cost per head to the State of the pupils attending the same for the year 1890?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

(1.) The actual cost of each of the High Schools at Bathurst and Maitland for 1890 was as follows:—Bathurst, £439 10s. 1d.; Maitland, £953 16s. 4d. There was no High School at Goulburn.

(2.)

(2.) The amount of fees received at each of these institutions for the year 1890 was :—Bathurst, £459 7s. 8d. ; Maitland, £454 17s. 8d.

(3.) The average number of pupils in each of these High Schools for 1890 was :—Bathurst, 50 ; Maitland, 70.

(4.) The cost per head of these pupils to the State for the year 1890 in each school was :—Bathurst, £8 15s. 9d. ; Maitland, £13.

(5.) The average number of pupils attending the Sydney High School for 1890 was 478.

(6.) The cost per head to the State of the pupils attending the Sydney High School for 1890 was £2 18s. 9d. It is but fair to explain that the high cost of education at the Maitland High Schools was due to exceptional circumstances. In the first place, as many as twenty-seven of the pupils were exempted from the payment of fees, three being bursars, twenty-one the holders of scholarships, and three children of very poor parents. In the second place, the rents paid for the temporary school premises amounted to the large sum of £428 18s. for the year. On completion of the buildings in course of erection this expenditure will cease, and, in lieu of rent, an outlay of interest amounting to less than £200 per annum will be fairly chargeable.

(5.) Report of the State Children's Relief Department for 1891 :—Mr. McCourt asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has his attention been called to a paragraph in the Report of the State Children's Relief Department for 1891, wherein it is stated :—" It is worthy of remark that the average number of applications refused has been about the same during the past three years. It generally exceeds 20 per cent. of the whole number, although in every instance the recommendation of a clergyman and a magistrate have been attached. Some of the applications refused during the past year have been from persons of most scandalous character, and it is difficult to understand indeed how the necessary testimonials could have been obtained. The recurrence of this discreditable state of things, year after year, has naturally led the Board to attach very little importance to applicants' credentials."

(2.) If so, will he call upon magistrates who have given certificates to persons of scandalous character for an explanation, and, if guilty, remove them from the Commission of the Peace ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—It is necessary to read the extract given in the Question with the context of the Report. I have not only done that, but I have sent for the Chairman of the Board, Dr. Renwick, who has rendered very valuable services in that capacity for a period of fully ten years without the recompense of a single penny in any way. I sent for him and had a conversation with him, and I find that the case to which he makes reference in the Report is exactly the case which every person who has ever been in a similar position must have experienced,—that is, that even clergymen and magistrates will give testimonials on quite insufficient grounds, and that they frequently are worthless. That is the case at all times, and all over the world. I have experienced it many and many a time, and I find from Dr. Renwick that even at a meeting of this Committee last Monday there were fully twenty cases which had to be rejected, because, although the applicants for these poor children had the required testimonials, the Committee, by its very well organized system of observation and visitation, had ample evidence to show that the persons applying were unfit persons, and the applications were refused. I am afraid that it will always happen that such testimonials will be given, but it is some satisfaction to find that the Board, which has the interest of these friendless children in its hands, are so cautious as not to board them out in any home where the Board thinks the children's interests are not safe. In courtesy to the Honorable Member, I ought to say that it is impossible for me, in a case of this kind, to have any sufficient grounds for removing a magistrate from the Commission of the Peace. The statements are not definite enough.

(6.) Fisheries Commission :—Mr. Stevenson, for Mr. Kelly, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Referring to the statement made last week by the Colonial Secretary, that he would keep in view Mr. M'Fadyen as a likely person to be appointed to the Fisheries Commission,—is it a fact that Mr. M'Fadyen is not a practical fisherman, but an engine-driver ?

(2.) Will he take care that the persons appointed to represent the fishermen on the Commission are practical fishermen ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I do not know whether Mr. M'Fadyen is a fisherman or an engineer, and I do not think any one could assure me on good evidence that the fishermen mentioned in the New Testament may not have been engineers also. But I do know this, that Mr. M'Fadyen is the President of the Fishermen's Association, and as I believe the fishermen are sensible men, I do not think they would allow any gentleman who did not understand their interests to be President of their Association. Not only that, when any question has arisen between the fishermen and the Government and any proposal has been made or suggested for placing a practical fisherman on the Board of Commissioners, unanimously the fishermen have named Mr. M'Fadyen, so I suppose he must be a fisherman, and if so, his having been an engineer, I think, will be an advantage, because it might enable him to better catch the fish.

(7.) Garden Palace Grounds :—Mr. Walker asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that on or about Tuesday, 22nd instant, private persons had the use of the Garden Palace Grounds for the purpose of a garden party ?

(2.) If so, who were such persons, and how did they obtain the use of such grounds ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I should not like to treat the Honorable Member with any apparent discourtesy by refusing to answer this Question. I will state the facts and the House can judge for itself whether the asking of this Question is likely to add dignity to the position of the Minister or to the House. Some ladies have formed what they call a Ladies Club. The lady who is secretary applied to my Under Secretary for permission to pitch a small marquee in the Domain to enjoy themselves with a cup of tea. The Director reported that these ladies having their little tent in one corner of the Domain would not interfere with anyone. I am the culprit who approved of the ladies having their cup of tea in the Domain. That is the whole history—the secret history—of this transaction.

- (8.) Bowling Green Club in Victoria Park:—Mr. Hindle asked the Secretary for Lands,—Have the Trustees applied for permission to issue a license for the Bowling Green Club in Victoria Park?

Mr. Brunker answered,—On the 17th instant the Trustees of the Victoria Park requested me, by letter, “to consent to their granting the temporary use of a certain portion of the Victoria Park for the purposes of a bowling green under such rules and regulations as they may think proper to impose.” On the papers being submitted to me, on the 25th instant, I directed that the following reply be sent to them:—“The Trustees may be informed that the Minister has no power to consent to or approve of a license such as that contemplated. It is clearly provided that the Minister must control the occupation of the Park, and cannot under any circumstances exceed the authority conceded to him under the 6th section of the Public Parks Act. Although the Trustees may possess the power to rail in and provide a bowling green they cannot reserve it exclusively for any club or section or portion of the public, and whatever rights are granted to any one member of the public must be equally open to all, in fact, permission cannot be granted for other than temporary occupation, and such occupation is liable in any case to be determined immediately at the instance of the Minister.”

- (9.) Trustees for Show Ground at Dubbo:—Mr. Morgan, for Mr. Cass, asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will trustees be gazetted for additional land, granted for Show-ground at Dubbo?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The Crown Solicitor having given an opinion that the action contemplated, and partly carried into effect by the Department, would be to extend the provisions of the 105th clause of the “Crown Lands Act of 1884” in a way not justified by law, no further action can be taken until the legal difficulty has been overcome.

- (10.) Trial survey for a Railway Line from Jervis Bay, via Ulladulla, to Moruya:—Mr. Morton asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What were the reasons that the surveyors were taken off the trial survey for a railway line from Jarvis Bay, via Ulladulla, to Moruya?

Mr. Young answered;—They were required to undertake surveys of a more urgent character.

- (11.) Road from Woodburn to Burrill Bridge, in Ulladulla district:—Mr. Morton asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Have any steps been taken to open up a road from Woodburn to Burrill Bridge, in the Ulladulla district?

Mr. Young answered,—A communication will be made on the subject to the Honorable Member by letter.

- (12.) Mr. Whitton, late Engineer-in-Chief for Railways.—Mr. Edden asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) On what date was the communication sent to Mr. Whitton, late Engineer-in-Chief, in reference to the refund of money overpaid to him from May to December, 1890?

(2.) Has any reply been received thereto?

(3.) If so, what is the nature of such reply?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—29th August, 1891, but, as Mr. Whitton resides in England, sufficient time has not yet elapsed to admit of an answer being furnished by that gentleman.

- (13.) Mr. Gale, Deputy Returning Officer of Queanbeyan:—Mr. O’Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has he received an application from the Deputy Returning Officer of Queanbeyan, Mr. John Gale, asking for compensation for losses to which he was subjected by the postponed polling at the recent Queanbeyan election?

(2.) In view of the exceptional circumstances surrounding the recent Queanbeyan election, owing to the heavy floods in the district, is it the intention of the Government to compensate Mr. Gale for the losses he sustained through the extra work cast upon him?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—A letter of this character has been received from Mr. Gale, but there has never been any instance of compensation in any matter such as this, and I think it would be a very unfortunate precedent to be set. I believe there has been only one case where any allowance has been made to a returning officer, and that was the case of an officer who, in a heavy flood, had his horse and buggy washed away. For mere delay and extra trouble, I do not know of any case where an allowance has been made; but I will give the matter further consideration.

- (14.) Case of Bubb v. Simpson, Returning Officer for West Sydney:—Mr. Davis asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has the attention of the Government been called to the recent decision by Mr. District Court Judge Gibson in the case of Bubb v. Simpson, the Returning Officer for West Sydney?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to make any recompense to the proposers and seconders of candidates for West Sydney at the last general election, who were injured by the collapse of the insecure hustings?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I believe persons who were injured by the occurrence of this accident are suing the Government, and I do not think it would be proper for me while those proceedings are going on to give an opinion of any kind whatever. I desire to say, however, that, in the case of an election, the Returning Officer is appointed, and whatever amount he asks for, within reasonable limits, is placed at his disposal to conduct the election, and the Government have always scrupulously abstained from interfering with him in any way whatever in the conduct of that election. So that it will be seen that it was his business, and his business alone, to see that the hustings were securely erected, and bearing in mind the rule and the principle that the Executive never interfere with a Returning Officer, I can hardly see how the Government can interfere in this case. Certainly I do not see how they can interfere, except on the very home-spun plan of their having to pay in the long run what it is not their business to pay.

(15.) Influx of Chinese to the Colony :—Mr. Sheldon asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) In reference to Mr. Sheldon's Question of 23rd September, viz.,—"Was not Mr. Way Lee admitted to this Colony in January, 1889, without payment of poll-tax"; and reply thereto—"That a Chinese was allowed to continue his journey from Melbourne to Sydney in January, 1889,"—Was Mr. Way Lee the Chinese in question?

(2.) Is it a fact that native-born half-caste Chinese are allowed to come over the border free?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The following answers have been supplied by the Collector of Customs:—

(1.) A telegram from the Officer of Customs at Albury, dated January, 1889, reported that a Chinese had continued his journey from Melbourne to Sydney. I am informed that Mr. Way Lee is the Chinese referred to.

(2.) Yes; if born in an Australian Colony.

(16.) Registration of Mortgages on Land :—Mr. Hindle asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is he aware of the prevailing practice of land auctioneers and land Banks receiving cash payments on mortgaged land, such mortgage being unknown to the purchasers?

(2.) If so, will he take steps to have the law remedied, by a system of compulsory registration of such mortgages, to be published in the daily newspapers in the interests of the general public?

Mr. Gould answered,—I am not aware of the facts referred to by the Honorable Member, nor have any representations been made to the Department to that effect. Even if it were so, I am not prepared to say that I would advocate the course suggested by the Honorable Member in Question No. 2, inasmuch as the law now affords an opportunity to purchasers to ascertain the titles of persons who may be selling land to them.

2. LIQUOR TRAFFIC :—Mr. Cann presented a Petition from John Penrose, President, and J. Kennedy, Secretary, of the Barrier Ranges United Licensed Victuallers Association, representing that it is desirable in the interests of the working classes that the 63rd section of the Licensing Acts of 1882-3 should be so amended as to permit the sale of liquor to be consumed on the premises within the hours of 5.30 a.m. to 11.30 p.m. on the six business days of the week, 7 to 9 a.m., 1 to 3, and 8 to 10 p.m. on Sunday, Good Friday, and Christmas Day; and praying the House to take the matter into earnest consideration.
Petition received.

3. PAPERS :—

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Annual Progress Report of State Forest Administration in New South Wales for the year 1890.

(2.) Further Correspondence respecting Messrs. Brown Brothers' leasehold property, Castlereagh-street. Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—Annual Report of the Nautical School-ship "Vernon" for year ended 30th April, 1891.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bruce Smith laid upon the Table,—Return showing particulars of loan made by the Government to the Council of City of Sydney since its incorporation.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Young laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 30th July, 1891,—"Proposed Railway from Galong to Burrowa."

Ordered to be printed.

4. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT :—Sir Henry Parkes (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House, at its rising To-morrow, do adjourn until Tuesday next.
Question put and passed.

5. SIMPSON'S RAILWAY BILL :—Mr. Neild (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That Mr. Lonsdale be added to the Select Committee now sitting on Simpson's Railway Bill.
Question put and passed.

6. CROWN LANDS ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council agrees to the Free Conference requested by the Legislative Assembly in its Message, dated 23rd September, 1891, on the subject of the Council's amendment disagreed to by the Assembly and insisted on by the Council, and the Assembly's amendment upon the Council's amendment disagreed to by the Council and insisted on by the Assembly, in the "Crown Lands Act Amendment Bill"; and appoints that the same be held in the back Library, at the hour of Five o'clock in the afternoon of Wednesday, 7th October next; and that the Honorable Andrew Garran, the Honorable James Hoskins, the Honorable A. H. Jacob, the Honorable R. E. O'Connor, the Honorable W. J. Trickett, the Honorable W. H. Suttor, the Honorable G. H. Cox, the Honorable F. T. Humphery, the Honorable S. A. Stephen, and the Honorable H. E. Kater, be the Managers thereof on its behalf.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 30th September, 1891.

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman Presiding.

7. USE OF CAMELS WITHIN MUNICIPALITIES :—Mr. Langwell presented a Petition from certain Freeholders, Householdors, Commoners, and others residing in the town of Bourke, representing that camels constitute a source of danger to vehicular traffic upon the roads and streets within municipal areas, and damage the interests of a large number of the members of the community; and praying relief.
Petition received.

8. SEATS RE-DISTRIBUTION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
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And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 1 OCTOBER, 1891, A.M.

Mr. Speaker having, under the Additional Standing Order No. 7, intimated to the Honorable Member for Northumberland, Mr. Walker, his opinion that the speech being delivered was of such unwarrantable length as to obstruct the transaction of public business, directed him to discontinue his speech.

And Mr. Walker requiring that the Question, whether he be further heard, be put,—

Question,—That the Honorable Member, Mr. Walker, be further heard,—put and negatived.

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

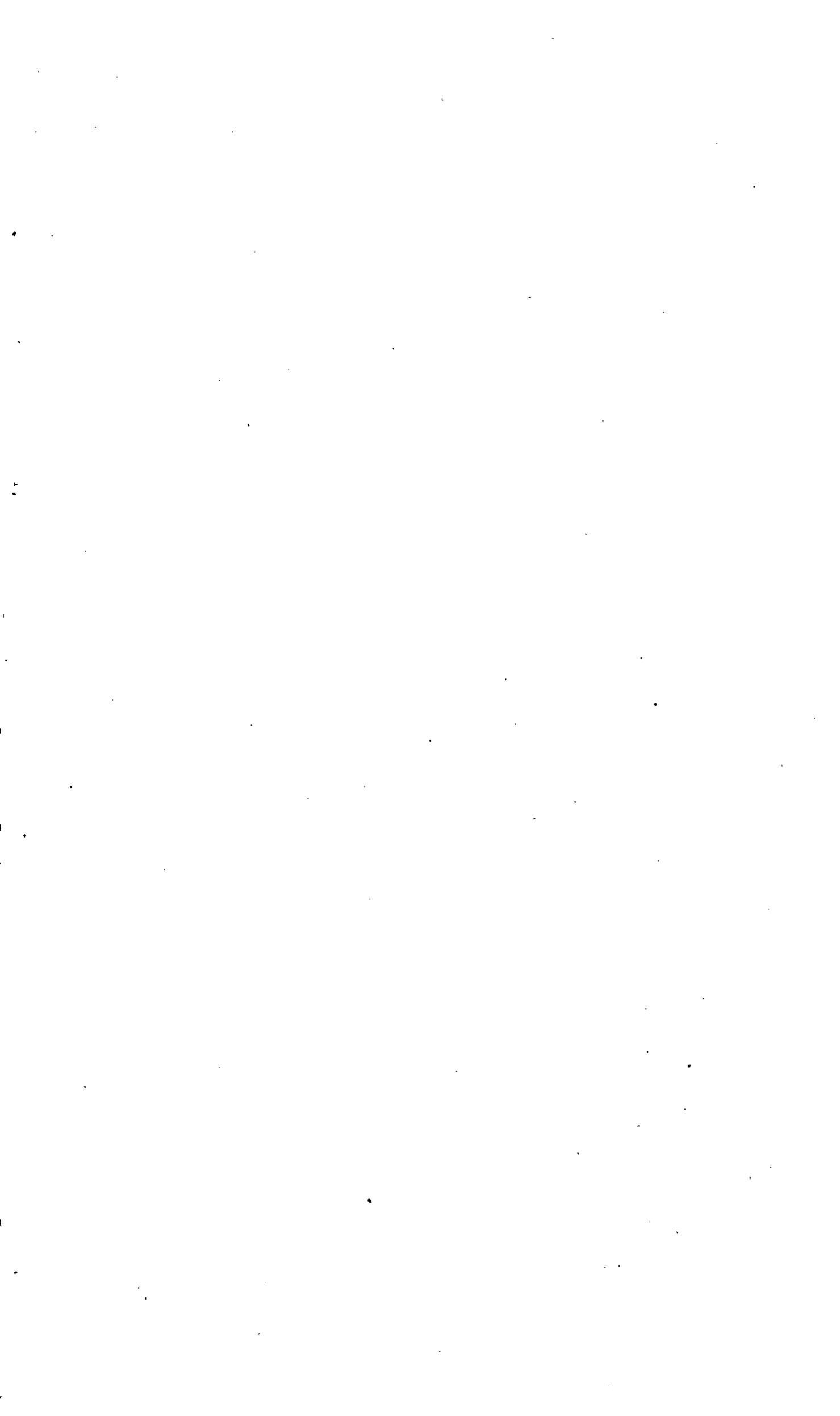
Debate continued.

Question put and passed.

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

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

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 38.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 1 OCTOBER, 1891.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Tenders for Court-house at Milton:—Mr. Morton asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
When will tenders be invited for the erection of the Court-house at Milton?

Mr. Young answered,—Probably within a month.

- (2.) Contributions to Fire Brigades Boards in Country Towns:—Mr. Hutchinson asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Have any contributions under the provisions of the Fire Brigades Act been paid by the Government during the past two years to any Fire Brigade Boards in country towns; if so, what are the amounts paid and the names of the towns in which such Boards are established?

(2.) What steps do the Government intend to take with regard to those towns where Fire Brigade Boards have been established to which no contributions are now paid, on account of the action of the Fire Insurance Companies, through some defect or technicality of the Fire Brigades Act?

(3.) Is it the intention of the Government to place a sufficient sum on the next Estimates for the purpose of assisting Volunteer Fire Brigades in keeping and maintaining their fire-extinguishing plant and apparatus, &c., in a proper state of efficiency?

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

- (3.) Weirs on the Lachlan River, near Forbes and Jemalong:—Mr. Hutchinson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What is the cost to date, in the way of reports, surveys, &c., of the preliminary work of proposed weirs on the Lachlan River, near Forbes, and at Jemalong, on the same river?

(2.) Will the Government cause a sufficient sum of money to be placed on the next Estimates for the purpose of carrying out these important and highly necessary works?

Mr. Young answered,—

(1.) About £30 for the weir near Forbes.

(2.) I cannot make any promise until I have had an opportunity of looking through the papers, which I will at once do.

- (4.) Establishment of Irrigation Colonies on the Lachlan River:—Mr. Hutchinson asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it his intention to have certain suitable lands situated on several of the large rivers of the Colony set apart for the purposes of irrigation colonies or village settlements?

(2.) Will he take into his immediate consideration the advisability of adopting the necessary steps towards the revocation and withdrawal from lease of the large reserves, and also adjoining Crown lands, situated in Towyal and Burrawang pastoral holdings, on the Lachlan River, with a view to the establishment of such colonies or settlements?

Mr. Brunner answered,—Considerable areas of land have already been reserved in suitable localities, in anticipation of a comprehensive scheme of water conservation and irrigation. The setting apart of such and similar areas for the purposes of irrigation colonies or village settlements would involve the establishment of a policy demanding mature consideration, and the question, though informally discussed by some of the members of the Government, has not as yet been considered.

- (5.) Construction and Cost of New Lines of Railways:—Mr. Rose asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What railways are in the course of construction?

(2.) What railways does he contemplate accepting contracts for?

(3.) What is the approximate cost of the new lines now being tendered for?

Mr.

Mr. Young answered,—

- (1.) Nyngan to Cobar, Culcairn to Corowa, Kiama to Nowra, Lismore to Tweed (part 1), Milson's Point extension.
- (2.) Tenders have been received for Molong to Parkes and Forbes, sections 1 and 2, and Lismore to Tweed (part 2). The acceptance of these tenders is under consideration.
- (3.) £90,250—Marrickville to Burwood Road Railway only.

(6.) Mr. George Lewis, Local Government Branch:—*Mr. Hoyle*, for Mr. Schey, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is there an officer in the Local Government Branch of the Colonial Secretary's Department named George Lewis?
- (2.) What is his position, and what salary does he receive?
- (3.) Is he the same George Lewis whose name, "George Lewis, minister, 'Elim,' Elizabeth-street near Park-street," is printed on the show-board outside the Mission Church, corner of Liverpool and Sussex Streets?
- (4.) If he has no knowledge on the point involved in previous Question, will he make inquiry and ascertain?
- (5.) Does the Government allow civil servants to run churches?
- (6.) If so, why have female pupil-teachers lately been forbidden to attend Salvation Army services?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) There is an officer in the Colonial Secretary's Department charged with the business of what is known as the Local Government Department, named George Lewis.
- (2.) The salary which this officer receives is £600 a year.
- (3.) I understand Mr. George Lewis does officiate in some religious capacity with which I consider I have nothing whatever to do.
- (4.) I cannot undertake to make any inquiry of Mr. George Lewis as to what are his religious views or occupation.
- (5.) I do not know that we have anything at all to do with what the civil servants may engage in in connection with churches.
- (6.) If the fact is wanted in answer to this Question the inquiry must be addressed to the Minister of Public Instruction, but I think it my duty to add on this subject that the teachers of the State schools stand in a very different position to most other persons, and we have to consider, not how their particular views outside the school may affect the public or themselves, but how they may affect the school. I can see very clearly that if the Department of Public Instruction—and I know nothing as to the fact—have decided that pupil-teachers shall not act as Salvation lasses, it is a very proper decision. I will give an illustration of what I mean. The matter is of great importance, and I happen to be in a position to give a very forcible illustration. From the year 1866 until the year 1870 I was President of the Council of Education, the body which administered the grants for education prior to the Public Instruction Act of 1880 coming into force. There was one instance which came under our notice where a teacher, a very fit teacher indeed, presided over a school well attended. But this teacher was an enthusiast in the cause of temperance, and in his spare time he went lecturing all over the neighbourhood on temperance, until he reduced the school from being a very fine active school until it had to be closed. He was an excellent teacher, probably an excellent man, but his notions on temperance carried him so completely away that time after time parents withdrew their children. For instance, he went and attacked the hotel-keepers; the consequence was all the hotel-keepers withdrew their children. He then personally attacked other persons who did not entertain his views, and they withdrew their children, and his zeal in the cause of temperance had the effect of destroying the school. Every one must see, therefore, that it is a very healthy rule not to allow the teachers of children, who have to conduct their schools so as to satisfy the parents of all denominations, to set up as agitators. The same observation will apply to any person engaged in the work of teaching children who chooses, in a conspicuous manner, to engage in any religious movement whatever.

Mr. Carruthers: I should like to say, in answer to Question No. 6, that no pupil-teachers have been forbidden to attend Salvation Army services by the Department of Public Instruction.

(7.) Creek adjoining Police Station at Eugowra, on road to Canowindra:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it a fact that the state of the creek adjoining the police station at Eugowra, on the road to Canowindra, is dangerous; and, if so, when will fresh tenders be invited for the erection of the long-promised bridge in that locality for the better convenience and protection of teamsters and the travelling public?

Mr. Young answered,—The exact place intended cannot be identified in my office, but the matter has been referred to the supervising engineer for immediate report.

(8.) Crown Lands in Parishes of North Colah, South Colah, Nelson, and Berowra:—*Mr. Garrard*, for Mr. Frank Farnell, asked the Secretary for Lands,—What area of Crown Lands is there in the parishes of North Colah, South Colah, Nelson, and Berowra respectively?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The approximate area of Crown Lands within the undermentioned parishes is as follows:—North Colah, 6,800 acres; South Colah, 12,500 acres; Berowra, 20,000 acres; Nelson, 5,000 acres. Total, about 44,300 acres.

(9.) Garden Palace Ground:—*Mr. Walker* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Who were the persons who obtained the use of the Garden Palace Ground on or about Tuesday, 22nd September?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The lady who applied to the Under Secretary of my Department is the daughter of a well-known public man. I do not think any interest would be served if I were to give her name; and I decline to make it public.

(10.) Mr. Whitton, late Engineer-in-Chief for Railways:—*Mr. Edden* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he have any objection to lay upon the Table of this House a copy of the letter addressed to Mr. Whitton on 29th August, 1891?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—I see no objection to lay this upon the Table, and I will do so presently.

2. **MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL (No. 2) (Formal Motion):**—Mr. Sydney Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for mining on private lands for gold and other minerals; for the construction of races, roads, and ways upon or through such lands; for the conveyance of water or materials to or from mines on such lands or on Crown Lands; and for the resumption in certain cases of private lands.
Question put and passed.

3. **PAPERS:**—

Mr. Sydney Smith laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order made on 29th September, 1891,—“Resumption of Land at Paterson for Water Conservation.”

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Return to an Order made on 30th July, 1891,—“Silk Culture.”

Mr. Young laid upon the Table,—Return respecting proposed Railway to Parkes and Forbes.

Ordered to be printed.

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—Return showing contributions paid by the Government to Country Fire Brigade Boards.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bruce Smith laid upon the Table,—Copy of letter addressed to Mr. John Whitton, late Engineer-in-Chief for Railways, on 29th August, 1891.

4. **SEATS RE-DISTRIBUTION BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Sir Henry Parkes, “That this Bill be now read a second time,”—

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Question put,—That this Bill be now read a second time.

The House divided.

Ayes, 79.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Bruncker,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Want,	Mr. Donald,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Sheldon,
Dr. Hollis,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. G. D. Clark,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Colls,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Eve,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Marks,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Cass,
Mr. Bowman,	Mr. See,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Dr. Cullen,
Mr. Hindle,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Newinan,	Mr. Rose,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Darnley,	Mr. Sterenson,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. E. M. Clark,	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Cruickshank,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Schey.
Mr. Scott,	
Mr. Morgan,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Newton,	Mr. Booth,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Martin.
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,	

Noes, 11.

Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. Levien,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Traill,
Mr. Wall.

Tellers,

Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Willis.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

Sir Henry Parkes then moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 2 OCTOBER, 1891, A.M.

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

5. PAPERS :—Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) List of Electorates proposed in the Seats Re-distribution Bill, which are modifications of those proposed in the Electoral Bill of 1890, rendered necessary by increases or decreases in the number of Electors on the new roll for 1891-92.
 - (2.) Particulars of Metropolitan Electorates.
 - (3.) Return of Electorates under the Electoral Act of 1880.
 - (4.) Return of Electorates, showing the total number of Electors and the percentage of non-Residents.
 - (5.) Return of Electorates proposed under the Seats Re-distribution Bill, showing quota of resident Electors in each.
 - (6.) Return of Metropolitan and Country Electorates proposed under the Seats Re-distribution Bill, showing quota of resident Electors in each.
- Ordered to be printed.

The House adjourned, at four minutes before Two o'clock a.m., until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 39.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 6 OCTOBER, 1891.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Claim of Isaac Barclay:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for Mr. Morton, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) Has the Crown Solicitor reported upon the claim of Isaac Barclay?
(2.) If so, when is a decision likely to be arrived at in this case?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The Acting Crown Solicitor has given an opinion, the substance of which will be conveyed to the Honorable Member in the course of the week.

(2.) Unexpended Votes for Roads and Bridges:—*Mr. Perry* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
Will he send instructions to all road superintendents to call tenders and let work for unexpended Roads and Bridges Votes?

Mr. Young answered,—No special instructions to this effect are necessary. Officers understand that this is their duty, unless there are special reasons in any particular case which render it undesirable.

(3.) Prosecution of a certain Prisoner now in Darlinghurst Gaol:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for Mr. Jeanneret, asked the Minister of Justice,—With reference to a certain prisoner sentenced to two years imprisonment in Darlinghurst Gaol for perjury,—is it the intention of the Crown to put the said prisoner on his trial for forging and uttering a deed; and if not, why not?

Mr. Gould answered,—Inquiry was made of the Attorney-General as to whether he had any knowledge of this matter, and he informs me it had not been brought under his notice. The papers were since forwarded to the Inspector-General of Police for report, and such report will be submitted to the Attorney-General for his consideration as to whether any prosecution should take place or not.

(4.) Bridge over Beckett's Creek, between Parramatta and Granville:—*Mr. Houghton* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What was the cost of the bridge over Beckett's Creek, between Parramatta and Granville?

(2.) The name of the contractor and of the inspector?

(3.) Has the Department received any report as to the partial collapse of the bridge?

(4.) Does he consider that the bridge is safe at the present time?

(5.) Has anybody been held responsible for the faulty workmanship in connection with the construction of this bridge?

Mr. Young answered,—

(1.) £2,197 1s. 4d. (Including extras, original contract, £1,598; extras authorised, £600.)

(2.) D. M'Gill & Sons, contractors; Isaac Palmer, Inspector on work.

(3.) No; a few cracks, however, due to settlement, have been reported in the Granville abutment.

(4.) Yes.

(5.) No faulty workmanship reported to Department. A slight settlement has taken place owing to the nature of the bottom on which the abutment was founded.

(5.) Inquiry into Fire and Life Insurance Companies:—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for Mr. Chapman, asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the collapse which has taken place in connection with certain financial institutions,—will the Government consider the advisability of having a thorough inquiry made into the condition of the various fire and life insurance companies?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I can only say at this moment that the disturbance which has taken place in societies trading in exchange has attracted the notice and the serious attention of the Government. A measure will be introduced on the question; but whether we will appoint a Commission to specially inquire into insurance offices is a question which I cannot now answer.

(6.)

- (6.) Financial Troubles in New South Wales :—Mr. Walker asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Has he taken any steps, in view of the financial troubles in New South Wales, to make it widely known in England that our wool crop for the season is estimated to the value of eleven millions sterling?
Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—I do not think that anything is to be gained now by giving publicity to the facts the Honorable Member suggests.
- (7.) Randwick Toll-bar :—Mr. Alfred Allen asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When does he propose to remove the Randwick toll-bar?
Mr. Young answered,—As already explained, it appears that a Loan has been raised by the Randwick Municipality on the security of the tolls. Until, therefore, the Randwick Council make arrangements for the retirement of the debentures, the Government cannot in justice assist in passing an Act for the abolition of the tolls.
2. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
(1.) Sydney Electric Lighting Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) ; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Dibbs, “That this Bill be now read a second time” ;—until Tuesday, 20th October.
(2.) Agricultural Holdings Bill ; second reading ;—until Monday, 19th October.
3. PAPER :—Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 29th September 1891,—“Resumption of Land at Paterson for Water Conservation.”
Ordered to be printed.
Sir Henry Parkes (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the order for printing the document just laid upon the Table be rescinded.
Question put and passed.
4. SEATS RE-DISTRIBUTION BILL :—Mr. Lonsdale presented a Petition from certain Freeholders, Leaseholders, Selectors, and Residents on the Guy Fawkes, and on the Armidale and Grafton Road, in the District of New England, representing that, by the new division of the electoral districts proposed in the Seats Re-distribution Bill, the boundaries of the Armidale electorate will be so altered that the Petitioners will be in another electorate than that of Armidale ; pointing out the inconvenience to them of legalising such proposed division ; and praying that the boundaries of the new divisions connected with their electorate may be as at present existing, viz., the Land District boundaries as surveyed by Mr. Surveyor Hogarth.
Petition received.
5. PARLIAMENTARY BUSINESS BILL (*changed from*) PARLIAMENTARY SESSIONS BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Copeland 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. Copeland, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments and an amended Title.
On motion of Mr. Copeland (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
6. PARTNERSHIP BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Reid 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. Reid, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported the Bill with an amendment.
On motion of Mr. Reid (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
7. ARBITRATION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Reid moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Reid, 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. Reid (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
8. POSTPONEMENTS :—The Orders of the Day of General Business Nos. 4 to 10 postponed, to follow Order No. 12.
9. YONGALEATHA MARBLE, FLAG, AND FLUX COMPANY BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Want 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. Want, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Want, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Thursday next.

10. REDUCTION OF COST OF LITIGATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Walker moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
 Question put and negatived.
 Debate continued.
 Question put,—That this Bill be now read a second time.
 The House divided.

Ayes, 49.

Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Scott,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Rose,	Mr. Neild,
Mr. Walker,	Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Rae,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. G. D. Clark,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Murphy,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Johnston,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Leven,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Gorunly,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Colls,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Hoyle,	Mr. Danahey,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Newton,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Hindle.
Mr. Collins,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Sheldon,	Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. Edden,	Dr. Hollis.
Mr. Williams,	
Mr. Barnes,	

Noes, 14.

Mr. Brunker,
 Mr. Young,
 Mr. Bruce Smith,
 Mr. Gould,
 Mr. Want,
 Mr. Marks,
 Mr. Torpy,
 Mr. Dale,
 Mr. Tonkin,
 Mr. Scobie,
 Mr. Reid,
 Mr. H. H. Brown.

Tellers,

Mr. Nicoll,
 Mr. Morton.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.
 Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

11. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Lessees Land Purchase Bill postponed until Tuesday, 15th December.
12. PETTY SESSIONS JURISDICTION EXTENSION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Torpy moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 7 OCTOBER, 1891, A.M.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Torpy, 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.

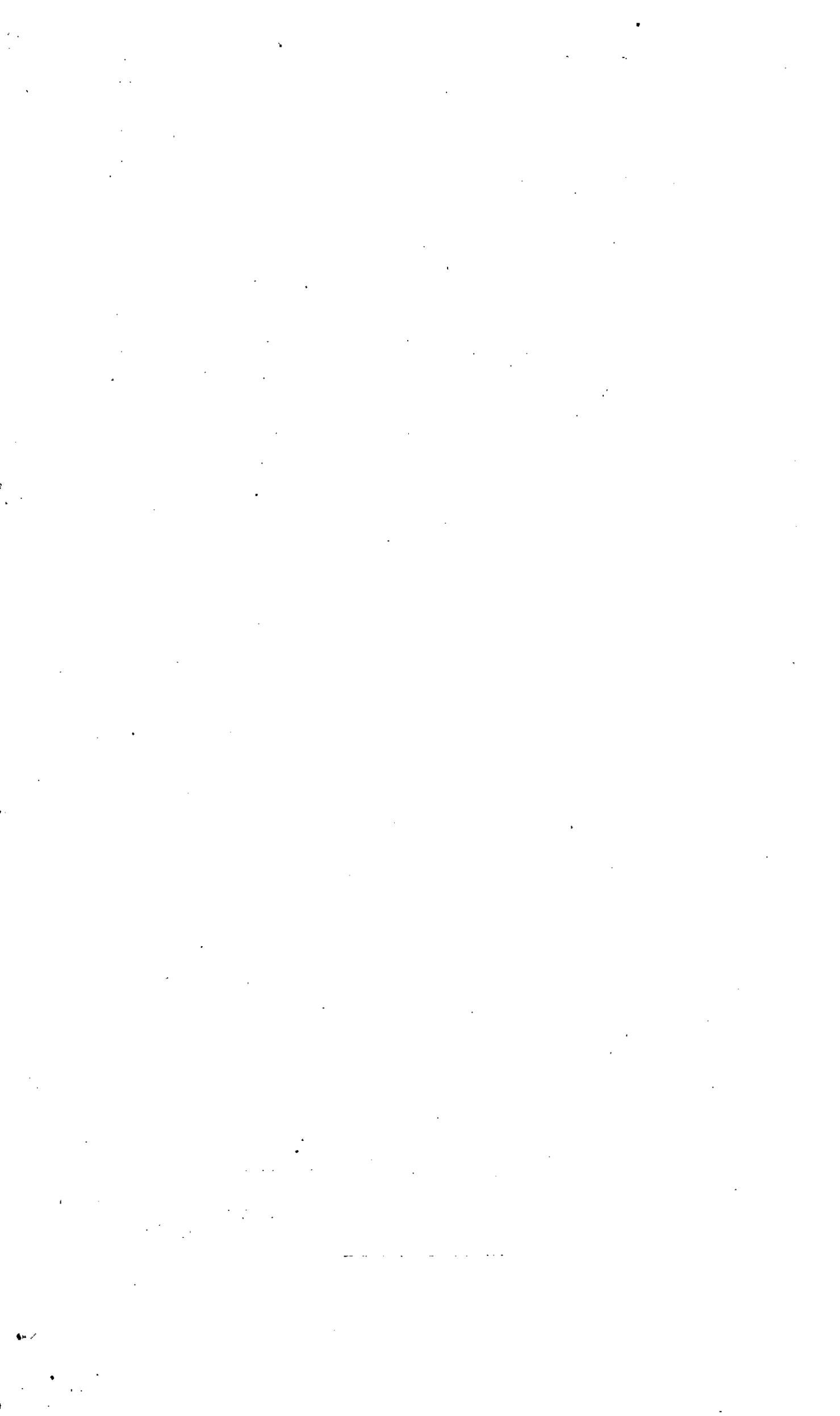
On motion of Mr. Torpy (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

13. CASINO SCHOOL OF ARTS ENABLING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Stevenson, for Mr. Ewing, moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Question put and passed.
 Bill read a second time.
 On motion of Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
 On motion of Mr. Stevenson, the report was adopted.
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
14. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Bruce Smith moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-one minutes after One o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 40.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 7 OCTOBER, 1891.

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

DISEASED ANIMALS AND MEAT BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir Henry Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

JERSEY,
Governor.

Message No. 10.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill for prohibiting the sale, or exposure for sale, of diseased animals, and for amending the law relating to the sale, or exposure for sale, of meat which is diseased or unsound, or unwholesome, or unfit for the food of man.

Government House,
Sydney, 6th October, 1891.

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

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Civil Service Inquiry Commission:—Mr. Stevenson asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) The names of the gentlemen constituting the Royal Commission—including any who may have resigned—appointed to inquire into the working of the various Departments of the Public Service?
- (2.) How long has such Royal Commission been in existence?
- (3.) The number of meetings held, and the attendance of each member?
- (4.) The amount paid to each member, including travelling expenses; also to each official employed by the Board?
- (5.) The number of visits paid to Government Departments in the country, naming the places, with the total cost of such visits?
- (6.) The names of the Departments already inspected, and Reports furnished?
- (7.) Have all the Reports sent in been laid upon the Table of this House; if not, will he cause the same to be done?
- (8.) Have the recommendations made in these Reports been carried out in every instance; if not, will he inform the House how far it is intended to act upon such?

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

(2.) Railway Employees, Darling Harbour:—Mr. Barbour, for Mr. Hoyle, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) How many casual hands are employed at Darling Harbour at present?
- (2.) What is the rate of wages they receive per day?
- (3.) What is the number of hours worked per day?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—I am informed the number of casual hands at Darling Harbour varies according to the requirements. At present 67 are employed, and are paid 6s. per day. They work about 52 hours per week.

- (3.) Test of Targets:—*Mr. Cullen*, for *Mr. E. M. Clark*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) When will the Report of the Board appointed to inquire into the relative merits of the targets offered for use on the new range at Randwick be laid upon the Table?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that a contract has been let for the supply of twenty targets of one particular pattern, and that the contractor has not even been asked to sign any specifications?
 - (3.) If so, what was the time within which the twenty targets referred to were to be supplied and erected, and has the contractor exceeded the time allowed or not?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) The Report was laid upon the Table on the 28th ultimo.
 - (2.) I am informed by the Major-General that on the 28th August the Officer in Acting Command of the Military Forces authorised the Commanding Engineer to purchase twenty Keating's targets. A tender for these targets, at £16 each complete, was accepted by the Commanding Engineer the same day, and for which no specification appears to have been drawn up, and the pattern was left entirely in the hands of the inventor, who has a direct interest in giving satisfaction.
 - (3.) It was stipulated that the twenty targets were to be fixed on the range in a fortnight from receipt of order, and the time has been exceeded.
- (4.) Number of Miners employed in New South Wales:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) The number of men employed in or about gold-mines in New South Wales?
 - (2.) The same with regard to silver-mines?
 - (3.) The same with regard to tin-mines?
 - (4.) The same with regard to other mines, other than coal or shale mines?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—

(1.)	Gold	...	...	...	...	12,589
(2.)	Silver	...	...	...	...	5,806
(3.)	Tin	...	...	...	...	2,172
(4.)	{ Copper	...	...	...	...	716
	{ Others not specified	...	...	...	...	868

Total... .. 22,151 to 31st December, 1890.

- (5.) Holiday to Fettleers on Eight-hour Day:—*Mr. Rose* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Why were the fettleers in the Argyle Electorate not allowed a holiday on the Eight-hour celebration day?
 - (2.) Is it intended to grant them a holiday in consideration of having to work on Eight-hour Day?
- Mr. Bruce Smith* answered,—The Eight-hour Day was not proclaimed as a holiday in the Argyle Electorate, and it is not intended to take the exceptional course of allowing the men in this district a holiday in lieu of the Eight-hour Day.
- (6.) Returning Officer and Deputy Returning Officer at Bulli:—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. Dibbs*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Was *Mr. Fry* Deputy Returning Officer at Bulli at the general election which returned Messrs. *Lysaght* and *Nicholson* Members of this House?
 - (2.) Was the unseating of the gentlemen named in Question No. 1 the result of *laches* on the part of *Mr. Fry*?
 - (3.) Was *Mr. Woodward* appointed Returning Officer in place of *Mr. Smith*?
 - (4.) Was *Mr. Woodward* solicitor for the petitioner in the unseating case?
 - (5.) Did *Mr. Woodward* appoint *Mr. Fry* as his deputy at Bulli in the recent election which returned Messrs. *Nicholson* and *Campbell* as Members?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) *Mr. Fry* was Presiding Officer at Bulli.
 - (2.) I find that the following paragraph is contained in the report of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications:—"That irregularities in the conduct of the said election were due to errors of judgment on the part of *Mr. Henry Strange Fry*, Presiding Officer at Bulli, and of *Mr. Charles Frederick Smith*, Returning Officer for the electoral district."
 - (3, 4, and 5.) Yes.
- (7.) Deserters from Her Majesty's Ships:—*Mr. Edden*, for *Mr. Melville*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the Government pay £5 per head for the capture of deserters from H.M. ships?
 - (2.) If so, out of what fund is the money paid?
 - (3.) What is the total amount paid for such purpose since 1st January, 1880?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—I should be glad if the Honorable Member would be good enough to address this Question to the Colonial Secretary, under whose Department it more properly comes.

- (8.) Area of Timber or Forest Land in the Colony:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Can he furnish any estimate, or approximate estimate, of the land surface of the Colony that is covered with timber or forest?
 - (2.) Can he give any approximate estimate of the extent or number of acres of land surface of the Colony that have been ringbarked up to the present date?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

- (1.) Reference has been made to the Forest Department, who have reported that "No estimate or approximate estimate" of the "land surface of the Colony that is covered with timber or forest" can be supplied by this Department. Under the jurisdiction of the Forest Department about 5,500,000 acres are included. Much forest land, of course, is outside the Department.
- (2.) No. The only information in the possession of the Department in regard to ringbarking would be the area mentioned in the applications which are made, which would not include anything like the quantity of land that is ringbarked in the Colony. A large area of land was ringbarked before the Ringbarking Act was brought into operation. (9.)

(9.) Workshops, Cookery Classes, Garden Work, &c., established in Schools:—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—In how many schools have workshops, cookery classes, garden work, tree-planting, bee-keeping, &c., been established, and the name of the school and district in each case respectively?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—I will presently lay the information asked for above upon the Table of this House in the form of a Return.

(10.) Shedlock Process for Treatment of Refractory Ores:—*Mr. Wall* asked the Secretary for Mines,—Will he communicate with the Agent-General, with a view to ascertaining the value of the Shedlock process for the treatment of refractory ores, and if he obtain a satisfactory report will he take steps to secure the right of working the process in this Colony?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—This matter is receiving attention.

(11.) Supervision of Minerals in the Tasmanian Exhibition:—*Mr. Vaughn* asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is it the intention of the Government to place the exhibition of minerals in the Tasmanian Exhibition under the supervision of a practical mining man, or one who can practically describe the working of our various mines?

Mr. Sydney Smith answered,—The Government are taking such steps towards the exhibition of minerals in the Tasmanian Exhibition as is trusted will give general satisfaction.

(12.) Telegraph Operators:—*Mr. Edden*, for *Mr. Kelly*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that the telegraph operators in the different hotels in the city work nine hours without intermission?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Superintendent of Telegraphs reports that they are on duty for about 9 hours, but the work is so light that there is really nothing to do half the time, and in some instances a luncheon is provided by the hotels free. There is, he considers, no hardship in this, and adds that there are plenty of candidates if those in charge object to the hours.

3. PRECEDENCE OF GENERAL BUSINESS ON MONDAYS AND GOVERNMENT BUSINESS ON TUESDAYS—*Sessional Order—(Formal Motion)*:—*Sir Henry Parkes* moved, pursuant to Notice, That, during the remainder of the present Session, unless otherwise ordered,—

(1.) General Business shall take precedence of Government Business on Monday in each week; that on every alternate Monday Orders of the Day shall take precedence of Motions; and that the Business already on the paper for Tuesdays be transferred to Mondays.

(2.) Government Business shall take precedence of General Business on Tuesday in each week.

Question put and passed.

4. DISEASED ANIMALS AND MEAT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Sir Henry Parkes* moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill for prohibiting the sale, or exposure for sale, of diseased animals, and for amending the law relating to the sale, or exposure for sale, of meat which is diseased, or unsound, or unwholesome, or unfit for the food of man.

Question put and passed.

5. MR. W. S. CASWELL, POLICE MAGISTRATE AT DUBBO (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Gould* moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Return to Order, laid upon the Table of this House on 2nd September, 1891, being a Return of complaints made against *Mr. Caswell, P.M., Dubbo*, be printed.

Question put and passed.

6. CHILDRENS PROTECTION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) *Mr. O'Sullivan* moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the prevention of cruelty to, and better protection of, children.

Question put and passed.

(2.) *Mr. O'Sullivan* then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill for the prevention of cruelty to, and better protection of, children*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Monday, 19th October.

7. LAND BOILERS INSPECTION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. G. D. Clark*, for *Mr. Johnston*, 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 provide for the inspection and regulation of steam-boilers and other receptacles; for the examining and certifying of engineers and others employed in connection therewith.

Question put and passed.

8. CASE OF BOURNE AND LACKEY, HEARD IN THE POLICE COURT, PARKES (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Gardiner* moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers and depositions relative to the case of Bourne and Lackey, heard in the Police Court, Parkes.

Question put and passed.

9. PARLIAMENTARY BUSINESS BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of *Mr. Copeland*, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Copeland then moved, that the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to make provision for the unfinished work of any Session in certain cases being proceeded with in the next ensuing Session of the same Parliament*."

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 make provision for the unfinished work of any Session in certain cases being proceeded with in the next ensuing Session of the same Parliament*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 7th October, 1891.

10. **PARTNERSHIP BILL** (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Reid, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Reid then moved, that the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to declare and amend the law of Partnership.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the following Message :—
MR. PRESIDENT,—
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to declare and amend the law of Partnership,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 7th October, 1891.
11. **ARBITRATION BILL** (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Reid, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Reid then moved, that the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend and consolidate the law relating to Arbitration.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the following Message :—
MR. PRESIDENT,—
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend and consolidate the law relating to Arbitration,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 7th October, 1891.
12. **REDUCTION OF COST OF LITIGATION BILL** (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Walker, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Walker then moved, that the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to lessen the cost of Litigation.*"
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 lessen the cost of Litigation,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 7th October, 1891.
13. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
(1.) Trade Union Act Amendment Bill (No. 2) ; second reading ;—until Monday, 19th October.
(2.) Willoughby and Gordon Tramway Acts Amending Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading ;—until Tuesday next.
14. **PAPERS** :—Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Particulars respecting Public Service Inquiry Commission.
(2.) Particulars respecting Military Works Department.
(3.) Twelfth Annual Report of the City of Sydney Improvement Board.
(4.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Hamilton,
(5.) By-law of the Municipal District of Wellington.
(6.) By-laws of the Borough of East Kiama, under the Municipalities Act of 1867 and Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.
Ordered to be printed.
15. **CROWN LANDS ACT AMENDMENT BILL** (*Free Conference*) :—
(1.) The time having arrived for holding the Free Conference with the Legislative Council on the subject of certain amendments made by the Council in the Crown Lands Act Amendment Bill, disagreed to by the Assembly and insisted upon by the Council, the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, called over the names of the Managers appointed on behalf of the Assembly, namely,—Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Bruncker, Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Crick, Mr. Gormly, Mr. Lyne, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Ewing, and Mr. Lee,—who answered to their names.
The Managers then proceeded to the Conference, attended by the Sergeant-at-Arms—the business of the House being suspended during their absence.
The Managers having returned,—Sir Henry Parkes, on their behalf, reported that the Managers chosen by this House had met the Managers appointed by the Legislative Council, and having conferred together with reference to the Assembly's disagreements to certain amendments made by the Council in the Crown Lands Act Amendment Bill, they had agreed to the following report, which was read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, viz. :—
MR. SPEAKER,—
The Managers appointed by the Legislative Assembly by resolution of the 23rd September, 1891, whereby a Free Conference with the Legislative Council was requested on the subject of the disagreements with the Legislative Council's amendments in clause 3 new sub-section (v), and in clause 4 of the Crown Lands Act Amendment Bill, report to this Honorable House that, having met the Managers appointed by the Legislative Council in its behalf, the following resolutions were agreed upon, viz. :—
Resolved,—
(1.) That the Legislative Assembly's disagreement with the Council's amendment at the end of sub-section (v) of clause 3 be acceded to, and the following words be added in lieu of the words omitted,—"*Provided that should the Minister decide in any case contrary to the recommendation of the Land Board or Land Court, as the case may be, he shall, on the day of so deciding, record in writing in the Lands Department his reasons for so doing, and the Minister shall, as soon as practicable, lay upon the Table of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly a copy of his decision, together with such reasons as aforesaid.*"
(2.) That the Conference agrees to the Legislative Council's amendment at the end of clause 4.
Parliamentary Library,
7th October, 1891.

HENRY PARKES,

Chairman.

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Sir Henry Parkes then (*by consent*) moved, That the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Report brought up by its Managers from the Free Conference.

Question put and passed.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee still insists upon its amendment upon the Council's amendment in clause 3 sub-section (v), which omits words, but proposes to add, in lieu thereof, other words; no longer insists upon its disagreement from the Council's amendment at the end of clause 4.

On motion of Sir Henry Parkes, the report was adopted.

(2.) Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having taken into consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated the 23rd September, 1891, and also the report of the Managers, on its behalf, of the Free Conference with the Legislative Assembly, held this day, in reference to the Crown Lands Act Amendment Bill, accedes to the proposal of the Legislative Assembly to omit at the end of sub-section (v) of clause 3, the following words:—"And in any such case no absolute reversal of such forfeiture shall take place, except on the recommendation of such Board or Court," and to the insertion in lieu thereof of the following words, "Provided that should the Minister decide in any case contrary to the recommendation of the Land Board or Land Court, as the case may be, he shall, on the day of so deciding, record in writing in the Lands Department his reasons for so doing, and the Minister shall, as soon as practicable, lay upon the Table of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly a copy of his decision, together with such reasons as aforesaid." And insists upon its amendment at the end of clause 4.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 7th October, 1891.*

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman Presiding.

16. SEGENHOE ESTATE IRRIGATION BILL:—Mr. Neild (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Select Committee now sitting on the "Segenhoe Estate Irrigation Bill" be authorised to make a visit of inspection to, and hold inquiries in the locality of, the proposed irrigation works, and that the Committee have power to sit during any adjournment of this House to enable them to make the said visit of inspection.
Question put and passed.
17. PAPER:—Mr. Bruncker laid upon the Table,—Return giving the names of the schools in which workshops, cookery classes, garden work, tree-planting, bee-keeping, &c., have been established, and the name of the district in each case.
Ordered to be printed.
18. SEATS RE-DISTRIBUTION BILL:—Mr. See presented a Petition from certain Residents of Woogoolga, Corindi, and the coast, now situate within the Electorate of Grafton, representing that by the new division of the electoral districts proposed in the Seats Re-distribution Bill, it is proposed to remove Woogoolga and Corindi from the Grafton Electorate, and place them in the Macleay Electorate; protesting against such an alteration; and praying that the existing boundaries of the Electorate, so far as these districts are concerned, be not interfered with, as the proposed inclusion of them in the Electorate of The Macleay would be a virtual disfranchisement; and praying the House to guard the present boundaries of the Grafton Electorate intact.
At the request of Mr. See, the Petition was read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker.
Petition received.
19. CALL OF THE HOUSE:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be a Call of the House on Wednesday, 28th October instant, for the purpose of considering the third readings of the Representation of the People Bill (No. 2) and the Seats Re-distribution Bill.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

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New South Wales.

No. 41.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 8 OCTOBER, 1891.

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

MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL (No. 2):—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Sydney Smith, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

JERSEY,
Governor.

Message No. 11.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to provide for mining on private lands for gold and other minerals; for the construction of races, roads, and ways upon or through such lands; for the conveyance of water or materials to or from mines on such lands or on Crown Lands; and for the resumption in certain cases of private lands.

Government House,

Sydney, 8th October, 1891.

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

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Night Officers in Charge of Railway Stations:—Mr. Williams asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it a fact that some of the night officers in charge of railway stations are on duty from seventy to eighty hours?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—It is a fact that some of the night officers at country stations are on duty from seventy to eighty hours per week, but it is pointed out that their duty is not continuous, and where the staff, on account of the work to be done, is necessarily limited, it is unavoidable.

(2.) Electric Tram between Randwick and Waverley:—Mr. Wright, for Mr. Crick, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has the electric tram between Randwick and Waverley been taken over by the Government; if so, on what terms?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—The electric tram was laid down to the order of the Railway Commissioners, the materials, &c., being purchased by them in the first instance.

(3.) Coogee Bay Road:—Mr. Neild asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Referring to his answer to Mr. Neild on the 28th July, respecting the Coogee Bay Road, and further answer on the 2nd September, *re* same,—has he received the report of the officer who was said to be inspecting the locality on the latter date?

(2.) If so, does he intend to take any steps in the matter?

Mr. Young answered,—

(1.) Yes; and the local officer reports that it is purely a municipal matter.

(2.) The matter appears to be one for the Randwick Council to deal with.

(4.) Proposed Railway from Cootamundra to Temora:—Mr. Alfred Allen, for Mr. Dangar, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What sum has been expended to date on surveys in connection with the proposed railway from Cootamundra to Temora?

(2.) What other expenses have been incurred in connection therewith?

(3.) Has the route this line of railway is proposed to take been finally determined?

Mr. Young answered,—

(1.) £2,559 6s. 1d.

(2.) None.

(3.) Yes.

(5.)

(5.) Civil Service Inquiry Commission :—Mr. Stevenson asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Have all the Civil Service Inquiry Commission Reports sent in been laid upon the Table of this House; if not, will he cause the same to be done?
- (2.) Have the recommendations made in these Reports been carried out in every instance; if not, will he inform the House how far it is intended to act upon such?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) The only Reports which have been laid upon the Table of this House are those upon the Post Office, Electric Telegraph Department, and Money Order Office.
- (2.) To a large extent the recommendations in reference to the sub-departments of the Treasury have been carried out; and to some extent this applies also to the Post Office and Mines Department.

(6.) Dredge at Lake Macquarie :—Mr. Kelly, for Mr. Edden, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a dredge employed at Lake Macquarie constantly deposits sand off Pelican at entrance to the lake, instead of taking it to sea?
- (2.) Are any steps being taken to reclaim entrance to Lake Macquarie?

Mr. Young answered,—

- (1.) The sand is taken well out into the centre of the lake, and deposited where there is not less than 40 feet of water, and where there is no current to disturb it again, and therefore it can do no harm. It will be far more costly and tedious to take it to sea, as the barge could only go out in fine weather.
- (2.) It is not clear what the meaning of the Question is. If "land" should be read instead of "entrance" to, no land is being reclaimed.

(7.) City Railway Extension :—Mr. Neild asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it intended to take any action upon the Report of the Railway Commission regarding the extension of the railway into the city and to the Eastern Suburbs?
- (2.) If so, what?

Mr. Young answered,—This matter will be considered with other Public Works proposals when the subject is before the Cabinet, but I cannot at present fix a date for this.

8. LANDS GRANTED FOR THE PURPOSES OF HORSE-RACING, &c. (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. O'Sullivan, for Mr. Crick, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—

- (1.) The area of all lands granted for the purposes of horse-racing, &c.
- (2.) The names of the persons who hold such lands.

Question put and passed.

4. PUBLIC WORKS (COMMITTEES' REMUNERATION REDUCTION) BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—

(1.) Mr. Houghton moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Public Works (Committees' Remuneration) Act of 1889.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Houghton then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Public Works (Committees' Remuneration) Act of 1889,'*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Monday, 14th December.

5. YONGALEATHA MARBLE, FLAG, AND FLUX COMPANY BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*) :—on motion of Mr. Lyne, for Mr. Want, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Lyne then moved, that the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to authorise the 'Yongaleatha Marble, Flag, and Flux Company (Limited),' and their assigns, to construct and maintain a tramway from their flux quarries and properties, in the parish of Gairdner's Creek, county of Mootwingie, in the Colony of New South Wales; and to use horse, steam, or other motive power upon the said tramway; and to carry fuel and timber, and also all marble, flagging, and fluxing material, and also all plant or material necessary for the development or working of the quarries, properties, and tramways to and from their said flux quarries and properties, in the parish of Gairdner's Creek aforesaid, to a point at Broken Hill, in the Colony aforesaid, connecting with the tramway system of the Broken Hill mines.'*"

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 authorise the 'Yongaleatha Marble, Flag, and Flux Company (Limited),' and their assigns, to construct and maintain a tramway from their flux quarries and properties, in the parish of Gairdner's Creek, county of Mootwingie, in the Colony of New South Wales; and to use horse, steam, or other motive power upon the said tramway; and to carry fuel and timber, and also all marble, flagging, and fluxing material, and also all plant or material necessary for the development or working of the quarries, properties, and tramways to and from their said flux quarries and properties, in the parish of Gairdner's Creek aforesaid, to a point at Broken Hill, in the Colony aforesaid, connecting with the tramway system of the Broken Hill mines,'*"—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, 8th October, 1891.

6. PETTY SESSIONS JURISDICTION EXTENSION BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*) :—on motion of Mr. Torpy, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Torpy then moved, that the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to extend the jurisdiction of Courts of Petty Sessions.'*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered,

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 extend the jurisdiction of Courts of Petty Sessions*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 8th October, 1891.

7. CASINO SCHOOL OF ARTS ENABLING BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Ewing, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Ewing then moved, that the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to declare the trusts of the site of the Casino School of Arts, and to enable the Trustees thereof to mortgage or lease certain lands situate in the town of Casino; and to declare the trusts of the moneys to be produced by such mortgage or lease; and for other purposes.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to declare the trusts of the site of the Casino School of Arts, and to enable the Trustees thereof to mortgage or lease certain lands situate in the town of Casino; and to declare the trusts of the moneys to be produced by such mortgage or lease; and for other purposes*,"—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, 8th October, 1891.

8. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Albury Racecourse Bill (*Council Bill*) postponed until Monday, 30th November.
9. CROWN LANDS ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—Ordered, on motion of Sir Henry Parkes, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having taken into consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated the 7th instant, and also the report of the Managers on behalf of the Assembly at the Free Conference with the Legislative Council, in reference to the Council's amendments in the Crown Lands Act Amendment Bill, disagreed to by the Assembly and insisted on by the Council,—

Still insists upon its amendment upon the Council's amendment which omits from subsection (v), clause 3, the words "And in any such case no absolute reversal of such forfeiture shall take place " except on the recommendation of such Board or Court "; but inserts in lieu thereof the following words " Provided that should the Minister decide in any case contrary to the recommendation of the Land Board or Land Court, as the case may be, he shall, on the day of so deciding, record in writing in the Lands Department his reasons for so doing, and the Minister shall, as soon as practicable, lay upon the Table of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly a copy of his decision, together with such reasons as aforesaid."

No longer insists upon its disagreement from the Council's amendment at the end of clause 4.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 8th October, 1891.

10. PAPER :—Mr. Bruce Smith laid upon the Table,—Return showing the amount to be provided for from Loan Funds to meet Liabilities outstanding and to become due under existing Contracts.
Ordered to be printed.

11. GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS (CONTRACTS) AMENDMENT BILL :—

(1.) Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Government Railways Act of 1888, in respect of certain contracts to be made by the Commissioners appointed under that Act.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Sir Henry Parkes then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the ' Government Railways Act of 1888, ' in respect to certain contracts to be made by the Commissioners appointed under that Act,*"—which was read a first time.

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

12. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL (No. 2) :—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for mining on private lands for gold and other minerals; for the construction of races, roads, and ways upon or through such lands; for the conveyance of water or materials to or from mines on such lands or on Crown Lands; and for the resumption in certain cases of private lands.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide for mining on private lands for gold and other minerals; for the construction of races, roads, and ways upon or through such lands; for the conveyance of water or materials to or from mines on such lands or on Crown lands; and for the resumption in certain cases of private lands.

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

- (2.) Mr. Smith then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for Mining on Private Lands for Gold and other Minerals; for the construction of races, roads, and ways upon or through such lands; for the conveyance of water or materials to or from mines on such lands or on Crown lands; and for the resumption in certain cases of Private Lands,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
13. WATER CONSERVATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the reception of the Resolution from the Committee of the Whole,—on motion of the Chairman of Committees, the Resolution was received.
Resolution then read a first time, as follows:—
Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to define and declare the respective rights of the Crown and of private persons to flowing water and other sources of water supply in New South Wales; to provide for the establishment of Trusts, and, in certain cases, to enable the Government to carry out works of water conservation and utilization, and of drainage; to empower such Trusts to raise loans, to be granted or guaranteed by the Government in certain cases and under certain conditions; to authorise the imposition of rates and charges for the purposes of such Trusts; to provide for the leasing of Crown Lands subject to drought and flood; for the acquisition of lands and water rights in certain cases; for the disposal thereof by sale or lease; for the licensing of works for water conservation or utilization; for granting water rights to private persons, subject to certain conditions and reservations; and for conferring powers and making provision generally for giving due effect to and carrying out the purposes aforesaid.
On motion of Mr. Sydney Smith, the Resolution was read a second time.
Mr. Smith then moved, That the Resolution be now agreed to.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
14. REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE BILL (No. 2):—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
Ordered, that the adoption of the report stand an Order of the Day for Thursday next.
15. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Seats Re-distribution Bill postponed until Tuesday next.
16. DISEASED ANIMALS AND MEAT BILL:—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 a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill for prohibiting the sale, or exposure for sale, of diseased animals, and for amending the law relating to the sale, or exposure for sale, of meat which is diseased or unsound, or unwholesome, or unfit for the food of man.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), That the report be now received.
The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill for prohibiting the sale, or exposure for sale, of diseased animals, and for amending the law relating to the sale, or exposure for sale, of meat which is diseased, or unsound, or unwholesome, or unfit for the food of man.
On motion of Sir Henry Parkes, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
17. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Criminal Law and Evidence Amendment Bill (*Council Bill*) postponed until Tuesday next.
18. COAL MINES REGULATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Sydney Smith 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. Smith, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.
19. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill read,—and, on motion of Mr. Sydney Smith, discharged.
Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.
20. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Bruce Smith moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
- The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-eight minutes after Eleven o'clock, until Monday next at Four o'clock.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 42.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, 12 OCTOBER, 1891.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Warders in Darlinghurst Gaol:—*Mr. Sheldon*, for Mr. Kelly, asked the Minister of Justice,—
(1.) Is it a fact that the warders in Darlinghurst Gaol work fourteen hours per day without intermission?

(2.) If so, will he make provision for the lessening of these long hours of labour?

Mr. Gould answered,—No; but I am informed that it may happen that, owing to the uncertain and varying requirements of the service, warders may be required, under exceptional circumstances, to perform duty for between thirteen and fourteen hours continuously, inclusive of meal hours.

- (2.) Test of Targets:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for Mr. Nobbs, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Will he have any objection to laying upon the Table of this House copies of correspondence and reports *re* targets for Randwick Rifle Range dated later than the Return furnished a few days since?

(2.) Will he have any objection to laying upon the Table of this House copies of any correspondence which may have taken place, or Reports which may have been made, in connection with statements that the Randwick Rifle Range has been badly constructed?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—There will be no objection to the production of this correspondence on its being moved for in the ordinary way.

- (3.) Persons under Commitment:—*Mr. Vaughn* asked the Minister of Justice,—Is it the practice of the Government to keep persons—under commitment, and before trial—in the cells continuously, except as to one hour in each twenty-four; and, if so, will he order an alteration in the practice?

Mr. Gould answered,—I am informed that prisoners awaiting trial are allowed to stay each day in the yard for exercise seven and a half hours during the winter months, and seven and three-quarter hours during the summer months.

- (4.) Public Park, Johnstone's Creek, Annandale:—*Mr. Houghton* asked the Secretary for Lands,—When does he intend to give effect to the promise he made to a deputation about fifteen months ago, that he would cause certain land in the vicinity of Johnstone's Creek, Annandale, to be resumed for the purpose of a public park?

Mr. Brunner answered,—I think the Honorable Member must be labouring under a misapprehension with regard to a conversation I had with him about nine months ago with regard to purchasing this land for a public park. The question all through has been a question whether the reclamation which has been made has been legal or illegal, that is, whether it belongs to a private individual or to the Crown. That question is now being considered. It has been under consideration for a very considerable period, and plans have been prepared to show high-water mark. As soon as the legal technicalities have been disposed of, the Government will determine what quantity they will take of the land reclaimed.

- (5.) Case of Rodger Henry Jamieson:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a man named Rodger Henry Jamieson was tried at the Central Criminal Court, Darlinghurst, on 5th October, 1890, on a charge of intent to murder, and acquitted on the ground of temporary insanity?

(2.)

- (2.) Was Jamieson the same day ordered by Mr. Justice Windeyer to be imprisoned during His Excellency's pleasure?
- (3.) Has Dr. Manning recently visited Parramatta Gaol, and, after an examination of Jamieson, expressed his opinion that the latter is sane?
- (4.) In view of the foregoing, and bearing in mind that Jamieson has now been imprisoned for twelve months, will he have a report made upon the matter, with a view to Jamieson's release?

Mr. Gould answered,—

(1 and 2.) An answer to these Questions was contained in the information furnished by me on 27th August last to the Honorable Member in reply to certain Questions asked by him in the Legislative Assembly.

(3.) No report has been received since that date from Dr. Manning of any recent visit to Parramatta Gaol or as to the sanity of Jamieson.

(4.) I will obtain a further report from Dr. Manning.

- (6.) State Labour Bureau :—Mr. Houghton asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has his attention been directed to the fact that the Government of Queensland has taken the initiatory steps with a view to the establishment of a State Labour Bureau in that Colony, with branches in the different centres of population?

(2.) In view of the great dearth of employment in all occupations at present existing in this Colony, will he take immediate steps to establish a State Labour Bureau, with a view to bringing employers and employees into contact, in order to lighten the overstocked state of the labour market?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The whole subject to which this question relates, together with cognate matters, have been under the consideration of the Government for some little time. I think I made that intimation some short time ago. It will be dealt with as soon as certain considerations can be matured.

- (7.) Inspection of Depositions in Criminal Cases :—Mr. Sheldon asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Has his attention been called to a paragraph in the *Sydney Morning Herald* concerning a case where the managing clerk of a firm of solicitors stated in the Central Criminal Court that permission had been refused him to see the depositions unless he paid a fee of 10s. 6d.?

(2.) Has his attention been directed to sec. 460, Criminal Law Amendment Act, 46 Vic. No. 17, wherein it is enacted "That every accused person shall be entitled to inspect all depositions without fee or reward"?

(3.) Will he take steps to provide that every prisoner on trial shall be entitled to a copy of all depositions, without fee or reward, within a reasonable time before such trial takes place?

Mr. Gould answered,—

(1.) It is the practice in the Crown Solicitor's office to charge a production fee of half a guinea to any persons applying to see the depositions before trial. A person committed is by statute entitled to a copy of the depositions on payment of the usual fee of 4d. per folio at any time after committal and before trial, and he is further entitled on his trial to inspect the depositions without fee. Very great inconvenience would result if attorneys, clerks, or others had the right to go to the Crown Solicitor's office and demand to see the depositions at any time without fee. It is for the purpose of checking the abuses that might ensue if such a right existed that a nominal fee is charged.

(2.) The section is incorrectly quoted. It reads: "Every accused person shall be entitled on his trial to inspect without fee, &c.," and, as pointed out by the Judge who tried the particular case referred to, a person is not put on his trial till his plea is taken.

(3.) This is a matter to be dealt with by the Attorney-General, and which I shall bring under his notice.

2. **BASTARDS LEGITIMATION BILL** (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. York, for Mr. Suttor, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make legitimate children born out of wedlock in cases where the putative parents marry and acknowledge such children as their offspring.
Question put and passed.
3. **FOREST RANGERS E. COBROFT AND SMITH** (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers relating to the retirement of Forest Ranger E. Cobcroft and his re-appointment, as well as all papers relating to the appointment of Forest Ranger Smith.
Question put and passed.
4. **MR. E. L. MAITLAND, POLICE MAGISTRATE, CLERK OF PETTY SESSIONS, AND WARDEN** (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers relating to the appointment of Mr. Ernest Leslie Maitland as Police Magistrate, Clerk of Petty Sessions, and Warden.
Question put and passed.
5. **POSTPONEMENT** :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Voluntary Conveyances Amendment Bill (*Council Bill*) postponed until Monday, 14th December.
6. **TARRAWINGEE TRAMWAY ACT** :—Mr. Cann presented a Petition from certain Residents of the Barrier District, representing that, by reason of the restriction imposed by clause 5 of the Tarrawingee Tramway Act that the Tramway shall only be used for the purpose of carrying flux materials from the promoter's quarry, a monopoly has been created which is injurious to the welfare of your Petitioners and the residents of the neighbouring districts; the Petitioners therefore pray that the Act may be amended to allow the Tramway to be used to the advantage of the residents, and to reduce the hurtfulness of the monopoly which the restriction of clause 5 creates.
Petition received.

7. SIMPSON'S RAILWAY BILL:—Mr. Neild (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Select Committee now sitting on "Simpson's Railway Bill" be authorised to make a visit of inspection to, and hold inquiries in the locality of the proposed railway works, and that the Committee have power to sit during any adjournment of this House, to enable them to make the said visit of inspection.

Question put and passed.

8. MINING ON PRIVATE HOLDINGS AND CHURCH AND SCHOOL RESERVES:—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House is of opinion,—

(1.) That the mining interest of this country is retarded in its operations by the fact that an enormous area of auriferous land is locked up in private holdings and church and school reserves.

(2.) That the laws purporting to give miners access to these auriferous lands are both cumbrous and unsatisfactory.

(3.) That inasmuch as all minerals belong to the people, and the holders of private property are enormously benefited by the development of mineral fields near their holdings, a measure should be passed empowering wardens to temporarily reserve such lands for mining purposes, and give miners authority to win gold or other minerals upon them.

(4.) That the compensation for surface damage done to all lands thus mined upon, should be paid for out of a fund to be established by the Government, by means of a small extra payment to be made by all miners authorised to work the said lands.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 33.

Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Jeanneret,	Mr. Gough,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Murphy,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Sheldon,	Mr. Newton,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Melville.
Mr. Houghton,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Neild,
Mr. York,	Mr. O'Sullivan.
Mr. Hindle,	
Mr. Sharp,	

Noes, 25.

Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Marks,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Scott,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Dale,
Mr. Traill,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Jones.
Mr. Young,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Gould,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Eve,	Mr. Molesworth.
Sir Henry Parkes,	
Mr. Dickens,	
Mr. Alfred Allen,	
Mr. Cullen,	
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	
Mr. McCourt,	
Dr. Cullen,	
Mr. Reid,	
Mr. Fegan,	
Mr. Perry,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

9. PLEBISCITE ON THE FISCAL QUESTION:—Mr. Houghton moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the best and most effectual means of definitely ascertaining the will of the people, "regarding" the fiscal policy best calculated to promote the interests of all classes in the community, would be by the passage through Parliament of a short Bill authorising the Government to take a plebiscite vote of the adult male population on the basis of one man one vote.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Traill moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "regarding," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "any concrete question of "public policy would be by recourse to the principle of the Referendum."

Debate continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 44.

Mr. Brunker,	Mr. See,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. York,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Bowman,	Mr. Gough,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Marks,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Dale,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Jeanneret,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Dickens.
Mr. Willis,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. McFarlane,	Dr. Cullen,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Hassall.
Mr. Parkes,	

Noes, 28.

Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Rose,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Traill,	Mr. Scott.
Mr. Black,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Sharp.
Mr. G. D. Clark,	
Mr. Murphy,	
Mr. Dawson,	
Mr. E. M. Clark,	
Mr. Cotton,	
Mr. Kelly,	
Mr. Sheldon,	
Mr. Newton,	
Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,	
Mr. McGowen,	
Mr. Cook,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Cann,	
Mr. Newman,	
Mr. Darnley,	
Mr. Gardiner,	
Mr. Hindle,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 28.

Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Kirkpatrick.
Mr. Houghton,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Cotton,	Mr. G. D. Clark.
Mr. Johnston,	
Mr. Murphy,	
Mr. Gillies,	
Mr. E. M. Clark,	
Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,	
Mr. Sheldon,	
Mr. Cook,	
Mr. Newton,	
Mr. Cann,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Dawson,	
Mr. McGowen,	
Mr. Newman,	
Mr. Alfred Allen,	
Mr. Gardiner,	
Mr. Scott,	
Mr. Schey,	
Mr. Darnley,	
Mr. Edden,	

Noes, 45.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Rose,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Traill,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Dale,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Young,	Dr. Cullen,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Gough,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Gornaly,
Mr. York,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Jeanneret,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Marks,	Mr. Melville.
Mr. Hoyle,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Crick,
Mr. See,	Mr. O'Sullivan.
Mr. Molesworth,	
Mr. Henry Clarke,	

And so it passed in the negative.

10. ELECTORATE OF ILLAWARRA:—Mr. Speaker reported that the Writ issued by him on the 22nd September last, for the election of two Members to serve for the Electoral District of Illawarra, in the room of John Barnes Nicholson and Andrew Lysaght, Esquires, whose election had been declared by the Committee of Elections and Qualifications to have been wholly void, had been duly returned, with a Certificate endorsed thereon of the Election of John Barnes Nicholson and Archibald Campbell to serve as such Members.

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

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

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 43.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 13 OCTOBER, 1891.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Local Land Board, Goulburn:—Mr. Molesworth asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) How often does the Local Land Board of Goulburn hold a Court for the district of Berrima?
- (2.) When did the said Board hold its last meeting for that district?
- (3.) Are there any applications for conditional purchases in that district awaiting the attention of the Board; if so, how many?
- (4.) When will the said Board hold its next Court for the district of Berrima?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The Chairman of the Land Board, Goulburn, has furnished the following replies:—

- (1.) Every month.
- (2.) On the 28th ultimo at Moss Vale, and on the 29th idem at Berrima.
- (3.) Yes; two, which were received too late for last sittings.
- (4.) On the 27th instant, at Moss Vale.

(2.) Deserters from Her Majesty's Ships:—Mr. Stevenson, for Mr. Melville, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Government pay £5 per head for the capture of deserters from H.M. ships?
- (2.) If so, out of what fund is the money paid?
- (3.) What is the total amount paid for such purpose since 1st January, 1880?

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

- (1.) Yes; £5 in addition to the naval reward.
- (2.) From the Vote of £500—"Rewards for the Apprehension of Offenders."
- (3.) £1,445.

(3.) Site for Public School at Woodall, Euroka, Macleay River:—Mr. Lees, for Mr. Dangar, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Will he cause to be laid upon the Table of this House all the correspondence, reports, minutes, and documents in connection with the proposed purchase of a site for public school at Woodall, Euroka, Macleay River?
- (2.) How soon can this be done?

Mr. Brunker answered,—Yes, if moved for in the usual way.

(4.) Price of Milk:—Mr. Kelly asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that, with a view to keeping up the price of milk, certain milk companies and vendors are emptying about four tons of milk into Darling Harbour daily?
- (2.) Will he order the Marine Board to institute an inquiry into the matter without delay?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—In regard to this matter I have really no more information than the Honorable Member; but if more specific information is furnished I shall be glad to institute an inquiry.

(5.) Mr. Oliver, Railway Commissioner:—Mr. Edden asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What salary does Mr. Oliver receive as a Railway Commissioner?
- (2.) Does he also draw a pension from the Civil Service Fund?
- (3.) If so, what is the amount so drawn?
- (4.) Is it customary for an officer leaving one department in the Public Service, to take a higher position in another department, to draw money from the Civil Service Fund in the same manner as he would if retiring from the Public Service altogether?

Sir

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) I must refer the Honorable Member to the Railway Act.
(2, 3, and 4.) Mr. Oliver does not draw any pension from the Civil Service Fund, but the fact of his being appointed to the office of Commissioner does not deprive him of any rights he may have under the Civil Service Act.

(6.) Influx of Chinese to the Colony :—Mr. Sheldon asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Referring to Answer to Mr. Sheldon's Question of 30th September,—to whom did the Customs officer at Albury report in his telegram, dated January, 1889, that a Chinese who is said to have been Mr. Way Lee, had continued his journey from Melbourne to Sydney without payment of the poll-tax?

(2.) By whose, or what authority did the Customs officer allow entrance to New South Wales of this Chinese person without this payment having been made?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Collector of Customs has forwarded the following report:—

(1.) The Sub-Collector at Albury reported to the Collector of Customs that a Chinese arrived by the express from Melbourne on the 7th January, 1889.

(2.) The report states that the Chinese referred to was allowed by Sir Henry Parkes (also a passenger by the same train) to proceed to Sydney.

I may state that I have no personal recollection of the circumstance.

(7.) General Booth's Over-sea Scheme :—Mr. Sheldon asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has the Government entered into any arrangement with General Booth (Salvation Army) for the purpose of aiding in the over-sea scheme?

(2.) If not, is it the intention of the Government to take any steps to prevent him introducing the pauper labour of England into this Colony?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I may state that I have had two conversations with General Booth, one a rather long one, on the question with which that gentleman is so much identified, and which may be summed up in the cause of suffering humanity. During that conversation we spoke of the condition of the working population in several countries of Europe known to both of us, and in America and in other parts of the world, but General Booth never, by the most remote hint, said a word to me about locating persons in Australia.

(8.) Public Works Committee :—Mr. Alfred Allen, for Mr. Reid, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Referring to the 2nd section of the Act 52 Vic. No. 26, will he be good enough to state the circumstances which have prevented the appointment of Members of this House to serve on the Public Works Committee since the beginning of the Session in July last?

Mr. Young answered,—There seemed to be no immediate urgency for these appointments to be made. I may inform the Honorable Member, however, that I shall give the necessary notice on Thursday next.

(9.) Rifle Association Matches, Randwick :—Mr. Murphy, for Mr. Darnley, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he make arrangements for the members of Volunteer Corps and Rifle Reserve Clubs, who are in the Government Service, and have entered for any of the shooting matches to be held at Randwick next month, to obtain leave of absence to attend the same?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The necessary instructions were issued on the 24th ultimo.

(10.) Milson's Point Railway Extension :—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of this House a Return showing the names of claimants, nature of claims, and the amounts claimed as compensation in connection with the Milson's Point Railway extension; also the amounts of awards determined by the Department, and all correspondence on the subject of such awards?

Mr. Young answered,—There will be no objection if moved for in the usual way when the transactions involved have been completed.

(11.) Alleged Loss of Life owing to sparks from Railway Locomotives :—Mr. Joseph Abbott asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a young girl named Eyles lost her life last week owing to sparks from a passing locomotive having set her clothing on fire whilst she was crossing over a railway bridge at Croydon?

(2.) If so, will he consider the propriety of making some compensation to the mother of the deceased girl?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—It is alleged that the accident occurred as stated. The Railway Commissioners had had this matter previously brought under their notice, and, in view of the exceptional features of the accident, decided to grant suitable relief.

(12.) System of Sweating among Certain Trades :—Mr. Lyne asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Have inquiries, instituted at the instance of the Government, proved that the system of sweating exists to a great extent among certain trades in the city of Sydney?

(2.) Has the Government Statistician, Mr. Coghlan, supplied any reports or information to the Government on the conditions of workers among any trades?

(3.) If so, will he lay such information upon the Table of this House?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I have the following information from the Government Statistician :—In compliance with the provisions of the Census and Industrial Returns Act, inquiries are being made into the condition of the various industries carried on in the Colony. Up to the present inquiries have been completed in regard to the undermentioned trades, viz., Tailoring, Dressmaking, Millinery, Underclothing and Whitework, Laundries, Tobacco Manufacturing, Bootmaking, Woollen Cloth, and Furniture. Reports dealing with most of these industries have been prepared by the Statistician, and will be submitted to the Colonial Secretary during the course of next week. These Reports treat of the hours of labor, regularity of employment, accommodation provided for workers, their wages and earnings, and the employment of women and children, and, when considered by the Colonial Secretary, will be laid before Parliament.

2. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Masters and Servants Bill postponed until Monday, 14th December.
3. **MEMBER SWORN**:—Archibald Campbell, 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 Illawarra.
4. **ILLEGAL BENEVOLENT FUNDS BILL**:—Mr. Schey presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill for the better securing of wages to workmen; to render stoppages from wages as contributions to benevolent funds of any kind illegal; to punish persons making such stoppages; and for other purposes connected therewith,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Monday, 16th November.
5. **PAPERS**:—
Mr. Brunker laid upon the Table,—Return (in part) to an Order made on 19th August, 1891,—
"Appraisement of Rents and License Fees of Crown Lands."
Mr. Sydney Smith laid upon the Table,—Return respecting Water Conservation.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Gould laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Return to an Address adopted on 9th September, 1891,—"Case of William Lenehan."
Ordered to be printed.
(2.) Return to an Address adopted on 7th October, 1891,—"Case of Bourne and Lackey, heard in the Police Court, Parkes."
6. **WATER CONSERVATION BILL**:—Mr. Sydney Smith presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to define and declare the respective rights of the Crown and of private persons to flowing water and other sources of water supply in New South Wales; to provide for the establishment of Trusts, and, in certain cases, to enable the Government to carry out works of Water Conservation and Utilization, and of Drainage; to empower such Trusts to raise loans, to be granted or guaranteed by the Government in certain cases and under certain conditions; to authorise the imposition of rates and charges for the purposes of such Trusts; to provide for the leasing of Crown Lands subject to drought and floods; for the acquisition of lands and water rights in certain cases; for the disposal thereof by sale or lease; for the licensing of works for Water Conservation or Utilization; for granting water rights to private persons, subject to certain conditions and reservations; and for conferring powers and making provision generally for giving due effect to and carrying out the purposes aforesaid,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
7. **COAL MINES REGULATION BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 14 OCTOBER, 1891, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
On motion of Mr. Sydney Smith (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
Ordered (after debate), that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

The House adjourned, at twenty-three minutes after One o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 44.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 14 OCTOBER, 1891.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Intercolonial Postal Conference:—*Mr. Houghton*, for *Mr. Rae*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Will the recent Intercolonial Postal Conference, or the entrance of Australia into the International Postal Union, effect any reduction in the cable rates between Australia and New Zealand?
- (2.) If not, will the Government of New South Wales communicate with the Government of New Zealand, with a view to effecting such substantial reductions in the intercolonial cable rates as will promote closer relations between them?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) No subsidy being paid the company is under no obligation to reduce the tariff, and no reduction can therefore be looked for unless the colonies agree to renew the subsidy which New Zealand, in August, 1886, refused to do.

(2.) Railway Employees:—*Mr. Houghton*, for *Mr. Rae*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it true that a number of men were employed by the Railway Department at the rate of 6s. per day of ten hours?
- (2.) Is it true that those men struck for better terms, and that their places have been filled by others?
- (3.) Is it customary for Government Departments to set an example in the reduction of wages, and lengthening the hours of labour?
- (4.) If not, will he urge the Railway Commissioners to have the wages paid in all cases to be not less than current rates; and, likewise, to have those men reinstated who were dismissed for striking?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—I am informed that 6s. per day has been the rate paid for some considerable time past, to casual hands in the Railway Department. Six men who have been employed at Albury at that rate left work recently, and three of them were re-employed. No reduction in wages has been made by the Railway Commissioners. I cannot undertake to interfere with the jurisdiction of the Railway Commissioners in the matter of wages.

(3.) Financial Statement:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for *Mr. Reid*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is he in a position to state on what date the Financial Statement will be made?*Mr. Bruce Smith* answered,—Tuesday, 27th October.(4.) Iron manufactured at Eskbank:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for *Mr. Reid*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is the difference between the railway rates for iron manufactured at Eskbank, and for other iron, one ranging from 400 to 500 per cent.?
- (2.) Is the iron manufactured at Eskbank made from native ore, so far as the Railway Department is aware?
- (3.) Is any such concession made in any other cases; and if so, in what cases?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) I am informed that a special rate has long been in force for iron from Eskbank Iron Works. Iron manufactured there is carried by what is known as "A" rate, equal to 9s. 6d. per ton from Eskbank to Sydney. For iron generally the rate is, Second Class, £2 0s. 11d. per ton for the same distance, or £1 13s. 2d. per ton in 5-ton lots.

(2.) The Department has no information as to the use of native ores.

(3.) The concession referred to is a special one, but would be made to apply to other cases if the circumstances were similar.

(5.)

(5.) Road from Blackwall to Woy Woy Railway Platform:—Mr. Stevenson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has he had brought under his notice that the Government Road from Blackwall to Woy Woy railway platform is always under water since the construction of the railway line?
- (2.) Has the local road superintendent visited the place and furnished a Report?
- (3.) If so, would he have any objection to state what the nature of that Report is, and what action, if any, the Roads Department propose to take in order to give access to the station without pedestrians being compelled to wade through water?
- (4.) What amount has been expended upon the road since the railway station was opened?

Mr. Young answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) I have directed that a copy of the Report be furnished to the Honorable Member. The recommendation contained therein has been approved by me.
- (4.) There does not appear to have been any expenditure.

(6.) Land resumed opposite the General Post Office:—Mr. Cullen asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has the Government decided upon any settled plan for laying out and subdividing the land resumed opposite the Post Office, and will the plans be laid upon the Table?
- (2.) When will the land be thrown open for sale, and thus set free the large sums of money locked up in the property?
- (3.) Has the Government come to any conclusion with regard to the request of the City Council to continue Chisholm-lane to Martin-place, thus affording a more effectual break in case of fire?
- (4.) Could not the Government arrange with the Equitable Life Association, by mutual concessions, to widen Chisholm-lane where it intersects with George-street, rather than encourage the formation of any more twenty-foot lanes in the heart of the city?

Mr. Young answered,—I am not in a position to give categorical answers to the Questions of the Honorable Member, but I can assure him that the Government is fully alive to the importance of the various matters referred to therein. The whole subject is now engaging the careful consideration of the Government. There will, of course, be no objection to laying all the particulars before Parliament when a decision has been arrived at, but I can say nothing further at present.

(7.) Erection of boiler-shop at Biloela:—Mr. Murphy asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to proceed with the erection of the boiler shop at Biloela?

Mr. Young answered,—This matter will be dealt with before the Estimates are finally closed.

(8.) Railway from Molong to Parkes and Forbes:—Mr. Hutchinson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) How much is the lowest tender of the second section of the Molong-Parkes-Forbes Railway below the estimated cost of the Railway Commissioners for the construction of such work?
- (2.) Have the tenders for the second section of the Molong-Parkes-Forbes Railway been refused, and the deposits refunded to the tenderers; if not, when does he expect to be able to accept tenders for the construction of such work?
- (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to raise a fresh loan for the purpose of constructing public works of a reproductive character; if so, how long will it be before the necessary steps are taken to float such loan?

Mr. Young answered,—

- (1.) Amount of engineer's estimate of section 2, Molong to Parkes and Forbes Railway, £125,418 Os. 2d.; amount of lowest tender, £110,468 2s. 6d.; below engineer's estimate, £14,949 17s. 8d.
- (2.) No; and the deposit lodged by the lowest firm tendering has not been returned. I cannot at present state when it is likely a tender for the second section will be accepted.
- (3.) I am not in a position to answer this Question.

(9.) Burrawang Pastoral Holding:—Mr. Hutchinson asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the application to surrender about 26,000 acres in exchange for Crown lands in the Burrawang pastoral holding was refused by the Local Land Board of Forbes, and, upon appeal to the Land Court, such decision was reversed, and exchange ordered to be made?
- (2.) Has he yet determined upon the acceptance of the above area in exchange for Crown lands in the leasehold area of such holding; if so, will he state with what modifications or reduction of area, and when is it likely the acceptance of such surrender will be proclaimed in the *Government Gazette*?
- (3.) Have all fees, including provisional survey fees, been paid by the applicant?
- (4.) Did he call upon the applicant to produce any grants, certificates, or other evidence of title, of or to the land proposed to be surrendered?
- (5.) Will he stay completion of exchange for a reasonable space of time, in order that the people of the Land District of Forbes may have an opportunity of taking into consideration the above important matter?
- (6.) Will he cause all papers in connection with, or relating to, such proposed surrender and exchange to be placed upon the Table of this House and order same to be printed?

Mr. Brunner answered,—

- (1.) Such an application was made and referred to the Land Board, who recommended that the exchange of 960 acres only should be allowed. Against this the lessees appealed, and the Land Court sustained the appeal, but made no order, and recommended that the whole exchange should be allowed subject to certain suggestions and modifications proposed by the District Surveyor.
- (2.) No; the case has not yet been dealt with.
- (3.) Yes.

(4.)

- (4.) No ; as until a decision has been arrived at, it cannot be stated what deeds are required for the purpose of completing the surrender.
 (5.) I have no objection to deferring my decision for one month to admit of any representations being made that might be thought desirable.
 (6.) Yes ; if moved for in the ordinary manner.

(10.) Patents Office :—Mr. Kelly asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Has his attention been directed to the statements made in the *Australian Workman*, of 3rd October, regarding the practices prevailing at the Patents Office of allowing inexperienced employees of that Department to do work which it is the province of a patents agent to attend to?
 (2.) Is he aware that clerks at the Patents Office, who are in receipt of good salaries, prepare papers for patents, and receive payment for so doing?
 (3.) If he is not aware of these practices, will he have an inquiry made into the matter, and take steps to put a stop to the practices referred to?

Mr. Gould answered,—I have not seen the newspaper article referred to ; but, having made inquiries into this matter, I am informed that since the establishment of the Patents Office there has not been one instance in which a clerk in the office has done work which was outside the scope of his official duties ; that at no time have the clerks prepared papers in connection with applications for patents and received payment for so doing ; and that there is not a clerk in the office who is too inexperienced to fulfil his duty to the public or to creditably perform the work appertaining to his position.

(11.) Imperial Military Officers serving in the Colony :—Mr. Nobbs asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) How many Imperial Military officers are at present engaged in this Colony?
 (2.) What are their names, and what local positions do they occupy?
 (3.) Is it a fact that some of these officers have been asked to extend the period for which they originally came to this Colony ; if so, on what grounds?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Major-General Commanding the Military Forces :—

- (1.) Four.
 (2.) Lieutenant-Colonel De Wolski, R.E., local Colonel Commanding Engineers, and Director of Military Works ; Major Churchward, R.A., Chief Instructor in Gunnery and Firemaster ; Major Lassetter, South Staffordshire Regiment, Commanding Mounted Infantry ; Captain M'Neill, 4th Hussars, Instructor and Staff-Adjutant of Cavalry.
 (3.) Majors Lassetter and Churchward have had their period of service extended, each for twelve months—Major Lassetter, on his own application, and Major Churchward to allow of sufficient time being given to Captain Bridges, of the Permanent Artillery, now undergoing special instruction in England to qualify as an Instructor and Firemaster.

2. APPRENTICES BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Houghton moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend the laws relating to Masters and Apprentices.
 Question put and passed.

3. RANDWICK RIFLE RANGE (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Nobbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

- (1.) Copies of correspondence and reports *re* targets for Randwick Rifle Range dated later than the Return furnished a few days since.
 (2.) Copies of any correspondence which may have taken place, or Reports which may have been made, in connection with statements that the Randwick Rifle Range has been badly constructed.
 Question put and passed.

4. LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. O'Sullivan, for Mr. Slattery, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the 63rd section of the Licensing Act, 45 Vic. No. 14.
 Question put and passed.

5. LAND FOR PUBLIC PARK, WATSON'S BAY (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Alfred Allen, for Mr. Neild, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the papers relating to the proposed park at Watson's Bay, laid upon the Table on the 21st September, 1891, be printed.
 Question put and passed.

6. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the inspection and regulation of steam boilers and other receptacles ; for the examining and certifying of engineers, and others employed in connection therewith ;—postponed until Monday, 19th October.

7. GOULBURN WATER SUPPLY CHARGES BILL :—Dr. Hollis presented a Petition from the Mayor of the Borough of Goulburn, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Borough of Goulburn to recover certain rates and charges due in respect of the Water Supply within the Municipality of Goulburn.

And Dr. Hollis having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, *The Daily Telegraph*, *The Goulburn Evening Penny Post*, *The Goulburn Evening Star*, and the *Goulburn Herald*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
 Petition received.

8. MAITLAND ELECTRIC LIGHT BILL :—Mr. Dawson, 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 August, 1891 ; together with a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.
 Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dawson then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Monday, 30th November.
 Question put and passed.

9. PAPER:—Mr. Bruce Smith laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 2nd September, 1891,—“Accidents on the Tram-lines.”
Ordered to be printed.
10. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Jeanneret 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 “to direct attention to a definite subject of public policy, namely, to suggest to the Government the necessity to at once appoint a Royal Commission, or otherwise take steps to inquire into and report on the whole question of passenger wharfage and goods wharfage within the harbour of Port Jackson.”
And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—
Mr. Jeanneret moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
11. CUMBERLAND ELECTRIC LIGHTING BILL:—Mr. Wall (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the 61st Standing Order be suspended to admit of the presentation of a Petition for the introduction of a Bill to authorise, facilitate, and regulate the supply of electricity for lighting power and other purposes in the county of Cumberland, in the Colony of New South Wales,—the period of three months, within which the Petition is required to be presented, having expired.
Question put and passed.
12. SUPPRESSION OF GAMBLING:—Mr. Cullen presented a Petition from certain Members of the Committee appointed by the Congregational Union to deal with matters relating to temperance and morality, representing that recent investigations disclose painful facts relating to the alarming growth of the practice of betting and gambling in this Colony; and praying the House to pass an Act that shall deal in an effective manner with this evil.
Petition received.
13. WILLIAM BURCHETT, PRESSMAN:—Mr. Schey presented a Petition from William Burchett, Pressman, representing the Petitioner has had his mind deranged by having been twice arrested on suspicion; that owing to the odium attached to one who has been confined both in a gaol and an asylum Petitioner can find no employment; that while in the hands of the police his property was lost, and he was subjected to unnecessary indignity; that his reputation has been sullied and prospects blighted; and praying for an investigation with a view to redress.
Petition received.
14. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day of Government Business postponed:—
(1.) Coal Mines Regulation Bill; third reading;—until To-morrow.
(2.) Seats Re-distribution Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—until Tuesday next.
15. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL (No. 2):—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Sydney Smith moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Copeland moved, That the Debate be now adjourned.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.
16. CRIMINAL LAW AND EVIDENCE AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having being read,—Mr. Gould moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Gould, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with an amendment.
On motion of Mr. Gould (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
17. SUPREME COURT PROCEDURE BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Gould moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Gould (after debate), Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Gould, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
18. BANKERS BOOKS EVIDENCE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Gould moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
Mr. Gould moved, That Mr. Speaker leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Debate ensued.
Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 35.

Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Lousdale,	Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Traill,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Bowman,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. Cann,
Dr. Cullen,	Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Hart,	Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. Seobic,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Donald,	Mr. Sharp.
Mr. Cook,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cullen,	
Mr. Kirkpatrick,	Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Black.
Mr. Campbell,	

Noes, 7.

Mr. Chapman,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Newman,
Dr. Hollis,
Mr. Langwell.

Tellers,

Mr. Williams,
Mr. Miller.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

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

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

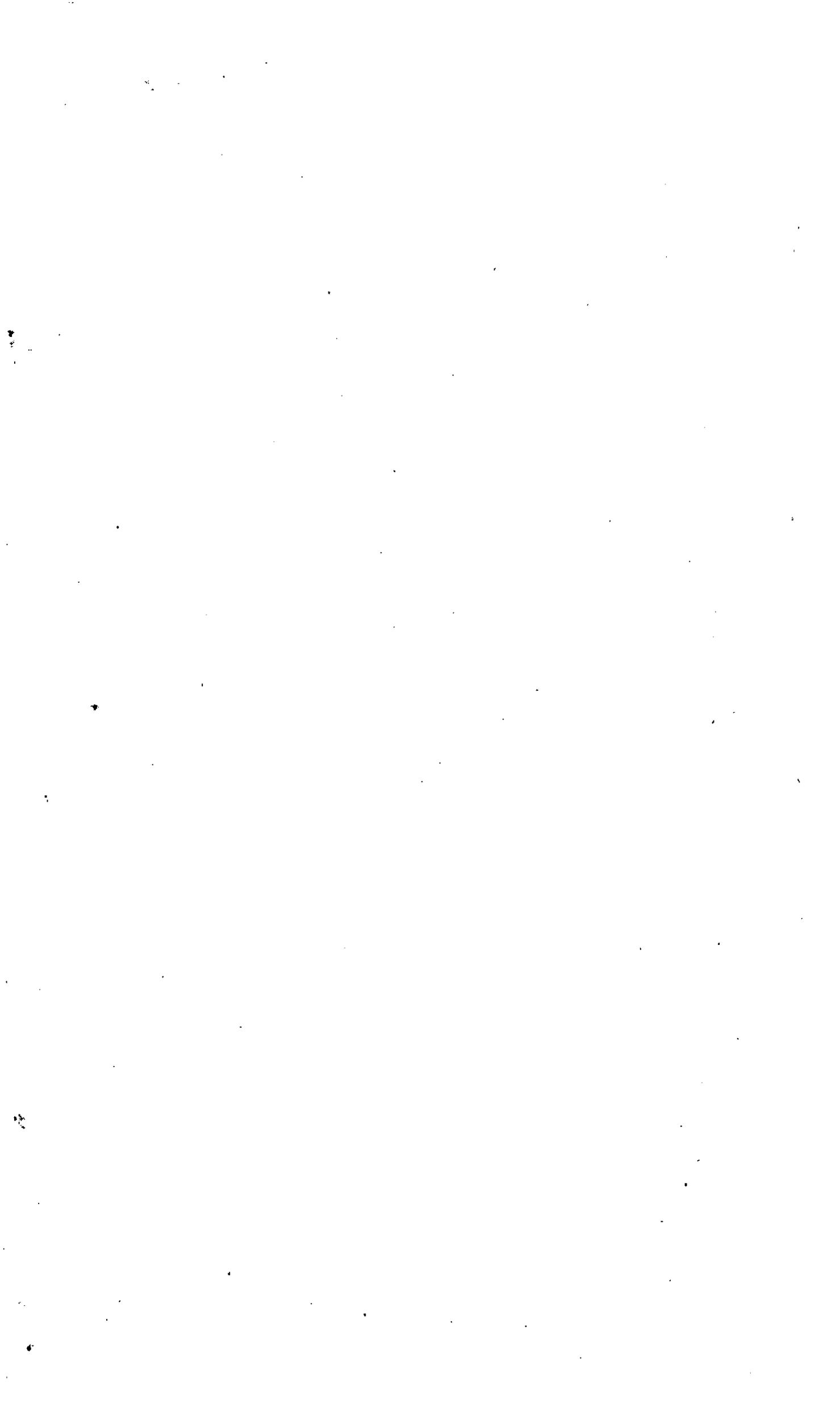
19. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Bruce Smith moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 45.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 15 OCTOBER, 1891.

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

CROWN LANDS ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir Henry Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

JERSEY,

Message No. 12.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to validate certain forfeitures, and certain reversals of forfeitures, of lands sold or leased by the Crown, and to declare the effect of such reversals; to enable the Minister for Lands to reverse forfeitures; and to amend the law in respect of forfeitures and the reversal thereof; to permit further inquiries to be held in connection with forfeitures, and to facilitate the effectual waiver thereof; to prevent collusion at ballots upon conflicting applications; and for the purposes aforesaid to amend the 'Crown Lands Act of 1884' and the Acts amending the same,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 14th October, 1891.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Test of Targets:—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. Wright*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Did Colonel De Wolski report against the adoption of Keating's targets for use on the Rifle Range, Randwick?

(2.) Is it true that Major-General Richardson purchased, or advised the purchase of, twenty of these targets at a considerable cost, notwithstanding that Colonel de Wolski had condemned them?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The following answers have been supplied by the Major-General Commanding the Military Forces:—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) No.

(2.) Grain, barley, beans, &c., imported into Colony:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for *Mr. Dangar*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What quantity of grain (barley, beans, bran, maize, oats, peas, pollard, sharps, wheat), specifying each separately, have been imported into this Colony during the nine months expiring 30th September?

(2.) What quantities were exported during the same period?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—I will presently lay this information on the Table, in the form of a return.

(3.) Tug Service at Northern Ports:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for *Mr. Dangar*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Has his attention been drawn to the undesirableness of continuing the tug service at our several northern ports apart from the command and control of our pilots?

(2.) Will he cause careful inquiry to be made into the advantages likely to accrue from such a change as is suggested above?

(3.) What sums are paid to subsidise the tug service north of Sydney, giving names of vessels and place where stationed?

Mr.

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1.) I am aware that proposals of this description have been made from time to time.
- (2.) This subject has been well considered. If the proposed change is made, it will necessitate the expenditure of a large sum of money in the purchase of tugs and spare boats, with additional crews for reliefs, &c. This suggested system would become a serious and increasing burden to the country. By the present plan of subsidising private tugs, the expenses are diminishing, and, in some instances, will not require Government support at all in the course of time.
- (3.) I will presently lay upon the Table a return giving this information.

(4.) Telephone Charges:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for Mr. Dangar, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What are the several charges made by the Telephone Department for securing connection with the telephone system of Sydney?
- (2.) How do these charges compare with those imposed by similar offices in Melbourne, Adelaide, Launceston, and Brisbane?
- (3.) Is there any reason why the charges in connection with the Sydney office differ from those made in any of the other colonies?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1 and 2.) I will presently lay upon the Table a Return giving this information.
- (3.) The charges made in Sydney are considered more satisfactory than those made in the other colonies, and are more advantageous to the subscribers. No complaints have been made by the public of the rates charged.

(5.) Wrecks on the Northern Coast of New South Wales:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for Mr. Dangar, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) How many wrecks have been reported as having occurred on the coast of New South Wales north of Sydney during the present year?
- (2.) The names of the vessels; their respective tonnage; dates of wreck; and locality in which the wrecks occurred?
- (3.) What number of vessels have been reported missing on the same coast during the same period?
- (4.) How many lives are known to have been sacrificed, and how many are missing and supposed to have been lost?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

- (1.) Fourteen.
- (2.) I will presently lay a Return upon the Table giving this information.
- (3.) None.
- (4.) Eleven lives are known to have been lost. There are none missing, so far as can be ascertained.

(6.) Building Societies and Companies:—*Mr. Nobbs* asked the Minister of Justice,—Will the Government, in view of the difficulties that have arisen in connection with the various building societies and companies in the Colony, consider the propriety of giving depositors more effective power to enter into arrangements for the carrying on or liquidation of such societies and companies?

Mr. Gould answered,—The matter is now receiving the attention of the Government, and when a decision has been arrived at the Honorable Member will be communicated with.

(7.) Ship "Sobraon":—*Mr. Johnston* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Is it the intention of the Government to discharge all the workmen now engaged on the "Sobraon"; if so, for what reason?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—At the present time there is only a certain amount of money available for the work upon the "Sobraon." The workmen will be employed so long as the money required for carrying on the work is forthcoming.

(8.) Survey Fees:—*Mr. Rose* asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it his intention to amend the Land Act to provide for the abolition of survey fees, or to regulate them on a progressive basis of payment, the amount paid being deducted from the principal?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—It is not my intention at present to introduce any such amendment, nor do I consider that it would be in the best interests of selectors or the general public to do so, inasmuch as these fees do not by any means cover the full cost of survey, as is the case in other colonies; and, as a matter of fact, taken together with the present deposit they do not in most cases equal the amount of the deposit alone which was required under the repealed Acts; moreover, they are in my opinion a protection to *bona fide* settlers, and in some measure constitute a check upon speculative selection. Apart from these considerations, I may point out to the Honorable Member that under the Act authorising the payment of these fees concessions of a very liberal character to conditional purchasers were introduced, to give effect to which the Crown incurs very considerable expense.

(9.) Accumulation of Large Estates:—*Mr. Sheldon*, for Mr. York, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the lands of the Colony, after disposal by the Crown, are falling into the hands of persons bent upon the accumulation of large estates, to the detriment of settlement?
- (2.) Will he consider the expediency of introducing a measure to limit the area which any one person may acquire, hold by purchase or in fee-simple to 1,280 acres in the Eastern Division, and 2,560 acres in the Central or Western Division, and to render any person who may exceed such limitation guilty of a misdemeanour, and liable to punishment by imprisonment for a term of years?

Mr.

Mr. Brunker answered,—

(1.) I am aware, from personal knowledge, that there is a tendency to the accumulation of large estates.

(2.) While I may say that I consider the introduction of such provisions into any measure for the amendment of the Land Laws which may hereafter be found necessary would be advisable and beneficial, the matter is surrounded with very great difficulties, inasmuch as after the Crown has parted with the land its control over it practically ceases. To attain the object desired it might, therefore, be necessary to attach special and exceptional conditions to the deed of grant, and in such event it is obvious that complications would be apt to arise in dealings with the land, irrespective of the difficulty of providing against evasions of the law.

(10.) Railway from Kiama to Jervis Bay :—Mr. Morton asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) How much money was borrowed in the year 1884 for the construction of a railway from Kiama to Jervis Bay?

(2.) What is the estimated cost of the contract now being carried out?

(3.) What amount of the above loan will be unexpended when the present contract is completed, and will it be available for the carrying out of the proposal to continue the line into Nowra?

Mr. Young answered,—

(1.) £801,000 was voted on the Loan Estimates for 1884.

(2.) £381,390.

(3.) It is impossible at present to state this, as the amount to be paid as compensation for land has not been determined. There will be, however, sufficient balance on the vote to pay for the continuation of the line into Nowra should that extension be determined on.

(11.) Leave of absence to Police :—Mr. Darnley asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that the police stationed at Leichhardt have applied for one day's leave per month, and have been refused on the ground that it was too often?

(2.) Is it not a fact that the Police Regulation Act provides for two days leave per month?

(3.) Will he see that the police at Leichhardt are allowed the same privileges as others, as they have been on duty for months without one day off?

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

(1.) Unless the prevalence of crime or other exceptional circumstances renders it inadvisable to grant leave, it is allowed within reasonable limitations when applied for.

(2.) There is no such provision in the Act.

(3.) The police at Leichhardt will be allowed the same privileges as other members of the force.

(12.) Removal of Abattoir from Glebe Island :—Mr. Johnston asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a deputation waited upon him a few days ago to advocate the removal of the abattoir from Glebe Island?

(2.) Is it a fact that only one carcass butcher was on this deputation?

(3.) Is it a fact that with this exception the deputation was composed of persons who are not engaged in the killing trade?

Mr. Bruce Smith answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) I am not aware of the exact number of the class mentioned; but I was led to believe that notice of the deputation had been very widely published.

(3.) I did not have occasion to inquire into their respective occupations, and, therefore, cannot give a definite answer.

(13.) Works carried out under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act :—Mr. Gornly asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has he obtained the opinion of the legal adviser to the Government if a work to be carried out under the provisions of the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act, that is estimated to cost more than £20,000, should be submitted to the Parliamentary Committee on Public Works; if so, what is the opinion?

Mr. Young answered,—Yes; and the opinion was to the effect that all such works must be submitted to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, under the provisions of the Public Works Act of 1888.

(14.) Tram-line from Bondi Junction to Waverley terminus :—Mr. Alfred Allen asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it his intention to duplicate the tram-line from Bondi Junction to the Waverley terminus at an early date?

Mr. Young answered,—I have to state that this matter is under consideration.

(15.) Election Petition—Electorate of Illawarra :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has Mr. Artis, the petitioner in the case of the Illawarra election, been paid his expenses; and, if so, how much?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—No payment has been made to Mr. Artis for expenses.

(16.) Resumption of land in vicinity of Johnston's Creek, Annandale :—Mr. Houghton asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the owners of the land in the vicinity of Johnston's Creek, Annandale, have accepted the terms offered by the Department of Works for the disposal of their land?

(2.) If so, are there any further obstacles in the way of proceeding with the proposed storm-water channel, and the dedication of the land in the vicinity of Johnston's Creek for the purposes of a public park?

(3.) If not, is it his intention to take action in these matters without any further delay?

Mr.

Mr. Young answered,—A conference has been held with the representatives of the owners of the land in the vicinity of Johnston's Creek, but I regret to say no settlement of the difficulty has yet been arrived at. The matter is engaging the further consideration of the Department.

(17.) Case of J. H. Cook :—Mr. Houghton asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Has he refused to appoint a nominal defendant in the case brought in the Supreme Court by J. H. Cook, for alleged wrongful dismissal; if so, for what reason?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—I have not refused to appoint a nominal defendant. On the contrary, four years ago, as a private Member of the House, I asked the Colonial Secretary to appoint a nominal defendant in this case, and he did so. A nominal defendant in the case has been appointed for four years past.

3. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL (No. 2):—The Order of the Day having been read for the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Sydney Smith, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—

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

Point of Order :—Mr. Copeland desired Mr. Speaker's ruling as to whether clause 3, providing for the registration of existing agreements made with owners of private land, and the provisions of the Bill imposing royalties, were not beyond the Order of Leave.
Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said he was inclined to think both objections were fatal to the Bill. The proposal in clause 3 dealt with a matter which was not incidental to the Order of Leave, and clauses 4 and 18 imposed royalties which were not alluded to in the Order of Leave. He, therefore, ruled that the Bill was not properly before the House.

On motion of Mr. Sydney Smith, the Order of the Day was discharged, and the Bill withdrawn.

4. COAL MINES REGULATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Sydney Smith moved, "That" this Bill be now read a third time.

Mr. McMillan moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "the Bill be recommended for the reconsideration of clause 17 and clause 21 sub-section (III)."
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 16 OCTOBER, 1891, A.M.

Mr. Willis moved, "That the Question be now put."

Question put,—That the Question be now put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 20.

Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Cass,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Gough,
Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Williams,
Mr. McFarlane.

Tellers,

Mr. Crick,
Mr. Murphy.

Noes, 64.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Molcsworth,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Sche y,
Mr. Collins,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Dickens,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. R. G. D. FitzGerald,	Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. See,	Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Eve,	Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. Marks,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Hindle,
Dr. Cullen,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Donald,	Dr. Hollis,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Booth,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Cotton,	Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Traill,
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	Mr. Dale,
Mr. Baverster,	Mr. Cann.
Mr. Carruthers,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Kirkpatrick,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Donnelly,	Mr. Martin.
Mr. Langwell,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Question again stated.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put,—That this Debate be now adjourned.

The

The House divided.

Ayes, 41.

Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. Sec,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Dale,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Bowman,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Marks,	Mr. Cook.
Mr. Morton,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Eve,	
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	Dr. Cullen,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Martin.
Mr. Molesworth,	
Mr. Cullen,	
Mr. Kirkpatrick,	
Mr. Donald,	
Mr. Booth,	
Mr. Barton,	
Mr. Nicoll,	
Mr. Tonkin,	
Mr. Dickens,	

Noes, 49.

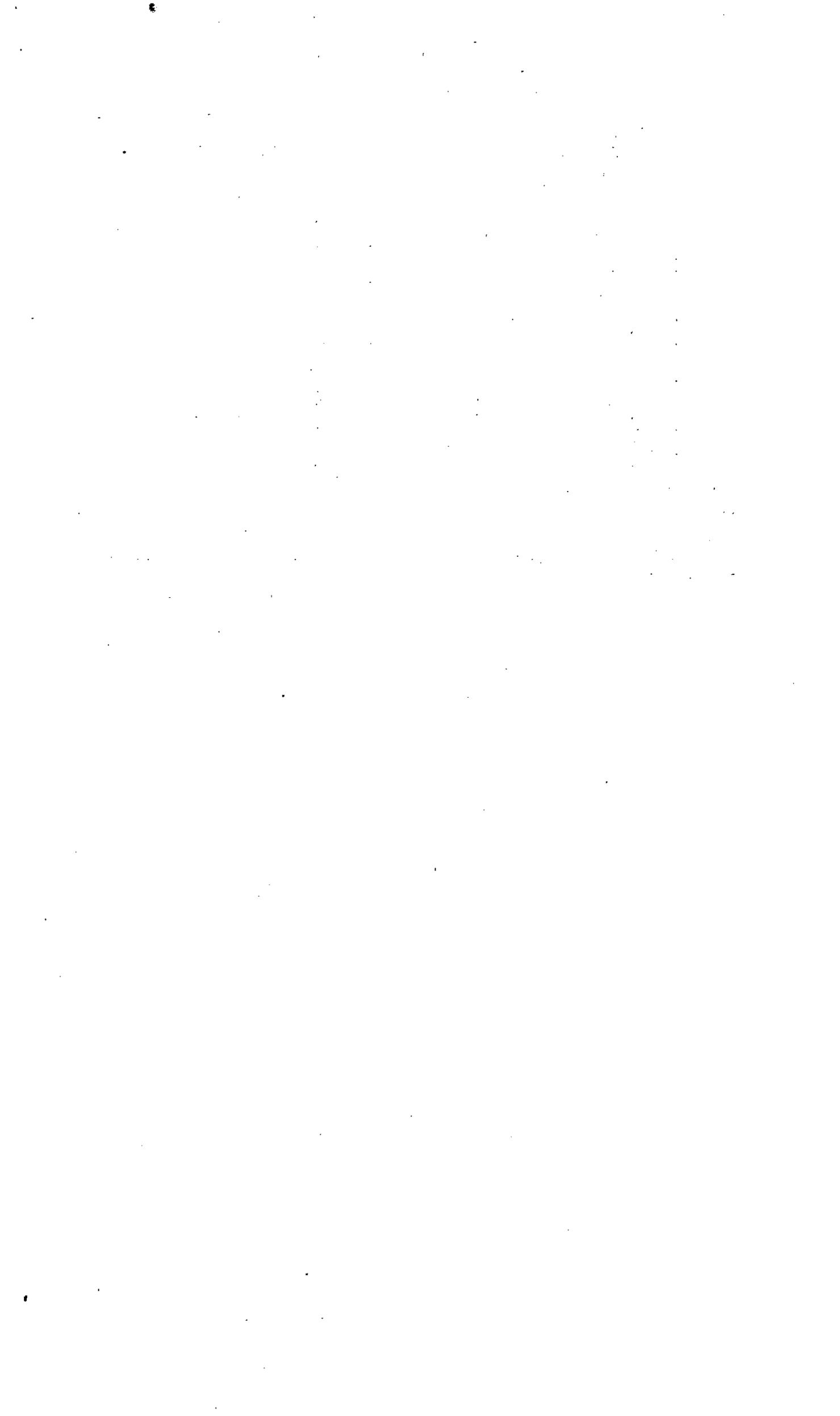
Mr. R. G. D. FitzGerald,	Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Gough,
Mr. Donnelly,	Mr. Daroley,
Mr. Traill,	Mr. Bowes,
Mr. G. D. Clark,	Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Dawson,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Collins,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Hoyle,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Shurp,	Dr. Hollis,
Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Rose,	Mr. Morgau,
Mr. Williams,	Mr. Cass,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Hindle.
Mr. Newman,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Langwell,	Mr. Murphy.
Mr. Scott,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at six minutes after One o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock on Monday next.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 46.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, 19 OCTOBER, 1891.

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

MEMBER SWORN:—John Barnes Nicholson, 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 Illawarra.

2. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes, referring to the proceedings which took place on Thursday last, informed the House that Ministers had met this morning, and, after a brief statement from him, unanimously agreed with his view that their proper course was to resign office. He at once proceeded to Government House, and tendered to His Excellency the Governor their resignations, and they now hold office until their successors are appointed. Just before his arrival here he had received from His Excellency a note informing him that he had sent for the Honorable Member for the Murrumbidgee, Mr. Dibbs, to form a new Administration, and asking him, at Mr. Dibbs' request, to move that this House do adjourn until To-morrow. Sir Henry Parkes then moved, That this House do now adjourn. Question put and passed.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 47.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 20 OCTOBER, 1891.

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

LIQUOR TRAFFIC:—Mr. Cann presented a Petition from certain Licensed Victuallers, resident and carrying on business in Broken Hill, and their adherents, in favour of the introduction into Parliament of an Amended Licensing Bill, having for its object the removal of certain restrictions by which the licensed victuallers are oppressed and the public harassed; suggesting alterations in the existing Licensing Act in the direction of hours of closing, Sunday closing, single-room clubs, power of police to enter hotels, issue of summonses, onus of proof, right of appeal, issue of licenses to grocers, recovery of debts, refreshment for travellers, duty on spirits; and praying the House to take all these matters into consideration.
Petition received.

2. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—ADJOURNMENT:**—Sir Henry Parkes informed the House that, at about Four o'clock this afternoon, he had received a note from His Excellency the Governor, stating that Mr. Dibbs had just called, and informed him that he would require further time for completing his arrangements, and he therefore asked His Excellency to request him, Sir Henry Parkes, to move the adjournment of the House until To-morrow.
Sir Henry Parkes then moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Question put and passed.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 48.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 21 OCTOBER, 1891.

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

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:—Mr. Bruce Smith expressed his regret that Sir Henry Parkes was not able to be present this evening, and read to the House a letter which Sir Henry Parkes had received from His Excellency the Governor, asking him, at the request of Mr. Dibbs, to move the adjournment of the House until Monday next, the sad death of Mr. Dibbs' mother having interfered with the progress of the arrangements for the formation of a new Administration.

2. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Bruce Smith (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House at its rising this day do adjourn until Monday next.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned, at twenty-two minutes after Five o'clock, until *Monday next* at Four o'clock.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 49.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, 26 OCTOBER, 1891.

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

NEW ADMINISTRATION:—Mr. Henry Clarke informed the House that Mr. Dibbs had formed a New Administration, consisting of,—

Mr. George Richard Dibbs, as Colonial Secretary and Premier.
 Mr. John See, as Colonial Treasurer.
 Mr. Edmund Barton, Q.C., as Attorney-General.
 Mr. Henry Copeland, as Secretary for Lands.
 Mr. William John Lyne, as Secretary for Public Works.
 Mr. R. E. O'Connor, M.L.C., as Minister of Justice.
 Mr. Francis Bathurst Suttor, as Minister of Public Instruction.
 Mr. Thomas Michael Slattery, as Secretary for Mines.
 Mr. John Kidd, as Postmaster-General.
 Sir Julian Salomons, Q.C., M.L.C., as Vice-President of the Executive Council.

2. VACANT SEATS:—

(1) Mr. Henry Clarke moved,—

(1.) That the Seat of George Richard Dibbs, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the office of Colonial Secretary since his Election and Return to serve in this House as a Member for the Electoral District of The Murrumbidgee.
 Question put and passed.

(2.) That the Seat of John See, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the office of Colonial Treasurer since his Election and Return to serve in this House as Member for the Electoral District of Grafton.
 Question put and passed.

(3.) That the Seat of Edmund Barton, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the office of Attorney-General since his Election and Return to serve in this House as a Member for the Electoral District of East Sydney.
 Question put and passed.

(4.) That the Seat of Henry Copeland, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the office of Secretary for Lands since his Election and Return to serve in this House as a Member for the Electoral District of New England.
 Question put and passed.

(5.) That the Seat of William John Lyne, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the office of Secretary for Public Works since his Election and Return to serve in this House as a Member for the Electoral District of The Hume.
 Question put and passed.

(6.) That the Seat of Francis Bathurst Suttor, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the office of Minister of Public Instruction since his Election and Return to serve in this House as Member for the Electoral District of Bathurst.
 Question put and passed.

(7.) That the Seat of Thomas Michael Slattery, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the office of Secretary for Mines since his Election and Return to serve in this House as Member for the Electoral District of Boorowa.
 Question put and passed.

(2.)

(2.) Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a letter from John Kidd, Esquire, resigning his Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of Camden.

Whereupon Mr. Henry Clarke moved, That the Seat of John Kidd, Esquire, a Member for the Electoral District of Camden, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of the resignation thereof by the said John Kidd, Esquire.

Question put and passed.

3. CALL OF THE HOUSE:—Mr. Henry Clarke (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Resolution agreed to on the 7th instant, "That there be a Call of the House on Wednesday, 28th October instant, for the purpose of considering the third readings of the Representation of the People Bill (No. 2) and the Seats Re-distribution Bill" be rescinded, and the Order discharged.

Question put and passed.

4. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Henry Clarke (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn until Wednesday, 18th November next.

Question put and passed.

5. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr Henry Clarke moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at one minute before Five o'clock, until *Wednesday, 18th November next*, at Four o'clock.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 50.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 18 NOVEMBER, 1891.

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

WRITS OF ELECTION:—Mr. Speaker informed the House,—

- (1.) That, in accordance with the direction of the 17th clause of the Electoral Act of 1880, and upon Resolutions passed by this House, he had issued Writs for the Election of Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly in the room of the undermentioned gentlemen, whose Seats had been declared vacant by reason of their acceptance of office, viz.:—

George Richard Dibbs, Esquire,—a Member for The Murrumbidgee.
 John See, Esquire,—Member for Grafton.
 Edmund Barton, Esquire, Q.C.,—a Member for East Sydney.
 Henry Copeland, Esquire,—a Member for New England.
 William John Lyne, Esquire,—a Member for The Hume.
 Francis Bathurst Suttor, Esquire,—Member for Bathurst.
 Thomas Michael Slattery, Esquire,—Member for Boorowa.

- (2.) That, in accordance with the direction of the 17th clause of the Electoral Act of 1880, and upon a Resolution passed by this House, he had issued a Writ for the Election of a Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of Camden in the room of John Kidd, Esquire, resigned.

- (3.) That the said Writs had been duly returned to him, with certificates endorsed thereon by the several Returning Officers of the Election of the following gentlemen to serve as Members for the Electoral Districts mentioned in connection with their names:—

George Richard Dibbs, Esquire,—for The Murrumbidgee.
 John See, Esquire,—for Grafton.
 Edmund Barton, Esquire, Q.C.,—for East Sydney.
 Henry Copeland, Esquire,—for New England.
 William John Lyne, Esquire,—for The Hume.
 Francis Bathurst Suttor, Esquire,—for Bathurst.
 Thomas Michael Slattery, Esquire,—for Boorowa.
 John Kidd, Esquire,—for Camden.

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

The Honorable George Richard Dibbs, Esquire,—for The Murrumbidgee.
 The Honorable John See, Esquire,—for Grafton.
 The Honorable Edmund Barton, Esquire, Q.C.,—for East Sydney.
 The Honorable Henry Copeland, Esquire,—for New England.
 The Honorable William John Lyne, Esquire,—for The Hume.
 The Honorable Francis Bathurst Suttor, Esquire,—for Bathurst.
 The Honorable Thomas Michael Slattery, Esquire,—for Boorowa.
 The Honorable John Kidd, Esquire,—for Camden.

3. **VACANT SEAT (Bourke)** :—Mr. Speaker informed the House that during the late adjournment, for a longer period than seven days, he had received a letter from James Peter Howe, Esquire, one of the Members for the Electoral District of Bourke, resigning his Seat as a Member for that Electorate; and that, in accordance with the provisions contained in the 17th clause of the Electoral Act of 1880, he had issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve in the room of Mr. Howe.
4. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT** :—Mr. Dibbs made a Ministerial Statement, informing the House of the intentions of the Government in dealing with the Public Business.
5. **MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—

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

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable 'Mort's Dock and Engineering Company (Limited)' to close portions of certain streets at Mort Bay, in the Borough of Balmain, being the north-east end of College-street and the north-east end of Trouton-street, and to establish a new street in lieu thereof,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 18th November, 1891.

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman Presiding.

(2.) **Nuisances Prevention Act Amendment Bill** :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Nuisances Prevention Act,' 39 Victoria No. 14, in certain respects,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 18th November, 1891.

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman Presiding.

NUISANCES PREVENTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 18th November, 1891.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 1, clause 1, lines 8 and 9. *Omit* "power conferred upon the Council of any Municipality
"under," *insert* "provisions of"
- Page 1, clause 1, line 10. *Omit* "the cleansing of"
- Page 1, clause 2, line 17. *Omit* "such Council shall cause"
- Page 1, clause 2, line 17. *Omit* "be used" *insert* "use"
- Page 1, clause 2, line 18. *Omit* "shall"
- Page 1, clause 2. At end of clause *add* "Provided that any Council may suspend the provisions
"of the ninth section of the Nuisances Prevention Act so far as applicable to earth
"closets in the case of any premises as to which the Council is satisfied that the owner
"or occupier has made suitable provision for the disposal of night-soil."

Page 1. *After* clause 2 *insert* the following new clause :—

3. In all cases in which the Governor is satisfied that adequate provision for the disposal of nightsoil, without danger to the public health, is made in or on behalf of any institution or establishment supported wholly or partly by grants from the Consolidated Revenue, and being the property of Her Majesty, or being vested in trustees or other persons on behalf of Her Majesty, or for public or charitable purposes, he may, by proclamation in the *Government Gazette*, withdraw such institution from the operation of this Act, and may at any time rescind such proclamation if necessary.

Examined,—

GEO. H. COX,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Tuesday next.

6. **QUESTIONS** :—

(1.) **Randwick Rifle Range** :—Mr. Nobbs asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Who was responsible for the design of the Randwick Rifle Range?
- (2.) Has his attention been called to the fact that the fire from the cadet section of the range will enflame the markers' trenches on the general range?
- (3.) Has any report been made to the proper authorities to the effect that on Saturday, 10th October, markers on the general range complained of bullets from the cadet range endangering their safety; and that bullets were afterwards picked up, which substantiated the complaint?

Mr.

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Major-General Commanding the Military Forces :—

- (1.) The Commanding Engineer and Director of Military Works.
- (2.) Yes; and the Commanding Engineer reports the statement is not correct.
- (3.) No.

(2.) Rebate on Wool carried by Rail :—Mr. Crick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Will he explain why a special allowance was made by the Railway Commissioners of 13s. 3d. per ton on greasy wool and 16s. 7d. per ton on washed wool, the clip of Toorale and Dunlop stations, on the Darling?
- (2.) Was any similar allowance made to any other person in that district, inside the limits fixed for which such allowances are given?
- (3.) Is it not a fact that these stations are 100 miles nearer to Bourke than Buckambie, on the Darling; and that no rebate is supposed to be made to any station nearer to Bourke than Buckambie?

Mr. See answered,—I am informed it is usual only to allow a rebate on wool sent from stations wholly west of the Paroo. Toorale and Dunlop stations do not lie within the district in which the rebate is usually allowed; but as there was a probability that the wool would have gone by river if the rebate had not been made, and in view of the very large clip (a guarantee being given that over 5,000 bales would be forwarded by the one owner), a rebate of 13s. 3d. per ton on greasy and 6s. 7d. (not 16s. 7d.) on scoured dumped was allowed. It may be mentioned also that this wool was dumped by hydraulic pressure, and was, therefore, carried to much greater advantage by the railway than undumped wool.

(3.) Road from Captain's Flat to the Cooma Road, at Norongo :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) The amount of money granted for the road from Captain's Flat to the Cooma Road, at Norongo, during the past four years?
- (2.) The amount expended on the said road during the like period?
- (3.) Has he received an application for the appointment of Trustees for this road; and, if so, why have they not been appointed?
- (4.) Is he aware that the road referred to is the only track the settlers in the Jingeras have to their natural markets at Captain's Flat, and that it is blocked with fallen timber, and is in a dangerous condition?
- (5.) In view of the foregoing, will he, without delay, appoint the Trustees recommended, and place a sum of money at their disposal to repair the road?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) No amount appears to have been granted for this road.
- (2.) No money has been spent on this road.
- (3.) Yes. No appointment has been made, because the matter has not been decided.
- (4.) The local officer reports that the road serves the settlers at the Jingeras and four or five other settlers. The Supervising Engineer adds it is possible there is a misapprehension as to this road. There is another direct route from Captain's Flat to the Cooma Road on which previous expenditure has been made, but the Norongo Road is now reported as the preferable one for improvement.
- (5.) As soon as the Votes for next year are available, I will deal with this matter without delay.

(4.) Rifle Reserve Companies :—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that Major-General Richardson some time ago recommended that the sum of £25 be granted as assistance to rifle reserve companies forming their own ranges?
- (2.) Did he also recommend that the loan of additional rifles should be granted by the Government to such companies?
- (3.) Is it a fact that a large number of these companies are without the requisite number of rifles for members' use?
- (4.) In view of the fact that these companies are purely volunteers, receiving no remuneration for their services, will he cause a sum of money to be placed on the Estimates for the purposes named?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

- (1 and 2.) Yes.
- (3.) All companies have the authorised number of rifles.
- (4.) This question requires further consideration.

(5.) Civil Service Inquiry Commission :—Mr. Stevenson asked the Colonial Secretary,—What has been the cost up to the present time to each Department of the inquiry into the working of the Civil Service by the Royal Commission, including visits paid to the country and travelling expenses?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I am informed by the Secretary of the Public Service Inquiry Commission that it is impossible to arrive at the cost to each Department, as in inquiring into the branches of one Department it has been necessary to obtain evidence and make comparisons with the way similar work is done in other Departments. The Commission have spent only £31 10s. in travelling expenses, and that for a visit that occupied one week and embraced all Government Offices at Goulburn, Wagga Wagga, Young, Cowra, Blayney, and Bathurst. Other information will be laid upon the Table of this House in the form of a Return.

(6.) Revenue derived from Crown Lands:—Mr. Rose asked the Secretary for Lands,—What revenue has been derived from land, inclusive of sales and leases, during the past five years?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Treasury:—1886, £1,644,017 19s. 8d.; 1887, £2,378,994 12s.; 1888, £2,268,252 10s. 4d.; 1889, £2,137,563 10s. 3d.; 1890, £2,243,039 5s. 9d. Total, £10,671,867 18s.

(7.) National Debt:—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What is the amount of the national debt, inclusive of the recent loan?

(2.) What is the annual amount of interest on the national debt, inclusive of the recent loan?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) The amount of the public debt, exclusive of Treasury Bills, but inclusive of the recent loan of £4,500,000, is £50,428,849 9s. 2d.

(2.) The annual amount of interest is £1,889,101 11s. 6d.

(8.) Applicants for Employment in Railway Department:—Mr. Hoyle, for Mr. Schey, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that applicants for employment in the Railway Department are now required to produce testimonials from a clergyman and a Justice of the Peace?

(2.) Is it a fact that a similar requisition is being made on old servants of the Department, many of whom have served long periods in the service?

(3.) Will he have the regulation referred to cancelled?

(4.) What arrangements is he prepared to make for those who are not members of churches, or who are unacquainted with any Justice of the Peace, or those who, by reason of distance or otherwise, are unable to comply with such requisition?

Mr. See answered,—I am informed it is not a fact. It may be added, under the regulations all persons seeking permanent employment are asked to produce satisfactory references as to personal character, and when applicants ask, which they often do, what kind of reference apart from that of their last employer they should bring, it has been suggested that of the clergyman of their denomination, or a Justice of the Peace, or other well known person. It does not apply to persons previously employed, unless their appointment has been of a temporary character only.

7. CRIMINAL LAW AND EVIDENCE AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Barton, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Barton then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Criminal Law and certain laws for the administration of justice.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to amend the Criminal Law and certain laws for the administration of justice,*"—with the amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendment the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 18th November, 1891.*

CRIMINAL LAW AND EVIDENCE AMENDMENT BILL.

Schedule of Amendment referred to in Message of 18th November, 1891.

F. W. WEBB,

Clerk of Legislative Assembly.

Page 6. *After clause 34 insert new clause 35:—*

35. The word "cattle" used in the Principal Act shall be held to include, in addition to the animals defined in the interpretation clause of such Act, camels and dromedaries; and the word "animal" mentioned in an Act passed in the fourteenth year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, numbered forty, and intituled "*An Act for the more effectual prevention of Cruelty to Animals*" shall be held to include, in addition to the animals therein mentioned, camels and dromedaries, and all other animals dependent upon man for their care or sustenance, or in a state of captivity.

Examined,—

NINIAN MELVILLE,
Chairman of Committees.

8. SUPREME COURT PROCEDURE BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Barton, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Barton then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to remove doubts as to the legality of certain sittings in Banco of Judges of the Supreme Court, and to provide for the holding of simultaneous sittings of such Court in Banco by and before Judges thereof in two or more divisions.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to remove doubts as to the legality of certain sittings in Banco of Judges of the Supreme Court, and to provide for the holding of simultaneous sittings of such Court in Banco by and before Judges thereof in two or more divisions,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

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Sydney, 18th November, 1891.*

9. **BANKERS BOOKS EVIDENCE BILL** (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Barton, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Barton then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Law of Evidence with respect to Bankers Books.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Law of Evidence with respect to Bankers Books,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

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Sydney, 18th November, 1891.

10. **PROPOSED LOCKING OF THE DARLING RIVER** (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Crick*, for Mr. Willis, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers, correspondence, letters, plans, and minutes having reference to the proposed locking of the Darling River. Question put and passed.
11. **CALLAN PARK ASYLUM** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Murphy moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing the number of hours worked by the attendants at Callan Park Asylum; also the amount of salary received. Question put and passed.
12. **WATER CONSERVATION BILL**:—On Motion of Mr. Dibbs, the Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill discharged. Mr. Dibbs then moved, That the Bill be withdrawn. Question put. The House divided.

Ayes, 56.

Mr. See,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Cass,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Scott,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Torpy,
Mr. R. G. D. FitzGerald,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Hoyle,	Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. York,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Dowel,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Murphy,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Traill,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Rose,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Newton.
Mr. Wall,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Bowes,	Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Crick.
Mr. G. D. Clark,	

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Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Gould,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Want,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Wise,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Gough,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Darnley,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Rae,
Mr. Dale,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Scobie.
Mr. Evc,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Bowman,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. E. M. Clark.
Mr. Inglis,	
Mr. Garrard,	
Mr. Cullen,	
Mr. Frank Farnell,	
Mr. Gormly,	
Dr. Cullen,	
Mr. Alfred Allen,	
Mr. Holborow,	
Mr. Fegan,	
Mr. Black,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

13. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
 (1.) Seats Re-distribution Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—until Tuesday, 1st December.
 (2.) Level Crossings on Railways Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to enable the Railway Commissioners of New South Wales to close certain level crossings, and to substitute, where necessary, overhead bridges or subways, or other conveniences in lieu thereof;—until Tuesday, 1st December.
 (3.) Bankruptcy Acts Amendment Bill; second reading;—until Wednesday next.
14. **DISTRICT GOVERNMENT BILL**:—Mr. Dibbs moved, That the Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill be discharged. Question put,—and Division called for,—but there being no Tellers on the part of the *Noes*, no Division could be had; and Mr. Speaker declared the Question to have been resolved in the *affirmative*. Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.
15. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
 (1.) Trade Disputes Conciliation and Arbitration Bill; second reading;—until Wednesday next.
 (2.) Goulburn to Crookwell Railway Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Goulburn to Crookwell;—until Wednesday, 2nd December.

16. PUBLICANS LICENSES FURTHER RESTRICTION BILL:—Mr. Dibbs moved, That the Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill be discharged.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 95.

Mr. Want,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. See,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Scott,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Cass,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Traill,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Bowman,
Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Dawson,	Mr. Gough,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Brunner,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. R. G. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. Hoyle,	Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Baxister,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Dowcl,	Mr. Donald,
Mr. York,	Mr. Evc,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Darnley,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. McGowan,
Mr. Collins,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Murphy,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Rose,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,	Mr. Dale,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Egan,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Donnelly,
Mr. Wall,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Bowes,	Mr. Newton,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Rue,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Dangar,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. G. J. Clark,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Hart.
Mr. Crick,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Haynes.
Mr. Young,	
Mr. Reid,	

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Mr. Garrard.

Tellers,

Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Alfred Allen.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.

17. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

- (1.) Divorce Amendment and Extension Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Neild, "That this Bill be now read a second time;"—until Monday, 30th November.
- (2.) Mortgages Act Amendment Bill; second reading;—until Monday, 14th December.
- (3.) Hay Irrigation Bill; second reading;—until Monday, 30th November.
- (4.) Law Practitioners Bill; second reading;—until Monday, 14th December.
- (5.) Early Closing Bill; second reading;—until Monday, 14th December.
- (6.) Diseases in Sheep Acts Further Amendment Bill; second reading;—until Monday, 30th November.

18. PAPERS:—

Mr. Copeland laid upon the Table.—Return to an Order made on 19th August, 1891,—“Pastoral Holdings in Land Districts of Forbes, Parkes, and Condobolin.”
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Kidd laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return respecting cost of Telephone Connections.
- (2.) Amended Telephone Regulations.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Additional By-laws—Borough of North Botany.
- (2.) Report of the Board for the Protection of the Aborigines for 1890.
- (3.) Return to an Order, made on 14th September, 1891,—“Purchase of the ship ‘Sobraon.’”

(4.)

(4.) Correspondence respecting Silk Culture on the Italian Settlement at the Richmond River, known as "New Italy."

(5.) Statement of cost of certain Commissions.

(6.) Correspondence respecting the movements of the Australasian Naval Squadron.

Ordered to be printed.

(7.) Report of the Royal Commission on Strikes.

19. **EARLY CLOSING OF SHOPS:**—Mr. Fegan presented a Petition from certain Shop Employees, stating their belief that the closing of drapers, tailors, grocers, mercers, butchers, and other shops should be regulated by Act of Parliament; and praying for the passing into law of a measure to give effect thereto.

Petition received.

20. **ELECTORAL REFORM BILL:**—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

JERSEY,

Message No. 13.

Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the law relating to Elections for the Legislative Assembly, and to remodel the system under which Members of the said Assembly are elected.

Government House,

Sydney, 18th November, 1891.

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

21. **ELECTORAL REFORM BILL:**—Mr. Barton (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House will, at a later hour of the day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law relating to Elections for the Legislative Assembly, and to remodel the system under which Members of the said Assembly are elected.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

JERSEY,

Message No. 14.

Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the services of the year 1891, and for a service to be hereafter provided for by Loan.

Government House,

Sydney, 18th November, 1891.

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

23. **SILKSTONE COAL-MINE RAILWAY ACT AMENDING BILL:**—Mr. Bowes presented a Petition from Richard Tilden Smith, of Sydney, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the "Silkstone Coal-mine Railway Act of 1889."

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

24. **PRIVILEGE** (*Seat of H. H. Brown, Esquire*):—Mr. Garvan proceeding to move, as a matter of privilege, a resolution on this subject,—

Point of Order:—Mr. Gould took exception to the matter being entered upon without Notice, as it had not suddenly arisen.

Mr. Speaker decided that Mr. Garvan was quite in order in bringing the subject before the House as a question of privilege.

Mr. Garvan then moved, That it be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications to inquire into and report to this House whether the seat of Herbert Harrington Brown, Esquire, Member for Durham, has not become vacant by his having entered into a contract with the Government with reference to certain leasehold property in Castlereagh-street.

Question put and passed.

25. **GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS (CONTRACTS) AMENDMENT BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Dibbs moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 85.

Mr. Copcland,	Mr. Henry Clark,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. See,	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. York,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Wise,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Donald,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Gough,
Mr. G. D. Clark,	Mr. Eve,
Mr. Lync,	Mr. Newton,
Mr. Dowel,	Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Rose,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Bowes,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Murphy,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Wall,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Darnley,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Gormly,	Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Traill,	Mr. Cass,
Mr. Bavister,	Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Danahey,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,	Mr. Leas,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Rae,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Cotton,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Neild,
Mr. Dangar,	Mr. Donnelly,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Suttor.
Mr. Nobbs,	
Mr. Scott,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Toohy,
Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Parkes.
Mr. Kirkpatrick,	

Noes, 5.

Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Newman,
Dr. Cullen.*Tellers,*Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Cullen.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

26. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS.—Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the requirements of the Electoral Act of 1880, laid upon the Table his Warrant appointing Henry Clarke, Esquire, to be a member of 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—

“Henry Clarke, Esquire,

“being a Member of the said Assembly, to be a member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications in the said Act referred to, during the present Session of the Assembly aforesaid, in the room of Francis Bathurst Suttor, Esquire, whose Seat in the said Assembly was declared vacant on the twenty-sixth day of October last, by reason of his acceptance of the office of Minister of Public Instruction.

“Given under my hand, at the Legislative Assembly Chamber, Macquarie-street, Sydney,
“this eighteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight
“hundred and ninety-one.

“J. P. ABBOTT,
“Speaker.”

27. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until To-morrow:—

(1.) Representation of the People Bill (No. 2) reported; adoption of report.
(2.) Supply; House to resolve itself into Committee.
(3.) Ways and Means; House to resolve itself into Committee.

28. ELECTORAL REFORM BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Barton, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Law relating to Elections for the Legislative Assembly, and to remodel the system under which Members of the said Assembly are elected.

Mr.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to Elections for the Legislative Assembly, and to remodel the system under which Members of the said Assembly are elected.

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

(2.) Mr. Barton then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Law relating to Elections for the Legislative Assembly, and to remodel the system under which Members of the said Assembly are elected*,"—which was read a first time.

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 51.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 19 NOVEMBER, 1891.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Salaries of the Civil Service:—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What was the amount of money voted for salaries connected with the Civil Service of the Colony for 1886?

(2.) What was the amount of money voted for salaries connected with the Civil Service of the Colony for 1891?

Mr. See answered,—The required information will be prepared and laid upon the Table of this House in the form of a Return.

- (2.) Survey Fees:—Mr. Rose asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it his intention to amend the Crown Lands Act so as to provide for the abolition of survey fees, or to regulate them on a progressive basis of payment, the amount paid being deducted from the principal?

Mr. Copeland answered,—It is not my intention at present to propose any interference with the Crown Lands Acts.

- (3.) Tenders for Gas-works at Eveleigh:—Mr. Sharp asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) How many tenders were received by the Railway Commissioners for the gas-works at Eveleigh, giving names and prices?

(2.) Who was the lowest tenderer?

(3.) Has the lowest tenderer, after his tender being accepted, proceeded with the carrying out of the work?

(4.) Was a tender much higher accepted privately by the Commissioners?

(5.) What is the name of the engineer who is carrying out the work?

Mr. See answered,—I am informed that five tenders were received for the gas-works at Eveleigh, as follows, viz.:—John Meeks, £16,683 3s. 7d.; W. W. Monks, £12,130; O. M'Master, £14,789 16s. 7d.; John Ahearn, £14,874; J. Coates & Co., £13,215. The tender of W. W. Monk being the lowest was accepted, but subsequently he wrote to the Railway Commissioners intimating his inability to take up the contract, and the next lowest tender, viz., Coates & Co., was accepted. The work is being done under the supervision of the Acting Engineer-in-Chief for Existing Lines.

- (4.) Lake Cudgellico:—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Mines,—When will fresh tenders be called for works to conserve water in Lake Cudgellico?

Mr. Slattery answered,—Fresh tenders will be invited next week.

- (5.) Water Supply for Juneë:—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the promise made by the Public Works Department, that an officer would be sent to report on the proposed schemes for a water supply for Juneë, be carried out?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The officer left for Juneë yesterday to make the necessary surveys.

- (6.) Weir on the Lachlan River:—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Mines,—When is it intended to have a weir constructed on the Lachlan River, at Hillston, for the purpose of supplying that town with water?

Mr. Slattery answered,—Steps will be taken to construct the weir as soon as the state of the river will permit.

- (7.) Chicago Exhibition Commission:—Mr. Wright asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has an approximate estimate been formed of the probable cost of the Chicago Exhibition Commission appointed by the late Government; if so, what is the amount of same?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I am not able to answer the Honorable Member's Question to-day. I have called upon the Commission for an estimate of the cost, but I have nothing before me at the present moment. From what I can gather outside the Commission, I believe the cost will be about £50,000.

(8.)

- (8.) Telegraph Line between Berridale and Jindabyne:—*Mr. Chapman*, for Mr Dawson, asked the Postmaster-General,—When will the telegraph line between Berridale and Jindabyne, for which tenders were called last month, be completed?

Mr. Kidd answered,—The tender was accepted on the 6th instant, and the line is to be completed within two months from that date.

- (9.) Population Reserve, Gundaroo:—Mr. Inglis asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that a population reserve for Gundaroo, in the parish of Tonal, was gazetted as such in November, 1871?
 - (2.) Has that reserve ever been revoked by notice in the *Government Gazette*, as required by the 102nd section of the Land Acts of 1884 and 1889 or any other Land Act previously in force?
 - (3.) If the said reserve has been cancelled by such notice as required, will he give the number and date of the *Government Gazette* in which the proclamation revoking the same appeared?
 - (4.) If the said reserve has not been revoked, as required by the 102nd section of the Land Acts of 1884 and 1889, is it still a population reserve; if not, by what authority and how does it become otherwise?
 - (5.) Is it a fact that Mr. Patrick Leahy made two selections on this said reserve, and that both were cancelled and his deposit refunded, because the land selected was a reserve?
 - (6.) Is it a fact that since this said refund to Leahy the same land has been selected by Elias Charles Masters and John Pike, and surveyed for them?
 - (7.) Is it the intention of the Minister to allow Masters and Pike to retain the selections, after the same having been refused to Leahy; and, if so, by virtue of what authority is the one to be allowed after the other had been refused?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1, 2, 3, and 4.) A list compiled from the Census returns of 1871 showing the population of the different towns in the Colony and the distances from the outside boundaries of such towns within which lands are exempt from conditional purchase, in accordance with the provisions of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, was published in the *Government Gazette* of 10th November, 1871. The list showed that Gundaroo had 108 inhabitants, and the limits within which land could not be selected were consequently 2 miles. When the census of 1881 was taken, it was found that Gundaroo had only 90 inhabitants, consequently the population area no longer existed, it being dependent on a population of not less than 100 (under section 13 of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861). A reserve, pending completion of census, was notified on the 6th April, 1881, and cancelled on the 25th February, 1884.

(5.) Yes, in 1875; declared void 12th February, 1876.

(6 and 7.) Applications have been made for certain land at Gundaroo by John Pike and Elias C. Masters, but as the papers are with the Local Land Board, it cannot be stated whether these applications cover the land formerly applied for by Leahy, but inquiry will be made.

- (10.) Crown Lands in Murray and Murrumbidgee Districts:—Mr. Hayes asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Considering the large area of Crown Lands, principally reserves, formally made in the interest of the lessees on some runs in the Murray and Murrumbidgee districts to the extent of 40,000 acres specially adapted for agricultural purposes, and now held at a nominal rental,—will he take immediate steps to have it made available for selection, carrying out the provision of the 1884 Land Act, that half the Crown lands then under lease should be reserved for selection on the resumed area, but which have since then, and are now, held exclusively by the leaseholders, in conjunction with their leasehold areas, preventing small settlement, and locking up the lands from the people?

(2.) Will he, when revoking unnecessary reserves, leave them open for ordinary selection, except those in the vicinity of towns, and not, as has been the practice, as special areas in small portions, and at prices *bona fide* selectors could not pay, practically allowing the land to be monopolised by the large land-owners?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) Circulars were sent to the various District Surveyors on the 11th August and 11th December, 1885, and 26th February and 28th June, 1889, instructing them to report on all unnecessary reserves throughout the Colony, a copy of a Resolution by the Legislative Assembly on the subject being forwarded for their information. With regard to the locality referred to by the Honorable Member, the District Surveyors at Hay and Wagga Wagga reported (on the 25th March and 10th September, 1889, respectively) in reply to the circulars in question that the matter had received special attention, and that a large number of cases had been dealt with, and others were under review. I should be glad if the Honorable Member would specify more particularly the reserves referred to by him.

(2.) I cannot say; each case must be dealt with on its merits, having due regard to the value of the land and the facilitating of settlement.

- (11.) Mrs. Cunyngname, late Superintendent of the Macquarie-street Asylum, Parramatta:—*Mr. Walker*, for Mr. Crick, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Was Mr. Maxted represented by council or attorney before the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the case of Mrs. Cunyngname, late Superintendent of the Macquarie-street Asylum, Parramatta?

(2.) What amount has been paid as legal expenses in the said case?

(3.) By whom was the amount paid?

(4.) Is it usual for civil servants to employ legal assistance whenever there is an inquiry into the working of their Departments?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) £306; approved of by the late Colonial Secretary.

(3.) By the Government.

(4.) This being a matter of opinion, I am not in a position to give an answer except as my own individual opinion, and I should say that it depends upon circumstances. (12.)

(12.) Kiama Road District:—Mr. Morton asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) How many assistants has the Kiama District Road Superintendent?
- (2.) What pay do they receive?
- (3.) Has his attention been called to the fact that the Kiama Road District is too large for one superintendent to look after, thus causing great delay in carrying out local works?
- (4.) Will he give this matter early attention, so that more satisfactory arrangements can be made?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) One assistant.
- (2.) Twelve shillings a day.
- (3 and 4.) The Kiama District is not considered too large, many larger districts (containing more roads and works) are managed by one officer with like assistance. It is proposed to remove the head quarters to Nowra, as being more central.

(13.) Grain (Barley, Beans, &c.) Imported into Colony:—Mr. Dangar asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) How soon will the Return promised by the late Colonial Treasurer, showing the quantity of grain (barley, beans, bran, maize, oats, pollard, sharps, wheat) imported and exported to the 30th September be laid upon the Table?
- (2.) Will he cause the Return to include potatoes, onions, and green vegetables, and to be made up to the 31st October?

Mr. See answered,—I shall presently lay this Return upon the Table.

(14.) Sydney Infirmary:—Mr. Alfred Allen asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will the Government, at an early date take into consideration the present unsatisfactory and dangerous condition of the Sydney Infirmary, and the urgent necessity for the erection of a more suitable building?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—Immediately after the Government was formed it took into consideration the position of the Sydney Hospital. The subject is still under consideration, with a determination on the part of the Government to take steps to put an end to the scandal now existing.

(15.) Extension of Tramway to Bondi Beach:—Mr. Alfred Allen asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Have the surveys been taken for the extension of the tramway to Bondi beach?
- (2.) Is it his intention to authorise the construction of the extension at an early date?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) I find that Mr. Bruce Smith, when Minister for Works, decided, after consideration of the matter in the light of the Railway Commissioners' opinion as to the prospects, that he could not recommend the construction of this extension.

(16.) Appeal Judgments:—Mr. J. D. FitzGerald asked the Attorney-General,—Has his attention been called to the extraordinary delays in the delivery of appeal judgments?

Mr. Barton answered,—I am informed by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice that no representation has been made to his Department on the subject, nor is he personally aware of any such delays. He takes the opportunity, however, of pointing out that the absence, from ill-health, of two of the judges has thrown so much additional labour on those remaining that such delays may be expected to occur if assistance is not afforded. The Government contemplate making statutory provision at an early date for enabling them at comparatively small cost to relieve the Bench from the strain imposed upon it under existing circumstances.

2. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. See moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of a Bill, intituled "A Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1891, and for a Service to be hereafter provided for by Loan," through all its stages in one day; and would also preclude the Resolutions of the Committees of Supply and of Ways and Means respectively, whereon the Bill is proposed to be founded, being received on the same day on which they were come to by the said Committees respectively.

Question put and passed.

3. GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS (CONTRACTS) AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Dibbs, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Dibbs then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the 'Government Railways Act of 1888,' in respect to certain Contracts to be made by the Commissioners appointed under that Act.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Government Railways Act of 1888,' in respect to certain Contracts to be made by the Commissioners appointed under that Act,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 19th November, 1891.*

4. SILKSTONE COAL-MINE RAILWAY ACT AMENDING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

- (1.) Mr. Bowes moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the "Silkstone Coal-mine Railway Act of 1889."

Question put and passed.

- (2.) Mr. Bowes 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 amend the 'Silkstone Coal-mine Railway Act of 1889'*"—read a first time.

5. **PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS (Formal Motion):**—Mr. Houghton moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing the names of all members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works since its inception, together with the number of sittings attended, and the amount received, as fees and expenses, by each member.
Question put and passed.
6. **CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION BY JAMES AND PATRICK GUIHEN (Formal Motion):**—Mr. Morton moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers and correspondence relating to the claim for compensation by James and Patrick Guihen, in respect of certain land in the parish of Cambewarra, county of Camden, at Droger's Creek.
Question put and passed.
7. **GOULBURN WATER SUPPLY CHARGES BILL (Formal Motion):**—Dr. Hollis moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the Borough of Goulburn to recover certain rates and charges due in respect of the water supply within the Municipality of Goulburn.
Question put and passed.
8. **PUBLIC INSTRUCTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (Formal Motion):**—Mr. Melville moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal sections eleven, twelve, twenty-seven, and thirty of the Public Instruction Act of 1880.
Question put and passed.
9. **POSTPONEMENT:**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Racing Association Bill postponed until Monday, 14th December.
10. **RAILWAY FROM EVELEIGH TO LA PEROUSE:**—Mr. Hoyle presented a Petition from certain Property-owners and Residents of Botany, submitting reasons in favour of the construction of a railway from Eveleigh to La Perouse, *via* Alexandria, North Botany, and Botany; and praying the House, in view of the many advantages of such a line, to take into consideration the advisability of constructing it.
Petition received.
11. **PAPERS:**—
Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of St. John, county of Cumberland, for an approach from the Parramatta River to the Parramatta Sewage Farm.
(2.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Wollongong, county of Camden, in connection with the construction of a bridge over Allen's Creek, near Wollongong.
(3.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Redbank, county of Macquarie, for wharf site, at Morton's Creek, Hastings River.
(4.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Petersham, county of Cumberland, in connection with the extension of Callan Park Asylum.
(5.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Petersham, county of Cumberland, in connection with the northern main sewer, Western Suburbs Sewerage.
(6.) Return showing Water-works constructed under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880.
(7.) Return to an Order made on 27th August, 1891,—“Proposed Railway from Jamberoo to the Illawarra and South Coast Line.”
(8.) Return showing expenditure on Officers' Quarters, &c., Victoria Barracks.
(9.) Annual Statement of works carried out by the Public Works Department during the year 1890.
Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Copeland 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 the provisions of the 105th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18, and the 41st section of the Act 53 Victoria No. 21.
(2.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th and 101st sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
(3.) Abstract of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the 107th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
(4.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from Sale for the preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 101st, 104th, 109th, and 112th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
(5.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorised to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
Ordered to be printed.
(6.) Return to an Order made on 30th July, 1891,—“Thoroughfare known as Breakneck, Double Bay.”
- Mr. See laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land for and in connection with maintaining the traffic on the Great Western Railway, by providing additional engine-shed and other works at Blayney Station.
(2.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land for and in connection with maintaining the efficiency of the Great Southern Railway, by providing facilities for obtaining ballast for the repairs to the roadway of the said railway line.

- (3.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land for and in connection with providing additional accommodation and sheds at Singleton Railway Station.
- (4.) Report of Board of Audit on Public Accounts.
- (5.) Return showing the quantity of grain imported and exported at the ports of Sydney and Newcastle during the nine months ended 30th September, 1891.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Suttor laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report of the Trustees of the Australian Museum for the year 1890.

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Notification of resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land for Public School purposes at Bargo West, Berrima Colliery, Canimbla Creek, Demondrille Junction, Derringullen, Dorrroughby Grass, Dubbo, Dunkeld, Erina, Fox Ground, Jindalee West, North Creek, Rose Valley, Tarago, Thanowring, Theresa Park.

Mr. Slattery laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return to an Order made on 23rd September, 1891,—“Discovery of Gold, Silver, and Copper at Narangaril.”

(2.) Return to an Order made on 12th October, 1891,—“Mr. E. L. Maitland, Police Magistrate, Clerk of Petty Sessions, and Warden.”

Ordered to be printed.

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

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

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, that the report be now received.

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

(1.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £400,000, being £350,000 for Services of 1891, being £100,000 towards recouping the Treasurer's Advance Account for payments made therefrom for Supplementary Services of 1891, pending Parliamentary Appropriation for the same, and £250,000 for Railways and Tramways Working Expenses, further sum—pending the passing of the amount on the Supplementary Estimates, and, in anticipation of Loan Vote, £50,000 for Additions, Alterations, and Improvements to Roads, Stations, and Buildings.

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

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

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

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, that the report be now received.

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

(1.) *Resolved*,—That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Services of the year 1891, the sum of £400,000 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

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

14. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL:—

- (1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. See, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 1), to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1891, and for a Service to be hereafter provided for by Loan.

- (2.) Mr. See then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1891, and for a Service to be hereafter provided for by Loan*,”—which was read a first time.

Mr. See moved, That the Bill be printed, and now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

[PAPER:—Mr. Garvan laid upon the Table statement of expenditure during the month of October, 1891, on account of Consolidated Revenue Fund and General Loan Fund.]

Question,—That the Bill be printed, and now read a second time,—put and passed.

- (3.) Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

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

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

Mr. See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1891, and for a Service to be hereafter provided for by Loan*.”

Question put and passed.

Ordered,

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1891, and for a Service to be hereafter provided for by Loan,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 19th November, 1891.*

15. ELECTORAL REFORM BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Barton moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Reid moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

16. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1891, and for a Service to be hereafter provided for by Loan,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 19th November, 1891.*

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman Presiding.

The House adjourned, at sixteen minutes after Ten o'clock, until Monday next at Four o'clock.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 52.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, 23 NOVEMBER, 1891.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Loans and Treasury Bills:—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Treasurer,—The amount of the indebtedness of the Treasury for loans, including Treasury Bills, irrespective of the authorised loans from England?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—On behalf of my honorable friend the Treasurer, I have to say that he will, to-morrow, lay upon the Table of the House a Return, giving the required information.

- (2.) Tram-line, Bondi Junction to Waverley Terminus:—Mr. Neild, for Mr. Alfred Allen, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it his intention to authorise the duplication of the tram-line from Bondi Junction to the Waverley terminus?

Mr. Lyne answered,—This is a matter which concerns the Railway Commissioners, and I understand it is not their intention at present to duplicate this line.

- (3.) Reformatory Buildings at Rookwood:—Mr. Dale asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will the Government, as soon as possible, consider the question of utilising the buildings and land at Rookwood, known as the reformatory?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The question of what to do with the buildings at Rookwood, originally put up as a reformatory, has already engaged the attention of the Government; and after receiving a deputation from some of the Members for Central Cumberland, the district which the hon. Member represents, I propose to visit the grounds with them and some others on Saturday next, with the view of bringing the matter before the Cabinet for decision. Personally, I am in favour of using the buildings for the purpose for which they were erected—that is, as a reformatory.

- (4.) Court-house at Liverpool:—Mr. Dale asked the Colonial Secretary,—Can the Government give any information as to what they intend to do in regard to the Court-house at Liverpool,—is it intended to effect repairs to the old buildings, or to construct new buildings?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The Department of Justice has approved of certain repairs and alterations to the Court-house at Liverpool being carried out, and plans are now being prepared.

- (5.) Railway to Eastern Suburbs:—Mr. Neild for Mr. Alfred Allen asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it his intention to authorise the construction of a railway to the eastern suburbs on the survey suggested by the Commission?

Mr. Lyne answered,—This matter will be considered by the Cabinet when the Public Works policy of the Government is being determined.

- (6.) Martin Place:—Mr. Dowel asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) The names of the contractors for sundry works and paving Martin-place?
- (2.) The amount of contract and schedule rates?
- (3.) The date fixed for completion of contract?
- (4.) What are the penalties (if any) for non-completion of contract?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I will presently lay this information upon the Table of the House in the shape of a Return.

2. LABOUR PROTECTION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

- (1.) Mr. Sheldon moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to restrain the importation or immigration of aliens, and certain other persons, under contract or agreement to perform labour or service in New South Wales; and for other purposes connected therewith.
Question put and passed.

(2.)

- (2) Mr. Sheldon then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to restrain the importation or immigration of aliens, and certain other persons, under contract or agreement to perform labour or service in New South Wales; and for other purposes connected therewith,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Monday, 14th December.
3. SILKSTONE COAL-MINE RAILWAY ACT AMENDING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Bowes moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That the Silkstone Coal-mine Railway Act Amending 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. Lyne, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Hart, Mr. Gillies, Mr. Sheldon, Mr. Scobie, Mr. Rose, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
4. POLLING DAY LIQUOR PROHIBITION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. G. D. Clark moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill for the closing of licensed public-houses; and for the prohibition of the sale and supply of intoxicating liquors on Parliamentary Election days; and for other purposes connected therewith.
Question put and passed.
5. MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF SYDNEY ELECTRIC LIGHTING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Melville, for Mr. Martin, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to give powers to the Municipal Council of Sydney to light the streets and public places of the City of Sydney with the electric light; and to supply electricity for lighting, motive power, and domestic use to consumers for private use; and to levy rates and make charges in respect of such lighting and supply; and, for the purposes aforesaid, to acquire and use land, and the right to use patents, and acquire or construct works, and break open streets, remove obstructions, and lay down electric lines; and to borrow money, enter into contracts for all or any of the said purposes, sell or lease fittings, and do other matters incidental to such lighting and supply; and to protect the Council from being defrauded, impeded, or harassed in the exercise of the aforesaid powers; and to make provision for the safety of the public; and for other purposes.
Question put and passed.
6. PAWNBROKERS BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Crick, for Mr. Willis, 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 amend an Act for regulating the trade or business of Pawnbrokers in New South Wales, 13 Victoria No. 37.
Question put and passed.
7. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Monday next:—
(1.) Agricultural Holdings Bill; second reading.
(2.) Jamberoo and Kiama Boroughs Naming Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Legislative Council's amendments.
8. ATTACK UPON THE SHEARERS AT DUNLOP STATION, NEAR BOURKE:—Mr. R. B. Wilkinson presented a Petition from certain shearers and shed-hands at present employed on the Dunlop Station, near Bourke, stating the circumstances under which the Petitioners while quietly and peaceably carrying on their lawful occupation at Dunlop Station were threatened by some three hundred persons assembled at the woolshed, with violence and bodily injury, unless they desisted from their work and broke their agreements, and were, on their refusal to break such agreements, set upon and forcibly taken away as prisoners to a place called "The Union Camp," where their swags were stolen, and forcible possession taken of the Petitioners, their goods and property, and detained for six days; and praying the House to take into its consideration their grievances, and grant them redress.
At the request of Mr. Wilkinson, the Petition was read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker.
Petition received.
9. MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF SYDNEY ELECTRIC LIGHTING BILL:—Mr. Martin presented a Bill, intituled, "*A Bill to give powers to the Municipal Council of Sydney to light the streets and public places of the City of Sydney with the electric light; and to supply electricity for lighting, motive power, and domestic use to consumers for private use; and to levy rates and make charges in respect of such lighting and supply; and for the purposes aforesaid to acquire and use land, and the right to use patents, and acquire and construct works, and break open streets, remove obstructions, and lay down electric lines; and to borrow money, enter into contracts for all or any of the said purposes, sell or lease fittings, and do other matters incidental to such lighting and supply; and to protect the Council from being defrauded, impeded, or harassed in the exercise of the aforesaid powers; and to make provision for the safety of the public; and for other purposes,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Monday, 11th January.
10. WAGGA WAGGA SCHOOL OF ARTS ENABLING BILL:—Mr. Gormly presented a Petition from Alexander Thorley Bolton, James Gormly, Harry Berkeley Fitzhardinge, James Robert Garland, and Charles Hardy, trustees of the Wagga Wagga School of Arts, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the trustees of the Wagga Wagga School of Arts to mortgage certain lands situated in the town of Wagga Wagga, or lease any part thereof, and for declaring the trusts of the moneys raised by such mortgage or lease.
And Mr. Gormly having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, and *Wagga Wagga Advertiser*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.

16. MARKING CROWN LANDS OPEN TO CONDITIONAL PURCHASE, SPECIAL AREAS, AND RESERVES:—

Mr. Sheldon moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should cause all the Crown Lands in the Colony which are open to conditional purchase to be marked out—without survey—in blocks of 1,280 acres each, with posts at each corner, indicating the number of such portion; and the same portion should be marked on the parish maps, kept in the local Lands Office, with similar numbers.

(2.) That all special areas and reserves should be marked and numbered in a similar manner.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

17. NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES:—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That, inasmuch as the present system of national scholarships and bursaries does not allow the children of the back districts a fair opportunity of competing for the scholastic prizes offered by the State, it is desirable that the system should be extended as follows:—

(1.) By the division of the Colony into scholastic districts, inside of which scholarships or bursaries, tenable at some local superior school, should be offered for local competition only.

(2.) The extension of the system of high schools to Goulburn, Albury, Broken Hill, Wentworth, Bourke, Grafton, and Tamworth, and the offering of scholarships or bursaries, tenable at such high schools, for competition among the children attending the superior schools of the adjacent districts.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

18. ROYAL COMMISSION TO REPORT UPON THE LAWS OF THE COUNTRY:—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to appoint a Royal Commission—consisting partly of legal experts and partly of Members of this House—for the purpose of reporting upon the laws of the country, and notifying which of them are obsolete or undesirable, and what measures of a modern character should be substituted for them.

Question put and passed.

19. THE LAND LAWS:—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the following provisions should be embodied in the next measure for the amendment of the land laws:—A classification of lands, in which a lesser amount than £1 per acre should be charged for the mountain and inferior country; the abolition of the survey fees; an extension of three years on the period for placing improvements upon conditional purchases, and five years upon conditional leases.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

20. LAVATORY ACCOMMODATION IN RAILWAY CARRIAGES:—Mr. Davis moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, lavatory accommodation in "second-class" carriages on our State Railways is a necessary adjunct to, and in conformity with, the requirements of our present civilisation.

Mr. Campbell moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word "second-class" with a view to the insertion in its place of the word "all."

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

Debate ensued.

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

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

Question then,—That, in the opinion of this House, lavatory accommodation in all carriages on our State Railways is a necessary adjunct to, and in conformity with, the requirements of our present civilisation,—put and passed.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at ten minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock p.m.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 53.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 24 NOVEMBER, 1891.

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

ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill:—

JERSEY,

Message No. 15.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1891, and for a Service to be hereafter provided for by Loan*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 21st November, 1891.

- (2.) Supreme Court Procedure Bill:—

JERSEY,

Message No. 16.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to remove doubts as to the legality of certain sittings in Banco of Judges of the Supreme Court, and to provide for the holding of simultaneous sittings of such Court in Banco by and before Judges thereof in two or more divisions*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 24th November, 1891.

- (3.) Bankers Books Evidence Bill:—

JERSEY,

Message No. 17.

Governor.

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

Government House,

Sydney, 24th November, 1891.

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

JERSEY,

Message No. 18.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable 'Mort's Dock and Engineering Company (Limited)' to close portions of certain streets at Mort Bay, in the Borough of Balmain, being the north-east end of College-street and the north-east end of Trouton-street, and to establish a new street in lieu thereof*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 21st November, 1891.

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Mining Interest at Tasmanian Exhibition:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for *Mr. Tonkin*, asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is it his intention to send a competent person to represent the mining interest to the Tasmanian Exhibition in the interest of this Colony?

Mr. Slattery answered,—*Mr. Ford*, who has been employed at several Exhibitions in connection with mineral exhibits prepared by this Department, is in charge (under the Executive Commissioner) of the mineral exhibits at the Tasmanian Exhibition, and it is thought he is capable of furnishing all necessary information respecting the mineral resources of this Colony.

- (2.) Cost of Medical Corps of Permanent Artillery:—*Mr. Wright* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What is the total annual cost of the Medical Corps of the Permanent Artillery; the name of each officer holding an appointment in this corps, and the amount of salary received by him?

(2.) The total amount annually paid in salary to Staff Surgeon-Major *Williams* for the various appointments held by him; and the total amount that he receives as allowances for quarters, forage, servants, rations, fuel, light, travelling and other expenses?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table a Return in answer to this Question.

- (3.) Defence Force:—*Mr. Wright* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What is the total cost in salaries, allowances, rent, and travelling expenses of the staff of the New South Wales Defence Force, including the Head-Quarter Staff and the Regimental Staff of the different corps, both permanent and volunteer?

(2.) The name and rank of each commissioned officer holding a staff appointment in the Colony, with the amount that each receives in pay and allowances of all descriptions, including travelling expenses?

(3.) The name and rank of each Imperial officer now holding an appointment in the Colony as military instructor, with the total annual payment made to each, including salary, allowances, and other expenses?

(4.) What are the special duties of each of the Imperial military instructors now in the pay of the Colony?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I will cause a Return to be prepared and laid upon the Table, giving the required information.

- (4.) Partially-paid Infantry:—*Mr. Young*, for *Mr. Neild*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the infantry, under the partially-paid system, has been subjected to stoppage of pay where the classification as marksmen had not been obtained in the case of company officers and volunteers?

(2.) If so, will he cause a Return of such stoppages to be laid upon the Table of the House, together with a return showing,—(a) the date on which the officers of the General Staff went through a course of musketry; (b) their classification; (c) the weapon used; (d) the same as respects the officers of the Regimental Staff; (e) the same as respects the officers of the Permanent Staff?

(3.) What is the reason that the Partially-paid Infantry company officers have been subjected to the penalty from which the General Staff, Permanent Staff, and Regimental Staff, and also all the other arms of the Service have been exempted?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I am informed by the Major-General Commanding the Military Forces that there is no stoppage, as the regulations lay down the principle that before money can be applied it must be earned. Persons who fail to comply with the higher requirements of musketry do not earn the pay contingent thereon, but are paid in accordance with sliding scale as embodied in the regulations. Staff officers, Imperial and local, do not go through the musketry course; but it is absolutely necessary that the officers of infantry, whose special arm is the rifle, should do so.

- (5.) Lake Urana:—*Mr. Gormly* asked the Secretary for Mines,—When is it intended to have a canal constructed from the Murrumbidgee River, at a point near Wagga Wagga, to Lake Urana, for the purpose of supplying that lake with water?

Mr. Slattery answered,—This work cannot be undertaken in the absence of legislation on the subject.

- (6.) Tug Service at Northern Ports:—*Mr. Dangar* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—How soon will the Return promised by the late Minister for Works on the 15th October, showing the sums paid to subsidise the tug service north of Sydney, names of steamers, and ports at which stationed, be laid upon the Table?

Mr. See answered,—I will lay the Return upon the Table of the House this afternoon.

- (7.) Temporary Employés, Post and Telegraph Department:—*Mr. Black* asked the Postmaster-General,—Is it true that temporary hands now employed in the Post and Telegraph Department have not received their last month's salary; if not, why not?

Mr. Kidd answered,—The temporary hands in the Postal Branch have received their pay for last month. Those in the Telegraph Branch have not yet been paid, as the Contingent Vote of that Department is exhausted; but I have now made arrangements with the Treasury for their immediate payment.

- (8.) Government Buildings at Rookwood:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for *Mr. Nicoll*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to use the present Government buildings at Rookwood, now lying idle, as a reformatory for boys?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—This Question was asked by another Honorable Member yesterday, and was answered to the effect that the matter was under the consideration of the Government, and that I intended visiting the buildings on Saturday next with a number of persons well acquainted with such matters.

(9.) Caterer for recent Cadet Encampment:—Mr. G. D. Clark asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) The name of the caterer who supplied the provisions for the recent cadet encampment?
- (2.) The amount per head, and the total amount paid for the supply of provisions?
- (3.) Is it a fact that complaints were made in regard to the quality of the meat and other provisions?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

- (1.) C. B. Abel and Company.
- (2.) Cadets—Breakfast, 3½d. per head; dinner, 5½d. per head; tea, 3½d. per head. Officers and teachers—Breakfast, 9d. per head; lunch, 9d. per head; dinner, 1s. per head. Total cost, £962 19s. 10d.
- (3.) No complaints have reached me.

(10.) Mr. District Court Judge M'Farland:—Mr. Houghton asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to take steps to compel Mr. District Court Judge M'Farland to retire from the Bench of the Colony at an early date?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—No complaint of any kind has been made to the Government against Mr. District Court Judge M'Farland, nor are the Government aware of any facts which would justify the step indicated. My honorable colleague the Minister for Justice informs me that certain statements having been publicly made reflecting on the conduct of Mr. District Court Judge M'Farland in his private transactions he is now making inquiries with the view of ascertaining whether or not there is any foundation for such statements.

(11.) State Labour Bureau:—Mr. Houghton asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he take an early opportunity of bringing under the attention of the Government the question of the establishment of a Department of Industry and a State Labour Bureau, or failing that, the advisableness of submitting to Parliament a Bill for the regulation of registry offices?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The question of the establishment of a Department of Industry and a State Labour Bureau is one which has been discussed by the Cabinet, and is still under consideration, and as soon as the Government can obtain time which will enable them to give closer study to the question, some further information will be furnished to the Honorable Member.

(12.) Chicago Exhibition:—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Secretary,—In consideration that Parliament has not yet authorised the expenditure of £50,000 in connection with the Chicago Exhibition, will he defer all arrangements until the House has been consulted in the matter?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—In reply to the Honorable Member's Question, I have to state that the origination of the representation of this Colony at the Chicago Exhibition is due to our predecessors, the late Government, and a pledge was given by the late Government to the Government of the United States that this Colony should be represented at the Chicago Exhibition. A Commission and officers were appointed by the late Government, and it is too late now, even if it were desirable, to take the step pointed out by the Honorable Member. We have gone beyond the power to draw back. The Colony is pledged to be represented, and the pledge made by our predecessors should be respected.

(13.) The Codlin Moth:—Mr. Rose asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Codlin Moth was introduced into New South Wales by the importation of American apples?
- (2.) Is it a fact that at present diseased apples are being imported?
- (3.) If so, will he take steps, in the interest of our orchards, to have all imported fruit examined before delivery is taken of same?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) It is not definitely known how the Codlin Moth was introduced into New South Wales, but it was certainly imported.
- (2.) I have reason to believe that diseased fruit is now sometimes imported into this Colony.
- (3.) A Bill has been prepared dealing fully with the whole subject of insect pests, and providing for the inspection of all imported fruit.

(14.) Artificial Production of Rain:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has the attention of the Government been directed to the reports upon the successful experiments made in Texas, Ontario, and Madras, with regard to the artificial production of rain?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the Geographical Society of South Australia is about to make a similar experiment?
- (3.) In view of the immense importance of rain in the semi-arid districts of New South Wales, do the Government intend to follow the example of the American Congress by subsidising experiments for the artificial production of rain at Broken Hill, or other localities, where rain is much needed?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The Question of producing rain by the use of dynamite is one which the Government would be glad to consider if the Honorable Member would provide them with the information which he has evidently collected on the subject. Personally, I am inclined to think that there is something in the experiments which have taken place in America, and I think the Colony would act wisely in trying experiments in some of the back parts of the Colony where a fall of rain would be a pleasant surprise and a change. The money would be well worth spending in a proper trial.

(15.) Proposed Expedition to the Antarctic Sea:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to place a sum of money upon the Estimates as a contribution to the cost of the proposed expedition to the Antarctic Sea?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I find that the late Government entered into an arrangement with certain gentlemen here forming an important society, and agreed to place £1,500 on the Estimates for next year on condition that private subscriptions to the amount £666 8s. 4d. should be provided. The amount will remain on the Estimates for consideration by the House.

(16.)

- (16.) Duplication of Railway from Redfern to Eveleigh:—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he lay upon the Table a Return showing,—
- (1.) The amount of accepted tender for No. 1 Duplication of the Railway from Redfern to Eveleigh?
 - (2.) The amount paid to the contractor on account of such work up to date?
 - (3.) The amount yet due to the contractor (if any)?
 - (4.) The like information with regard to each of such contracts for duplications, deviations &c., now going on, or which may have been completed during the last twelve months?
- Mr. See answered,—I would invite the Honorable Member to ask for a Return by resolution, to which the Government will offer no objection.
- (17.) Lead Poison in Silver Mines:—Mr. Cann asked the Secretary for Mines,—Will he cause an inquiry to be made into the effects of lead poison on miners and others working in and about silver-lead mines in the Colony?
- Mr. Slattery answered,—The Wardens have been asked to report to what extent the effects of lead poisoning is felt in and about the silver mines.
- (18.) Bridge over George's River at Liverpool:—Mr. Dale asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What does the Government intend to do in regard to the construction of a bridge over the George's River, Liverpool?
 - (2.) Do they intend accepting tenders for the construction of the bridge in January next?
- Mr. Lyne answered,—If a reasonable tender be received I shall be prepared to recommend its acceptance to the Cabinet.
- (19.) Military Estimates:—Mr. Sheldon asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he cause the Military Estimates to be prepared in such a form that salaries and allowances of every kind paid to each officer shall be shown in one common table; also, if possible, the amount of travelling allowances incurred by each?
- Mr. Dibbs answered,—I think the Honorable Member will find, when the Estimates are submitted, that the information will be published in such a form that it will be understood by every member of the House. A schedule will be provided giving all the information required.
- (20.) Net-fishing of George's River or Botany Bay:—Mr. Carruthers asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Has the Fisheries Commission recommended the opening to net-fishing of any portion of the waters of George's River or Botany Bay now closed?
 - (2.) If so, will he take steps to proclaim such waters open?
- Mr. Dibbs answered,—Yes; and the necessary steps are being taken in the matter.
- (21.) North Coast Railway, West Maitland to Taree:—Mr. Young asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Has he yet received the Report of the Railway Commissioners on the section of the North Coast Railway, West Maitland to Taree?
 - (2.) If not, will he state the cause of the delay?
- Mr. Lyne answered,—The Report has not yet been received, as the Railway Commissioners have not had time to personally go over the line, but I am informed a preliminary inspection has been made by a responsible railway officer.
- (22.) Sericulture:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Mines,—Has his attention been directed to the importance of the question of Sericulture; and, if so, is it his intention to take steps for the promotion of that industry?
- Mr. Slattery answered,—The question of introducing Sericulture into this Colony has been engaging the attention of the Department of Agriculture, but I have not yet had an opportunity of dealing with the subject.
- (23.) Coal Rates on Illawarra Railway:—Mr. Stevenson, for Mr. Bowes, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Have the Commissioners for Railways granted South Clifton Colliery special rates of freight to Darling Harbour?
 - (2.) Do the Commissioners charge this colliery the same rates of freight per ton per mile that they charge Bulli Coal Company?
 - (3.) The rates per ton charged to Metropolitan, South Clifton, and Bulli Collieries to Darling Harbour?
- Mr. See answered,—
- (1.) I am informed that no special rates have been granted the South Clifton Colliery.
 - (2.) Yes.
 - (3.) The rates from the three collieries mentioned to Darling Harbour are as under:—Coal not for shipment—Metropolitan Colliery, 29 miles, 3s. per ton; South Clifton Colliery, 37 miles, 3s. 9d. per ton; Bulli Colliery, 43 miles, 4s. 3d. per ton. Coal for shipment—1d. per ton per mile is charged, plus 3d. per ton shipment charges.
- (24.) Free Railway Passes:—Mr. Crick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House a list of all free passes granted during the last six months; such list to show to whom the pass was granted, and for what purpose?
- Mr. See answered,—There will be no objection to this information being given.
- (25.) Water Supply for Broken Hill:—Mr. Cann asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Could the Government advance to the Municipal Council of Broken Hill a sum of money from the Water and Sewerage Fund, say £250,000 or £300,000, for the purpose of bringing into the town a water supply from the Darling River?
 - (2.) If so, would the Government favour a Bill granting the Municipal Council power to go on with the work immediately?

Mr.

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I do not know whether my honorable friend's question is put for the purpose of testing the solvency of the Treasury, because he asks for a quarter of a million of money for the Borough Council of Broken Hill. I will give a reply which I think the Honorable Member will understand. If the Broken Hill Municipal Council will avail themselves of the Country Towns Water Supply and Sewerage Act, and make application to the Government for the necessary funds to carry out a water supply, the proposal will be favourably considered.

(26.) Solicitor to the Railway Commissioners :—Mr. Rose asked the Attorney-General,—Is it a fact that Mr. R. Smith, of Norton, Smith, & Co. (or the late Acting Crown Solicitor), is at present acting for the Railway Commissioners ; if so, in what cases ?

Mr. Barton answered,—On the request of the Commissioners for Railways, all papers relating to matters then in hand in the Crown Solicitor's Office on account of the Commissioners (with the exception of a few matters then on the eve of completion) were with, my consent, handed over to Mr. Robert Smith on the 28th October last. In the above were not included the papers relating to matters in connection with the Construction Works, which are still retained in the Crown Solicitor's Office. I have already explained in debate the position in which the matter now stands.

3. VINE DISEASES ACTS FURTHER CONTINUATION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Slattery moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to continue the "Vine Diseases Act of 1886" and the "Vine Diseases Act Amendment Act of 1888" for a further period of one year.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Slattery then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to continue the 'Vine Diseases Act of 1886' and the 'Vine Diseases Act Amendment Act of 1888' for a further period of one year,*"—which was read a first time.

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

4. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day, for consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to secure the more effective closing of public-houses on Sundays and during prohibited hours, postponed until Monday, 14th December.

5. PAPERS:—

Mr. Barton laid upon the Table,—Return to an Address adopted on 22nd September, 1891,—“Case of Henry Myers.”

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—Particulars respecting the Permanent Medical Staff Corps.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. See laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return giving particulars of Wrecks which have occurred on the coast of New South Wales during the year 1891.

(2.) Return showing the sums paid to subsidise the Tug Services north of Sydney, names of vessels, and places where stationed.

(3.) Annual Return to an Order made on 6th May, 1884,—“Government Printing Office.”

(4.) Return showing the amount of the indebtedness of the Treasury for Loans, including Treasury Bills, irrespective of the authorised Loans from England.

Ordered to be printed.

6. SUPPRESSION OF GAMBLING:—Mr. G. D. Clark presented a Petition from P. J. Stephen, minister of certain members and adherents of the Balmain Wesleyan Central Mission assembled in the Balmain Town Hall, representing that recent investigations disclosed painful facts relating to the alarming growth of the practice of betting and gambling in this Colony ; and praying the House to pass an Act that shall deal in an effective manner with this evil.

Petition received.

7. SIMPSON'S RAILWAY BILL:—Mr. Neild, 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 8th September, 1891 ; together with Appendices and a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Neild then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday next.

Question put and passed.

8. ELECTORAL REFORM BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Barton, “That this Bill be now read a second time,”—

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Question,—That this Bill be now read a second time,—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 54.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 25 NOVEMBER, 1891.

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

COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—*Maturity of Warrant reported*:—Mr. Speaker reported that his Warrant, laid upon the Table on the 18th instant, appointing Henry Clarke, Esquire, to be a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, 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; and intimated that it was therefore open to Mr. Clarke to be sworn at the Table by the Clerk, in accordance with the 59th Section of the Electoral Act of 1880.

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Military Works Department:—*Mr. Molesworth*, for Mr. Nobbs, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Has he yet received the Return regarding military contracts promised in his answer to Question No. 3 on 10th September?
 - (2.) If so, when will he lay it upon the Table of this House?
 - (3.) If not, will he hasten the preparation of such Return?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The Director of Military Works has been requested to hasten the preparation of this Return, which has been delayed owing to sickness and reduction of staff and press of work. He is unable to give any definite promise as to when the Return will be ready, as it practically involves a complete review of the whole work carried out by his branch since its formation, some of which has been already, in another form, supplied to the House.

- (2.) State Schools:—*Mr. Hassall*, for Mr. Perry, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that a large number of State schools are without weather-sheds?
 - (2.) Will he give instructions to have these necessary structures erected in connection with all State schools?

Mr. Suttor answered,—I regret that a certain number of small schools are without weathersheds, but I hope, as soon as funds are available, to take steps to provide sheds in connection with all schools.

- (3.) Hydraulic Cranes at Darling Harbour:—*Mr. Sharp* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the hydraulic cranes at Darling Harbour are too low for the work they are required to do; how much did they cost?
 - (2.) At what price does the hydraulic company supply the water-power for them; and is the meter checked by a Government official?
 - (3.) Is it a fact that the hydraulic company has a contract to keep these cranes in repair; how much per crane per annum; how many cranes; and for what term is the contract fixed?
 - (4.) What was the name of the engineer who recommended and passed these cranes?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) I am informed that for all practical purposes the cranes are fully equal to requirements. The cost was £5,950.
- (2.) 4s. 3d. per 1,000 gallons; ycs.
- (3.) Yes, at £7 per crane per annum; there are nineteen cranes; and the contract is terminable at any time on one month's notice being given.
- (4.) J. Angus, late Engineer-in-Chief for Existing Lines.

- (4.) Importation of Baldwin Locomotives:—*Mr. Barbour* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Were the plans and specifications, or either, for the large locomotives recently imported from Philadelphia, United States, prepared by the Railway Department here?
 - (2.) If so, were the locomotives constructed in strict accordance with such plans, specifications, and material?

(3.)

(3.) Were these locomotives, during construction at Philadelphia, inspected by Mr. Thow, Chief Inspecting Engineer for the Railway Department in New South Wales, during his official visit to the Baldwin works at Philadelphia?

(4.) If so, what was the result of such inspection?

(5.) Does the failure of the said locomotives in performing the work that they were intended for arise from the defective design and specification as supplied by the Department, or from defective construction and materials of the contractors?

(6.) What is the name or names of the officer or officers who prepared the plans and specifications for the said locomotives, and who are responsible to the Railway Commissioners?

(7.) Have the locomotives and tram-motors that have hitherto been supplied by the Baldwin Company proved satisfactory?

Mr. See answered,—I am informed that the engines were ordered to be similar in design to a well-known type of engine which was running successfully in America, certain alterations being specified to meet the requirements of the New South Wales lines. The defects that have developed have been in the materials supplied, but they are capable of being remedied, which will be done at the expense of the Baldwin Company, the only failure of note being in the axles, and the Baldwin firm have already shipped others to take their places. I may add that reports have been received from the Railway Commissioners dealing fully with the circumstances under which these engines were ordered, and their ascertained defects in construction, none of which I am informed are consequent upon anything specified when they were ordered. At an early date the House will be supplied with this information.

(5) Survey of the Hawkesbury River to Windsor:—*Mr. Molesworth*, for Mr. Bowman, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has Mr. Darley, Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers, sent in his report on Mr. Josephson's survey of the Hawkesbury River to Windsor?

(2.) If not, will he ask him to do so at once?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The report has been received, which is not, however, of a favourable character, in consequence of the great cost. I am now consulting the Railway Commissioners on certain points connected with the subject to enable me to come to a final decision thereon.

(6.) Harbour Trust—Private Wharves, Darling Harbour:—*Mr. McGowen*, for Mr. Kelly, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to take measures for the establishment of a Harbour Trust?

(2.) Do they also intend to take steps for the resumption of the private wharves of Darling Harbour?

Mr. See answered,—The Government intends, next Session, to ask the House to pass a Bill for the establishment of a Harbour Trust for Sydney, and a Bill for a similar purpose for Newcastle.

(7.) Bridge from Sydney to Pyrmont:—*Mr. McGowen*, for Mr. Kelly, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has the Government received specifications for the new bridge from Sydney to Pyrmont?

(2.) If so, when do they propose inviting tenders for the construction of the new bridge?

(3.) Is he aware that the old Pyrmont bridge is rapidly becoming dangerous to vehicles and passengers?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) Competitive designs are invited for a bridge across Darling Harbour, from the foot of Market-street to Union-street, Pyrmont, to be received on or before the 4th January, 1892.

(2.) The inviting of tenders will depend upon the selection of a design and the provision of funds.

(3.) The bridge is still safe for traffic, notwithstanding it has had a life beyond that usually allowed to timber structures of the kind; ordinary maintenance is well attended to.

(8.) Tramway Bridge over the Yass River:—*Mr. Colls* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What date will the contract time expire for the erection of the tramway bridge over the Yass River?

(2.) Is it a fact that the erection has been let to a sub-contractor, and that he has been delayed for seven weeks waiting for timber to be supplied by the contractor?

(3.) Will he take prompt steps to have the bridge completed at once?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) Contract time has expired, and the contractor is liable to a penalty of £20 per week for all time since 28th February, 1891.

(2.) The Department has no official knowledge of this.

(3.) The contractor is liable to a fine for each week of delay. I do not see that any further stimulus towards completion can be applied. The contractor is confident of being able to finish the work by 1st January, 1892.

(9.) Horses Quarantined in connection with Messrs. Sells Brothers' Circus:—*Mr. Schey* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Were Messrs. Sells Brothers allowed to bring horses into the Colony without being quarantined, and to bring diseased horses into the Colony?

(2.) Was there any neglect on the part of the stock authorities to permit same?

(3.) Was the examination of these horses carried out in a careless manner?

(4.) Is not glanders an easily-diagnosed disease?

(5.) Is it a fact that the place from which these horses came is heavily infected with the disease in question?

(6.) Is it a fact that an order has been issued from the office of the Commissioners, Washington, D.C., U.S.A., to the effect that all animals suspected of, or afflicted with, glanders are to be killed without compensation to the owners, and that heavy fines are inflicted where such cases are not reported?

(7.) Is Moore Park now in such a condition that this disease is likely to infect either man or beast frequenting it?

(8.) What steps have been taken to disinfect the park, the steamer, and the circus respectively?

(9.) Will he take the utmost precaution before consenting to release Messrs. Sells Brothers' horses?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) No; permission was given to Messrs. Sells Brothers to bring their horses, subject to the Quarantine Regulations. Certificates from veterinary surgeons in San Francisco were brought with the horses, certifying that the horses were free from disease on embarkation.

(2.) None whatever.

(3.) No. Every horse was carefully examined by the Government Veterinarian and an Inspector of Stock.

(4.) Certainly not. In its early stages it simulates other diseases. The difficulty of diagnosis is recognised by all veterinary authorities.

(5.) Glanders is known to exist in America, but no information has been received that any place there is heavily infected.

(6.) No definite information to that effect has been received, but such a regulation is a usual one in countries in which the disease exists.

(7.) No; all the horses have been removed. The equipment has all been disinfected by the Board of Health, the fodder and droppings burnt on the grounds, and the portions of Moore Park within the quarantine enclosure has been otherwise thoroughly disinfected, but as an additional precaution against the infection of horses the whole park will be kept in quarantine for some time.

(8.) Disinfection has been carried out under the superintendence of the Government Veterinarian and by the Health Department.

(9.) The horses will only be released for shipment on board a vessel leaving the Australasian Colonies.

(10.) Alleged Misconduct of Sergeant Cromie, of Rockley:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Mr. Crick, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has he further inquired into the alleged misconduct (about two years ago) of Sergeant Cromie, of Rockley?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—No complaints have been received by the Inspector-General of Police or the Superintendent of Police at Bathurst affecting Sergeant Cromie during the past two years.

(11.) Government Domain:—*Mr. Stevenson* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Government Domain is closed to vehicular traffic daily after sunset?

(2.) If so, will he cause instructions to be given to have the same kept open in future?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) I am informed by the Director of the Botanic Gardens that the Government Domain gates are closed for vehicular traffic daily after dark.

(2.) This Question will require consideration.

(12.) Gaol Warders:—*Mr. Molesworth*, for Mr. Alfred Allen, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that gaol warders work seven days a week?

(2.) Is not each gaol warder entitled, by a regulation, to a holiday once a month?

(3.) Will he see that this regulation is fairly carried out in the gaols of the Colony?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) Yes. They are paid at the daily rate, which includes Sunday.

(2 and 3.) There is no regulation on the subject, but when practicable warders receive one day per month as well as seven days annual leave with pay. Owing to the uncertain and varying requirements of the service, a hard and fast rule cannot be adopted and made applicable to all the gaols of the Colony.

3. CONVICTION OF PAUL BAILEY, AT NYMAGEE (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Schey*, for Mr. Crick, moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers in connection with the conviction of Paul Bailey, at Nymagee, on the 16th October last, by T. C. McKell, Police Magistrate.

Question put and passed.

4. CHARGE OF SHEEP STEALING AGAINST PHILLIP ABBOTT AND JOSEPH CAMPBELL, OF BLAYNEY (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Schey*, for Mr. Crick, moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers, depositions; &c., relating to the charge of sheep stealing against Phillip, Abbott and Joseph Campbell, of Blayney.

Question put and passed.

5. DUPLICATION OF THE RAILWAY FROM REDFERN TO EVELEIGH (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Schey* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—

(1.) The amount of accepted tender for No. 1 Duplication of the Railway from Redfern to Eveleigh.

(2.) The amount paid to the contractor on account of such work up to date.

(3.) The amount yet due to the contractor (if any).

(4.) The like information with regard to each of such contracts for duplications, deviations, &c., now going on, or which may have been completed during the last twelve months.

Question put and passed.

6. POLICE FORCE OF THE COLONY (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Schey*, for Mr. Hoyle, moved, pursuant to Notice,—That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—

(1.) The number of officers in the police force of the Colony.

(2.) Their names and ages, and their classification.

(3.) The number of promotions each officer has received, and the date of such promotions.

Question put and passed.

7. CIVIL SERVICE PENSIONS AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. G. D. Clark moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—
- (1.) The name of each person who at the present time is receiving a pension from the Government of the Colony, and the amount received in each case for the past year.
 - (2.) The total amount of pension money paid to ex-members of the Civil Service during the last five years.
 - (3.) The names of all persons who have received leave of absence from the Public Service during the last five years on full or half pay, with the amount received in each case.
 - (4.) The total amount paid away to persons on leave of absence from the Public Service during the last five years.
- Question put and passed.
8. WAGGA WAGGA SCHOOL OF ARTS ENABLING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
- (1.) Mr. Gormly moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the Trustees of the Wagga Wagga School of Arts to mortgage certain lands situated in the town of Wagga Wagga, or lease any part thereof, and for declaring the trusts of the moneys raised by such mortgage or lease.
Question put and passed.
 - (2.) Mr. Gormly having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable the Trustees of the Wagga Wagga School of Arts to mortgage certain lands situated in the town of Wagga Wagga, or lease any part thereof, and for declaring the trusts of the moneys raised by such mortgage or lease,*"—read a first time.
9. ALBURY MECHANICS INSTITUTE ENABLING BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—
- MR. SPEAKER,—
- The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Trustees of the Albury Mechanics Institute to mortgage certain lands, situated in the town of Albury, and for declaring the trusts of the moneys raised by such mortgage,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.
- Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 25th November, 1891.
- ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman Presiding.
10. PUBLIC INSTRUCTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Melville presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to repeal sections eleven, twelve, twenty-seven, and thirty of the Public Instruction Act of 1880,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Monday, 14th December.
11. CONDITIONAL PURCHASES OF NEIL GALLAGHER, ORANGE:—Mr. Barbour, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 15th September, 1891; together with Appendix.
Ordered to be printed.
12. PAPER:—Mr. Barton laid upon the Table:—Despatch respecting Treaty between Her Majesty the Queen and the King of Tonga.
Ordered to be printed.
13. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Garvan 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 "to comment on the resumption of land for the purpose of water conservation at Paterson,—being the property of Mr. H. H. Brown, M.P."
And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—
Mr. Garvan moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
14. BROKEN HILL TRAMWAYS BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—
- MR. SPEAKER,—
- The Legislative Council having appointed a Select Committee on the "Broken Hill Tramways Bill," and that Committee being desirous to examine John Henry Cann, Esquire, a Member of the Legislative Assembly, in reference thereto, requests that the Legislative Assembly will give leave to its said Member to attend and be examined by the said Committee on such day and days as shall be arranged between him and the said Committee.
- Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 25th November, 1891.
- ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman Presiding.
- Mr. Lyne moved, That John Henry Cann, Esquire, have leave to attend and give evidence before the Select Committee of the Legislative Council on the "Broken Hill Tramways Bill," if he think fit.
Question put and passed.

Ordered

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

In answer to the Message from the Legislative Council, dated this day, requesting leave for John Henry Cann, Esquire, a Member of the Legislative Assembly, to attend and be examined before a Select Committee of the Legislative Council on the "Broken Hill Tramways Bill," the Assembly acquaints the Council that leave has been granted to its said Member to attend and be examined by the said Committee, if he think fit.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 25th November, 1891.*

15. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—Henry Clarke, Esquire, came to the Table and was sworn by the Clerk as a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.
16. VINE DISEASES ACTS FURTHER CONTINUATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Barton moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Slattery, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Slattery, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
17. ELECTORAL REFORM BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

18. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Dibbs moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at ten minutes before One o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 55.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 26 NOVEMBER, 1891.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Artesian Bores:—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Mines.—What steps, if any, are being taken to have artesian bores put down on the country about the Lower Murrumbidgee, the Lower Lachlan, and Murray?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The boring operations proposed in the districts named are:—(1.) A bore 3 miles from Hay, upon the road to Booligal, for which a contract has been let; (2.) a bore on the road from Balranald to the Wakool,—tenders invited nine or ten times, contract still unlet; (3.) a bore on the road from Deniliquin to Moama,—tenders invited nine or ten times, contract still unlet; (4.) contracts have been let for a series of bores on the roads Box Creek to Arumpo and Easton to Arumpo.

(2.) Reserves in the Wagga Wagga Land Board District:—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) What quantity of land is held as reserves on the resumed portion of pastoral holdings in the Wagga Wagga Land Board District?

(2.) Can he state the rents paid by the pastoral lessees for those reserves; if not, will he lay a Return upon the Table of this House, showing the rents as fixed?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) A Return will be prepared giving the information sought by the Honorable Member if moved for in the usual manner.

(2.) Reserves from sale being treated as part of the resumed areas, the rents received will be a proportionate amount of the rents thereof.

(3.) School Buildings at Coolaman, Lake Albert, and Urana:—Mr. Gormly asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is he aware that new school-buildings are urgently needed at Coolaman, Lake Albert, and Urana?

(2.) Does he intend to have new buildings erected; if so, when?

Mr. Suttor answered,—I am aware that new public school-buildings are urgently needed at Coolaman, Lake Albert, and Urana, and I will take the necessary steps to erect the buildings as soon as there are funds available.

(4.) Reserves on Resumed Areas in the Murrumbidgee and Murray Districts:—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Lands,—In view of a Resolution passed by the Legislative Assembly, on 8th January, 1889, that reserves in the resumed portions of pastoral holdings not required for public purposes should be made available for selection, will he have special inquiry made as to what reserves in the Murrumbidgee and Murray districts should be made available for settlement?

Mr. Copeland answered,—Reports have already been obtained in view of the Resolution of the 8th January, 1889, but the district surveyors at Hay and Wagga Wagga will be requested to furnish special reports on the matter, the result of which will be communicated to the Honorable Member.

(5.)

- (5.) Volunteer Land Orders :—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the attention of the Minister for Lands has on several occasions been directed to the fact that special areas in which a high price had been fixed had been taken up by the lessees of runs on which the land was situated by Volunteer Land Orders?
 - (2.) Can he state the number of Volunteer Land Orders that are now unused?
 - (3.) Will provision be made to amend the law so that settlement cannot be blocked by the use of Volunteer Land Orders?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

- (1.) Not that I am aware of.
- (2.) One hundred and thirty-three.
- (3.) The limited number of these orders outstanding renders such action unnecessary.

- (6.) Crown Lands—Special Areas :—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the prices placed on land proclaimed special areas are in many instances much in excess of the price that adjoining improved land of a similar quality can be purchased for?
- (2.) Are the district surveyors the officers who report to the Minister the supposed value of land about to be proclaimed special areas?
- (3.) Do the district surveyors in all instances inspect the land before reporting on its supposed value; if not, what proportion of the land do district surveyors inspect?
- (4.) What number of square miles does the Wagga Wagga Land Board district contain?
- (5.) Is there only one district surveyor in this district?
- (6.) Have district surveyors numerous other duties to perform besides reporting on the price of lands about to be proclaimed special areas?
- (7.) Are reports made to district surveyors by licensed surveyors, who are sent to survey land, as to the quality and value of land about to be proclaimed special areas?
- (8.) Are licensed surveyors in all cases capable of reporting on the quality and value of the land they have surveyed?
- (9.) Does he consider that persons who have only sufficient means to select small quantities of land, such as are proclaimed special areas, should be treated on the same liberal principles as those who can in the Eastern Division select from 40 to 1,280 acres, or in the Central Division select from 40 to 2,560, at a uniform price of £1 per acre, irrespective of the quality of the land?
- (10.) Does he intend to have the present system of reporting as to value of land about to be proclaimed special areas altered?
- (11.) Will he introduce a Bill to amend the land law in regard to special areas; and, if so, when?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

- (1.) I am not aware, but think it possible, that such may be the case in some instances, in view of special areas providing for extended payments over a number of years at a nominal rate of interest.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) (a) not in all cases; (b) the proportion cannot be stated.
- (4.) About 22,000 square miles.
- (5.) Yes.
- (6.) Yes.
- (7.) Yes; when the services of the staff surveyors are not available.
- (8.) Being intelligent men, and accustomed to this class of work, they are assumed to possess the necessary knowledge for estimating the quality and value of land surveyed by them.
- (9.) They are treated on the same liberal principles as to deferred payments, but the quantity of land available for special areas being limited in extent the price and the areas of the subdivisions must be subject to surrounding circumstances.
- (10.) I see no reason for altering the present system, but where any doubt may arise as to the prices recommended by the district surveyors I shall not hesitate to obtain a report from the Local Land Boards, which can be done under the present Act.
- (11.) I see no urgent reason for amending the law at present, other important legislation requiring precedence.

- (7.) Bridge to connect Balmain and Pyrmont :—Mr. Johnston asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it his intention to proceed with the proposed new bridge connecting Balmain and Pyrmont; if so, when?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The matter is now under consideration, but at present there are no funds available.

- (8.) Inspector of Conditional Purchases, Molong District :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) How many cases has the Inspector of Conditional Purchases in the Molong District visited and reported on since his appointment?
 - (2.) What salary does he receive, and how much (if any) has he received for travelling expenses; and where does he reside?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

- (1.) The information sought by the Honorable Member will be obtained from the Chairman of the Local Land Board, and communicated to him on receipt thereof.
- (2.) The salary is at the rate of £300 per annum. Vouchers for the sum of £73 10s. for travelling expenses since date of appointment (1st July, 1891) have been received. The inspector's headquarters are at Orange.

- (9.) Decision given by Warden Connolly at Carcoar :—Mr. Johnston, for Mr. Rae, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Has his attention been called to a decision given by Warden Connolly at Carcoar in fining a miner of Galley Swamp Gold-field for trespassing on a pastoral lease and damaging a fence thereon?
- (2.) Will the Government, if Warden Connolly's decision is legal, take such action at an early date as will remove such restrictions upon the development of our gold-fields?

Mr.

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) A petition from a number of miners on the subject has been received and forwarded to the Warden for report and explanation.

(2.) Upon receipt of the Warden's report and explanation, such action as may appear to be necessary will be taken.

- (10.) Water and Travelling Stock Reserve, Terangan, Bogan River:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Mines,—Has any application been made to have water reserve or travelling stock reserve 1,132, parish of Terangan, Bogan River, county of Oxley, cancelled; if so, by whom has such application been made?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—Yes; an application has been received from Walter Smith, of Terangan, Dandaloo, for the cancellation of so much of water reserve 1,132 (about 500 acres) as is included within converted pre-lease 3,882.

- (11.) Baldwin Railway Locomotives:—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. Hoyle*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What is the name of the officer in the Railway Department upon whose recommendation the recent order for locomotives was given to the Baldwin Company?

(2.) What are (a) his official duties in connection with the railway service; (b) his salary; (c) his previous experience?

(3.) What instructions were given to *Mr. Thow* as to inspection of locomotives under construction at the Baldwin Company's works to the order of the Railway Commissioners during his recent visit to America?

(4.) What was the cost to the Railway Department of *Mr. Thow's* visit to England and America?

Mr. See answered,—

(1 and 2.) The engines were ordered by, and on the responsibility of, the Railway Commissioners, and not on the responsibility or recommendation of any officer.

(3.) The engines were ordered some three months before *Mr. Thow's* arrival in America. *Mr. Thow* visited the Baldwin works, and at that time the raw materials had been ordered and received, but very little work had been done to them, and no engines were ready for inspection. The state of the order, however, was too far advanced to permit of alteration without additional cost and delay in delivery, even had a critical inspection been possible, and alterations seemed advisable.

(4.) *Mr. Thow's* expenses amounted to £516, but it is pointed out that his journey was not undertaken in connection with the Baldwin engines. The Railway Commissioners had a number of important matters requiring attention in England, with which he was entrusted, and his subsequent visit to America on his way back was primarily in connection with the request of the Department of Public Works that he should visit the United States and report upon the tramway systems.

- (12.) Runs fenced with Wire-netting or Rabbit-proof Fencing:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) The names and number of runs that have been fenced in with wire-netting or rabbit proof fencing; the mileage; and the cost of the same?

(2.) Is such fencing erected at the expense of the run-holder, or by whom is the expense of wire or rabbit-proof fencing paid; or does the Crown bear any of the expenses, and, if so, will he state the approximate amount of liability so incurred?

(3.) Also the amount of the annual rent received by the Crown from such runs that have been so fenced in with rabbit-proof wire-netting; and the area of each run respectively?

Mr. Copeland answered,—With the exception of the Barrier fences—Narromine to Bourke, Bourke to Barrington, and along the western boundary of the Colony, amounting in all to 633 miles—all rabbit-proof fencing has been erected by and at the cost of the owners or lessees of the land. This Department can at present supply no accurate information regarding the holdings so fenced, and none whatever as to the cost of such work.

- (13.) Court-house at Milton:—*Mr. Garrard*, for *Mr. Morton*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What is the cause of the delay in calling for tenders for the erection of court-house at Milton?

(2.) When will tenders be invited for such work?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) Pressure of other work in the office.

(2.) Plans and specifications are almost ready, and tenders will be invited next week.

- (14.) Report of Board of Health on Influenza Epidemic:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has the Government received any report from the Government Medical Officer, or the Board of Health, relative to the cause and prevalence of the present disastrous "influenza epidemic"; if so, will he see that such report is placed upon the Table of this House for the information of the general public?

(2.) What steps (if any) has the Government, or Board of Health, taken to deal with prevalence of this pest during the present epidemic; and what information (if any) has been circulated for the benefit of the public in the way of preventive measures, or ordinary treatment of the same?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Board of Health:—

(1.) No report on the present epidemic of influenza has yet been made. A report on the previous epidemic was made by the Board of Health, and presented to Parliament on the 17th December, 1890.

(2.) Special arrangements have been made for the immediate admission to hospitals of all destitute persons suffering from influenza. It has not been thought advisable to issue any special regulations for the prevention or treatment of the disease.

(15.) University Examinations:—*Mr. Kelly*, for *Mr. Dangar*, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Is the circumstance of pupils from the Public Schools of the Colony being successful in passing the respective University examinations noted in favour of the teachers of such schools?
- (2.) Does the Department make any special note or convey any substantial recognition of the successful labours of such teachers?

Mr. Suttor answered,—The fact of different Public School children successfully passing the respective University examinations is noted in favour of the teachers of such schools, and the Department recognises the successful labours of such teachers.

(16.) Subsidy to Charitable Institutions of the Colony:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to grant any additional subsidy or assistance to the various hospitals throughout the Colony, owing to the great and unprecedented strain that has lately fallen on such charitable institutions from the present influenza epidemic?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—It is not thought desirable to grant any additional subsidy, but, where special help is required, it will be granted, and has been granted.

(17.) Police Supervision in City and Suburbs:—*Mr. Kelly*, for *Mr. Dangar*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Into what divisions is the city and suburbs of Sydney divided for the purpose of police supervision?
- (2.) How many officers and men are apportioned to each division?
- (3.) Are the police required to report to their superior officers all offences against the law which may come under their observation, whether prosecutions were instituted or not?
- (4.) Is a record kept of such reports?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table a Return in answer to this Question.

(18.) Trial Bay Prison:—*Mr. Kelly*, for *Mr. Dangar*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What has been the cost of maintaining Trial Bay Prison during the years 1889 and 1890, setting forth (a) the salaries of officials connected with the prison department; (b) salaries connected with superintendence of works; (c) allowance to prisoners working; (d) expenses connected with the prison other than salaries?

(2.) What has been the amount of work performed by the prisoners at Trial Bay Prison during the years named, setting forth (a) the number of tons of stone actually placed on the breakwater site; (b) the quantity of earth removed; (c) the other work performed by prisoners, and the estimated value of each at fair rates for the respective work?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I am informed by the Department of Justice that there has not been sufficient time in which to obtain the particulars asked for, but the information desired will be laid upon the Table of the House as early as possible in the form of a Return.

(19.) Damage caused by late Floods to Railway Line at Umeralla:—*Mr. Miller* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the repairs to damage caused by the late floods to the railway line at Umeralla are still in an unfinished and positively dangerous state, the sleepers and rails of the permanent way being propped up by temporary timber uprights?

(2.) If so, is it a fact that this state of things has existed for months past, and will he take steps to have the repairs properly completed without further delay?

Mr. See answered,—I am informed the permanent openings have not yet been constructed, although the repairs to the embankment are completed, and the temporary timbers, which were put into position at the time the floods occurred, at the Umeralla bridge, render the road perfectly secure.

(20.) Wagga Wagga-Tumberumba Railway:—*Mr. Hayes* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Have the Railway Examiners sent in their report on the Wagga Wagga-Tumberumba Railway?
- (2.) If not, what is the reason for the delay?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) I am communicating with the Examiners on the subject.

(21.) General Booth's Scheme:—*Mr. Houghton* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Will he oppose the introduction into this Colony of persons of the pauper and criminal classes, as proposed by General Booth?

(2.) If so, will he convey his determination in that respect to the Governments of the other Colonies, with a view to joint action being taken in the matter?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—Yes—to both the Honorable Member's Questions.

(22.) Credit of Public Accounts:—*Mr. Brunker* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What was the balance to credit of the public accounts from all sources (including loan and revenue funds) on the 5th January, 1883?

(2.) The amount of revenue received from all sources during the years 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, and to the 19th January, 1887?

(3.) The aggregate amount raised by way of loans during the periods stated in Question 2?

(4.) The total expenditure from the public funds (loan and revenue) from the 5th January, 1883, to the 19th January, 1887?

(5.) The actual balances to the credit (or otherwise) of the public accounts (loan and revenue) on the 19th January, 1887?

Mr. See answered,—The information will be prepared and laid upon the Table in the form of a Return.

2. VINE DISEASES ACTS FURTHER CONTINUATION BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Dibbs, read a third time, and passed.
Mr. Dibbs then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to continue the ‘Vine Diseases Act of 1886’ and the ‘Vine Diseases Act Amendment Act of 1888’ for a further 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 of 1886’ and the ‘Vine Diseases Act Amendment Act of 1888’ for a further period of one year,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 26th November, 1891.*
3. WAGGA WAGGA SCHOOL OF ARTS ENABLING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Gormly moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That the Wagga Wagga School of Arts Enabling 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. Suttor, Mr. Sheldon, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. John Wilkinson, Mr. Perry, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
4. INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC (*Formal Motion*):—Dr. Ross moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers, correspondence, and reports from the various medical gentlemen throughout the Colony sent in to the Board of Health, and other documents having reference to the influenza epidemic that occurred in the Colony in 1890, and also during the present epidemic.
Question put and passed.
5. GOODS MANUFACTURED WITHIN THE GAOLS OF THE COLONY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Houghton moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing the schedule of prices of all goods manufactured within the gaols of the Colony that are open for sale to the general public or private firms.
Question put and passed.
6. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Monday, 11th January :—
(1.) Bankruptcy Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
(2.) Law Vacations Abolition Bill ; second reading.
(3.) Law Practice Extension Bill ; second reading.
(4.) Municipal Wharves Bill ; second reading.
7. GOULBURN WATER SUPPLY CHARGES BILL :—Dr. Hollis 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 Borough of Goulburn to recover certain rates and charges due in respect of the Water Supply within the Municipality of Goulburn,*”—read a first time.
8. PAPER :—Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—Particulars respecting Police in Metropolitan District.
Ordered to be printed.
9. RESCISSION OF ORDER FOR PRINTING :—Mr. Copeland (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Order of the House, dated 22nd July last, to print certain “Copies of *Gazette* notices, setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the dedication of certain lands, in accordance with the provisions of the 105th clause of the Act 48 Vic. No. 18,” be rescinded, the revocations therein referred to having been re-gazetted on the 31st July last, and the copies of the *Gazette* notices having been printed in accordance with the later Order of the 6th August, 1891.
Question put and passed.
10. SILKSTONE COAL-MINE RAILWAY ACT AMENDING BILL :—Mr. Bowes, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 23rd November, 1891 ; together with a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Bowes then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Monday, 30th November.
Question put and passed.
11. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. O’Sullivan 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 “to call attention to the necessity for better provision being immediately made for the “inmates of the Sydney Hospital.”
And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—
Mr. O’Sullivan moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
12. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bankruptcy Acts Amendment Bill postponed until Tuesday next.
13. ELECTORAL REFORM BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that a *Point of Order* had arisen in the Committee, and obtained leave to sit again so soon as Mr. Speaker's decision should have been given.

The Chairman then stated the *Point of Order* as follows:—The Committee having gone through the Bill a new clause was proposed, providing for the closing of public-houses, &c., during the hours of polling; exception was taken that the clause was beyond the title and order of leave of the Bill, which objection he (the Chairman) sustained.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker ruled in favour of the Chairman's opinion, and that the new clause was not relevant to the subject matter of the Bill, or the title.

On motion of Mr. Barton, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Committee resumed.

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

Mr. Slattery (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, "That" the report be now adopted.

Mr. Barton moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "the Bill be recommitted" for the reconsideration of Clauses 11, 43, 51, and 53."

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 Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of Clauses 11, 43, 51, and 53,—put and passed.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill 2^o with further amendments.

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

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at nine minutes before Two o'clock a.m., until Monday next at Four o'clock.

J. P. ABBOTT,

Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 56.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, 30 NOVEMBER, 1891.

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

COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—

- (1.) *Maturity of Warrant reported*:—Mr. Speaker reported that his Warrant, laid upon the Table on the 23rd instant, appointing James Hayes, Esquire, to be a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, 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; and intimated that it was therefore open to Mr. Hayes to be sworn at the Table by the Clerk, in accordance with the 59th Section of the Electoral Act of 1880.
- (2.) *Appointment of meeting of Committee*:—Mr. Speaker reported that the Committee of Elections and Qualifications had, pursuant to leave granted by this House, adjourned *sine die*, and that, as there was no Chairman of such Committee, he would appoint the next meeting to take place on Wednesday next, at 12 o'clock, in Committee Room No. 1.

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) *Cost of Quadruplication of Railway Line between Sydney and Granville*:—Mr. Wright asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What is the amount of the original estimated cost of the quadruplication of the line between Sydney and Granville?
 - (2.) The cost, up to date, of the whole of the work so far completed, or in course of completion?
 - (3.) The total cost of the brickwork, including all retaining and platform walls and overhead bridges, at Eveleigh Railway Station?
 - (4.) The total cost, up to date, of the whole of the brickwork, including all retaining and platform walls at Summer Hill?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—My colleague will be glad if the Honorable Member will move for this information in the usual way. It will take a little time to prepare, and can be more satisfactorily given in the form of a Return.

- (2.) *Colonel Boddam, Military Works Department*:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Has Colonel Boddam resigned his position in the Military Works Department?
 - (2.) If so, is it the intention of the Government to appoint a successor to Colonel Boddam?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The following answers have been supplied by the Public Works Department:—

- (1.) No. Lieutenant-Colonel Boddam has been informed that his services will not be required after the 31st December, 1891.
 - (2.) There is no immediate intention nor necessity for appointing a successor to Lieutenant-Colonel Boddam.
- (3.) *Sewerage Scheme of the City of Sydney*:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for *Mr. Dawson*, asked the Postmaster-General,—Is it a fact that, in connection with the Sewerage Scheme of the city of Sydney, a tunnel is being constructed for the purpose of laying sewerage pipes underneath portions of George, Pitt, King, Market, and Barrack Streets, commencing at the General Post Office, and extending a total length of about 1½ mile; and, if so, will the Government take into consideration the facilities thereby afforded to transfer the telegraph wires within that area from overhead to underground, utilising the said tunnel for that purpose?

Mr. Kidd answered,—As this is a matter of considerable importance, and it will take some time to consider, therefore an immediate reply cannot be given.

(4.)

- (4.) Brickwork and Station Buildings on the Quadrupling Redfern Tunnel to Flemington:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Mr. Dowel, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What is the name of the officer who designed and gave the dimension of the brickwork and station buildings on the quadrupling Redfern tunnel to Flemington?
 - (2.) What is the name of the officer who prepared the schedule and specifications for relaying and ballasting on all lines?
 - (3.) Was the alteration of grade through the Redfern tunnel shown on the contract drawings?
- Mr. Dibbs* answered,—
- (1.) The Acting Engineer-in-chief for Existing Lines.
 - (2.) The late Engineer-in-chief for Existing Lines.
 - (3.) Yes.
- (5.) Victoria Park, Newtown:—*Mr. Cotton* asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the public are excluded from a portion of the Victoria Park, Newtown, by certain persons designating themselves a bowling club?
 - (2.) Will he take the necessary steps to assert the right of the public in this matter?
- Mr. Copeland* answered,—This subject requires some consideration, and I have not yet had time to read the very voluminous correspondence respecting this matter.
- (6.) Railway to Darling Island:—*Mr. Johnston* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to proceed with the continuation of the railway to Darling Island?
 - (2.) If so, when?
- Mr. Lyne* answered,—This matter will be brought before the Cabinet when the Public Works proposals of the Government are being considered, but the exact date of this cannot be fixed at present.
- (7.) Lake Urana:—*Mr. Gormly* asked the Secretary for Mines,—In view of the answer given on 24th instant, that certain works of water conservation cannot be undertaken in the absence of legislation,—when is it intended that such legislation shall take place?
- Mr. Slattery* answered,—I intend to introduce a Bill to provide for water conservation and irrigation as early next Session as the state of the public business will permit.
- (8.) Weigh-bridges at Walla Walla and Brocklesby Railway Stations:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Mr. Hayes, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he give instructions for the erection of weigh-bridges at Walla Walla and Brocklesby railway stations, that they may be available for public use during the ensuing wheat season?
- Mr. Lyne* answered,—The weigh-bridges have already been ordered, but they cannot arrive in time to be used for the purpose mentioned by the Honorable Member. The Railway Commissioners will, however, be able to make arrangements which will meet the case.
- (9.) Public Accounts:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Brunner, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What was the balance to credit of the public accounts from all sources (including loan and revenue funds) on the 5th January, 1883?
 - (2.) What was the amount of revenue received from all sources during the years 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, and to the 19th January, 1887?
 - (3.) What was the aggregate amount raised by way of loans during the periods stated in Question 2?
 - (4.) What was the total expenditure from the Public funds (loan and revenue) from the 5th January, 1883, to the 19th January, 1887?
 - (5.) What were the actual balances to the credit (or otherwise) of the public accounts (loan and revenue) on the 19th January, 1887?
- Mr. Dibbs* answered,—My honorable colleague informs me that the required information is in course of preparation, and will be laid upon the Table on Tuesday or Wednesday in the form of a Return.
- (10.) Public Tolls:—*Mr. Bowes* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In view of the Resolution carried during the last Parliament, on the 1st May, 1890, in favour of the abolition of all public tolls,—is it his intention to give effect to that Resolution?
- Mr. Lyne* answered,—The abolition of tolls on ferries will involve an additional charge on the Revenue of nearly £30,000; and the Government, in view of the present state of the finances, would not be justified in foregoing so large a sum of money.
3. POSTMASTER AT MOAMA (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Hutchison*, for Mr. Chanter, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers, letters, and other documents relating to the refusal of the Postmaster at Moama to forward through his office the *Border Post* newspaper.
Question put and passed.
4. CAMEL DRIVING RESTRICTION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Willis* moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to prohibit, with certain exceptions, the use or introduction of camels within the boundaries of municipalities.
Question put and passed.
5. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
- (1.) Contractors Lien Bill (No. 2); second reading;—until Monday, 14th December.
 - (2.) Diseases in Sheep Acts Further Amendment Bill; second reading;—until To-morrow.
 - (3.) Agricultural Holdings Bill; second reading;—until Monday, 14th December.
 - (4.) Jamberoo and Kiama Boroughs Naming Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Legislative Council's amendments;—until Monday, 14th December.
 - (5.) Vice Suppression Bill; second reading;—until Monday, 11th January, 1892.

6. CAMEL DRIVING RESTRICTION BILL:—Mr. Willis presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to prohibit, with certain exceptions, the use or introduction of Camels within the boundaries of Municipalities,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
7. BOROUGH OF NEWCASTLE ELECTRIC LIGHTING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Scott 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. Scott, 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. Scott (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
8. EIGHT HOURS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Schey, moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

TUESDAY, 1 DECEMBER, 1891, A.M.

Question put,—That this Bill be now read a second time.
The House divided.

Ayes, 63.

Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. John Wilkinson,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Traill,	Mr. Danahy,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Murphy,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Hoyle,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Newton,
Mr. Wise,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Scott,	Mr. Cass,
Mr. Cruickshank,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Darnley,	Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Rose,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Dale,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Cotton,	Mr. Grahame.
Mr. Hindle,	
Mr. Alfred Allen,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Gormly,	Mr. G. D. Clark.
Mr. Gillies,	

Noes, 7.

Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Scobic,
Mr. Stevenson,
Dr. Cullen.
Tellers,
Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Morton.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Schey, 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.

Ordered, that the adoption of the report stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

The House adjourned, at three minutes before Four o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 57.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 1 DECEMBER, 1891.

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

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

2. ALBURY MECHANICS INSTITUTE ENABLING BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

JERSEY,

Message No. 19.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled *An Act to enable the Trustees of the Albury Mechanics Institute to mortgage certain lands, situated in the town of Albury, and for declaring the trusts of the moneys raised by such mortgage*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 27th November, 1891.

3. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Reformatories for Youthful Offenders:—Mr. Molesworth asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the judges have repeatedly brought under the notice of the Government of this Colony the necessity of providing reformatories for youthful offenders?

(2.) Is it the intention of the present Government to deal with this question?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—This matter is engaging the earnest consideration of the Government.

(2.) Railway from Cooma to Bombala:—Mr. Johnston, for Mr. Miller, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it his intention to refer the extension of the railway from Cooma to Bombala to the Public Works Committee; and, if so, when?

Mr. Lyne answered,—It is my intention to bring the matter before the Cabinet on an early date, but it is quite impossible for me at present to state the exact time.

(3.) Bonded Warehouse at Town of Lismore:—Mr. Perry, for Mr. Nicoll, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In view of the large trade and growing importance of the town of Lismore,—will he establish a bonded warehouse at that place similar to that granted to Grafton some years since?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—My honorable colleague is informed that licenses are granted only to persons applying for bonded stores, and upon payment of license fees, as directed by the Customs Regulation Act of 1879.

(4.) Mail Service between Wagga Wagga and Tumberumba, via Humula:—Mr. Gormly asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a large number of people are centered at and near Humula?

(2.) Were repeated representations made to the Postal Department that when a mail should be established between Wagga Wagga and Tumberumba that the most desirable route would be by Humula?

(3.) What was the name of the officer who reported against the Humula route being adopted?

(4.) Will another officer be sent to report as to whether the mail service about to be established will serve most people by following the Humula to Carobost Roads?

Mr

Mr. Kidd answered,—

- (1.) The exact number of people at or near Humula is not known. Inspector Tucker states about fifteen householders within a mile radius, one hotel, blacksmith's shop, and Chinaman's store.
- (2.) Yes; but representations were also made to the contrary.
- (3.) Mr. Acting Postal Inspector Burnett and Mr. Inspector Tucker.
- (4.) As Mr. Tucker visited the district a few months since, it is not perceived that any object would be gained by another visit just at present, especially as Humula itself is supplied with a post office and a tri-weekly mail from Tarcutta.

- (5.) Molong to Parkes and Forbes Railway:—*Mr. Kelly*, for Mr. Crick, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he place upon the Table of this House all papers and correspondence in connection with the acceptance of the tender of Abraham Baxter (of Baxter and Sadlear) for the construction of the first section of the Molong to Parkes and Forbes railway, and all protests lodged in connection therewith?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I have no objection to place the papers upon the Table of the House.

- (6.) Geological Surveyor:—*Mr. Murphy*, for Mr. Danahey, asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) What arrangements (if any) have been made for a more perfect geological survey of the Colony than exists at present?
 - (2.) When will a geological surveyor be appointed in the place of the late Mr. Wilkinson?
 - (3.) Is it a fact that a proposal has been made to amalgamate the office of geological surveyor with that of chief mining surveyor?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) Steps are being taken to fill the vacancy in the staff of geological surveyors. When the staff is complete it is intended to keep at least two of the surveyors constantly employed on detail geological surveys, and a greater number as often as practicable.
- (2.) The position occupied by the late Mr. Wilkinson is now filled by Mr. Pittman, who formerly occupied a position on the staff next in rank to Mr. Wilkinson.
- (3.) An arrangement has been made under which Mr. Pittman will merely make check surveys when required. These are required so seldom that the duty will interfere very slightly with Mr. Pittman's duties as Government Geologist. The other duties of Chief Mining Surveyor are otherwise provided for by way of experiment.

- (7.) Road to the Wombeyan Caves:—*Mr. Rose* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What is the assumed cost of laying out a road from Moss Vale to the Wombeyan Caves?
- (2.) Is it a fact that on the Marulan-Taralga route to the Caves £1,000 has already been expended at the Swallow-tail, thus providing a road good enough at the present time for all ordinary traffic?
- (3.) Is it a fact that the Marulan route passes through settlement, while the proposed road from Moss Vale extends over a chain of mountains?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) A vote of £9,000 has been taken on the Loan Estimates of 1889.
- (2.) A sum of £863 has been expended on account of two contracts at the Swallow-tail.
- (3.) An inspection has recently been made of the two routes, but the report has not yet been received.

- (8.) Refreshment-room at Moss Vale:—*Mr. Rose* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Why was a refreshment-room opened at Moss Vale, when that station is only about 40 miles from the Goulburn refreshment-room?
- (2.) What was the cost of the Moss Vale refreshment-room?
- (3.) Is it a fact that there was a commodious refreshment-room at Mittagong prior to the Moss Vale one?
- (4.) Is it a fact that at the present time trains still water at Mittagong thus causing passengers a double delay?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) The Railway Commissioners deemed it desirable, in the interests of the travelling public, to establish refreshment-rooms at Moss Vale, and my honorable colleague understands the arrangement gives satisfaction. There is a room at Goulburn, but it would not be suitable for all trains.
- (2.) The cost of the rooms was £6,985, and the rent paid for them is £1,200 per annum.
- (4.) Trains still take water at Mittagong, but arrangements are in progress for a water supply to Moss Vale.

- (9.) Railway Passes issued to Officers of Military Forces—*Captain Bouverie*, Military Staff Office:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) How many permanent railway passes are issued to the general staff and other permanent officers of the military forces?
- (2.) What position does Captain Bouverie hold in the Military Staff Office?
- (3.) How long has Captain Bouverie filled that position?
- (4.) Who is performing Captain Bouverie's duties as Adjutant of the Reserve Forces during his employment at the Military Staff Office?
- (5.) Does Captain Bouverie receive pay and allowances as Adjutant of the Reserves?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Major-General Commanding the Military Forces:—

- (1.) Eight.
- (2.) None; but he has been temporarily employed during press of unusually heavy work.
- (3.) At various times since the commencement of the year, extending in the aggregate to five months.
- (4.) Lieutenant-Colonel Eden, in addition to his own work.
- (5.) Yes.

- (10.) Experimental Farm at North Wagga Wagga :—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Mines,—
 (1.) What steps are being taken to have the experimental farm at North Wagga Wagga opened?
 (2.) Will he take steps to have the matter expedited?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) The Lands Department has been moved to withdraw the necessary area of land from the North Wagga Wagga Temporary Common, and to dedicate the same to the Department of Agriculture.

(2.) On 19th December the legal requirements will have been complied with, after which date active operations will be commenced.

- (11.) Special Areas :—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) How does he intend to deal with the reserve that he stated to a deputation on Friday last that he had been offered £4 10s. an acre for; will he have the land made available for selection as a special area?

(2.) Does he intend to sell the land in any other way; and, if so, how?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The land having a special value, in view of its position relative to adjacent lands, will be submitted to auction at an upset price of £4 10s. per acre. If not sold, it will be made a special area, at a price per acre to be hereafter determined, but commensurate with its actual value for settlement.

- (12.) Appointments in Railway Department :—Mr. McGowen asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a young man named Robinson, who is but about 23 years of age, has been appointed to the responsible position of Assistant Out-Door Locomotive Superintendent in the Department of Railways; if so, what are his especial qualifications; and have the provisions of clauses 65 and 66 of the Railways Act been carried out in this case?

(2.) Is it a fact that a new arrival in the Colony named Davis is at present engaged as Assistant Superintendent of Water Supply in the Locomotive Branch of the Railway Department; if so, what are his especial qualifications; and have the provisions of clause 63, Railways Act, been carried out in this case?

(3.) Is it a fact that a new arrival in the Colony named Verdon has been appointed as Inspector of Rolling Stock in the Railway Department; if so, what are his especial qualifications; and have the provisions of clause 63, Railways Act, been carried out in this case?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) Mr. Robinson, who is 24 years of age, served his apprenticeship in the Eveleigh workshops, and subsequently at his own expense went to England and America, where he served in some of the best workshops dealing with railway rolling stock, &c., in order to gain experience. He is employed in assisting in the out-door working, but has not been appointed Assistant Out-door Locomotive Superintendent.

(2.) Mr. Davis is employed temporary at a daily rate as assistant to the officer who has charge of the locomotive water supplies. Mr. Davis has had considerable experience in locomotive working, and it was on the recommendation of the officer-in-charge that he was temporarily appointed to assist in the Water Supply Branch in consequence of many large works being in hand.

(3.) Mr. Verdon was appointed in response to applications which were invited through the press in the usual way, and the position was open to all employees. The applications were dealt with by the Examiners as provided for by the regulations, and Mr. Verdon being the most suitable was recommended for the position. It is understood Mr. Verdon is a native of the Colonies.

- (13.) Chicago Exhibition :—Mr. Nield asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What sum has been paid to the Commission to the Chicago Exhibition?

(2.) What amount has been applied for?

(3.) What is the estimated cost of the representation of the Colony thereat?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I have been unable to get a definite report from the Commissioners, but I am promised it in time to inform the House to-morrow afternoon.

- (14.) Railway Gates at Level Crossings :—Mr. Dale asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Do the Commissioners for Railways lock railway gates at level crossings, and by what authority?

(2.) Will he inquire whether gate-keepers cannot be stationed at level crossings, or the gates left unlocked?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—My honorable colleague is informed that many level crossings are simply private or occupation crossings, granted under arrangement at the time the land was taken, to enable communication to be given between private lands divided by the railway. In these cases it is usual for the gates to be locked, but at public crossings generally gate-keepers are employed; 470 persons being engaged in this way under the Railway Commissioners. If the Honorable Member knows of any instance where inconvenience is occasioned by the present practice, it would be well for the facts to be communicated to the Railway Commissioners, who will be glad to make inquiry, and remove any reasonable grounds for complaint.

4. GOULBURN WATER SUPPLY CHARGES BILL :—Dr. Hollis moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the Goulburn Water Supply Charges 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. Dibbs, Mr. E. M. Clark, Mr. Colls, Mr. Cullen, Mr. Holborow, Mr. Rose, Mr. Scott, Mr. Edden, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

5. **BOROUGH OF NEWCASTLE ELECTRIC LIGHTING BILL** (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Scott, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Scott then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to give powers to the Council of the Borough of Newcastle to light the streets and public places of the said Borough with the Electric Light, and to supply Electricity within or without the limits of the said Borough; and to levy rates and make charges in respect of such lighting and supply; and for the purposes aforesaid to acquire land, and the right to use patents, and acquire or construct works, and break open streets, remove obstructions and lay down electric lines; and to borrow money, enter into contracts, sell or lease fittings, and do other matters incidental to such lighting and supply; and to enable Boroughs and Municipal Districts without the limits of the said Borough of Newcastle to participate in the benefits of such supply; and to empower the Municipal Councils of such Boroughs and Municipal Districts to give consents, enter into contracts, and levy rates in respect of such supply; and to amend the one hundred and fifty-third, one hundred and sixty-fifth, and one hundred and ninetieth, and other sections of the 'Municipalities Act of 1867,' so far as may be necessary for the purposes aforesaid; and to impose certain penalties, and otherwise protect the Council from being defrauded, impeded, or harassed in the exercise of the aforesaid powers; and to make provision for the safety of the public; and to amend the law in other respects.*"

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 give powers to the Council of the Borough of Newcastle to light the streets and public places of the said Borough with the Electric Light, and to supply Electricity within or without the limits of the said Borough; and to levy rates and make charges in respect of such lighting and supply; and for the purposes aforesaid to acquire land, and the right to use patents, and acquire or construct works, and break open streets, remove obstructions, and lay down electric lines; and to borrow money, enter into contracts, sell or lease fittings, and do other matters incidental to such lighting and supply; and to enable Boroughs and Municipal Districts without the limits of the said Borough of Newcastle to participate in the benefits of such supply; and to empower the Municipal Councils of such Boroughs and Municipal Districts to give consents, enter into contracts, and levy rates in respect of such supply; and to amend the one hundred and fifty-third, one hundred and sixty-fifth, and one hundred and ninetieth, and other sections of the 'Municipalities Act of 1867,' so far as may be necessary for the purposes aforesaid; and to impose certain penalties, and otherwise protect the Council from being defrauded, impeded, or harassed in the exercise of the aforesaid powers; and to make provision for the safety of the public; and to amend the law in other respects,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence; accompanied by a copy of each of the three Reports from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committees thereon.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 1st December, 1891.*

6. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
(1.) Diseases in Sheep Acts Further Amendment Bill; second reading;—until Tuesday next.
(2.) Albury Racecourse Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading; until Monday, 14th December.
7. **POLLING DAY LIQUOR PROHIBITION BILL**:—On motion of Mr. G. D. Clark, the Order of the Day in reference to the introduction of this Bill discharged.
8. **SEGENHOE ESTATE IRRIGATION BILL**:—Mr. Neild, 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 8th September, 1891; together with Appendices and a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Neild then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday next.
Question put and passed.
9. **ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1892, AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1891 AND PREVIOUS YEARS**:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

JERSEY,

Message No. 20.

Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the accompanying Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1892, together with Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1891 and previous years.

*Government House,
Sydney, 30th November, 1891.*

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

10. **PAPERS**:—

Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report of the Deniliquin Fire Brigades Board, under the Fire Brigades Act, 1884.
(2.) Correspondence respecting the admission of Australian and New Zealand boys and young men into the Royal Navy.
(3.) Particulars respecting the Defence Force.
(4.) Return to an Order, made on 25th November, 1891,—“Police Force of the Colony.”
(5.) Return to an Order, made on 18th November, 1891,—“Callan Park Asylum.”
(6.) Return to an Order, made on 19th November, 1891,—“Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.”

Ordered to be printed.

Mr.

Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Jingellic East, county of Selwyn, for and in connection with a bridge over the Murray River at Jingellic.
Ordered to be printed.

11. **ELECTORAL REFORM BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Slattery moved, “That” this Bill be now read a third time.
Mr. Barton moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word “That,” with a view to the insertion in their place of the words “the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clauses 11 and 15.”
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 Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clauses 11 and 15,—put and passed.
On motion of Mr. Barton, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill 2^o with further amendments.
On motion of Mr. Barton (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
Ordered (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the Bill be read a third time at a later hour of the day.
12. **BANKRUPTCY ACTS AMENDMENT BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Barton 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. Barton, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Thursday next.
13. **SUPPLY**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.
The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be now received.
The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
(2.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £2,197, to defray the expenses of the establishment of His Excellency the Governor for the year 1892.
On motion of Mr. See, 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. See, 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 asked leave to sit again on Thursday next.
Question proposed,—That the Committee have leave to sit again “on Thursday next.”
Mr. Crick moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the words “on Thursday next.”
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
Debate ensued.
Question put,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of Question,—and Division called for,—but there being no Tellers on the part of the *Noes*, no Division could be had; and Mr. Speaker declared the Question to have been resolved in the *affirmative*.
Original Question then put and passed.
15. **PAPERS**:—Mr. See laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Estimates of the Ways and Means of the Government of New South Wales for the year 1892.
(2.) List of proposed Customs Duties and Free List.
Ordered to be printed.
16. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Dibbs moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
The House adjourned accordingly, at six minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 58.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 2 DECEMBER, 1891.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Workshops and Factories Bill:—Mr. Molesworth asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the present Government to introduce a Bill to regulate the employment of women and children in workshops and factories?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—Yes; the Bill will be brought in early next Session.

- (2.) Survey from Rock to Green's Gunyah:—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has a survey party been sent to the Rock to make a survey from that place; if so, will the survey go to the village, Green's Gunyah?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Yes.

- (3.) Noxious Animals in the Colony:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) What method do the Stock Department adopt in order to ascertain the exact number of noxious animals alleged to be infesting the Colony, viz., kangaroo, wallaby, native dogs, rabbits, hares, &c.; or are the statistics furnished in the Annual Report simply the result of an estimation?

(2.) Will he have any objection to furnish a tabulated Return, showing the number of such noxious animals in each stock district respectively, and how such animals exist and become more troublesome in some districts than in others?

(3.) The amount of money that is collected and expended annually in the destruction of these noxious animals in each district respectively; and out of what fund is the money paid?

(4.) Can he state definitely or approximately the number of hares infesting the Molong District, and the amount contributed and annually expended in the district for their destruction?

Mr. Slattery answered,—A Return will be laid upon the Table with the least possible delay, in which the required information will, as far as practicable, be supplied.

- (4.) Pasteur's Vaccine Lymph:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) In attempting to stamp out anthrax among sheep, by treating or vaccinating them with Pasteur's vaccine lymph, will he ascertain if there is any risk in producing or establishing cancer or tuberculosis in such flocks after having undergone the operation, as has resulted in cattle after having been inoculated with virus for pleuro-pneumonia?

(2.) Has the use of Pasteur's vaccine in anthrax proved a success or failure; the number that have been vaccinated; and the percentage of deaths that have occurred after the operation, compared with those that have not been vaccinated?

(3.) In what districts or runs has the operation been chiefly confined?

(4.) Has the alleged prevalence of cancer among stock of late years been brought under the notice of the Department, and can it be accounted for?

(5.) Can he state definitely or approximately the number of sheep that die annually in the Colony from anthrax; and how is the information obtained?

(6.) Has he any information as to whether the disease called anthrax is contagious or non-contagious, and how long has it existed in the Colony, and what steps (if any) have been taken for its eradication, and is it now on the increase or decrease?

(7.) Does he not consider the repeated prevalence and outbreak of virulent diseases among our herds and flocks as anthrax, pleuro, worms, mange, glanders, and farcy, &c., a sufficient indication and warning of the urgent necessity for the establishment of a Veterinary School of Medicine in the Colony; and will he see that some steps are taken on this important question, affecting public health, and that a sufficient sum of money is placed on the Estimates for this purpose?

Mr. Slattery answered,—A Return will be laid upon the Table with the least possible delay, in which the required information will be supplied.

(5.)

- (5.) Chicago Exhibition:—Mr. Neild asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) What sum has been paid to the Commission to the Chicago Exhibition?
 - (2.) What amount has been applied for?
 - (3.) What is the estimated cost of the representation of the Colony thereat?
- Mr. Dibbs answered,—
- (1 and 2.) The sum of £1,000 has been paid to the Commission.
- (3.) I think I had better read, for the information of the House, the answer which has been supplied by the Chicago Commission. The Commission at meeting held this day at noon adopted the following report on an unanimous vote:—“That the Finance and Administrative Committee report to the Commission that they are of opinion that a reply may be sent to the Colonial Secretary’s letter of the 25th November last, asking for an approximate estimate of the probable cost of the representation of the Colony at Chicago, in the following terms:—‘That the Commission is impressed with the necessity for economy in connection with the Exposition, and is of opinion that an adequate representation should be secured for a sum not exceeding £30,000.’”
- (6.) Supreme Court Business:—Mr. Kelly, for Mr. J. D. FitzGerald, asked the Attorney-General,—
- (1.) Will he make arrangements to relieve the judges from the pressure of work they are now stated to be under, in order to allow them to clear off all heard cases waiting for their decision?
 - (2.) Will he endeavour to have these heard cases disposed of before the Christmas vacation in the interests of the litigants?
 - (3.) In view of the alleged pressure of work on the judges, as well as in the interest of the public, will he take some steps to have the staff of judges either temporarily or permanently increased?
- Mr. Barton answered,—My honorable colleague, the Minister of Justice, wishes me to say that it is the intention of the Government to introduce within a few days a measure enabling the Government to temporarily increase the strength of the Bench when necessary. Without such legislative authority the necessary assistance cannot be afforded.
- (7.) Railway Employees in Locomotive and Traffic Departments, Penrith:—Mr. Lees asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that a considerable number of employes in the Locomotive and Traffic Departments at Penrith have had their increases of pay stopped for one or more years?
 - (2.) If so, has he any objection to stating the reason why such stoppages of pay were made?
 - (3.) Will he provide that all due increases so stopped shall be paid?
- Mr. See answered,—I am informed it is not a fact that a considerable number of railway employes at Penrith have had any increases to which they were entitled stopped.
- (8.) Fishburn & Co.’s Contract for supply of Railway Sleepers:—Mr. Hugh McKinnon asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What was the contract price of Fishburn & Co.’s contract for the supply of 9 x 9 x 5 railway sleepers last year?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that the Railway Commissioners have since granted the contractor an increase of 6d. per sleeper without calling fresh tenders?
- Mr. Lyne answered,—I am informed that the original contracts were let in February and May, 1890. As the sleepers were coming in very slowly, and large supplies were urgently required, the Commissioners offered increased prices for expeditious delivery, and from all inquiries made it did not appear we could do better from other firms, and at present we are paying other contractors equal and even higher prices than to Fishburn.
- (9.) Land resumed for School Purposes:—Mr. Hugh McKinnon asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that twelve months ago the Government resumed land from Mr. James Robinson, junr., of Glenthorne, for school purposes, and have not yet paid for said land; if so, what has caused the delay?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that they have also resumed land from Mr. J. M. Austin, of Rolland’s Plains, for same purpose over twelve months ago, and have not yet paid for it; if so, what has caused the delay?
- Mr. Suttor answered,—
- (1.) Mr. Robinson’s land was resumed on 3rd April last. The delay in completing the matter has arisen from Mr. Robinson’s refusal to accept the Department’s valuation of the land.
 - (2.) Mr. Austin’s land was purchased, not resumed. The Crown Solicitor reports his inability to complete the conveyance, as Mr. Austin’s solicitor has not yet produced the necessary evidence of title.
- (10.) Road from Nowra Bridge-Illaroo Road to Upper Budgong:—Mr. Morton asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Have instructions been given to lay out a line of road from the Nowra Bridge-Illaroo Road to Upper Budgong?
- Mr. Lyne answered,—The matter has been referred to the local officer for report.
- (11.) Statuary:—Mr. Kelly asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it true that the late Government ordered £15,000 worth of statuary in the month of October last from England?
- Mr. Dibbs answered,—I found upon inquiry that on the 15th October last a letter was written to Mr. Woolner, the eminent sculptor, ordering three statues of distinguished men, at a cost of 3,000 guineas each, or a total of £9,450. The Government took upon themselves, as this money has not been provided by any vote of Parliament, to countermand the order by wire.
- (12.) “Dr.” George Raymond:—Mr. Houghton asked the Attorney-General,—Did he refuse to file a Bill in the case of “Dr.” George Raymond, committed by the City Coroner to stand his trial on a charge of manslaughter; if so, on what grounds?

Mr.

Mr. Barton answered,—It is not usual to give in detail the reasons which actuate the Attorney-General in his performance of the functions of a grand jury, but I may go so far as to inform the Honorable Member that I did not consider the evidence sufficient to justify me in putting the accused on his trial for manslaughter.

(13.) Children apprenticed by the State Children's Relief Department :—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Dr. Hollis, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the children apprenticed by the State Children's Relief Department cease to be under the control of the Department and of their employers on attaining the age of 18 years, and are thenceforth liable to be left to their own resources?

(2.) If so, does he think it right that lads and girls of this age should be left absolutely to care for themselves?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) Yes ; as provided for by Act of Parliament.

(2.) This is a matter of opinion, in regard to which I should like to have the opinion of a medical authority, such as the Honorable Member.

2. ELECTORAL REFORM BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Barton, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Barton then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the law relating to Elections for the Legislative Assembly, and to remodel the system under which Members of the said Assembly are elected.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the law relating to Elections for the Legislative Assembly, and to remodel the system under which Members of the said Assembly are elected,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 2nd December, 1891.*

3. RESERVE, PARISH OF TERANGAN, BOGAN RIVER (*Formal Motion*):—Dr. Ross moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers, correspondence, maps, reports, and other documents having reference to water and travelling stock reserve 1,132, parish of Terangan, on Bogan River, county of Oxley.
Question put and passed.

4. PAPERS :—

Mr. See laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return containing certain information respecting the Public Accounts.

(2.) Return showing names of persons to whom free railway passes were issued for the six months ended 30th November, 1891, for other than Departmental purposes.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Barton laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return respecting Deaths under Chloroform, &c., during the years 1885–1890 inclusive.

(2.) Return to an Address, adopted on 25th November, 1891,—"*Charge of Sheep-stealing against Phillip Abott and Joseph Campbell, of Blayney.*"

(3.) Return to an Order, made on 26th November, 1891,—"*Goods manufactured within the Gaols of the Colony.*"

Ordered to be printed.

5. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Trade Disputes Conciliation and Arbitration Bill postponed until Tuesday next.

6. SEATS RE-DISTRIBUTION BILL :—Mr. Dibbs moved, That the Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of this Bill be discharged.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.

7. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Rutland Flux Tramway Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise Robert Stewart, of Broken Hill, in the Colony of New South Wales, mine-owner, his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, to construct and maintain a tramway from his Flux Quarries, in the parish of Robe, county of Yancowinna, in the Colony of New South Wales; and to use horse, steam, or other motive power upon the said tramway; and to carry all flux, fuel, and other material to and from his said quarries, in the parish of Robe aforesaid, to a point near Broken Hill, in the Colony aforesaid, connecting with the tramway system of the Broken Hill mines,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence; accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 2nd December, 1891.*

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman Presiding.

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

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Monday, 14th December.

(2.)

(2.) Broken Hill and District Water Supply Act Amendment Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to extend the time for completing the Broken Hill and District Water Supply Company's (Limited) Works, and to amend the 'Broken Hill and District Water Supply Act of 1888,'*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence; accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 2nd December, 1891.

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman Presiding.

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

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Monday, 14th December.

8. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in the Level Crossings on Railways Bill postponed until Tuesday next.
9. REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE BILL (No. 2) :—The Order of the Day having been read for the adoption of the report of this Bill,—on motion of Mr. Dibbs, the Order was discharged. Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.
10. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Tuesday next :—
(1.) Goulburn to Crookwell Railway Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Goulburn to Crookwell.
(2.) Supply; resumption of the Committee.
11. CLAIMS OF WILLIAM TOM, JAMES TOM, AND J. H. A. LISTER, AS THE FIRST DISCOVERERS OF GOLD IN AUSTRALIA :—Mr. Torpy moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Claims of William Tom, James Tom, and J. H. A. Lister, as the first Discoverers of Gold in Australia," brought up on the 2nd September, 1891, be now adopted.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Copeland,	
Mr. Wright,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Chapman.
Mr. Garvan,	
Mr. Dowel,	
Mr. Newman,	
Mr. Neild,	
Mr. Jeanneret,	
Mr. Donnelly,	
Mr. Gardiner,	
Mr. Barnes,	
Mr. Miller,	
Mr. Sheldon,	
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. Nicoll,	
Mr. Wall,	
Mr. Gough,	
Mr. Cotton,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Cass,	

Noes, 39.

Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Murphy,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Rose,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Darnley,
Mr. John Wilkinson,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Hutchison,	Dr. Cullen,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Bowman,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Dale,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Motesworth,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Dr. Hollis,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,	Mr. Hindle.
Mr. Gormly,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. G. D. Clark.
Mr. Johnston,	
Mr. Sharp,	

And so it passed in the negative.

12. MANUFACTURE IN THE COLONY OF RAILWAY LOCOMOTIVES, &c. :—Mr. Crick moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, all future locomotives, cars, rolling stock, &c., required for the railways of this Colony should be manufactured in the Colony.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Cotton moved, That the Question be amended by the addition of the words "in Government workshops."
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be added be so added.
Debate continued.
Question put,—That the words proposed to be added be so added.
The House divided.

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Cann,	
Mr. McGowen,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Danahy,
Mr. Lees,	Dr. Hollis.
Mr. Alfred Allen,	
Mr. E. M. Clark,	
Mr. Donald,	
Mr. Daraley,	
Mr. Cook,	
Mr. Kirkpatrick,	
Mr. Campbell,	
Mr. Fegan,	
Mr. Nicholson,	
Mr. Cotton,	
Mr. Lonsdale,	
Mr. Edden,	
Mr. Bavister,	
Mr. Newman,	
Mr. Morgan,	

Noes, 36.

Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Sheldon,	Mr. Murphy,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. G. D. Clark,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Rose,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Donnelly,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. John Wilkinson,
Mr. Gough,	Mr. Dangar.
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Cass,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Williams.
Mr. Torpy,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Crick,
Mr. Bowes,	Mr. Gillies.
Mr. Stevenson,	

And so it passed in the negative.
Original Question then put and passed:

13. CRIMINAL LAW AND EVIDENCE AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the amendment made by the Legislative Assembly in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Criminal Law and certain laws for the Administration of Justice.*"

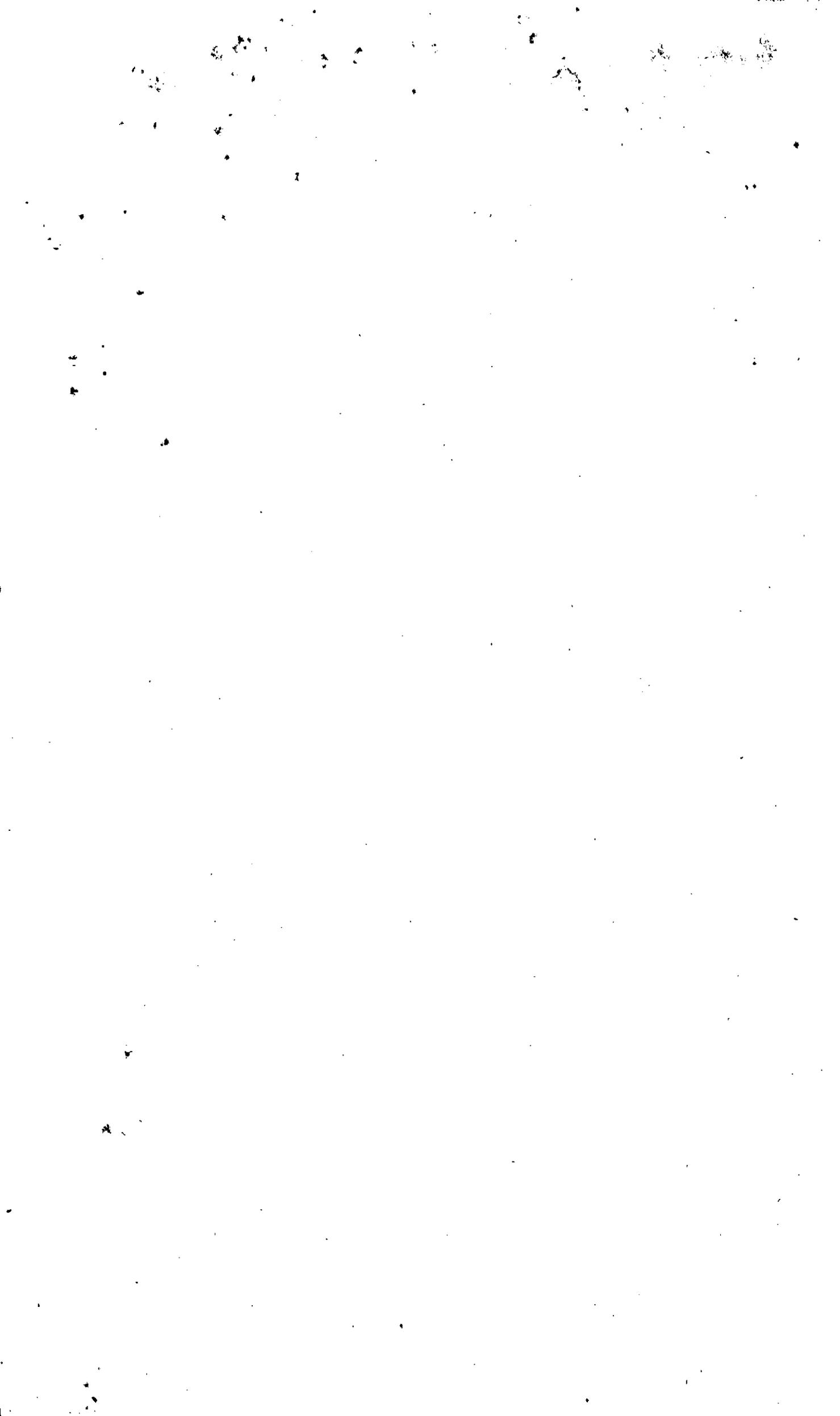
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Chairman Presiding.

14. POLLING DAY LIQUOR PROHIBITION BILL:—Mr. G. D. Clark moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill for the purpose of closing licensed public-houses; and for the prohibition of the sale and supply of intoxicating liquors on Parliamentary Election days; for making it illegal to hold committee meetings, or meetings of electors in licensed public-houses in connection with Parliamentary elections; and for other purposes connected therewith.
Question put and passed.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 59.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 3 DECEMBER, 1891.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Professor of Electricity:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it the intention of the Government to take any steps to import a competent person to act as Professor of Electricity, so that the science of electricity may be taught in the Colony, in place of sending officials (as has been done in the Railway Department) to England, and keeping them there for twelve months, in order to obtain a knowledge of this particular science?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—This matter will receive consideration at the hands of the Government.

(2.) Expenditure on Roads, Molong District:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What is the amount of the ordinary vote or expenditure for roads in the Molong district, classified and unclassified, for the last two years?

(2.) How much out of the £150,000 of last year's surplus for the repair of roads owing to floods, &c., was allotted to the district of Molong, and will he state where and on what contracts the money was expended, and the nature of the work?

Mr. Lyne answered,—A Return giving this information will be prepared and laid upon the Table of the House with as little delay as possible.

(3.) Road, Kangaroo Mountain to Cambewarra Mountain:—Mr. Morton asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What amount of money is available for expenditure on the Kangaroo Mountain to Cambewarra Mountain Road?

(2.) Will he give instructions to have such sum spent without delay?

Mr. Lyne answered,—A sum of £400 was approved to be spent when funds were available. Of this amount the sum of £209 10s. has been spent; the balance will be expended as soon as the votes for next year are available.

(4.) Bridge over the Yarramunmun Creek, near Yalwal:—Mr. Morton asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What is causing the delay in the erection of the bridge over the Yarramunmun Creek, near Yalwal?

(2.) Will he give instructions to have this matter expedited?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) Because a sufficient sum of money has not been made available for the work.

(2.) The matter will be considered as soon as Supply for next year is available.

(5.) Captain McNeill, Instructor to the New South Wales Cavalry Forces:—Mr. Perry asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What steps have been taken to secure a competent successor to Captain McNeill, Instructor to the New South Wales Cavalry Forces?

(2.) Is it a fact that the officers of the Cavalry Forces of the Colony sent a joint application to the Military authorities, applying for Captain McNeill's term of engagement to be extended, or that the services of an Imperial Cavalry Officer, with Field Rank, be obtained to relieve that officer when he returns to England?

(3.) In view of the changes now taking place in drill and organising Cavalry Forces, will the Government state whether anything has been done to give effect to the request of the cavalry officers referred to; if so, what?

Mr.

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I have received the following information from the Major-General Commanding the Forces :—

- (1.) Lieutenant Lee, of the Maitland Cavalry, has, on the recommendation of the Officer Commanding Cavalry, been sent to England to qualify for the post.
- (2.) Yes; and, if complied with, would saddle the country with the cost of two fully-paid officers on the Cavalry Staff, which should be unnecessary.
- (3.) The question has not been submitted to the Government.

(6.) Imprisonment of Men belonging to Her Majesty's Navy:—*Mr. Willis*, for *Mr. Melville*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) How many men belonging to Her Majesty's Navy have been imprisoned in Darlinghurst Gaol since 1st January, 1891?
- (2.) On what charges and to what sentences were they respectively condemned?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I shall lay upon the Table of the House a Return which will give the necessary information.

(7.) Holidays to Police Force:—*Mr. Nicholson* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Are the police allowed one holiday per month by the Police Regulations?
- (2.) If so, would he inquire if the country police receive this holiday regularly; and, if not, will he see that they do?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The following answers have been supplied by the Inspector-General of Police :—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) Leave of absence is liberally granted to the police when the exigencies of the service will admit.

(8.) Crown Lands in the Burrawang Pastoral Holding:—*Mr. Hutchinson* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) What action does he intend taking with regard to the proposed surrender and exchange of 26,000 acres of land in the Burrawang Pastoral Holding, and when does he expect to be able to give a final decision upon the matter?
- (2.) How many petitions have there been presented for and against such exchange respectively?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

- (1.) My intention is to comply with the spirit of the Act, which, in my opinion, only contemplates the exchange of detached areas.
- (2.) One petition for, and two against, such exchange have been received.

(9.) Fire Brigades Boards:—*Mr. Hutchinson* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What steps do the Government intend to take with regard to Fire Brigades Boards which have received no contributions during the last two or three years, either from the Government or Fire-Insurance Companies, owing to some defect or technicality in the Fire Brigades Act?
- (2.) Have the Government placed a sum on the 1892 Estimates for the purpose of subsidising or assisting Volunteer Fire Brigades for the maintenance of their plants and apparatus in a proper state of efficiency?
- (3.) When do the Government propose to bring in an amended Fire Brigades Act?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

- (1 and 2.) A sum of £5,000 has been placed on the Estimates for 1892, under the heading of special appropriations for the endowment of Fire Brigades registered under the Fire Brigades Act, 47 Vic. No. 3.
- (3.) The matter is receiving consideration.

(10.) Railway Gates at Level Crossings in High-street and Wilkin's-lane, Muswellbrook:—*Mr. Henry Clarke*, for *Mr. R. G. D. FitzGerald*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Railway Commissioners have caused the gates at the level crossings in Hill-street and Wilkin's-lane, in the town of Muswellbrook, to be locked from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. daily during the past three weeks?
- (2.) Under what authority have the Commissioners caused these gates to be locked?
- (3.) Was a communication received by the Commissioners from the Muswellbrook Municipal Council, on the 17th November last, protesting against their action in so closing these gates?
- (4.) Will he take the necessary steps to have the gates opened as usual?

Mr. See answered,—I am informed that there are a large number of crossings in this locality, and, as it was understood that the traffic was limited at the gates referred to, they could be closed without inconvenience, but, as it has been represented that it is not so, directions were given a few days ago for the gatekeepers to be replaced.

(11.) Town Common at Braidwood:—*Mr. Chapman* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that, in answer to an application for a grant of land from the Church and School estate as a common for Braidwood, it was found that no provision is made in the Act allowing such grants to be made?
- (2.) If so, will he introduce a Bill at an early date amending the Act, so that grants may be made for commons, schools, parks, &c.?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) I have under consideration the expediency of bringing in a Bill to meet the difficulty alluded to by the Honorable Member.

(12.) Survey of Mining Leases at Boro:—*Mr. Chapman* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a number of mining leases at Boro, which were applied for over six months ago, have not been surveyed, or the leases delivered?
- (2.) If so, what is the reason that the Government have not caused a survey to be made?
- (3.) Will he cause a survey to be made at once, and the leases granted, so that the land may be worked, or else thrown open to *bona fide* applicants?

Mr.

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) There are no applications in this office for mining leases at Boro which have not yet been surveyed. There are only ten such applications which have not yet been granted. Of these, five are in course of approval, the remaining five are delayed by conflicting titles, non-payment by applicants of moneys, &c.

(2.) Answered by No. 1.

(3.) Steps are being taken to expedite the granting of the whole of the leases.

(13.) Railway, Molong to Parkes and Forbes :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When is the tender for the second section of the railway Molong to Parkes and Forbes likely to be accepted and the work proceeded with?

Mr Lyne answered,—A tender will be accepted as soon as the necessary financial arrangements can be made.

(14.) Railway, Molong to Parkes and Forbes :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In the construction of the railway Molong to Parkes, &c. (now in process of construction), will he see that steps are taken to have a station erected at Gregra, or the nearest and most convenient point to the town and district of Cudal?

Mr. Lyne answered,—This is a matter which will have to be determined by the Railway Commissioners, and I will see that they are communicated with on the subject.

(15.) Regulations as to School Teachers holding other positions :—Mr. Ewing asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is there any regulation prohibiting a teacher from holding a position as secretary to a Progress Association?

(2.) Will he make his decision in this matter generally known in his Department?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

(1.) Instruction 30 to teachers, which has the force of a regulation, provides that they must abstain from participation in any public meetings or other gatherings on party, political, or sectarian matters.

(2.) This instruction, being incorporated with the regulations, is in the hands of every teacher under the Department.

(16.) Employees in Zoological and Botanical Gardens :—Mr. Lees, for Mr. Bavister, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What are the hours of employment for the workmen employed in the Zoological Gardens?

(2.) Is there any difference in the hours of labour in summer and winter?

(3.) The same particulars connected with the workmen in the Botanical Gardens?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1 and 2.) The hours are from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. during the winter months, and from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. during the summer months.

(3.) In the Botanic Gardens the men work in summer fifty-one hours per week, and in the winter forty-five hours.

(17.) Coal Rates on Illawarra Railway :—Mr. Gillies asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Referring to the replies to Questions on this subject,—

(1.) Will he ascertain from the Railway Commissioners whether, after communicating with their officials, they still find that no special rates are granted to South Clifton Colliery for coal conveyed to or shipped at Darling Harbour?

(2.) Will the Commissioners for Railways grant a rebate proportionate to that they at present give off for coal shipped at Darling Harbour, for coal transmitted to private jetties on the Illawarra Coast, or to Wollongong Harbour for shipment?

(3.) Will the Railway Commissioners permit an examination of their books by a leading accountant, with the object of ascertaining the exact state of matters concerning the rates charged to the collieries before referred to?

Mr. See answered,—I am informed that the South Clifton Colliery is allowed the same concession as is supplied to all coal companies for coal shipped at Darling Harbour, the rates being quoted in reply of 24th November, 1891. With regard to the other matters referred to, it would be well for the Honorable Member to place himself in communication with the Railway Commissioners.

(18.) Engaged Railway Carriages :—Dr. Hollis asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Does a person who engages a railway carriage at an intermediate station pay for the use of the carriage from the terminal station from which the train starts?

Mr. See answered,—No; and it may be added that it is unusual for a carriage to be reserved at a terminal station for use at an intermediate station.

2. CLAIM OF ISAAC BARCLAY (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Morton moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a copy of the Crown Solicitor's opinion relating to the claim of Isaac Barclay for compensation.
Question put and passed.

3. CLAIM OF JOHN O'BRIEN, TYAGONG GOLD-FIELD (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Vaughn moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers, letters, documents, and reports, or writings having reference to the claim of John O'Brien for loss of land held for gold-mining purposes at Prince Alfred Gully, Tyagong Gold-field.
Question put and passed.

4. CLOSING OF PARTS OF LAKE ILLAWARRA (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Campbell moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

(1.) Copies of all reports, correspondence, minutes, or other papers having reference to the closing of parts of Lake Illawarra recently against net-fishing for a period of two years.

(2.) A map or tracing showing the portions of the said lake so closed, and their respective areas.

Question put and passed.

5. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Camel Driving Restriction Bill postponed until Tuesday next.
6. **VINE DISEASES ACTS FURTHER CONTINUATION 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 continue the ‘Vine Diseases Act of 1886’ and the ‘Vine Diseases Act Amendment Act of 1888’ for a further period of one year,*”—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 3rd December, 1891.

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman Presiding.

7. **PAPER**:—Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—Return respecting imprisonment of men of Her Majesty’s Navy.
Ordered to be printed.

8. **COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS** (*Privilege—Seat of H. H. Brown, Esquire*):—

(1.) Mr. Henry Clarke, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, relative to the question referred to them on the 18th November last, as to whether the Seat of Herbert Harrington Brown, Esquire, Member for Durham, had not become vacant by his having entered into a contract with the Government with reference to certain leasehold property in Castlereagh-street.

And the said Report was read at length by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, as follows:—

“The Committee of Elections and Qualifications, duly appointed on the 16th July, 1891, to whom was referred on the 18th November, 1891, the question whether the Seat of Herbert Harrington Brown, Esquire, Member for Durham, has not become vacant by his having entered into a contract with the Government with reference to certain leasehold property in Castlereagh-street,—have determined and do hereby accordingly declare:—

“That the Committee, after taking evidence on the subject, deem it unnecessary to express an opinion whether the transaction complained of does or does not come within section twenty-eight of the Constitution Act, but are satisfied that the contract (if any) was entered into before Mr. H. H. Brown was elected to the present Legislative Assembly, and, therefore, declare that he is not disqualified from sitting or voting as a Member of the said Assembly.

“No. 1 Committee Room,
“Sydney, 3rd December, 1891.

HENRY CLARKE,
Chairman.”

Mr. Clarke then moved, “That” the Report and Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence be printed. Mr. Garvan moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word “That,” with a view to the insertion in their place of the words “it be referred back to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications to inquire into and determine whether H. H. Brown, Esq., the Member for Durham, was interested in a contract or agreement with the Government “at the time of his election to this House, in contravention of clause 28 of the Constitution Act.” Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question. Debate ensued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 57.

Mr. Barton,	Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Brunner,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Colls,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Torpy,	Dr. Hollis,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Fuller,
Mr. York,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Hindle,	Dr. Cullen,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Dale,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Holborow,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Want,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Cotton,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Newman.
Mr. Jones,	
Mr. E. M. Clark,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Martin.
Mr. G. D. Clark,	

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Mr. Crick,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Williams,
Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Gough,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. McCourt.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. O’Sullivan.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question then put and passed.

- (2.) *Adjournment of the Committee*:—Mr. Clarke moved, That the Committee of Elections and Qualifications have leave to adjourn *sine die*, the matter referred to them having been disposed of. Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

9. **WAYS AND MEANS**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. See, Mr Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
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And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 4 DECEMBER, 1891, A.M.

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

10. **SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Dibbs (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House, at its rising this day, stand adjourned until Tuesday next.
Question put and passed.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Dibbs moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-six minutes before One o'clock a.m., until *Tuesday next* at Four o'clock.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 60.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 8 DECEMBER, 1891.

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

POSTPONEMENTS:—The Orders of the Day of Government Business, Nos. 1 to 6, postponed until To-morrow.

2. PAPER:—Mr. See laid upon the Table,—Return showing the amount to be provided for from Loan Funds to meet liabilities outstanding and to become due under existing contracts.
Ordered to be printed.

3. WATKINS-WALLIS TRUST ESTATE BILL:—Mr. Barbour presented a Petition from Stephen John Pearson and the Reverend John Douse Langley, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to confer certain powers and authorities upon Stephen John Pearson and the Reverend John Douse Langley, as trustees of two several indentures, dated the twenty-second day of June, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five, and the seventeenth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight, under which certain lands and moneys were vested in the said Stephen John Pearson and Reverend John Douse Langley on certain trusts in the said indentures mentioned.
And Mr. Barbour having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, and *Southern Mail*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.

4. MUNICIPALITIES ACT OF 1867 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2):—Mr. Hassall presented a Petition from certain Ratepayers of the Municipal District of Bingera in favour of this Bill; and praying that the House will cause it to be passed into law with the least possible delay.
Petition received.

5. FISCAL POLICY OF THE GOVERNMENT—VOTE OF CENSURE:—Mr. Reid moved, pursuant to Notice, (1.) That, having regard to the circumstances under which this Parliament was recently brought into existence, and the large number of pressing subjects of legislation, of vast importance to all classes of the community, which are ripe for settlement, in accordance with the declared policy of all political parties, this House deploras, and will resist any attempt to bring about a conflict upon the question of freetrade and protection, until the verdict of the electors can be recorded upon the basis of one man one vote.

(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be conveyed by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
Debate ensued.

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow, and (*with the unanimous concurrence of the House*) take precedence of other business.

6. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Dibbs 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.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 61.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 9 DECEMBER, 1891.

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

POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Illegal Benevolent Funds Bill postponed until Monday, 25th January.

2. BROKEN HILL AND DISTRICT WATER SUPPLY ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Cann presented a Petition from the Broken Hill Proprietary Company (Limited), and several other Mining Companies at Broken Hill, representing that great difficulties have been experienced by the Petitioners in obtaining an adequate supply of water for the use of their mines; that the time for completing the works authorised under the Broken Hill and District Water Supply Act expired on 1st October, 1891, and an Amending Bill has been presented to get an extension of that time for two years from the passing of that Bill; that the promoters of the Act and Bill have never taken any steps to commence their undertakings; that other plans have been formed for supplying the mines with water if opportunity is given; and praying the House not to pass the said Bill.
Petition received.

3. TARRAWINGEE TRAMWAY ACT:—Mr. Cann presented a Petition from certain Business People and Residents in and around Broken Hill, praying, for the reasons in the Petition set forth, that no concessions be granted to the Proprietors of the Tarrawingee Tramway Company beyond those allowed by the Tarrawingee Tramway Act.
Petition received.

4. FISCAL 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. Reid,—

“(1.) That, having regard to the circumstances under which this Parliament was recently brought into existence, and the large number of pressing subjects of legislation, of vast importance to all classes of the community, which are ripe for settlement, in accordance with the declared policy of all political parties, this House deploras, and will resist any attempt to bring about a conflict upon the question of freetrade and protection, until the verdict of the electors can be recorded upon the basis of one man one vote.

“(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be conveyed by Address to His Excellency the Governor.”

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

Debate ensued.

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

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow, and (*with the unanimous concurrence of the House*) take precedence of other business.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 62.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 10 DECEMBER, 1891.

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

POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

- (1.) Camel Driving Restriction Bill; second reading;—until Monday next.
(2.) Eight Hours Bill, reported; adoption of report;—until Monday, 25th January.

2. WAGGA WAGGA SCHOOL OF ARTS ENABLING BILL:—Mr. Gormly, 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 26th November, 1891; together with a copy of the Bill as agreed to by the Committee.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Gormly then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Monday, 25th January.
Question put and passed.

3. FORFEITURE OF J. J. RAY'S SELECTION IN THE LAND DISTRICT OF WAGGA WAGGA:—Mr. Gormly, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 29th September, 1891; together with Appendices.
Ordered to be printed.

4. FISCAL 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. Reid,—

“(1.) That, having regard to the circumstances under which this Parliament was recently brought into existence, and the large number of pressing subjects of legislation, of vast importance to all classes of the community, which are ripe for settlement, in accordance with the declared policy of all political parties, this House deplores, and will resist any attempt to bring about a conflict upon the question of freetrade and protection, until the verdict of the electors can be recorded upon the basis of one man one vote.

“(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be conveyed by Address to His Excellency the Governor.”

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Mr. McGowen moved, That the Question be amended by the addition at the end of the first paragraph of the words “by means of a plebiscite.”

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

Point of Order:—Mr. Toohey requested the ruling of the Chair whether the proposed amendment was in order.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker stated the practice, and quoted decisions given in the House of Commons on the subject of the same question being twice offered in the same Session, and pointed out that the House had, on the 12th October, on the motion of Mr. Houghton, decided that it would not authorise the taking of a plebiscite on the fiscal question, and the amendment now offered proposed to ask for a vote on the same question. He, therefore, ruled that the two proposals were the same in substance and effect, and consequently the proposed amendment was inadmissible.

Debate continued.

And

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 11 DECEMBER, 1891, A.M.

Mr. Speaker, having called the attention of the House to continued irrelevance on the part of Mr. Haynes, an Honorable Member for Mudgee, directed him to discontinue his speech.

Debate continued.

Mr. Speaker, having under the Additional Standing Order No. 7, intimated to the Honorable Member for Mudgee, Mr. Jones, his opinion that the speech being delivered was of such unwarrantable length as to obstruct the transaction of public business, directed him to discontinue his speech.

Debate continued.

Mr. Speaker, having under the Additional Standing Order No. 7, intimated to the Honorable Member for the Macleay, Mr. Dangar, his opinion that the speech being delivered was of such unwarrantable length as to obstruct the transaction of public business, directed him to discontinue his speech.

Debate continued.

Mr. Speaker having called the attention of the House to continued irrelevance on the part of Mr. Donnelly, an Honorable Member for Carcoar, directed him to discontinue his speech.

Debate continued.

Mr. Speaker, having under the Additional Standing Order No. 7, intimated to the Honorable Member for Monaro, Mr. Miller, his opinion that the speech being delivered was of such unwarrantable length as to obstruct the transaction of public business, directed him to discontinue his speech.

Debate continued.

Question put,—

(1.) That, having regard to the circumstances under which this Parliament was recently brought into existence, and the large number of pressing subjects of legislation, of vast importance to all classes of the community, which are ripe for settlement, in accordance with the declared policy of all political parties, this House deplores, and will resist any attempt to bring about a conflict upon the question of freetrade and protection, until the verdict of the electors can be recorded upon the basis of one man one vote.

(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be conveyed by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

The House divided.

Ayes, 63.

Mr. Reid,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Want,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Neild,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Danahy,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. E. M. Clark,	Mr. Hart,
Dr. Cullen,	Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Rae,	Mr. Donald,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. E. G. Brown,
Mr. Newman,	Dr. Hollis,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Dale,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Booth,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Marks,	Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. Eve,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Gillics,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Holborow.
Mr. Gould,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. McCourt.
Mr. Jeanneret,	
Mr. Cullen,	
Mr. Bowman,	
Mr. McMillan,	
Mr. Black,	
Mr. Haynes,	
Mr. Jones,	
Mr. Collins,	
Mr. G. D. Clark,	
Mr. Davis,	

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Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Dowcl,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. See,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. J. A. Mackinnon,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Colls,	Mr. Torpy,
Mr. York,	Mr. Cass,
Mr. Scott,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Rose,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Newton,
Mr. Toohy,	Mr. Gough,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Chanter,
Mr. R. G. D. FitzGerald,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Dickens,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Traill,	Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Sharp,	Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Cruickshank,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Dangar,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. John Wilkinson,
Mr. Bowes,	Mr. Donnelly.
Mr. Hutchison,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Wall,	Mr. Hassall.
Mr. Chapman,	
Mr. Langwell,	

And so it passed in the negative.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at two minutes before Eight o'clock, a.m., until Monday next at Four o'clock.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 63.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, 14 DECEMBER, 1891.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Women loitering in the Streets of Sydney:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Mr. Dangar, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) During the hours from 10 to 12 p.m. on Saturday the 12th instant, how many women known to the police as persons of abandoned character, and how many suspected to be of immoral habits, were observed by the police loitering in the streets of Sydney;—the reply to set forth the number in the several divisions?

(2.) Was any action taken by the police with reference to these persons?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table a Return giving the desired information.

(2.) Hydro-pneumatic Gun at Wollongong:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Mr. Ewing, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is there any objection to have local artillery drilled and instructed in the use of hydro-pneumatic gun recently erected at Wollongong?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I am informed by the Major-General Commanding the Military Forces that the officer commanding the Artillery will arrange for this being done, on the understanding that it does not interfere with their other drills.

(3.) Removal of Mr. Thomas Midelton from the Public Service:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Mr. Wright, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—When will he produce the papers in connection with the case of Mr. Thomas Midelton, as ordered by Resolution of this House of 19th December, 1890?

Mr. See answered,—The papers in this case are very voluminous, and it is regretted some of the earlier papers are missing, but the whole so far as available will be laid upon the Table as exhibits.

(4.) Wood-blocking of Oxford-street, Paddington:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for Mr. Neild, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—When will the wood-blocking of Oxford-street, Paddington (towards which the Council of that Borough paid several thousands of pounds to the Government some months since), be proceeded with?

Mr. See answered,—I am informed that the question of proceeding with this work is having consideration.

(5.) Admiralty House:—*Mr. Schey* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What was the amount of the accepted tender for alterations and additions to Admiralty House?

(2.) What was the amount of extras claimed on the completion of the job?

(3.) What amount of money has been paid to the contractors on account of such work and extras respectively?

(4.) What was the cost of furnishing the house after the alterations, &c.?

(5.) What has been the total cost, including all items?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) The accepted tenders amounted to £6,789.

(2.) The claim has not yet been furnished.

(3.) £6,595 4s. 10d. to date.

(4.) The furnishing is estimated to cost £1,100.

(5.) The total cost, as far as can be ascertained at present, is about £8,475.

(6.) Contracts let to Messrs. Angus and Moonie :—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Mr. Hoyle, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What was the amount of work let to Angus and Moonie by public tender ?
- (2.) What amount of work has been done by them without competition ?
- (3.) What is the amount of money paid to them to date ?
- (4.) What is the amount of money still owing ?

Mr. See answered,—I may state that no objection will be offered to the supply of this information if the Honorable Member will favour me by moving for the same in the usual way.

(7.) Accountant's Branch at Darling Harbour Railway Station :—*Mr. Schey* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he lay upon the Table a Return showing the names of the clerks and others employed in the Accountant's Branch at Darling Harbour Railway Station for the six months ending 30th November, 1891 ?

Mr. See answered,—It is presumed that the office in which the accounts for freight, &c., are dealt with is referred to. The persons employed therein are :—Jones G. C., Kennedy J., Cochrane T. N., Wilson J. H., Trewecke R. H., Moore W. J., Green C. J., Heness A. G., Scage P., Anderson J., Robinson W., Styles H. C., Graham W., Hicks J.

(8.) Roads and Bridges in the Shoalhaven Electorate :—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for Mr. Morton, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) How much money was granted during the years 1889, 1890, and 1891 for roads and bridges within the Shoalhaven Electorate ?
- (2.) How much of the sums granted has been spent, how much written off, and how much is still available for expenditure ?

Mr. Lyne answered,—A Return giving this information will be prepared and laid upon the Table of the House with as little delay as possible.

(9.) Ringbarking of Crown Lands of the Colony :—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Will he obtain from the Director-General of Forests an estimate, or approximate estimate, of the number of acres of land that have been ringbarked, and the amount of loss (in the shape of valuable timber) the Colony has sustained through the system of ringbarking that has been carried on in the colonies for many years ?
- (2.) The names of the districts of parts of the Colony where ringbarking has been carried on most extensively ?
- (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to have such Crown Lands that have been ringbarked replanted with suitable trees ; and, if so, at what cost ?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—A reply has already been given to a similar Question by the Honorable Member, and it would be difficult to furnish further information upon the data now given. If the Honorable Member will move for a Return, and furnish fuller particulars of the information he desires, I will cause the necessary steps to be taken to comply with it.

(10.) Vote for Recreation Grounds :—*Mr. McFarlane* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) What sum was voted on last Estimates for the purchase of recreation grounds ?
- (2.) Has any land been purchased or resumed for recreation purposes during the present year ; if so, to what extent and in what localities ?
- (3.) What is the reason of delay in dealing with applications made, in some cases, several years ago ?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

- (1.) £25,000 was voted on the Loan Estimates.
- (2.) No land has been resumed. A purchase of 10 acres at Taree was completed during the present year, but this was not paid from the above vote, the amount having been specially voted previously.
- (3.) I cannot say with reference to the past. As to the present, I append a copy of a minute I wrote on the 23rd ultimo with reference to this question :—

The following is a copy of minute :—“I have given this and other similar applications most serious consideration. I find that £25,000 was voted for the purpose of purchasing land for parks, out of which only some £62 has been expended, though applications are in for about £80,000. The £25,000, however, was voted from Loan Funds, notwithstanding the fact that over £2,000,000 per annum is being paid into Current Revenue Account for sale and occupation of lands, and it seems to me, therefore, that whatever money is required to purchase land for this purpose should be taken from Land Revenue and not from Loan Account.

“Expenditure for this purpose cannot by any process of reasoning be considered as reproductively. On the reverse, no sooner is the money expended than it entails a continuous expenditure by way of sums for ‘improvements.’ It appears to me, therefore, unsound policy to borrow money and pay interest on it for all time for the purpose of expending it in this manner ; and until money can be voted from the Consolidated Revenue Fund I should not be justified in appropriating Loan Funds for that purpose. If there are any suitable Crown lands available I shall be very glad to facilitate their being granted for the purpose herein referred to.”

(11.) Hillston Licensing District :—*Mr. Gormly* asked the Attorney-General,—

- (1.) Did the District Inspector send a circular to the different publicans in the Hillston Licensing District, informing them that he had been instructed by the Licensing Bench of Magistrates to see that in all licensed wooden houses in his district the partitions between the sleeping and sitting rooms were lined with boards and filled in with sawdust or earth ?
- (2.) Did the circular state that to any house not having this done when next application is made the license would be refused ?
- (3.) If so, has this course been adopted under the provisions of the Publicans Licensing Act ?

Mr.

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The following answers have been supplied by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice :—

(1.) A circular was issued on the 18th June as stated in the Question.
 (2 and 3.) An extract from a letter from the Chairman of the Licensing Bench at Hillston will furnish full information on these points:—"The attention of the Licensing Inspector was some time ago called to the character of the public sleeping-rooms in several hotels in this district, and he was instructed to take steps to see that the partitions between all such rooms were filled up with some material so as to ensure privacy, and the undisturbed occupancy of the said rooms, and, as in dealing with conditional license applications, the Court had hitherto suggested in the absence of brick that the partitions between bedrooms should be filled in with sawdust or earth, this course was suggested wherever necessary in respect of existing houses usable by the travelling public.
 * * * * * It is not enough that hotels should contain so many bedrooms, but that these rooms should be so constructed as to be reasonably private as regards both comfort and decency. * * * * * The object of the notice is that the hotelkeepers concerned shall know the views of the Court in sufficient time to enable the necessary alterations to be made, but if, for any reasonable cause, effect cannot be given to these views before the expiry of the license the Court, as in a case last week, will grant the renewal, and allow time for making the alterations."

(12.) Survey of Line of Railway—Summer Hill to Glebe Island :—*Mr. Johnston* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Have instructions been given to survey a line of railway from Summer Hill to Glebe Island ?

Mr. Lyne answered,—A surveyor is now engaged taking levels between Petersham and Glebe Island.

(13.) Statistics of the Colony :—*Mr. Stevenson*, for *Mr. Morgan*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Government Statistician has been making inquiries, under the Act 54 Vic. No. 31, as to the condition of the workers of the Colony, the hours of labour, rate of wages, sanitary conditions, &c. ?
- (2.) Does the scope of the inquiry take in the country districts as well as the municipal area ?
- (3.) If not, why not ?
- (4.) What branches of industry have already been inquired into ?
- (5.) Is the mining industry of the whole Colony to be inquired into ?
- (6.) Will the Government direct that this inquiry shall be at once entered upon ?
- (7.) When will the reports already prepared by the Statistician be laid upon the Table of this House ?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) See above.
- (4.) Tailoring, boot and shoe making, dressmaking, millinery, white work and general sewing, shirt-making, woollen cloth manufacturing, corset-making, cabinet-making, upholstering, polishing, carving, turning, mat-making, picture framing and gilding, chair-making, Venetian blind-making, cane, pith, and wicker furniture making, tobacco manufacturing, cigar and cigarette making, laundries. Inquiries into tanning, painting, bricklaying, plastering, carpentering and joining, plumbing and gas-fitting, slating and tiling, quarrying and stone-cutting and laying, are in progress, and the investigations into the condition of butchers and slaughtermen, and the meat trade generally, and shop assistants and sales-women in all trades, are in an advanced state.
- (5.) Yes.
- (6.) For the Colonial Secretary to decide.
- (7.) In about a week.

(14.) Bridge Work at Waugh's Creek :—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for *Mr. Fuller*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What is the cause of delay in carrying out the bridge work at Waugh's Creek, for which tenders were accepted some time ago ?
- (2.) Will he give instructions to have the work carried out without delay ?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The Supervising Engineer reports that the contractor's excuse for not starting the work is difficulty in obtaining the timber. He has been notified that failing immediate progress cancellation of the contract will be recommended; and he now states that the timber will be on the ground in a week's time, and that he will then finish the work in six weeks.

(15.) Opening of New Road to Private Properties :—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for *Mr. Fuller*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) What steps do the Department take to have a new road opened to private properties when the surveyed road is either impassable or very inconvenient, and when the new road can only benefit two or three individuals ?
- (2.) When there is a surveyed road such as described in previous question, and the persons to be benefited by a new road are willing to purchase one through private property, but owner thereof refuses to sell, will the Department take any, and if any, what steps to assist them ?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

- (1.) The Department being controlled by an Act of Parliament does not take any action in such cases.
- (2.) The Department can legally open roads through private lands only in the interests of the general public, not for the convenience of individuals.

(16.)

(16.) Purchase of Pictures for National Gallery:—Mr. Wise asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Will he, in view of the fact that the Government have imposed a tax of 15 per cent. on pictures, and that the trustees of the National Gallery are entrusted with the duty of spending £5,000 annually in the purchase of pictures, the majority of which must be imported, consider the propriety of increasing the Vote to the National Gallery by the sum of £750, being 15 per cent. upon £5,000, in order to maintain the present high standard of the National collection?

Mr. Suttor answered,—I hope the Honorable Member will pardon me if I say that I fail to see how the imposition of these duties should lower the standard of the National collection. It will, it seems to me, simply reduce the purchasing power of the Trustees. There is no doubt that the duty will be imposed; but, as I understand that the Trustees are purchasing these pictures for the Government, or, in other words, for the nation, if they make proper representations no doubt the duty will be remitted.

(17.) Railway Employees at Darling Harbour:—Mr. Houghton, for Mr. Kelly, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it a fact that a number of men working at the railway yards, Darling Harbour, at the rate of 6s. for nine hours, have been ordered to take a holiday, at their own expense, and that youths under 20, receiving £1 5s. and £1 per week, have been engaged in their places?

Mr. See answered,—I am advised by the Railway Commissioners that no action has been taken by them as suggested by the Honorable Member's Question, nor is any such course contemplated.

(18.) Randwick Road Toll-bar:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is the lessee of the toll-bar on the Randwick Road authorised to charge toll on horses and vehicles using the Bunnerong Road?

(2.) If not, will he stop the lessee of the Randwick toll-bar from charging toll on horses and vehicles which travel the Bunnerong Road?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The collection of tolls from persons using the Bunnerong Road cannot be done away with unless a similar concession be granted to those using the Randwick Road, and the total abolition of tolls at this gate can only be authorised by Parliament. The necessity of bringing in a Bill to abolish this toll-bar cannot be considered until the amount due by the Randwick Council, and secured on their proportion of the tolls, has been discharged or otherwise arranged, which, it will be seen, is not a matter for the Government to deal with.

(19.) The Berry Estate:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that, in order to provide for the payment of a number of legacies bequeathed by the late Mr. D. Berry, the proprietor of the Berry Estate is about to sell a portion of that estate, and that it is alleged that such sale may lead to the ruin of a large number of tenants who have cleared, fenced, and improved the lands referred to?

(2.) In view of the foregoing, will he consider the desirableness of resuming the lands about to be sold by Mr. Hay, and making such arrangements for the repayment of the moneys as will prevent the ruin of the tenants, and allow them to hold the lands which they have improved?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) I am not aware.

(2.) The Government have no money available for such purposes, nor do I think it necessary for the State to interfere under existing circumstances.

(20.) Cost of Advertisement in *Narrandera Ensign*:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Lands,—What was the price charged to the Lands Department by Greville & Co. for an advertisement, ordered to be inserted in the *Narrandera Ensign*, of a sale of Crown Lands, under date 20th November, 1891; also for an advertisement in reference to conditional purchases, ordered for insertion in the same journal, dated 30th November, 1891?

Mr. Copeland answered,—No charge has yet been made for the advertisements referred to.

(21.) Dredge at Bullock Island:—Mr. Stevenson, for Mr. Walker, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government when the sand dredge at Bullock Island has completed its work to remove it to Lake Macquarie Heads, for the purpose of clearing the channel between the lake and the ocean?

Mr. Lyne answered,—It is not the intention of the Government to send the sand dredge from Newcastle to Lake Macquarie. There is constant work for this dredge at Newcastle for years to come.

(22.) Accident on Quadruplication between Petersham and Stanmore:—Mr. Barbour, for Mr. Traill, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it true that the signalman and flagman serving on the duplication works between Petersham and Stanmore, on the occasion of an accident by blasting on 31st March last, were censured; and, if so, what is the purport of such censure?

(2.) What are the names and rates of pay of the two persons referred to; and, if disgraced, in what positions, and where are they now employed?

Mr. See answered,—I am informed this case is forming the subject of litigation, and is now *sub judice*. It is, therefore, undesirable to deal with the matter at present.

(23.) Hospital for Insane, Goulburn:—Mr. Nobbs asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that competitive designs for the new Hospital for Insane, Goulburn, were to have been delivered on the 1st of December instant?

(2.) Is it a fact that conditions were forwarded to intending competing architects in most of the other colonies?

- (3.) Is it a fact that a few days prior to the time for the delivery of designs an official notice was published in the Sydney papers that the time was extended to the 4th of January next?
- (4.) Is it a fact that the intending competitors were individually communicated with, as on the first extension from 1st November to 1st December?
- (5.) What means were adopted by the Department to acquaint competitors in the other colonies to prevent their designs being sent in as at first advertised?
- (6.) Was the decision for the extension to the 4th January determined on without consultation with the Colonial Architect's Department?
- (7.) Will he take steps to adhere, as far as possible, to the original conditions, making due allowance for the present loss of time involved?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Conditions were forwarded when applied for.
- (3.) The notice of the extension of time to the 4th of January next was published in the Sydney newspapers on the 25th November.
- (4.) No; it is not known who the intending competitors are.
- (5.) Intimation was made through the medium of the principal newspapers in the other colonies.
- (6.) No.
- (7.) Yes; I will adhere as far as possible to the original conditions.

2. CRIMINAL LAW AND EVIDENCE AMENDMENT BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

JERSEY,

Message No. 21.

Governor.

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

Government House,

Sydney, 14th December, 1891.

3. CASE OF REGINA v. McLEOD:—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House a copy of the official report of the arguments, before the Privy Council in McLeod's case.
Question put and passed.
4. WATKINS-WALLIS TRUST ESTATE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
 - (1.) Mr. Barbour moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confer certain powers and authorities upon Stephen John Pearson and the Reverend John Douse Langley, as trustees of two several indentures, dated the twenty-second day of June, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five, and the seventeenth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight, under which certain lands and moneys were vested in the said Stephen John Pearson and Reverend John Douse Langley on certain trusts in the said indentures mentioned.
Question put and passed.
 - (2.) Mr. Barbour having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to confer certain powers and authorities upon Stephen John Pearson and the Reverend John Douse Langley, as trustees of two several indentures, dated the twenty-second day of June, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five, and the seventeenth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight, under which certain lands and moneys were vested in the said Stephen John Pearson and Reverend John Douse Langley on certain trusts in the said indentures mentioned*,"—read a first time.
5. QUADRUPPLICATION OF THE RAILWAY LINE BETWEEN SYDNEY AND GRANVILLE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Leven, for Mr. Wright, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—
 - (1.) The original estimated cost of the quadruplication of the railway line between Sydney and Granville.
 - (2.) The cost, up to date, of the whole of the work so far completed, or in course of completion.
 - (3.) The total cost of the brickwork, including all retaining and platform walls and overhead bridges at Eveleigh.
 - (4.) The total cost, up to date, of the whole of the brickwork, including all retaining and platform walls at Summer Hill.
 Question put and passed.
6. DISEASED ANIMALS AND MEAT BILL (No. 2) (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill for prohibiting the sale, or exposure for sale, of diseased animals, and for amending the law relating to the sale, or exposure for sale, of meat which is diseased, or unsound, or unwholesome, or unfit for the food of man.
Question put and passed.
7. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
 - (1.) Public Works (Committees' Remuneration Reduction) Bill; second reading;—until Monday, 11th January.
 - (2.) Broken Hill and District Water Supply Act Amendment Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—until Monday, 28th December.

8. PAPERS:—

Mr. Copeland laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 19th November, 1891,—“Claim for compensation by James and Patrick Guihen.”

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Slattery laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return respecting Pasteur's Vaccine Lymph.

(2.) Return respecting Noxious Animals in the Colony.

(3.) Report of the proceedings of the Conference on Rust in Wheat, held in Sydney on June 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 8th, 1891.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order, made on 3rd December, 1891,—“Claim of Isaac Barclay.”

(2.) Additional By-law of the Borough of Willoughby.

(3.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Ermington and Rydalmere.

(4.) Return respecting women of abandoned character and suspected of immoral habits.

(5.) Return to an Order, made on 14th October, 1891,—“Randwick Rifle Range.”

(6.) Return to an Address, adopted on 25th November, 1891,—“Conviction of Paul Bailey, at Nymagee.”

Ordered to be printed.

9. CLAIM OF JOHN O'BRIEN, TYGONG GOLD FIELD:—Mr. Slattery (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Clerk have leave to return to the custody of the Mines Department the papers respecting the “Claim of John O'Brien to land at Prince Alfred Gully, Tygong Gold Field,” laid upon the Table of the Legislative Assembly on the 25th June, 1880, in compliance with an Order made on 14th May, 1880.

Question put and passed.

10. DAIRIES SUPERVISION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2):—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Rose, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Dairies Supervision Act.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the Dairies Supervision Act.

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

11. PARLIAMENTARY REPRESENTATIVES ALLOWANCE ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill,—on motion of Mr. Alfred Allen, the Order was discharged.

Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.

12. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Lessees Land Purchase Bill postponed until Monday, 28th December.

13. VOLUNTARY CONVEYANCES AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Slattery moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

14. MASTERS AND SERVANTS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Willis moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker pointed out that several of the clauses were beyond the Order of Leave.

On motion of Mr. Willis, the Order was discharged.

Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.

15. MORTGAGES ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Alfred Allen 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. Allen, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

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

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

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

16. LAW PRACTITIONERS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Neild moved, That the Bill be “now” read a second time.

Point of Order:—Mr. Crick submitted to the Chair that the Bill was out of Order, the provisions therein being outside the Order of Leave.

Mr. Speaker decided that the Bill was not out of Order.

Debate ensued.

Mr.

Mr. Crick moved that the Question be amended by the omission of the word "now," with a view to the addition of the words "this day three months."

Debate continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 49.

Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Sheldon,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Rose,
Mr. Lync,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Cotton,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Wise,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Newton,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. G. D. Clark,	Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Scobic,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Traill,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Rae,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Garvan.
Mr. Sharp,	
Mr. Gormly,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Hindle.
Mr. O'Sullivan,	

Noes, 14.

Mr. Morton,
Mr. See,
Mr. Barton,
Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. E. G. Brown,
Mr. Melville.

Tellers,

Mr. Crick,
Mr. Levien.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 49.

Mr. Lee,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Sheldon,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Lync,	Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Cotton,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Hindle,	Mr. Newton,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. G. D. Clark,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Scobic,	Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Traill,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Rae,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Garvan.
Mr. Gormly,	
Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Rose,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Neild.
Mr. Langwell,	

Noes, 12.

Mr. Morton
Mr. See,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. Levien,
Mr. Barton,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Dickens.

Tellers,

Mr. E. G. Brown,
Mr. Cruickshank.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Neild, 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.

Ordered, that the adoption of the report stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

17. MASTERS AND SERVANTS BILL (NO. 2):—

(1.) Mr. Willis moved, That the Order of Leave under which the Masters and Servants Bill was brought in be now read.

Question put and passed.

And the said Order of Leave (as recorded in the Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday, 23rd September, 1891) read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker.

(2.) Mr. Willis then presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to repeal the 'Masters and Servants Act of 1857,' and the 'Agreements Validating Act,' and to make other provisions in the Laws relating to Masters and Servants, and contracts made out of the Colony of New South Wales for personal service therein; and for other purposes connected therewith,"—which was read a first time.

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

18. **EARLY CLOSING BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Alfred Allen 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. Allen, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
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And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

TUESDAY, 15 DECEMBER, 1891, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
On motion of Mr. Allen (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

The House adjourned, at twelve minutes before One o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 64.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 15 DECEMBER, 1891.

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

PRODUCTION OF RECORDS IN A COURT OF LAW:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Clerk had received a Subpcena to appear this day before the Supreme Court, Sydney, in the case of John Henry Seamer *versus* William Henry Simpson, to produce "the Writ for the last West Sydney Election, which took place on or about the 17th day of June last."

And having reminded the House that the Clerk could not comply with such Subpcena without the leave of the House,—

Put a Question,—That the Clerk have leave to comply with the said Subpcena personally, or by one of the Officers of his Department, as may be most convenient to the business of the House,—which passed in the affirmative.

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Darkie Creek Road Deviation—Old Bulga Road:—Mr. Stevenson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a large sum has been expended on the Darkie Creek Road deviation?

(2.) Is it a fact that the old Bulga Road is dangerous for traffic; and, if so, will he cause tenders to be invited in order to complete and open the new road, as at present no access can be had to the deviation until the Howe's Mountain portion of the road is opened?

(3.) Can he say when tenders will be invited to complete the necessary work, so that the road can be made available for traffic?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) The sum of £3,904 has been spent.

(2 and 3.) The local officer reports that the old road is in a dangerous state for traffic. A further sum has been placed on next year's Estimates for the completion of the above deviation. Tenders will be invited for additional works when funds are available.

- (2.) The late Mr. David Berry, of Coolangatta:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Have the trustees under the will of the late Mr. David Berry, of Coolangatta, paid the probate duty?

(2.) If so, what is the amount of probate?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Amount of probate duty paid, £64,459 15s.; value of estate, £1,289,195.

- (3.) The Berry Estate, near Comerong Island:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Lands,—In view of the fact that a portion of the Berry Estate, near Comerong Island, is about to be sold, will he take steps to proclaim a road from Comerong Island to the proclaimed road in that locality, as promised by his predecessor in office?

Mr. Copeland answered,—It has been represented that Mr. John Hay, the owner of the Berry Estate, is willing to afford necessary access to the proclaimed road across his property for the convenience of settlers on Comerong Island, and the district surveyor has been requested to cause a surveyor to inspect the locality and to report as to the real wants of the public in the matter, and to ascertain from Mr. Hay what road accommodation he is prepared to grant.

- (4.) Appointment of Itinerating Lecturers on Mineralogy and the Working of Mines:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Mines,—Referring to the following Resolution unanimously carried in this House, on 29th July, 1890, on the motion of Mr. O'Sullivan:—"That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable to appoint itinerating lecturers on mineralogy and the working of mines,"—has the matter been brought under his notice; and, if so, will he consider the desirableness of giving practical effect to the Resolution?

Mr. Slattery answered,—A lecturer has been appointed by the Department of Public Instruction, and he has for some time past been engaged in delivering lectures in various parts of the Colony.

(5.)

(5.) Rossiville Asylum :—Mr. Rose asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has he received tenders for the erection of the Rossiville Asylum?
- (2.) When will the work be proceeded with?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Tenders cannot be invited until the matter has been considered by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, and the work approved by Parliament. As a preliminary to this, competitive designs have been invited for the building, and will be received on the 4th proximo.

(6.) Sheep suffering from Pleuro and Pleuro-pneumonia :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is it true, as has been reported by the Government Medical Officer at Molong, that sheep during the late influenza epidemic have been suffering from pleuro and pleuro-pneumonia?
- (2.) Have any of the Stock Inspectors reported on the existence and prevalence of such a disease among sheep in country districts during the influenza epidemic; if so, will he give the names of the respective districts in which the alleged pleuro and pleuro-pneumonia among sheep existed, and the percentage of deaths from this cause?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) No report has been recorded by the Department of any such disease.
- (2.) No; the only ailment reported by Inspectors as affecting sheep, which might be mistaken for the disease mentioned, is lung worm.

(7.) Model Farm at Kenmore :—Mr. Rose asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is he aware that preparations were made by the late Government to construct a model farm at Kenmore?
- (2.) Is it his intention to proceed with the work; if so, when will he call for tenders?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The matter is now under consideration.

(8.) Woorooloolgen Run :—Mr. Nicoll asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) When will the exchange of land, having reference to a portion of Woorooloolgen run, be decided upon?
- (2.) When will the land referred to be available for selection?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The exchange referred to by the Honorable Member cannot be completed, in view of a late decision of the Supreme Court to the effect that where the lease of a pastoral holding had expired before the application for exchange had been finally dealt with, such application must be refused.

(9.) Reduction of Postage Charges in the Camden Electorate :—Mr. Young asked the Postmaster-General,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that he has authorised the reduction of postage charges between certain towns in the Camden Electorate to 1d. per letter?
- (2.) Will he make the same reduction to towns similarly situated as to distance from each other in various parts of the Colony,—for instance, the towns of Wingham, Tinonee, Taree, Cundletown, Croki, Cooperook, on the Manning River, and the towns of Port Macquarie and Wauchope, on the Hastings?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) No request has been received from the places mentioned, and I can only say that any applications from localities similarly situated to those in the Northern and Southern districts to which the 1d. postage is about to be extended will receive due consideration.

3. WATKINS-WALLIS TRUST ESTATE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Rose, for Mr. Barbour, moved, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) That the Watkins-Wallis Trust Estate 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. Barton, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Bowes, Mr. McCourt, Mr. Gormly, Mr. J. D. FitzGerald, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Frank Farnell, and the Mover.
- Question put and passed.

4. ROAD VOTES, &c., FOR EXPENDITURE IN MUNICIPALITIES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—

- (1.) The amount granted from the various Road Votes for expenditure within Municipal limits for each year since 1880.
 - (2.) The amount specially granted for roads and bridges within same limits on the several Appropriation Acts for the same years.
 - (3.) The amount for same purposes within same limits provided for on Loan Estimates for the same years.
 - (4.) The amount paid for statutory endowment to Municipalities for the same years.
 - (5.) The amount paid as special endowments to Municipalities for the same years.
- Question put and passed.

5. BRUSHGROVE AND MACLEAN ROADS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. McFarlane moved, pursuant to Notice, That the papers in connection with the Brushgrove-Maclean Road, laid upon the Table of this House on 17th December, 1890, be printed.

Question put and passed.

6. VOLUNTARY CONVEYANCES AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Barton, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Barton then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Law relating to Voluntary Conveyances.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered,

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Law relating to Voluntary Conveyances*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 15th December, 1891.*

7. MORTGAGES ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Alfred Allen read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Allen then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Law relating to the Discharge of Mortgages*."

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Law relating to the Discharge of Mortgages*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 15th December, 1891.*

8. EARLY CLOSING BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Alfred Allen, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Allen then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act for the Supervision and Regulation of Shops; and for the limitation of the hours of trading and working therein; and for other purposes*."

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act for the Supervision and Regulation of Shops; and for the limitation of the hours of trading and working therein; and for other purposes*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 15th December, 1891.*

9. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the adoption of the report from the Committee of the Whole on the Law Practitioners Bill, postponed until Monday, 1st February.

10. LABOUR PROTECTION BILL :—On motion of Mr. Sheldon, the Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill discharged.

Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.

11. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—

(1.) Agricultural Holdings Bill; second reading;—until Monday, 25th January.

(2.) Segenhoe Estate Irrigation Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until Monday, 8th February.

(3.) Divorce Amendment and Extension Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Neild, "That this Bill be now read a second time";—until Monday, 8th February.

12. GOULBURN WATER SUPPLY CHARGES BILL :—Dr. Hollis, 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 1st December, 1891; together with Appendices and a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Dr. Hollis then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Monday, 25th January.

Question put and passed.

13. PAPERS :—

Mr. Slattery laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parishes of Ulmarra and Tyndale, county of Clarence, for and in connection with the construction of a bridge over Coldstream River, near Brushgrove.

(2.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parishes of Bowra and Missabotti, county of Raleigh, for and in connection with the construction of a bridge over Bowra River, at Bowra.

(3.) Report by Mr. Stanley Alexander, Examiner of Public Works proposals, on proposed railway or tramway communications to the Field of Mars Common.

Ordered to be printed.

(4.) Papers, &c., in connection with the acceptance of the tender of Messrs. Baxter and Saddler for contract No. 1, Railway from Molong to Parkes and Forbes.

Mr. See laid upon the Table,—General Summary of Liabilities and Assets of the Banking, Land, Building, and Investment Companies, for quarter ended 30th September, 1891.

Ordered to be printed.

14. DISEASED ANIMALS AND MEAT BILL (No. 2) :—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill for prohibiting the sale, or exposure for sale, of diseased animals, and for amending the law relating to the sale, or exposure for sale, of meat which is diseased, or unsound, or unwholesome, or unfit for the food of man.

Mr.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill for prohibiting the sale, or exposure for sale, of diseased animals, and for amending the law relating to the sale, or exposure for sale, of meat which is diseased, or unsound, or unwholesome, or unfit for the food of man.

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

(2.) Mr. Dibbs then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill for prohibiting the sale, or exposure for sale, of Diseased Animals, and for amending the law relating to the sale, or exposure for sale, of Meat which is diseased, or unsound, or unwholesome, or unfit for the food of man,*"—which was read a first time.

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

15. **WAYS AND MEANS**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. See, 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.

16. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT**:—Mr. Dibbs stated the intention of the Government in relation to obtaining Supply to meet the public engagements.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 65.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 16 DECEMBER, 1891.

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

ELECTORATE OF BOURKE:—

(1.) *Return of Writ*:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Writ issued by him on the 6th November last, for the election of a Member to serve in the room of James Peter Howe, Esquire, who had resigned his Seat, had been duly returned, with a certificate endorsed thereon by the Returning Officer of the election of Thomas Waddell, Esquire, to serve as a Member for the Electoral District of Bourke.

(2.) *Member Sworn*:—Thomas Waddell, 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 Bourke.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Mr. Crozer, Inspector of Paint-work, Railway Department:—*Mr. Murphy*, for Mr. G. D. Clark, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a Mr. Crozer was recently appointed Inspector of Paint-work in the Permanent Way Railway Department over the heads of old servants?

(2.) Is it a fact that some of these old servants have temporarily filled the position with satisfaction to the Department?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I am informed that Mr. Crozer was appointed, on the recommendation of the Engineer-in-Chief, Inspector of Paint-work in the Permanent Way Department, to supervise a number of painting contracts at 10s. per day, the appointment being a temporary one. The Engineer-in-Chief reported that he had not a suitable man with a general knowledge of painting to take up the work.

(2.) Mounted Infantry or Cavalry Tournament to be held in England:—Mr. Leo asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has any communication been sent to the military authorities in England with reference to a detachment of the New South Wales Mounted Infantry or Cavalry Forces competing at the tournament to be held at Islington in 1892?

(2.) If so, will he have any objection to state the substance of the replies?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—Yes; but no steps could be taken until the time arrived to consider preparations for entries in the tournament for 1893.

(3.) Inspector of Scaffolding:—Mr. Bavister asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What are the boundaries within which the Inspector of Scaffolding will exercise his duties?

(2.) What is the salary attached to this position?

(3.) Is any office provided by Government for this Inspector; if so, where?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) Metropolitan District at present.

(2.) £200 per annum.

(3.) Not at present.

(4.) Appointment of Mr. R. C. Luscombe as Inspector of Scaffolding:—Mr. Darnley asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) In reference to the appointment of Mr. R. C. Luscombe, as Inspector of Scaffolding,—was any inquiry made as to his qualifications for the position; if so, what were they?

(2.) Were there any other applications received for the position; if so, how many, and what are the names of the applicants?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—Yes. He was selected by the knowledge of the fact of his being an architect and builder of many years, and so specially qualified.

(5.)

- (5.) Royal Commission on Chinese Gambling:—Mr. Darnley asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the Royal Commission on Chinese Gambling has applied for, and received, an extension of time?
 - (2.) Has any Report been given, or reasons stated, in requesting such extension of time?
 - (3.) Is it a fact that the inquiry is conducted with closed doors?
 - (4.) When will the Commission be prepared to submit a Report?
- Mr. Dibbs answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) No report has yet been furnished, but reasons were stated for the requested extension.
 - (3.) Yes.
 - (4.) By the end of the year.
- (6.) Sale of Ice-creams in the Streets of Sydney:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he see that steps are taken to put a stop to the practice of allowing the sale of ice-creams in the streets of Sydney during hot weather, as being dangerous to life and health, especially to the younger members of the community?
- Mr. Dibbs answered,—I do not think that this is a matter in which the Government is called upon to interfere.
- (7.) Railway Extension into the City:—Mr. Parkes asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to construct the proposed railway from Redfern into the city; if so, will the Government give an early consideration to the matter?
- Mr. Dibbs answered,—This question has not yet been before the Government; but it will be considered when the other Public Works proposals are being dealt with by the Cabinet.
- (8.) Duties of Inspector of Scaffolding:—Mr. Parkes asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that Mr. Luscombe has been appointed Inspector of Scaffolding; if so, what are the particular duties that he is required to discharge?
- Mr. Dibbs answered,—Yes. Mr. Luscombe's appointment is the outcome of a rider to a Coroner's verdict on the body of a man whose life was recently lost owing to unsafe and insufficient scaffolding, and in view of the loss of life in the past in this direction. The said rider stated: "We are further of opinion that the Government should appoint an Inspector of Scaffolding." The duties of the office will be a personal inspection.
- (9.) Influenza Epidemic in Shearing-sheds in the Molong District:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Has his attention been directed to a telegram in the *Daily Telegraph* of Friday, 11th instant, purporting to come from the Government Medical Officer at Molong, respecting the late influenza epidemic, inferring that it had followed the course of shearing, and been most virulent in the worst ventilated sheds, and alleging that the epidemic had been passed from sheep suffering from pleuro to the shearers; if so, will he call upon the Medical Adviser to the Government or Health Officer to furnish a report upon the matter?
 - (2.) Will he call upon the Government Medical Officer at Molong for a report upon the theories promulgated by him?
 - (3.) Was this officer called upon by the Government to furnish a report upon the influenza epidemic?
- Mr. Dibbs answered,—
- (1.) No.
 - (2.) Yes.
 - (3.) This officer was called upon by the Government to furnish a report upon the influenza epidemic of 1890.
- (10.) Light Railway, Gregra or Meranburn, on the Molong and Parkes Line, to Cudal:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he have any objection to cause a trial survey to be made of a light line of railway between Gregra or Meranburn, on the Molong and Parkes line, and Cudal, a distance of about 6 or 7 miles?
- Mr. Lync answered,—The matter shall be inquired into.
- (11.) Deviation in Road, Nevertire to the Bogan River:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Is it true that a new road (half a mile longer than the one now in use) has lately been surveyed from Nevertire to the Bogan River, county of Oxley, and at whose request is the alteration being made?
 - (2.) For what reason or purpose is the old or present road being changed, seeing that some few years back the road was all cleared, and is alleged to be the better road (especially in wet seasons) for teamsters, travelling stock, and the public?
 - (3.) Will he see that steps are taken to prevent any alteration being made on this road?
- Mr. Copeland answered,—
- (1.) Instructions have been issued for the survey of a deviation in the road mentioned by the Honorable Member, on a report of the Chief Inspector of Stock, received from the Department of Mines. Survey may have been effected, but the plan has not yet been received.
 - (2.) In the absence of the papers, which are in the hands of the District Surveyor, it cannot be stated what reasons are given for altering the route.
 - (3.) All due consideration will be given to the application for deviation, and to any objections to its adoption, when the matter is submitted for further action.

- (12.) Commission of Inquiry, Callan Park Asylum :—Mr. Darnley asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) When was the Commission of Inquiry in connection with the Callan Park Asylum appointed?
 (2.) Will he give the names of the gentlemen composing the Commission?
 (3.) Has a report been submitted in connection therewith; if not, when will a report be likely to be submitted?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) 14th May, 1891.
 (2.) Sir Alfred Roberts, Knt., Dr. J. C. Cox, and Mr. Nugent Robertson.
 (3.) Yes.

- (13.) Discharge of Railway Employees from Permanent Way Department :—Mr. Sharp, for Mr. Hoyle, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a large number of men are to be discharged from the Permanent Way Department?
 (2.) If so, will he try and induce the Commissioners, in view of the state of the labour market, to abstain from taking that step?

Mr. See answered,—It is a fact that a number of temporary men are to be dispensed with in connection with the Permanent Way Branch of the Railways. The Commissioners have done a very large amount of work and expended a considerable sum in improving the railway lines during the past three years, and have raised them to a state of efficiency, which, for the present, answers all practical purposes. In view of the necessity for economy and the exhaustion of votes for this purpose, there is no alternative but to dispense with a number of the extraordinary staff employed for some time past.

- (14.) Lapstone Tunnel :—Mr. Sharp, for Mr. Hoyle, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Lapstone tunnel, now being constructed to do away with the first Zigzag, is only for a single line of road, although it is within 3 miles of a double line?
 (2.) If so, will he consider the advisability of having the tunnel made for a double line before it is too late?

Mr. See answered,—I am informed that the Lapstone tunnel is being constructed for a single line only, as it is considered that this provision will meet all practical purposes, and was decided upon with due regard to preserving economy. The existence of a double line to Penrith has really no bearing on the question, there being 470 miles of single line beyond it.

- (15.) Unclaimed Gold Deposited at the Mint :—Mr. Kelly, for Mr. Chapman, asked the Secretary for Mines,—What amount of unclaimed gold has been deposited at the mint from its establishment to the 1st January, 1891?

Mr. Slattery answered,—Steps are being taken to obtain the desired information.

3. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—

- (1.) Masters and Servants Bill (No. 2) ; second reading ;—until To-morrow.
 (2.) Albury Racecourse Bill (*Council Bill*) ; second reading ;—until Monday, 25th January.
 (3.) Rutland Flux Tramway Bill (*Council Bill*) ; second reading ;—until To-morrow.
 (4.) Simpson's Railway Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading ;—until Monday, 25th January.

4. PAPERS :—

Mr. See laid upon the Table,—Copy of application by Mr. Black, M.P., for Railway pass for self and wife to Melbourne,—and moved, That the document be printed.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 49.

Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. See,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Bowcs,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Scott,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Trail,	Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. John Wilkinson,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. York,
Mr. Colls,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Willis,
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Dr. Ross,
Mr. Langwell,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Murphy,	Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Gormly,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Sheldon.
Mr. Melville,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Chanter,	
Mr. Newton,	Mr. Toohey,
Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Dickens.
Mr. Sharp,	

Noes, 33.

Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Wise,	Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Houghton.
Mr. Levien,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	
Mr. Dale,	Mr. Rac,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Hassall.
Mr. Parkes,	
Mr. Eve,	
Mr. Carruthers,	
Mr. McCourt,	
Mr. Campbell,	
Mr. Lees,	
Mr. Scobie,	
Mr. Cullen,	
Mr. Cotton,	
Mr. E. M. Clark,	
Mr. Danahey,	
Mr. Holborow,	
Mr. Lee,	
Mr. Hart,	
Mr. McMillan,	
Mr. Hindle,	
Mr. Newman,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr.

Mr. Copeland laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorised to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section 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 Crown Lands reserved from sale for the preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 101st, 109th, and 112th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 3rd September, 1891,—“Private Buildings used as Public Offices, Stores, &c.”

Ordered to be printed.

5. TREASURY BILLS BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. See, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

JERSEY,

Governor.

Message No. 22.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to authorise the issue of Treasury Bills.

Government House,

Sydney, 16th December, 1891.

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

6. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

- (1.) Government Railways (Contracts) Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled “*An Act to amend the ‘Government Railways Act of 1888’ in respect to certain Contracts to be made by the Commissioners appointed under that Act,*”—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 16th December, 1891.

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman Presiding.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS (CONTRACTS) AMENDMENT BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 16th December, 1891.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, clause 1, line 15. *After “power” insert “and where such contract exceeds the sum of “twenty thousand pounds.”*

Page 1, clause 1, line 15. *Omit “or of any other matter or thing.”*

Examined,—

W. J. TRICKETT,
Deputy Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

- (2.) Casino School of Arts Enabling Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled “*An Act to declare the trusts of the site of the Casino School of Arts, and to enable the Trustees thereof to mortgage or lease certain lands situate in the town of Casino; and to declare the trusts of the moneys to be produced by such mortgage or lease; and for other purposes,*”—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 16th December, 1891.

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman Presiding.

- (3.) Petty Sessions Jurisdiction Extension Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled “*An Act to extend the jurisdiction of Courts of Petty Sessions,*”—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 16th December, 1891.

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman Presiding.

PETTY

PETTY SESSIONS JURISDICTION EXTENSION BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 16th December, 1891.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, clause 1. *Omit* clause 1, *insert* the following new clauses:—

“ 1. The jurisdiction conferred upon Courts of Petty Sessions by the Act tenth Victoria number ten, intituled ‘*An Act to amend the Law respecting the recovery of Small Debts in all parts of the Colony.*’ is hereby extended, except in the county of Cumberland, to all actions for debts only to an amount not exceeding thirty pounds, subject to all the exemptions and restrictions contained in section four of the said Act. Jurisdiction extended to £50 in certain cases”

“ 2. It shall be lawful for the plaintiff to summon the defendant to the Court of Petty Sessions holden for the District in which the debt sued for was contracted in the same manner as if he was a resident of such district.”

Page 1, clause 2, line 15. *Omit* “*Small Debts Recovery Act*” *insert* “*Act tenth Victoria, number ten, intituled ‘An Act to amend the Law respecting the recovery of Small Debts in all parts of the Colony.’*”

Examined,—

W. J. TRICKETT,
Deputy Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

(4.) *Yongaleatha Marble, Flag, and Flux Company Bill* :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled “*An Act to authorise the ‘Yongaleatha Marble, Flag, and Flux Company (Limited),’ and their assigns, to construct and maintain a tramway from their flux quarries and properties, in the parish of Gairdner’s Creek, county of Mootwingie, in the Colony of New South Wales; and to use horse, steam, or other motive power upon the said tramway; and to carry fuel and timber, and also all marble, flagging, and fluxing material, and also all plant or material necessary for the development or working of the quarries, properties, and tramways to and from their said flux quarries and properties, in the parish of Gairdner’s Creek aforesaid, to a point at Broken Hill, in the Colony aforesaid, connecting with the tramway system of the Broken Hill mines,*”—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 16th December, 1891.

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman Presiding.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Parkes 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 “to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance—the recent appointment of Mr. R. C. Luscombe to the position of Inspector of Scaffolding.”

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

8. **DISEASED ANIMALS AND MEAT BILL (No. 2)** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Dibbs moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Point of Order :—Mr. Neild asked Mr. Speaker to rule whether clause 10, which provides for the making of regulations for the seizure, condemnation, and destruction of diseased animals, and of the meat of diseased animals not necessarily for sale, was not beyond the Order of Leave.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said that, inasmuch as the Bill dealt entirely with the sale, or exposure for sale, of diseased animals and diseased meat, and clause 10 introduced something which was not incidental to the object of the Bill, as expressed in the Title—he must rule that the clause was beyond the Order of Leave.

On motion of Mr. Dibbs, the Order of the Day was discharged, and the Bill withdrawn.

9. **WAYS AND MEANS** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Barton, 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.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 17 DECEMBER, 1891, A.M.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-nine minutes before One o’clock a.m., until Four o’clock p.m. This Day.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 66.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 17 DECEMBER, 1891.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Accountant's Branch at Darling Harbour Railway Station:—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Treasurer.—With reference to the answer given to Question 7 on 14th instant, will he please say:—

(1.) What are the hours of duty for each of the employees specified?

(2.) What amount of overtime has been worked by each during the six months ending 30th November, 1891, distinguishing—(a) the overtime paid for; (b) the overtime which has not been paid for?

Mr. See answered,—I should, perhaps, point out to the Honorable Member that the matters referred to are of a purely detailed character connected with the working of the railways, which could not be dealt with in the space of a reply to a question; indeed, they are not such as should form the subject of inquiry by Parliament.

(2.) Reward for best Essay on the Influenza Epidemic:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to offer any reward (say from £100 to £300) for the best essay on the influenza epidemic, its general character, origin, cause, diagnosis, and treatment?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—No; as the influenza epidemic is not peculiar to this Colony, and is receiving the attention of medical experts and scientists in Europe, where a large amount of information has been already accumulated, nothing is likely to be gained by a reward for an essay on the subject, except a *resumé* of information, which is already, or soon will be, available to all medical practitioners.

(3.) Destruction of Bandicoots in the Broulee Sheep District:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is it true that the provisions of the "Pastures and Stock Protection Act" are applied to the destruction of the bandicoots in the Broulee Sheep District, and by whom was such a proposal recommended?

(2.) How many bandicoots are supposed to exist in the Broulee District, and how many tons of grass are they supposed to consume in a year?

(3.) Upon what kind of food or vegetation do the bandicoots chiefly subsist to necessitate the provision of this Act being enforced against their destruction?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) Yes; by the Broulee Pastures Board, through the Chairman.

(2.) No estimate of the number of bandicoots in the Broulee District has been received, but 997 bandicoot scalps were paid for by that Board in 1890. The weight of grass they consume annually cannot be ascertained.

(3.) Upon roots of grass, young corn, and other crops.

(4.) Speeches on Financial Statement printed at the Government Printing Office:—Mr. Lees asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that certain pamphlets were printed at the Government Printing Office containing speeches delivered by the Honorable John See, Mr. Bruce Smith, and the Honorable E. Barton?

(2.) If so, by whose authority?

(3.) What was the number so printed?

(4.) What amount has been paid for such work, and by whom?

(5.) Have all citizens the right to have work done for them at the same office, and on similar terms?

Mr.

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) By the authority of the Government.
- (3.) Five thousand.
- (4.) The account has not yet been rendered, but will be paid by the Ministers, from their private funds.
- (5.) No.

(5.) Sites for School Buildings in the Canterbury Electorate :—Mr. Stevenson asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) What amount has been expended on school buildings in the Canterbury Electorate since March, 1839, up to the present date?
- (2.) If any, how many, sites have been purchased or resumed for school purposes in the same electorate during the like period?
- (3.) Will he state the area of such sites, where situate, the cost of each, and from whom purchased?
- (4.) Have such sites in every instance been purchased or resumed on the recommendation or with the approval of the Local Inspector or officers of the Department, as being absolutely necessary to meet the requirements of the various districts?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) Amount expended, £26,422 Os. 11d., on contracts, representing a total liability of £29,011 8s. 6d.
- (2.) Three new school sites; eleven existing sites have been enlarged.
- (3.) Yes; I will presently lay a statement upon the Table.
- (4.) Yes; except in a few special cases.

(6.) By-laws of the Municipal Borough of Bombala :—Mr. Dawson asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will the By-laws of the Municipal Borough of Bombala be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The By-laws are now under reference to the Attorney-General. When approved they will be published.

(7.) Lands Office at Dubbo :—Mr. Morgan asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Lands Office at Dubbo is to be removed from its present position?
- (2.) If so, could not the old court-house, which is not now being used, be utilised for the purpose?
- (3.) Is it a fact that the residents of Dubbo are protesting against its removal to the proposed site?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Not without considerable expense to provide for the necessary additional accommodation. This matter was considered some time since, and difficulties in connection with a proposed alteration of the gaol wall were found to exist.
- (3.) A letter was received yesterday, forwarded by the Honorable Member, covering an advertisement calling a meeting of the ratepayers of Dubbo for this day, to protest against the removal of the Lands Office to the proposed site in Macquarie-street, Dubbo.

(8.) Technical Museum, Ultimo :—Mr. McGowen asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Is the stone which is now being used in the construction of the Technical Museum, Ultimo, of the specified quality?
- (2.) What is the name of the clerk of works, and what are his qualifications?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Edward Poulton. He has been clerk of works under the late Council of Education from March, 1877, to May, 1880, and since then under the Department of Public Instruction. He is a competent builder, having carried on a large business as a contractor for some years before his first appointment as clerk of works in the Service.

(9.) Public School, Cleveland-street :—Mr. McGowen asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Are the materials used in the construction of the Public School, Cleveland-street, of the quality specified, and is the workmanship in accordance with the specified standard?
- (2.) What is the name of the clerk of works, and what are his qualifications?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Edward Poulton. Has been clerk of works under the late Council of Education from March, 1877, to May, 1880, and since then under the Department of Public Instruction. He is a competent builder, having carried on a large business as a contractor for some years before his first appointment as clerk of works in the Service.

(10.) Five Dock Tramway :—Mr. G. D. Clark, for Mr. Darnley, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What was the first cost of the construction of the Five Dock tramway?
- (2.) What has been the cost of alterations and repairs in connection therewith, since the opening of the line to the public, up to the present date?
- (3.) What amount has been expended in repairing Marion-street, Leichhardt, owing to the alteration of the levels?
- (4.) Have any claims for compensation been received from residents and owners of property in Marion-street, Leichhardt; if so, how many, and from whom?
- (5.) Was any arrangement made with the Leichhardt Municipal Council in reference to Marion-street; if so, what was the arrangement?

Mr.

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) £18,255 4s. 6d.
 - (2.) In addition to the usual "maintenance," a cross-over road was put in at a cost of about £96.
 - (3.) £559 3s. 7d.
 - (4.) Yes; two, viz.:—Mr. Mann, storekeeper; and Mr. C. Cover, butcher.
 - (5.) It was arranged with the Council that certain work should be done, consisting of repairs to footpath, kerbing, guttering, &c., the cost of which is given in answer to No. 3.
- (11.) Purchased Lands held by Henry Ricketson on Barratta Holding, Coronallo Holding, and Aratula Holding, Deniliquin District:—Mr. Barbour asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) What is the total area of purchased lands held by Henry Ricketson on Barratta Holding, in the Deniliquin district?
 - (2.) What is the total area of purchased lands held by Henry Ricketson on Coronallo Holding, in the Deniliquin district?
 - (3.) What is the total area of purchased lands held by Henry Ricketson on Aratula Holding, in the Deniliquin district?

Mr. Copeland answered,—A Return, giving the information sought by the Honorable Member, will be furnished if moved for in the ordinary manner. I suggest that the Honorable Member should draw a distinction between conditionally purchased and other freehold land.

- (12.) Free Railway Passes:—*Mr. Edden*, for Mr. Williams, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a recognised thing for Members of the Legislative Assembly to be allowed a free pass for their wives one month in the year?
 - (2.) Is there any arrangement existing between the Railway Commissioners of New South Wales and Victoria under which such passes are recognised in either Colony?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) No; but it is understood that when an Honorable Member is visiting Victoria, accompanied by his wife, the Railway Commissioners of that Colony grant a visitor's pass, and the practice is reciprocated in this Colony.
- (13.) School of Arts, Ashfield:—*Mr. Carruthers* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that books acquired by the Ashfield School of Arts (now defunct) have been privately sold?
 - (2.) Has the Government any rights in regard to the disposition by Schools of Arts of property acquired by funds raised by private subscription and supplemented by large Government endowment?
 - (3.) If not, will he consider the expediency of introducing legislation to regulate and control the acquisition and disposition of such property, and otherwise to provide for the due and proper conduct of these State-subsidised institutions?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) This Department is not aware of any actual sale of the books, although the Trustees intimated in 1889 their intention to sell them. The case came before the Minister (*Mr. Carruthers*), who decided that the Department could not prevent the sale, and that any interference would be futile.
 - (2.) In cases where the sites are grants from the Crown, the stringent terms of the title deed prohibit any sale of the property, without a special Act of Parliament. In other cases it is now the practice to require the sites to be properly secured before granting subsidy in aid of buildings.
 - (3.) The matter will require further consideration.
- (14.) Issue of Free Grants of Land:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Mr. Fegan, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) How many free grants of land have been issued since the year 1830?
 - (2.) To whom were the said grants made?
 - (3.) What were the purposes for which the said free grants were issued?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The information sought by the Honorable Member will be furnished in the form of a Return if moved for in the ordinary manner; but the cost of preparing the same will be very considerable, and will require more time to prepare than is desirable unless the Honorable Member's object is one of public importance. Perhaps his object might be gained by eliciting information of a more specific character.

- (15.) Mr. Dick's Oyster Leases at Port Macquarie:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Mr. Hutchison, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Did the Chief Inspector of Fisheries allot the foreshore of J. S. Dick's leases, at Port Macquarie, for oyster culture in September, 1884?
- (2.) Is the said J. S. Dick now in possession of the same ground?
- (3.) Did Mr. Mann survey the leases in 1890, and so alter the description as to deprive Mr. Dick of six years' labour and half his product of oysters?
- (4.) Has the Department, from Mr. Mann's description, altered Mr. Dick's deeds?
- (5.) Will he cause a prompt investigation to be made into the matter, and cause to be restored to Mr. Dick the ground for which he holds a lease?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Fisheries Commission:—

- (1.) The Chief Inspector, in conjunction with the local Inspector, measured the foreshores of Dick's leases.
- (2.) Yes; he holds it under lease.
- (3.) No. Mr. Mann, in pursuance of certain provisions enacted by the Oyster Fisheries Act, proposed certain modifications of boundaries, but the proposal has not so far been acted on, owing to Dick having neglected to comply with the request made for the return of his lease deeds.
- (4.) No.
- (5.) There does not seem to be any point to investigate, as Dick holds either from the Crown or by purchase all the oyster-bearing foreshore southerly from his residence to the Public Oyster Reserve at Kooloonbung Creek. If the Honorable Member will call at the Department of Fisheries he will be afforded information on any points he may desire.

(16.) Travelling Stock Reserves:—Mr. York asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he, in the interest of travelling stock, have all stock reserves in the Colony on the main stock routes withdrawn from lease?

Mr. Copeland answered,—As the 109th section of the "Crown Lands Act of 1884" provides that the lessee or licensee of any lands within which travelling stock routes or camping places are situate shall not be entitled to impound travelling stock or to maintain any action for trespass in respect thereof, while such stock shall keep within the boundaries of the said routes or camping places, and as section 9 of the "Public Watering Places Act" provides for the impounding of any stock found trespassing on such reserves, and the prosecution of any owner or person in charge of stock wilfully allowing them to trespass thereon, the requirements of travelling stock appear to be fully provided for without withdrawal from lease, which would result in a large loss to the public revenue, and probably lead to occupation of an illegitimate character.

(17.) Contracts for Public Works defrayed from Loan Funds:—Mr. Young, for Mr. Gould, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What contracts for public works to be defrayed from Loan Funds have been accepted by the present Government?

(2.) When were they severally accepted, and at what sum in each case?

Mr. Lyne answered,—A Return will be prepared and laid upon the Table giving the information required.

2. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. See moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of a Bill, intituled "A Bill to authorise the issue of Treasury Bills," through all its stages in one day, and would also preclude the Resolutions of the Committee of Ways and Means, whereon the Bill is proposed to be founded, being received on the same day on which they were come to by the said Committee. Question put and passed.

3. CIRCULAR QUAY LAND SALE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Lyne 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 authorise the sale of certain lands now vested in the Colonial Treasurer, and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds of such sale. Question put and passed.

4. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of a Bill, intituled "A Bill to facilitate Compromises and Arrangements between Joint Stock Companies, Associations, or Societies liable to be wound up under the 'Companies Act' and their creditors and to amend the 'Companies Act,' and the 'Friendly Societies Act of 1873,'" through all its stages in one day. Question put and passed.

5. DEATHS UNDER CHLOROFORM:—Mr. Young, for Mr. Want, presented a Petition from certain relatives and friends of persons who have died apparently while under the influence of chloroform, or its admixtures, bringing under the notice of the House the subject of the administration of anæsthetics, with a view to procure a further inquiry into the subject; and praying that a Commission be called into existence to frame stringent rules to prevent such deaths from occurrence, or their being attributed to natural causes. Petition received.

6. CIRCULAR QUAY LAND SALE BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Lyne, and read by Mr. Speaker.

JERSEY,

Governor.

Message No. 23.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to authorise the sale of certain lands now vested in the Colonial Treasurer, and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds of such sale.

Government House,

Sydney, 16th December, 1891.

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

7. PAPERS:—Mr. Slattery laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Memorandum from the Chief Engineer, Water Conservation, to the Under Secretary, Mines Department, respecting the Broken Hill and District Water Supply (Lake Speculation Scheme),—And moved,—That the document be printed.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Return respecting land purchased and resumed for School Purposes in Canterbury Electorate.

(3.) Return (being Mr. Sydney Smith's Question and the Answer thereto) respecting the Water Supply in the Broken Hill District.

Ordered to be printed.

8. CUMBERLAND ELECTRIC LIGHTING BILL:—Mr. Wall presented a Petition from William Charles Willis, of Sydney, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise, facilitate, and regulate the supply of Electricity for Lighting Power and other purposes, in the county of Cumberland, in the Colony of New South Wales.

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

9. APPLICATION FOR A FREE PASS MADE BY MR. BLACK, M.P.:—Mr. Crick (*by consent*) moved, without Notice,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the application for a free pass made by Mr. Black, M.P., for his wife, and the granting of such pass, and the use of such pass, and other similar cases.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Brunker, Mr. Waddell, Mr. Cann, Mr. Cullen, Mr. Dangar, Mr. Dickens, Mr. Want, Mr. Young, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

10. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Sec, 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 certain Resolutions.

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, that the report be now received.

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

(3.) *Resolved*.—That, to enable the Government to raise a sum of money for the carrying out of certain public works, it is expedient to authorise any number of Treasury Bills to be made out at the Colonial Treasury for any sum or sums of money not exceeding in the whole the sum of four million pounds sterling.

(4.) *Resolved*.—That such Treasury Bills shall have a currency not in any case exceeding four years.

(5.) *Resolved*.—That all principal moneys for which any such Treasury Bills may be made out shall be chargeable upon and paid out of the proceeds of any loan or loans raised, or to be raised under any Act or Acts already passed,—providing funds for the execution of public works,—and so far as funds for the payment of any such principal sum shall, on the maturing of any such Treasury Bill, not have been provided by, or not have become available under the operations of any such Act, every such sum shall be chargeable upon and paid out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

(6.) *Resolved*.—That all such Bills shall bear interest payable half-yearly at a rate not exceeding four pounds ten shillings per centum per annum in respect of the whole moneys contained therein, and that such interest shall be chargeable upon and be paid out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

(7.) *Resolved*.—That all such sums of money as shall be raised by such Treasury Bills shall be carried to a General Loan Fund Account, and shall be applicable to the purposes of such Loan Services as have been or may hereafter be authorised by Parliament.

On motion of Mr. Sec, the Resolutions were read a second time, and agreed to.

11. TREASURY BILLS BILL:—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Sec, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolutions of Ways and Means Nos. (3) to (7), to authorise the issue of Treasury Bills.

(2.) Mr. Sec then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorise the issue of Treasury Bills*,"—which was read a first time.

Mr. Sec moved, That the Bill be printed, and now read a second time.

(3.) Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

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

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

Mr. Sec then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to authorise the issue of Treasury Bills*." 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 authorise the issue of Treasury Bills*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 17th December, 1891.

12. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Australian Gaslight Company Electric Lighting and Supply Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise and enable the Australian Gaslight Company to extend their operations to lighting the city of Sydney and other places with Electricity; and to increase their Capital Stock; and for other purposes*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence; accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 17th December, 1891.

ARCHD. H. JACOB,

Chairman Presiding.

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

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Monday, 25th January.

(2.) Saint John's College Relieving and Enabling Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to relieve the Rector and Fellows of Saint John's College of the trusts of a devise by will of the late John M'Encroe in regard to certain land near Jamberoo; and to enable them to convey the said land to Trustees; and to enable such Trustees to lease the said land; and also to sell the same, and deal with the proceeds thereof;*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence; accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 17th December, 1891.

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman Presiding.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Slattery, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Monday next.

(3.) Medical Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to regulate the practice of Medicine and Surgery, and for other matters connected therewith;*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 17th December, 1891.

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman Presiding.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Suttor, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

(4.) Joint Stock Companies Arrangement Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to facilitate Compromises and Arrangements between Joint Stock Companies, Associations, or Societies liable to be wound up under the 'Companies Act' and their creditors, and to amend the 'Companies Act' and the 'Friendly Societies Act of 1873;'*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 17th December, 1891.

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman Presiding.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Barton, read a first time.
Mr. Barton moved, That the Bill be printed, and now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

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

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 18 DECEMBER, 1891, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with an amendment.
On motion of Mr. Barton, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Barton, passed.
Mr. Barton then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to facilitate Compromises and Arrangements between Joint Stock Companies, Associations, or Societies liable to be wound up under the 'Companies Act' and their creditors, and to amend the 'Companies Act' and the 'Friendly Societies Act of 1873.'*"

Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT.

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the Bill returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to facilitate Compromises and Arrangements between Joint Stock Companies, Associations, or Societies liable to be wound up under the 'Companies Act' and their creditors, and to amend the 'Companies Act' and the 'Friendly Societies Act of 1873;'*"—with the amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendment the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 18th December, 1891, a.m.

JOINT STOCK COMPANIES ARRANGEMENT BILL.

Schedule of Amendment referred to in Message of 18th December, 1891, a.m.

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of Legislative Assembly.

Page 2, clause 3. Add at end of clause:—"Provided that no application may be made to the Court under this section nor any order made thereunder subsequently to the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six."

Examined,—
NINIAN MELVILLE,
Chairman of Committees.

13. **TREASURY BILLS 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 authorise the issue of Treasury Bills,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 17th December, 1891.

ARCHD. H. JACOB,

Chairman Presiding.

14. **POSTPONEMENT:—**The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's amendments in the Government Railways (Contracts) Amendment Bill,—Mr. Dibbs moved, That the Order be postponed until Tuesday next.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

15. **ADJOURNMENT:—**Mr. Carruthers 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 "to consider a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., the conduct of the Government in announcing a determination to force on the consideration of proposals for "*ad valorem* and specific Customs duties during the present sitting."

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

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

The Clerk informed the House that he had received a letter from Mr. Speaker stating that he felt too unwell to resume the Chair.

Whereupon, in the absence of Mr. Speaker, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker, pursuant to the 2nd Standing Order.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Question put and negatived.

16. **POSTPONEMENTS:—**The following Orders of the Day postponed until Tuesday next:—

(1.) Supply; resumption of the Committee.

(2.) Bankruptcy Acts Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

(3.) Trade Disputes Conciliation and Arbitration Bill; second reading.

(4.) Level Crossings on Railways Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to enable the Railway Commissioners of New South Wales to close certain level crossings, and to substitute, where necessary, overhead bridges or subways, or other conveniences in lieu thereof.

(5.) Goulburn to Crookwell Railway Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Goulburn to Crookwell.

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

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

SATURDAY, 19 DECEMBER, 1891, A.M.

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.

Mr. Sec moved, That the reception of the Resolutions stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at two minutes before Five o'clock a.m., until Monday next at Four o'clock.

J. P. ABBOTT,

Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 67.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, 21 DECEMBER, 1891.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Assistant Slaughter-house Inspector at Glebe Island:—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What is the name of the gentleman recently appointed Assistant Slaughter-house Inspector at Glebe Island?
 - (2.) What were the qualifications which led to his appointment?
 - (3.) Did a Mr. S. J. Hanks make application for the appointment?
 - (4.) Was Mr. Hanks recommended by the leading experts of this Colony in this branch of science for the position?
 - (5.) Was Mr. Hanks refused examination for the position?
 - (6.) If so, what was the reason of such refusal?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) Mr. Alfred B. Norton.
 - (3.) Yes.
 - (2, 4, 5, 6.) I am informed that this appointment was referred to the Board of Health for advice as to a suitable gentleman. Half a dozen gentlemen, who were considered eligible and desirable, were referred to that Board for examination, with the result that Mr. Norton was recommended. The name of Mr. S. J. Hanks was not submitted to the Board. The appointment was made last September.
- (2.) Secretary, National Park:—Mr. Stevenson, for Mr. Nicoll, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he suggest to the Trustees of the National Park that, in view of the position of Secretary being now vacant, they should not appoint anyone who already holds a position in the Civil Service of the Colony, thus putting a stop to a practice which has prevailed in former appointments?
- Mr. Dibbs answered,—Trustees for the National Park have been appointed under the Public Parks Act, and I think this is a matter that comes within their province.

- (3.) Scholars in Public Schools of the Colony, and in the Canterbury Electorate:—Mr. Carruthers asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) What was the total enrolment of scholars in the public schools of New South Wales at date of last report?
 - (2.) What was the enrolment at each school in the Canterbury electorate at same date, specifying in each case?
 - (3.) What proportion does the total enrolment in such schools in the Canterbury electorate bear to the total enrolment in the whole of the schools in the Colony?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

- (1.) The total enrolment of scholars in the public schools of New South Wales for the year 1890 was 195,241 (corrected enrolment). In December quarter of that year the number on the rolls was 172,121.
 - (2.) I will presently lay a Return upon the Table. The totals are—Canterbury, 12,910; enrolment for December quarter, 1890, 11,138.
 - (3.) The proportion borne by the enrolment in such schools in the Canterbury electorate to the total enrolment in the whole of the schools in the Colony was, for the year 1890, 6.61 per cent. on the corrected enrolment, and for the last quarter of that year, 6.47 per cent. on actual enrolment.
- (4.) Sydney Hospital:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the additions in connection with the Sydney Hospital are being carried out by one of the directors of that institution?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that no tenders were invited for the work?

Mr.

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) No additions are being made to the hospital. In accordance with arrangements made with the Premier, the Nightingale Wing is being prepared for the reception of patients now housed in the dangerous wooden building, under the direction of the House Committee and Mr. Dean, one of the directors.
- (2.) The matter was so urgent and so complicated that it was found impossible to accept tenders for the work.
- (5.) Supply of Shrubs to the Public Free of Cost :—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that Mr. Ednie Brown, Director of Forests, supplies shrubs to the outside public free of cost?
- (2.) Will he take steps to have the practice discontinued?
- Mr. Dibbs answered,—No; except for corporate bodies, public schools, and experimental purposes.
- (6.) Government Contracts :—Mr. Carruthers asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that a number of contractors for Government works have entered into contracts at prices which did not allow for any duties imposed upon material to be imported and not obtainable except by importation?
- (2.) If so; is it the intention of the Government to allow such contractors any increase in their contract prices to compensate them for the increased price of material caused by the imposition of new duties?
- Mr. Dibbs answered,—The Honorable Member will find, upon a reference to the statutes, that provision for a contingency of this nature has been made in all Tariff Acts. The Bill about to be introduced will be no exception.
- (7.) Duplication of the Railway from Redfern to Eveleigh :—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Treasurer,—When will the Return, ordered by this House, having reference to the cost of railway duplications, &c., be laid upon the Table of this House?
- Mr. Dibbs answered,—I will presently lay this information upon the Table of this House.

2. DISEASED ANIMALS AND MEAT BILL (No. 3) (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill for prohibiting the sale, consignment, or exposure for sale of Diseased Animals, and for amending the Law relating to the sale, or exposure for sale, of meat which is diseased, or unsound, or unwholesome, or unfit for the food of man; and for empowering the Governor to make Regulations, enforceable by penalties, for the inspection of animals in sale-yards, in transit, or upon slaughtering premises; and for the seizure, condemnation, and destruction of Diseased Animals, and of the Meat of Diseased Animals.
- Question put and passed.
3. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
- (1.) Masters and Servants Bill (No. 2); second reading;—until To-morrow.
- (2.) Rutland Flux Tramway Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—until To-morrow.
- (3.) Liquor Licenses Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to secure the more effective closing of public-houses on Sundays and during prohibited hours;—until Monday, 8th February.
- (4.) Nuisances Prevention Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Legislative Council's amendments;—until Monday, 11th January.
- (5.) Municipalities Act of 1867 Amendment Bill (No. 2); second reading;—until Monday, 22nd February.

4. CUSTOMS DUTIES BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

JERSEY,

Governor.

Message No. 24.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill for granting to Her Majesty certain duties of Customs, and for other purposes.

Government House,

Sydney, 19th December, 1891.

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

5. PAPERS :—

Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Moree, under the Municipalities Act of 1867, and Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.
- (2.) By-laws of the Borough of Narrandera.
- (3.) By-laws of the Borough of Wollongong, under the Municipalities Act of 1867, and Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.
- (4.) Return to an Order, made on 25th November, 1891,—“Duplication of the Railway from Redfern to Eveleigh.”
- Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Slattery laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 23rd September, 1891,—“Broken Hill and District Water Supply Company.”

Ordered to be printed.

6. **CONDITIONAL PURCHASES MADE UPON BARRATTA RUIN:**—Mr. Barbour moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Report of the Select Committee on the Barratta forfeited conditional purchases, adopted 3rd December, 1889, “discloses” that Henry Ricketson, lessee of Barratta pastoral holding, obtained Crown grants to a large quantity of valuable land, containing valuable improvements, which land he purchased by claiming that the improvements were his own property, and that they entitled him to purchase land in virtue thereof, whereas the said improvements were the forfeited improvements of the several conditional purchases, and belonged to the Crown.
 - (2.) That steps be taken to recall the said Crown grants, and that such other steps may be taken as the Crown Law Officers may advise, to vindicate the law in respect thereof.
 - (3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
- Debate ensued.
- Mr. Crick moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word “discloses” in line 2, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words “reasons for apprehending that Henry Ricketson, lessee of Barratta pastoral holding, obtained Crown grants to a large quantity of valuable land, containing valuable improvements, which land he purchased by claiming that the improvements were his own property, and that they entitled him to purchase land in virtue thereof, whereas by the said Report it appears that the said improvements belonged to the Crown.
- (2.) That such course be adopted as the Crown Law Officers may advise to vindicate the law in respect of the said Report.
 - (3.) That the above Resolutions be conveyed by Address to His Excellency the Governor.”
- Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
- Debate continued.
- Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.
- Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted be so inserted,—put and passed.
- Question then,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Report of the Select Committee on the Barratta forfeited conditional purchases, adopted 3rd December, 1889, discloses reasons for apprehending that Henry Ricketson, lessee of Barratta pastoral holding, obtained Crown grants to a large quantity of valuable land, containing valuable improvements, which land he purchased by claiming that the improvements were his own property, and that they entitled him to purchase land in virtue thereof, whereas by the said Report it appears that the said improvements belonged to the Crown.
 - (2.) That such course be adopted as the Crown Law Officers may advise to vindicate the law in respect of the said Report.
 - (3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor,—put and passed.
7. **APPLICATION FOR A FREE PASS MADE BY MR. BLACK, M.P.:**—Mr. Crick (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That Mr. Cullen and Mr. Want be discharged from attendance upon the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the “Application for a Free Pass made by Mr. Black, M.P.,” and that Mr. Bavister and Mr. Neild be added to such Committee.
- Question put and passed.
8. **MR. CHARLES BRADY’S SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH SERICULTURE:**—Mr. Rose 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 services rendered to the Colony in connection with sericulture by Charles Brady.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. G. D. Clark, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Langwell, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Holborow, and the Mover.
- Debate ensued.
- Question put and passed.
9. **FEDERATION OF THE COLONIES:**—Mr. Kelly moved, pursuant to Notice, That no system for the Federation of the Colonies will be acceptable to this House until the electoral system provides for the principle of “one man one vote” at the election for Members to the proposed House of Representatives.
- Debate ensued.
- Question put and passed.
10. **WHALING ROAD, NORTH SYDNEY:**—Mr. E. M. Clark moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons, papers, and plans, to inquire into and report upon the opening of the Whaling Road, North Sydney.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Copland, Mr. McGowen, Mr. Haynes, Mr. Cook, Mr. Want, Mr. Crick, Mr. Levick, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Hassall, and the Mover.
 - (3.) That the Report of the Select Committee on Whaling Road, North Shore, of Session 1883-4, be referred to such Committee.
 - (4.) That the Committee be authorised to make visits of inspection in connection with their inquiry.
- Debate ensued.
- Question put and passed.
11. **BUILDING OF ALL GOVERNMENT DREDGES, TUG-BOATS, PUNTS, BARGES, AND BRIDGES IN THE COLONY:**—Mr. Johnston moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, all dredges, tug-boats, punts, barges, and bridges required by the Government should be built in the Colony.
- Debate ensued.
- Question put,—and Division called for,—but there being no Tellers on the part of the *Noes* no Division could be had; and Mr. Speaker declared the Question to have been resolved in the *affirmative*.

12. **CONDITIONAL PURCHASE BY JAMES YOUNG, AT GOSFORD:**—Mr. Stevenson moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the conditional purchase of 160 acres taken up by James Young, at Gosford, on the 31st December, 1885.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Brunker, Mr. Dale, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Gornly, Mr. Colls, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Rose, Mr. Frank Farnell, and the Mover.
- Question put and passed.
13. **CASE OF PATRICK BROWN:**—Mr. Melville, for Mr. Neild, 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 case of Patrick Brown, in regard to certain interests in gold or mineral leases.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Tonkin, Mr. Wall, Mr. Marks, Mr. Torpy, Mr. Perry, Mr. Vaughn, and the Mover.
- Question put and passed.
14. **LABOUR PROTECTION BILL (No. 2):**—Mr. Sheldon moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Monday, 8th February, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to restrain the importation or immigration of aliens and certain other persons under contract or agreement to perform labour or service in New South Wales; and for purposes connected therewith.
- Question put and passed.
15. **AUSTRALIAN AGRICULTURAL COMPANY:**—Mr. Melville, for Mr. Dowel, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
- (1.) A copy of the Act of Parliament made and passed in the fifth year of the reign of His late Majesty King George the Fourth, intituled "An Act for granting certain powers and authorities to a company to be incorporated by Charter, to be called the Australian Agricultural Company."
 - (2.) A copy of the Charter under the Great Seal of Great Britain, dated at Westminster, the first day of November, in the fifth year of the reign of the aforesaid King George the Fourth, conferring certain powers on the Australian Agricultural Company, and grants of lands, tenements, and hereditaments in the Colony of New South Wales.
 - (3.) A copy of an Act, intituled "An Act to amend an Act passed in the fifth year of the reign of His Majesty King George the Fourth for granting certain powers and authorities to the Australian Agricultural Company."
 - (4.) Copies of all reports, letters, documents, and plans in connection with the Crown grant (including the said grant) to the Australian Agricultural Company, dating from the fifth year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Fourth up to the present time.
- Question put and passed.
16. **ACCOUNTS FREIGHT BRANCH AT DARLING HARBOUR RAILWAY STATION:**—Mr. Schey moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—
- (1.) The names of all persons employed in the Accounts Freight Branch at Darling Harbour Railway Station.
 - (2.) The hours of duty for each of the employees specified.
 - (3.) The amount of overtime which has been worked by each during the six months ending 30th November, 1891, distinguishing—(a) the overtime paid for; (b) the overtime which has not been paid for.
- Question put and passed.
17. **ADJOURNMENT:**—Mr. Copeland moved, That this House do now adjourn.
- Debate ensued.
- Question put and passed.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 68.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 22 DECEMBER, 1891.

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

CUSTOMS DUTIES BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. See, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

JERSEY,

*Message No. 25.**Governor.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill for the establishment of a new Tariff of Customs Duties, and for purposes connected with, consequent upon, and incidental to the purpose aforesaid.

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

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

2. DISEASED ANIMALS AND MEAT BILL (No. 3):—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

JERSEY,

*Message No. 26.**Governor.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill for prohibiting the sale, consignment, or exposure for sale of Diseased Animals, and for amending the Law relating to the sale, or exposure for sale, of meat which is diseased, or unsound, or unwholesome, or unfit for the food of man; and for empowering the Governor to make Regulations, enforceable by penalties, for the inspection of animals in sale-yards, in transit, or upon slaughtering premises; and for the seizure, condemnation, and destruction of Diseased Animals, and of the Meat of Diseased Animals.

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

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

3. DISEASES IN SHEEP ACTS AMENDMENT BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Slattery, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

JERSEY,

*Message No. 27.**Governor.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend and extend the provisions of certain Acts relating to Diseases in Sheep; to create a Central Board, with certain powers and authorities; and for purposes incidental thereto.

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

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

4. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Main Southern Railway Line:—*Mr. G. D. Clark*, for Mr. Rae, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Has he inquired into the statements made lately by the Honorable Member for Braidwood, Mr. Chapman, as to the alleged spreading of the rails on the main Southern Line?

(2.) Will he order the whole of the correspondence and papers upon the subject to be laid upon the Table of the House?

(3.) Has his attention been called to the fact of the alarming frequency of accidents on the main Southern Line of late; and will he take steps to thoroughly investigate the causes of the same, with a view to their immediate remedy?

Mr.

Mr. See answered,—I have to inform the Honorable Member that I made inquiry in connection with the statements referred to, as reported in *Hansard* on the 23rd ultimo, but it would appear there was no foundation for them. There is no official correspondence in the matter, and if the Honorable Member will furnish me with any information of value bearing on the question I shall be glad to refer it to the Railway Commissioners for consideration. It may be added that the question of the Railway Permanent Way has had much attention at the hands of the Railway Commissioners. As an instance of the extent of re-laying work done, it may be quoted that in the three years prior to the Commissioners taking office 60 miles of line were re-laid, but in the past three years 177 miles have been dealt with in the same way. The Commissioners are not aware that accidents have been alarmingly frequent on the Southern Line. Several have occurred, but they were of a nature that cannot be foreseen. The recent accident near Moss Vale, to a ballast train, was due to a broken rail.

- (2.) Accidents at Sutherland Dock, Cockatoo Island:—Mr. Kelly asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that a petty officer belonging to H.M.S. "Curacoa" has been killed through a fall in the Sutherland Dock?
 - (2.) Has the General Superintendent of Docks reported to the Head of his Department the advisability of having some protection around this dock, and that such protection has not been afforded?
 - (3.) Is it a fact that two men have been seriously injured through an accident to one of the cranes connected with this dock?
 - (4.) Under which Department is this dock managed?
 - (5.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House a Return showing the number of accidents which have happened for the last five years at Cockatoo Island, and what those accidents have cost the country?
 - (6.) Is it a fact that a concrete-tester at Cockatoo Island is receiving 14s. a day and quarters for locking and unlocking a shed?
 - (7.) How many men has this gentleman under his charge?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) I have read in the papers that such is the case, but the matter has not been reported to me.
 - (2.) No.
 - (3.) Yes.
 - (4.) The Department of Public Works.
 - (5.) The information will be prepared and laid upon the Table as requested.
 - (6.) No; but the cement tester receives 13s. per day, and resides in the quarters provided for the purposes of a post office. His duties require his attendance at other work than that of cement testing, viz., inspecting of buildings being erected on the island for the Works Department.
 - (7.) Two labourers daily employed. They are at present quarrying face of rock to allow crane to swing.
- (3.) Appointments made by the late Minister of Justice:—Mr. Schey asked the Attorney-General,—Has he any objection to lay upon the Table a Return of all appointments made by the late Minister of Justice while he was in office?
- Mr. Barton answered,—I am informed by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice that there will be no objection to furnishing the desired information if moved for in the usual way.
- (4.) Government Contracts:—*Mr. Kelly*, for Dr. Hollis, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government, in view of the fact that the new duties will considerably increase the cost of certain building materials, to make up the difference to contractors for public works whose tenders were accepted, but the works not completed, before the change of tariff?
- Mr. Lyne answered,—I can only refer the Honorable Member to the reply given yesterday by my honorable colleague the Colonial Secretary to a somewhat similar Question put by the Honorable Member for Canterbury, Mr. Carruthers.
- (5.) Marulan Public School:—Mr. Rose asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) Is it true that the teacher of the Marulan Public School has been living for the past six months in a residence where vessels have to be placed to catch the water which penetrates the roof?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that nothing as yet has been done to remedy this?
- Mr. Suttor answered,—
- (1.) It has been reported that the roof of the residence at the Marulan Public School leaks.
 - (2.) Specifications for the repairs needed were prepared, and tenders obtained, which were, however, considered too high. Fresh tenders will be called for, and the work carried out as soon as funds are available.
- (6.) Oyster Leases:—*Mr. Garrard*, for Mr. Frank Farnell, asked the Colonial Secretary,—How many oyster leases were taken up, and how many leases were surrendered, for the period up to 31st December, 1889?
- Mr. Dibbs answered,—1,054 leases taken up, and 18 surrendered.
- (7.) Railway Axle-boxes:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that axle-boxes of cast-iron, made in the Colony, have hitherto been used on our railways?
 - (2.) Is it also a fact that Mr. Thow during his recent trip to Europe and America ordered several thousand steel axle-boxes from Leed's foundry?
 - (3.) Why has this change been made?
 - (4.) Is it a fact that the steel axle-boxes are only about 1 lb. lighter than the cast-iron axle-boxes?
 - (5.) What is the price of the Colonial-made axle-boxes?
 - (6.) The price of the axle-boxes now being imported, inclusive of all charges?
 - (7.) Is it a fact the imported axle-boxes will require alteration before being used?

Mr.

Mr. Sec answered,—

- (1.) Yes; both made in the Colony and imported.
- (2.) Under instructions from the Commissioners, a box of pressed steel was designed and ordered.
- (3.) To economise in first cost, and in maintenance, by avoiding fractures, which so frequently occur with cast-iron boxes; also to reduce unnecessary dead-weight. About 1 cwt. will be saved in each four-wheel truck fitted with the new boxes.
- (4.) No; they are 33 lb. lighter than the standard cast-iron boxes in use.
- (5.) £2 5s. complete.
- (6.) £1 12s. 9d. delivered into stores.
- (7.) No.

- (8.) Contractors' Vouchers:—Mr. Perry asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he instruct the officers of his Department to make every endeavour to have contractors' vouchers paid before Christmas?

Mr. Lyne answered.—Yes; every effort will be made to have this done.

- (9.) Clarence River Harbour Improvements:—Mr. McFarlane asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders be invited for construction of training-walls and removal of reef in connection with the proposed Clarence River harbour improvements?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I shall submit this matter for the consideration of the Cabinet at an early date.

- (10.) Civil Service Inquiry Commission:—Mr. Houghton asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the working of the Civil Service has been disbanded; if so, are the salaries of any of the officers of the Commission being continued, and what work are such officers now performing?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The Commission will expire on the 24th January, and it will not be extended beyond that date.

- (11.) Report of Royal Commission on Strikes:—Mr. Houghton asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he give instructions for a copy of the report of the Royal Commission on Strikes to be supplied to each of the labour organisations in this Colony on applications being made by the Secretaries of such organisations to the Government Printer, in view of the assistance rendered the Commission by these bodies?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—There will be no objection to this, and the necessary instruction will be given accordingly.

- (12.) Land Resumed for Railway, North Kiama to Nowra:—Mr. Fuller asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What amount of land has been resumed for the extension of the railway line from North Kiama to Nowra?
- (2.) What are the names of the persons from whom the land has been resumed?
- (3.) The particulars in each case when the whole property belonging to an individual has been resumed, and the amount of compensation offered?
- (4.) The particulars where only part has been resumed; the amount of that part; and, also, the amount of property remaining to which the betterment principle has been applied?
- (5.) What is the amount (if any) of enhanced value allowed in each case?

Mr. Lyne answered,—A Return will be laid upon the Table giving the information required, as soon as the cases are completed.

- (13.) Rossiville Estate, Goulburn:—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What Government purchased the Rossiville Estate, Goulburn?
- (2.) What price was paid for same, and how much per acre?
- (3.) Was the estate purchased for the erection of a lunatic asylum?
- (4.) If so, was Dr. Manning consulted in connection with same?
- (5.) Is Dr. Manning now willing that the asylum should be constructed on the Rossiville Estate?
- (6.) Has Dr. Manning any claim to land situated at Kenmore?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) The late Government.
- (2.) £15,158, or £20 per acre including house.
- (3 and 4.) Yes.
- (5.) The construction on this site much depends on the report of the Parliamentary Committee on Public Works.
- (6.) The Kenmore Estate is under Dr. Manning's control, and should remain so until it is finally decided whether the new asylum is to be erected at Rossiville or Kenmore.

5. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

(1.) Polling Day Liquor Prohibition Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill for the purpose of closing licensed public-houses; and for the prohibition of the sale and supply of intoxicating liquors on Parliamentary Election days; for making it illegal to hold committee meetings, or meetings of electors in licensed public-houses in connection with Parliamentary elections; and for other purposes connected therewith;—until Monday, 8th February.

(2.) Wentworth Electorate Subdivision Act Amendment Bill; second reading;—until Monday, 22nd February.

6. WATKINS-WALLIS TRUST ESTATE BILL:—Mr. Barbour, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of the Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 15th December, 1891; together with a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Barbour then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Monday, 18th January.

Question put and passed.

7. **DUTY ON TOBACCO-LEAF**:—Mr. Kelly presented a Petition from certain Cigar Manufacturers and others interested in the cigar trade, representing that their business up to 1st March, 1884, was a growing industry, affording lucrative employment to many operatives; that in consequence of the increase of the duty from one shilling to three shillings per pound on tobacco-leaf early in that year they were unable to continue their business with profit; and praying the House to grant them relief.

At the request of Mr. Kelly, the Petition was read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker.
Petition received.

8. **PAPERS**:—

Mr. Copeland laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order, made on 20th August, 1891,—“Proposed resumption of Chinese Gardens, Rushcutters’ Bay.”

(2.) Regulation No. 56, under the Crown Lands Acts, substituted in lieu of that at present in force.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. See laid upon the Table,—Statement showing the total amount expended in maintaining and improving the New South Wales Government Railways and Tramways.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—Report by the Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers on Dredging operations.

Ordered to be printed.

9. **JOINT STOCK COMPANIES ARRANGEMENT BILL**:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the amendment made by the Legislative Assembly in the Bill, intituled “*An Act to facilitate Compromises and Arrangements between Joint Stock Companies, Associations, or Societies liable to be wound up under the ‘Companies Act’ and their creditors, and to amend the ‘Companies Act’ and the ‘Friendly Societies Act of 1873.’*”

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 22nd December, 1891.

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman Presiding.

10. **SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House, at its rising “To-morrow,” do adjourn until Tuesday, 12th January next.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Carruthers moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word “To-morrow.”

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

Debate continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 60.

Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Rose,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Dickens,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Miller,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Hoyle,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Dowel,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Crick,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Soe,	Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Jeanneret,	Mr. Newton,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. York,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Toohy,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Grabame,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Scott,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Wall,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. O’Sullivan.
Mr. Nicholson,	
Mr. Cann,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Waddell.

Noes, 27.

Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. Reid,
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Gould,
Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Eve,
Mr. Wise,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Dale,
Mr. Lees,
Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Inglis,
Mr. Cotton,
Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Hart,
Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Bavister.

Tellers,

Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Neild.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question then put and passed.

11. **WAYS AND MEANS**:—The Order of the Day having been read for the reception of certain Resolutions from the Committee of Ways and Means,—

The Chairman of Committees moved, That the Resolutions be now received.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The Resolutions were then read a first time as follows:—

(2.) *Resolved*.—That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Service of the year 1892, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales the sum of £2,197, for the expenses of the establishment of His Excellency the Governor for the year 1892.

(8.) *Resolved*.—That, towards raising the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty, there shall be charged, collected, and paid, from and after the first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one, upon the several articles, goods, wares, and merchandise imported into the Colony, enumerated in Schedules A and B, and not enumerated in Schedule C (including such as are now in Bond), the Duties of Customs specified against each respectively, in lieu of existing Customs Duties, namely:—

SCHEDULES.

SCHEDULE A.

		s.	d.
Arrowroot, baking powder, yeast custard and egg powders, self-raising flour, barley—prepared or patent—patent groats, corn-flour, maizena, and farinaceous foods prepared—not being wheaten flour or oatmeal, or otherwise exempted	per lb.	0	1
Milk—condensed or preserved, and milk foods	per lb.	0	1
Butter and lard	per lb.	0	2
Butterine and oleomargarine	per lb.	0	6
Fish—dried, preserved, or salted, and fish paste, meats—poultry, soups, and game, potted paste, dried or preserved, and not otherwise charged	per lb.	0	1
Gelatine, glue, and size	per lb.	0	1
Honey	per lb.	0	1
Macaroni and vermicelli	per lb.	0	1
Starch and starch powder, sago and sago flour, rice flour and ground rice, semolina, tapioca, and tapioca flour	per lb.	0.	1
Vegetables—preserved (not otherwise charged), salted in brine or salt water, mushrooms and tomatoes preserved	per lb.	0	1
Wax and stearine	per lb.	0	1
Jams and jellies per lb., or reputed package of that weight, and so in proportion for any such reputed weight	per lb.	0	2
Preserves and canned fruits	per lb.	0	2
Candles—per lb., or reputed package of that weight, and so in proportion for any such reputed weight, and night lights	per lb.	0	2
Biscuits, bacon—and bacon partially cured or green—cheese, hams—ham and ham potted, and meat extract	per lb.	0	2
Confectionery—cakes, comfits, liquorice, liquorice paste, lozenges of all kinds, cocoanut in sugar, sugar-candy, succades, and sweetmeats	per lb.	0	2
Chicory, Dandelion, and Taraxacum—			
Raw or kiln-dried	per lb.	0	3
Roasted, ground, or mixed with any other article	per lb.	0	6
Coffee—Raw	per lb.	0	3
Coffee—Roasted, ground, or mixed with any other article	per lb.	0	6
Cocoa—Raw, without allowance for husks or shells	per lb.	0	3
Cocoa—Prepared paste or mixed with any other article	per lb.	0	4
Chocolate—Plain or mixed with any other article, and chocolate creams	per lb.	0	4
Tea—(Until March 1st, 1892)	per lb.	0	3
On and from that date	...		Free.
Tobacco—delivered from ship's side or from a Customs bond for home consumption—manufactured, unmanufactured, and snuff	per lb.	3	0
Tobacco—unmanufactured, entered to be manufactured in the Colony. At the time of removal from a Customs bond or from an importing ship to any licensed manufactory for manufacturing purposes only into tobacco, cigars, and cigarettes	per lb.	1	0
Tobacco—sheepwash	per lb.	0	3
Cigars	per lb.	6	0
Cigarettes (including wrappers)	per lb.	6	0
Timber—			
Dressed	per 100 ft. superficial	3	0
Rough and undressed	per 100 ft. superficial	1	6
Palings	per 100	1	0
Laths	per 1,000	0	9
Shingles	per 1,000	1	0
Pickets dressed	per 100 ft. superficial	3	0
Doors, sashes, and shutters	each	2	0
Sugar—			
Refined	per cwt.	6	8
Raw	per cwt.	5	0
Molasses and treacle	per cwt.	3	4
Glucose—			
Liquid and syrup	per cwt.	3	4
Solid	per cwt.	5	0

Spirits—

	s.	d.
Spirits—		
On all kinds of spirits and spirituous compounds imported and not otherwise enumerated	per proof gallon	14 0
No allowance beyond 16·5 shall be made for the under proof of any spirit of a less strength than 16·5 under proof.		
Case Spirits—Contents of two, three, four, or five gallons shall be charged—		
Two gallons and under as two gallons.		
Over two gallons and not exceeding three as three gallons.		
Over three gallons and not exceeding four as four gallons.		
Over four gallons and not exceeding five as five gallons.		
Methylated spirit	per gallon	1 0
Perfumed spirits, perfumed waters, Florida water, and Bay rum...	per gallon	20 0
Bitters, essences, fluid extracts, sarsaparilla tinctures, medicines, infusions, and toilet preparations, containing—		
Not more than 25 per cent. of proof spirit	per gallon	3 6
Not more than 50 per cent. of proof spirit	per gallon	7 0
Not more than 75 per cent. of proof spirit	per gallon	10 6
If containing more than 75 per cent. of proof spirit	per gallon	14 0
If containing spirit over-proof to be charged as spirituous compounds	per proof gallon	14 0
Wines—		
Sparkling—For six reputed quarts or twelve reputed pints		10 0
Other kinds—For six reputed quarts or twelve reputed pints		5 0
Other kinds	per gallon	5 0
Beer, ale, porter, spruce, or other beer, cider, and perry—		
In wood or jar	per gallon	0 6
In bottle	per gallon	0 9
For six reputed quarts or twelve reputed pints	per gallon	0 9
Cordials and wines not containing spirit, balm syrups, fruit essences, not spirituous, lime fruit and limejuice cordials, citronade, raspberry vinegar, aromatic vinegar, raspberry, strawberry, and other fruit acids—		
Reputed quarts	per dozen	1 6
Pints and smaller quantities	per dozen	0 9
Oils, except linseed oil, raw or boiled sperm, and black whale, palm, and coconut	per gallon	0 6
Oils, in bottle, except essentials oils—		
Reputed quarts	per dozen	1 6
Reputed pints	per dozen	0 9
Reputed half-pints and smaller sizes	per dozen	0 6
Grease—Axle and lubricating	per ton	60 0
Paints and colours ground in oil	per ton	60 0
Dry colours	per ton	30 0
Putty	per ton	20 0
Varnishes containing spirit	per gallon	2 0
All other varnishes	per gallon	1 0
Naphtha and gasoline	per gallon	0 6
Cement, plaster, and hydraulic lime	per barrel	2 0
Vinegar, other than aromatic or raspberry	per gallon	0 6
Acetic acid	per gallon	2 6
Sulphuric acid	per cwt.	2 6
Ærated and mineral waters—pints and smaller quantities	per dozen	0 6
Oilmen's Stores—		
Sauces and pickles—quarts	per dozen	1 0
Sauces and pickles—pints and smaller quantities	per dozen	0 6
Salt	per ton	20 0
Soda crystals	per ton	40 0
Oatmeal	per ton	40 0
Fruits—		
Dried, candied, and prunes	per lb.	0 2
Boiled or in pulp, peel drained or dry, and almonds	per lb.	0 1
Fruits, bottled (not containing spirit)—		
Reputed quarts	per dozen	2 0
Reputed pints and smaller quantities	per dozen	1 0
Rice	per ton	60 0
Rope, cordage—gross	per ton	60 0
Twine and lines	per ton	60 0
Paper—brown and wrapping	per cwt.	3 0
Paper bags (printed)	per cwt.	15 0
Paper bags (plain)	per cwt.	7 6
Advertising matter—Circulars, labels, bill-heads, posters, and notices printed, enamelled or otherwise on any material, or lithographed	per cwt.	15 0
Playing-cards	per dozen packs	3 0
Opium and any preparation thereof—not otherwise charged	per lb.	20 0

Powder

		s.	d.
Powder and shot—			
Sporting	per lb.	0	3
Blasting	per lb.	0	1
Dynamite and lithofracteur	per lb.	0	1
Shot	per cwt.	5	0
Soap—			
Fancy and scented	per lb.	0	2
Other than fancy or scented	per cwt.	3	0
Zinc—perforated or manufactured	per cwt.	3	0
Whiting and chalk	per ton	10	0
Green fruit, except bananas and pine-apples	per bushel	1	0
Vegetables—fresh	per cwt.	0	6
Grain and Pulse of every kind not otherwise enumerated—			
Barley, beans, maize, oats, peas (dried and split), and wheat	per 100 lb.	0	10
Flour, bran, pollard, and sharps	per 100 lb.	1	0
Hay, chaff, and straw	per ton	10	0
Potatoes	per ton	10	0
Onions	per ton	20	0
Iron—			
Galvanised, in bars, bundles, sheets, or corrugated	per ton	40	0
Bolts, spikes, nuts, rivets, screws, bolt-rings, and washers (plain or galvanised metal)	per ton	40	0
Iron and steel wire (not galvanised)	per ton	15	0
Wire netting (not galvanised)	per ton	30	0
Galvanised manufactures not being parts of machines or machinery otherwise charged or exempted	per ton	60	0
Pig iron, from the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three	per ton	10	0
Lead—			
Sheet and roll	per ton	40	0
Pipe	per ton	60	0
Billiard-tables and Billiard-table materials, Carpets, Silks, Satins, Lace, Furs, Gloves, Velvets, Rugs, Gold and Silver Plate and Plated Ware; Carriages (whole or in parts), including Buggies, Barouches, Chaises, Dogcarts, Gigs, and Tilburies; China and Porcelain Ware, Jewellery and Precious Stones, Musical Instruments and parts thereof, Watches and Clocks and parts thereof, Pictures, Paintings, and Statuary, Portmanteaus, Travelling Bags, and Dressing Cases (with or without fittings)—			
For every £100 on the value thereof the sum of Fifteen pounds.			

SCHEDULE B.

All goods imported into New South Wales and not enumerated in Schedule A or C—
For every £100 on the value thereof the sum of Ten pounds.

SCHEDULE C.

Free List.

Alum.	Clays and Earths, not otherwise charged.
Anchors.	Cobalt Ore.
Animals, live.	Cocoanuts.
Antifriction Metal.	Coin.
Antimony Ore.	Copperas.
Asbestos Packing.	Copper Ore and Regulus.
Bags, Gummy and Ore.	Copper Ignots.
Bags, Sacks, and Woolpacks—except Fancy, Travelling, and Bags otherwise charged.	Copra.
Ballast, not otherwise charged.	Cordage, Rope and Sails, old and condemned.
Bananas (fresh).	Cork.
Bark, not being for Medicinal purposes.	Cotton, Raw.
Beads.	Cotton in piece—
Beche-de-mer.	White Calico.
Bismuth Ore.	" Long Cloth.
Blowers.	" Shirting.
Blue.	" Sheeting.
Bluestone (not building).	" India Twills.
Bombay Duck and Pipe.	" Twill Calico.
Bone Dust.	" Butter Cloth.
Bones.	" Cheese Cloth.
Boot—Elastic.	" Hatters' Calico.
Brewers' Isinglass.	" " Twill.
Brimstone.	" " Mulls, &c.
Bristles.	Muslins, Plain and Printed.
Building Stone (unwrought).	Swansdown Calico.
Cables, Chain (Iron) Stud Link.	Window Hollands, Plain and Printed.
Candle Nuts.	Lancaster and Oriental Blinds.
Card Mounts.	Grey Calico.
Caustic Soda.	" Sheeting.
Caustic Potash.	" Twill.
Charcoal.	Pillow Cotton.
Chrome Ore and Metal.	Tent Cloth.

Cotton

Cotton in piece—*continued.*

Cotton Duck.
 Cotton Drill.
 " Canvas.
 Dimity.
 Pique.
 Quilting.
 Curtains and Blind Net.
 Mosquito Net.
 Cotton Handkerchiefs.
 " Damask.
 Drilling.
 Denim.
 Dungaree.
 Jean.
 Apron Check.
 Duster "
 Moleskin, Plain and Printed.
 Cottonade.
 Cotton Tweed.
 " Cord.
 Gambroon.
 Cotton Velvet.
 " Velveteen.
 Canton Mole.
 Turkey Twills.
 Shirtings.
 Scotch Twill.
 Harvard, Oxford, and Fancy Shirtings.
 Flannelettes.
 Tennis Cloth.
 Cotton, Wincey.
 " Dress Stuffs.
 " Italian Cloths.
 Prints.
 Satteens.
 Pongees.
 Drillettes.
 Satinettes.
 Gingham.
 Zephyr.
 Cotton Ticks.
 Cotton Huckabacks.
 Rolled Linings.
 Universal Linings.
 Fancy Linings.
 Plain Cambric.
 Chintz Cambric.
 Cretonne.
 Duck—
 Cotton.
 Linen.
 Forfars—
 Osnaburg.
 Dowlas.
 Flaxens.
 Calico—
 Grey, Plain.
 " Twilled.
 Hessians—
 Papering Canvas
 Scrym.
 Hessian.
 Holland—
 Brown.
 Rough.
 Dressed.
 Cream.
 Slate Black.
 Jute Goods—
 Dandy Canvas.
 French "
 Padding "
 Cheese Cloth.
 Scrym.
 Horse Covers.
 Bagging.
 Carpet.

Cotton in piece—*continued.*

Longcloth—
 Plain.
 Twilled.
 Prints—
 Printed Cotton.
 Cambries.
 Safeens.
 Drillettes.
 Muslins.
 Pongees.
 Cotton Laine.
 Cotton Hdfs.
 Turkey, Plain.
 Turkey, Twill.
 Repp—
 Cotton
 Union.
 Wool (Upholsterers').
 Sewing Cottons.
 Reels.
 Mending
 Crotchet.
 Knitting.
 Embroidery.
 Thrcads.
 Sewing Silks—
 Skeins and Reels.
 Arrascine.
 Filloselle.
 Twists.
 Purse Twists.
 Tailors' Sewings.
 Sheeting—
 Cotton, Plain and Twilled.
 Union " "
 Linen " "
 Waterproof.
 Macintosh.
 Shirtings—
 White Cotton.
 Grey "
 Crimean.
 Flannelette.
 Oxford and Cambridge.
 Harvard.
 Sco. Twill.
 Union.
 Printed Cotton.
 Crêpe.
 Ceylon.
 Silesia—
 Plain.
 Printed.
 Dyed.
 Ticks—
 Cotton.
 Union.
 Linen.
 Fancy.
 Blind.
 Towelling—
 Crash.
 Huckaback.
 Diaper.
 Turkish.
 Dice.
 Flax.
 Twills—
 Turkey.
 Scotch.
 India.
 Union—
 White.
 Slate.
 Black.
 Brown.

Cotton in piece—*continued.*

Wadding—
 Black, white.
 Greys.
 Bleached.

Needles—
 Sewing.
 Machine.
 Knitting.
 Packing.
 Crochet.

Pins—
 Hair.
 Safety.
 Stuck.
 Ounce.
 Bonnet.
 Box.
 Book.

Beads—Beads.
 Beadware—Canvas work.
 Canvas—
 Navy.
 Sampler.
 Tailors'.
 French.
 Dandy.

Druggetting—
 Plain and printed.
 Woven and felted.
 Squares.

Felt—
 Paper, plain and printed.
 Union, plain.
 Union, printed.

Whalebone—
 Dressmakers'.
 Stay and corset makers'.
 Imitation.

Cotton Waste.
 Cotton-wool.
 Dates.
 Dyeware and Dyes..
 Engine Packing.
 Felt (tarred).
 Fibre, Coconut and Coir.
 Fish, Fresh.
 Flax.
 Flock.
 Fungus.
 Ginger (not otherwise charged)
 Gold Bars.
 " Dust.
 " Quartz.
 Hair.
 Hemp.
 Hides and Glue pieces.
 Hoofs and Bones.
 Hops.
 Horns.
 Iron and Steel—Bar, Rod, Plate, Sheet, T,
 Angle, and Hoop (not galvanised).
 Iron Scrap.
 Isinglass.
 Ivory Nuts.
 Kapok.
 Kauri Gum.
 Lead Ore.
 Lead Pig.
 Limejuice and Lemonjuice not bottled.
 Limestone.
 Linseed Meal.
 Liquid Driers.
 Malt.
 Manures—
 Guano.
 Bonedust.
 Marble and Slate Slabs.

Matches.
 Meat, Fresh and Frozen.
 Milk, Fresh.
 Millstones.
 Minerals not otherwise charged.
 Mineral Pitch.
 Mops.
 Mustard.
 Nickel (unmanufactured) and Ore.
 Nuts (edible) not otherwise charged.
 Oakum.
 Oars.
 Oil Cake.
 Oils—
 Coconut.
 Palm.
 Black Whale.
 Sperm Whale not in bottles.
 Linseed Oil, Raw or Boiled.

Ores.
 Oysters, fresh.
 Packages, outer, in which goods are usually
 imported, except Iron Tanks.
 Packages empty—used and returned.
 Passengers' baggage, being ordinary cabin
 furniture, second-hand used furniture
 and effects accompanying any passen-
 ger, and which have been used by such
 passenger, and are not imported for
 sale. Free, if not exceeding fifty
 pounds value.

Pearl Shell.
 Pencils, Wood.
 Pepper.
 Phormium Tenax.
 Pig Iron, until 1st January, 1893.
 Pine-apples (fresh)
 Pitch.
 Plants, Shrubs, and Trees.
 Precious Stones, unset.
 Printed Books, being literary compositions
 and periodicals.
 Printed Music.
 Printers' and Writing Paper.
 Pulu.
 Quartz.
 Quicksilver.
 Rags.
 Rattans, Canes, and Willows.
 Resin.
 Saddle-trees.
 Sandalwood, not dressed.
 School and Book Slates.
 Seeds Garden, Clover, Grass, and Linseed.
 Shark Fins.
 Shoe Pegs.
 Silicate.
 Silver Ore, Bullion, and Amalgam.
 Skins, not dressed.
 Soda Ash.
 Specimens of Natural History.
 Spelter.
 Spices.
 Sulphur.
 Tallow.
 Tar.
 Terebene.
 Tinfoil.
 Tin Ingots.
 Tin Plates.

Tools, viz. :—
 Adzes.
 Anvils.
 Augers.
 Axes and Handles.
 Bellows, Blacksmiths'.
 Bits, brace.
 Braces.

Tools,

Tools, viz. :—*continued.*

Brushes, Painters'.
 Chisels.
 Chests of Tools.
 Choppers, Butchers'.
 Cleavers
 Clippers, Horse.
 " Hairdressers'.
 Clamps, Boatbuilders'.
 " Carpenters'.
 Cramps.
 Compasses.
 Cutters, Pipe.
 Diamonds, Glaziers'.
 Drills, Breast.
 Eyelets.
 Fids, Sailmakers'.
 Files.
 Forks—Hay, Garden, and Stable.
 Froes.
 Gimlets.
 Grindstones.
 Grindstone Fittings.
 Hammers.
 Hatchets.
 Hoes.
 Honcs and Oil Stones.
 Hooks, Reap.
 " Bagging.
 " Fern.
 " Brush.
 " Furze.
 " Wool.
 Irons, Caulking.
 " Plane.
 " Soldering.
 " Tailors' Gecsc.
 " Tue.
 Jacks.
 Knives, Cane.
 " Chaff.
 " Butchers'.
 " Drawing.
 " Farriers'.
 " Hay.
 " Shoe.
 Ladles, Lead.
 " Pitch.
 Levels, Carpenters'.
 Marline Spikes.
 Mattocks.
 Mallets, Carpenters', Masons', &c.
 " Tinsmiths'.
 Needles, Saddlers'.
 " Packing and Sail.
 " Upholsterers'.
 Nippers, Cutting.
 Oilers, Carpenters'.
 " Engineers'.
 Planes.
 Palms, Sailmakers'.
 " Saddlers'.
 Picks and Handles.

Tools, viz. :—*continued.*

Pincers, Carpenters'.
 " Farriers'.
 Plumbs and Levels.
 Pliers.
 Pullers, Nail.
 Punches.
 Rakes, Hay and Garden.
 Rasps.
 Rules.
 Saws, other than Circular, Frame, and
 Band Saws.
 Saw Clamps.
 Saw Sets.
 Scissors.
 Scrapers.
 " Ships'.
 " Plumbers'.
 Screws, Bench.
 Scythe, Snath's.
 " Stones.
 " Blades.
 Sets, Rivet.
 Shaves, Coopers'.
 Spades and Shovels.
 Spokeshaves.
 Shears, Garden.
 " Sheep.
 " Pruning.
 Sickles.
 Sieves.
 Slashes.
 Snips, Timmen's.
 Spanners.
 Squares, Harness.
 " Carpenters'.
 " Collar and Dressmakers'.
 " Masons.
 Stocks and Dies.
 Soldering Irons.
 Tapes, Measuring.
 Tongs, Gas.
 " Blacksmiths'.
 Tools, Saddlers'.
 " Grafting.
 " Tinsmiths'.
 Trowels.
 Turnscrcws.
 Vices.
 Wedges.
 Wheels, Tracing.
 Wrenches.
 Tortoiseshell.
 Turpentine.
 Type-metal.
 Vanners.
 Whalebone, not dressed.
 Wool.
 Woolpacks.
 Yams.
 Yellow Metal in sheets.
 Zinc, unmanufactured and sheet.

Mr. See moved, That the Resolutions be now read a second time.

Point of Order :—Mr. Reid submitted that the Resolution (S), which the House was now asked to read a second time, was similar in substance and effect to the motion relative to "Encouragement to Local Industries" moved by Mr. Copeland during the present Session, and negated by the House.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the motion referred to, and that proposed by Mr. McFarlane relative to "Import Duties on Agricultural Produce" (ruled out of order), were both abstract motions similar in substance and argument; but that the Resolution (S) of Ways and Means differed essentially from them, inasmuch as it was distinctly for the imposition of new taxation by Bill. He considered the Resolution quite in order.

Debate ensued on the Question, That the Resolutions be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Resolutions then read a second time, and, on motion of Mr. See, agreed to.

12. CUSTOMS DUTIES BILL:—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. See, That a Bill be brought in founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 8) for the Establishment of a new Tariff of Customs Duties, and for purposes connected with, consequent upon, and incidental to the purpose aforesaid.

(2.) Mr. See then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill for the Establishment of a new Tariff of Customs Duties, and for purposes connected with, consequent upon, and incidental to the purpose aforesaid,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 12th January.

13. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means postponed until Tuesday, 12th January.

14. DISEASED ANIMALS AND MEAT BILL (No. 3):—The Order of the Day being read,—on motion of Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill for prohibiting the sale, consignment, or exposure for sale of Diseased Animals, and for amending the Law relating to the sale, or exposure for sale, of meat which is diseased, or unsound, or unwholesome, or unfit for the food of man; and for empowering the Governor to make Regulations, enforceable by penalties, for the inspection of animals in sale-yards, in transit, or upon slaughtering premises; and for the seizure, condemnation, and destruction of Diseased Animals, and of the Meat of Diseased Animals.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill for prohibiting the sale, consignment, or exposure for sale of Diseased Animals, and for amending the Law relating to the sale, or exposure for sale, of meat which is diseased, or unsound, or unwholesome, or unfit for the food of man; and for empowering the Governor to make Regulations, enforceable by penalties, for the inspection of animals in sale-yards, in transit, or upon slaughtering premises; and for the seizure, condemnation, and destruction of Diseased Animals, and of the Meat of Diseased Animals.

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

15. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's amendments in the Government Railways (Contracts) Amendment Bill postponed until Tuesday, 12th January.

16. CIRCULAR QUAY LAND SALE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Lync, 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 authorise the sale of certain lands now vested in the Colonial Treasurer, and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds of such sale.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday, 12th January.

17. DISEASED ANIMALS AND MEAT BILL (No. 3):—Mr. Dibbs presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill for prohibiting the sale, consignment, or exposure for sale of Diseased Animals, and for amending the law relating to the sale or exposure for sale of meat which is diseased, or unsound, or unwholesome, or unfit for the food of man; and for empowering the Governor to make Regulations, enforceable by penalties, for the inspection of animals in sale-yards, in transit, or upon slaughtering premises; and for the seizure, condemnation, and destruction of Diseased Animals, and of the Meat of Diseased Animals,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 12th January.

18. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Dibbs (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the House, at its rising this day, do adjourn until Tuesday, 12th January next.

Question put and passed.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at fifteen minutes after One o'clock a.m., until Tuesday, 12th January next, at Four o'clock.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 69.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 12 JANUARY, 1892.

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

THE CLERK SUMMONED:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Clerk had received a summons to appear before the Court of Quarter Sessions at Bourke, on Monday, the 1st day of February next, in a case of "Attempt to personate at an Election against William Tyrrell, and to produce the Writ of Election issued for the election of a Member for the Electoral District of Bourke, in the said Colony."

And having reminded the House that the Clerk could not comply with such summons without leave of the House,—put a Question,—That the Clerk have leave to comply with the summons personally, or by one of the Officers of his Department, as may be most convenient to the business of this House,—which passed in the affirmative.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Electric Tramway between Waverley and Randwick:—*Mr. Garrard*, for Mr. McCourt, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What is the total cost of constructing the electric tramway between Waverley and Randwick?
- (2.) What is the total amount of working expenses, including interest, to date?
- (3.) What is the total income received up to date?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—No objection will be offered to the required information being furnished if the Honorable Member will be good enough to move for the supply of what he wants in the form of a Return.

(2.) Expenditure by Railway Commissioners:—*Mr. Garrard*, for Mr. McCourt, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) How much money has been expended by the Railway Commissioners, since they took office to present date, in alterations and improvements of all kinds in connection with the railways and rolling stock?
- (2.) The amount expended in similar respect for a like period immediately previous to the Commissioners taking office?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I should be glad if the Honorable Member would favour me by asking for this information in the form of a Return, to which no objection will be offered.

(3.) Endowments to, and Funds possessed by the University:—*Mr. Carruthers* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) What has been the amount of public money voted and expended in connection with the University during each of the last ten years, either as endowment or for special purposes, and either from the Consolidated Revenue or from the Loan Funds, and through any of the Departments of the Government?
- (2.) What are the total funds possessed by the University at date, and approximately?
- (3.) How are the same invested; upon what security; and at what rate of interest?
- (4.) How much is invested with the Government of New South Wales, and at what rate of interest?
- (5.) In what way does the charter or constitution of the University permit the investment of its funds?
- (6.) Have any representations been made to the University to invest its funds in the debentures or on the security of the Government of New South Wales; and, if so, with what result?
- (7.) In view of the large assistance granted to the University by the Government, will he endeavour to secure the investment of the University funds in the securities of the Government?

Mr.

Mr. Suttor answered,—

(1.) Year.	Consolidated Revenue Fund.		General Loan Account.	
	Amount Voted.	Amount Expended.	Amount Voted.	Amount Expended.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1882	16,864 16 10	14,106 3 5	.....	.....
1883	40,179 0 0	39,531 15 10	.....	.....
1884	17,250 0 0	17,172 6 8	10,000 0 0	10,000 0 0
1885	35,549 11 11	35,481 4 8	.....	.....
1886	20,460 0 0	20,419 5 0	36,000 0 0	36,000 0 0
1887	21,450 0 0	18,809 3 3	.....	.....
1888	20,950 0 0	19,491 0 10	.....	.....
1889	27,450 0 0	25,572 16 1	25,500 0 0	21,934 10 7
1890	22,780 0 0	22,706 3 10	3,000 0 0	3,000 0 0
1891	23,050 0 0	21,203 1 4	.....	.....
Total for last 10 years...	245,983 8 9	234,513 0 11	74,500 0 0	70,934 10 7

(2.) £317,200.

- (3.) (a) Fixed deposits with Banks (rates 4 per cent. and 5 per cent.) £144,700
 (b) Mortgage on freehold securities (rates 5 per cent. to 7 per cent.) 96,300
 (c) House property and land (rates 7 per cent. to 10 per cent.) 8,400
 (d) Debentures, Funded Stock, and Deposit with N.S.W. Government (see answer to Question 4), also Municipal and other Colonial Government Debentures (rates 4 per cent. to 6 per cent.) 67,300

(4.) Debentures, £11,700, at 5 per cent.
 Funded Stock, £4,820, at 4 per cent.
 Deposit, £29,000, at 4 per cent.

(5.) The Act of Incorporation does not, in any way, restrict the University in the investment of its funds.

(6.) In March, 1891, the Colonial Treasurer suggested that the University might, in common with certain monetary institutions, desire to invest surplus funds in the Treasury, but the University was unable at the time to comply with the suggestion, as the funds were otherwise invested.

(7.) The matter will receive the consideration of the Government.

(4.) Government Contracts:—Mr. Carruthers asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a number of contractors for Government works have entered into contracts at prices which did not allow for any duties imposed upon material to be imported and not obtainable except by importation?

(2.) If so; is it the intention of the Government to allow such contractors any increase in their contract prices to compensate them for the increased price of material caused by the imposition of new duties?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I am unable to afford the Honorable Member any information beyond that given him on the 21st ultimo (Question 6), when it was stated that, upon a reference to the statutes, it would be found that provision for a contingency of this kind has been made in all Tariff Acts, and that the Bill about to be introduced would contain no exception.

(5.) Public Works, Roads, and Bridges in the Wollombi Electorate:—Mr. Bavister, for Mr. Danahey, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What has been the expenditure on public works, roads, and bridges, in the Wollombi Electorate during the years 1888, 1889, and 1890?

(2.) How many roads are under trustees in such electorate?

(3.) What new trustees have been appointed since 1887, and by whom have they been recommended?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) In 1888, £22,651 11s. 1d.; in 1889, £22,356 15s. 5d.; in 1890, £24,998 6s. 6d.

(2.) Fifty-three.

(3.) 105 new Trustees have been appointed. The Trustees in this district are invariably elected by the residents in the neighbourhood, and the names of those chosen submitted to the Department by the Member for the district.

(6.) School Buildings and Sites in the Wollombi Electorate:—Mr. Bavister, for Mr. Danahey, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) What amount has been expended in the Wollombi Electorate on school buildings and school sites during the period from March, 1888, to November, 1891?

(2.) What was the school attendance at such schools at date of last reports?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

(1.) The amount expended was £6,919 7s. 10d.; the estimated amount still due on account of land is £295. Total, £7,214 7s. 10d.

(2.) The total enrolment for the quarter ended 31st December, 1891, was 1,670.

(7.) Mail Train to Mudgee:—Mr. Garrard, for Mr. Jones, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it a fact that the mail train to Mudgee was delayed for some time on Tuesday last; and, if so, was such delay caused by neglect on the part of those responsible for running the special train conveying Sells' circus?

Mr.

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I am informed it is a fact that the mail train to Mudgee was delayed for little over an hour, the detention being due to the special train conveying Messrs. Sells' circus not getting away from Mudgee according to time proposed through the engine leaving the rails while shunting at Mudgee Station.

- (8.) Exchange of Crown Lands in Eastern Division:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for *Mr. R. B. Wilkinson*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—What action does the Government propose to take with reference to exchange of lands in the Eastern Division, under section 46 of the Crown Lands Act of 1889, 53 Victoria, No. 21, where such exchanges were duly applied for, and completion only prevented by expiry of the leases before the applications were finally dealt with?

Mr. Copeland answered,—This matter is under the consideration of the Government. I shall probably be in a position to inform the Honorable Member next week if he will postpone his question till then.

- (9.) Overflow of Water into Town of Warren:—*Mr. Morgan* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to take steps to carry out the work in connection with the break at Warren to prevent the overflow of water into that town; if so, when?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Plans are now being prepared for this work, and tenders will be invited as quickly as possible.

- (10.) Permanent Field Battery of Artillery:—*Mr. Wright* asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) The number of parades the Permanent Field Battery of Artillery have had during the past year?

(2.) The dates on which they paraded, and the duration of each day's drill?

(3.) The number of rounds fired during each drill?

(4.) The number of horses and men employed in each parade?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Major-General Commanding the Military Forces:—

(1.) 1,292.

(2.) Parades were held daily (Sundays excepted), with an average duration of two hours, and two and a half hours stable drill.

(3.) During the year 113 rounds of shell were fired and 876 blank charges. It would be a useless expenditure of ammunition to fire during each drill.

(4.) To reply to this in detail the preparation of a special return would be necessary. The strength of the battery consists of three officers and seventy non-commissioned officers and men, with sixty horses, with the exception of those on special duties, sick, or absent, are present at all parades.

- (11.) Lieutenant-Colonel de Wolski:—*Mr. Wright* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) How many times during his appointment as Commanding Engineer of this Colony has Lieutenant-Colonel de Wolski attended the parades of the Engineers' Corps?

(2.) How many lectures of instruction has the Commanding Engineer delivered to the Engineers' Corps during his term of office?

(3.) What is the nature of the instructions imparted by that officer to the Engineers' Corps?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Major-General Commanding the Military Forces:—

(1.) Lieutenant-Colonel de Wolski has attended all Commanding Engineer's parades during his appointment.

(2 and 3.) The delivery of "lectures of instruction" forms no part of the duties of a Commanding Engineer.

- (12.) Roads in the Molong District:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—The number of contracts, the nature of the work, and the amount of money that is at present being spent on contract work for road purposes in the district of Molong?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Two, viz., Road Molong to Warne, in respect of which £140 4s. is due on completion, and Road Molong to Norah Creek, on which £10 5s. 4d. will be due on completion.

- (13.) Selections Unsurveyed:—*Mr. Hassall*, for *Mr. Cruickshank*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that at least forty selections made during the year 1890, besides many of those made in the year 1891, still remain unsurveyed and undealt with?

(2.) If so, will he cause these cases to be dealt with without any further delay?

Mr. Copeland answered,—If the Honorable Member will specify the district to which his Question refers, inquiry shall be made.

- (14.) Post Office at Burwood:—*Mr. Carruthers* asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) What is the cause of the delay (if any) in the erection of the new postal office at Burwood?

(2.) When is it likely that a tender will be accepted and a contract entered into for the work?

Mr. Lyne answered,—This a work which is chargeable to Loans, and, in common with a large number of other public works, is being delayed pending the completion of arrangements as to our future Loan Expenditure.

- (15.) Civil Service Inquiry Commission:—*Mr. Sheldon* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Are the salaries of £400 and £300 per annum still being paid to Messrs. Palmer and Blackwell, on account of the Civil Service Inquiry Commission?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—Yes; and will be paid to the 24th January, on which date the Commission will lapse by effluxion of time, and will not be renewed.

3. DISEASES IN SHEEP ACTS AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Slattery moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend and extend the provisions of certain Acts relating to Diseases in Sheep; to create a Central Board, with certain powers and authorities; and for purposes incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.

4. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

(1.) Public Works (Committees' Remuneration Reduction) Bill; second reading;—until Monday, 22nd February.

(2.) Rutland Flux Tramway Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—until To-morrow.

5. ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) Casino School of Arts Enabling Bill:—

JERSEY,

Governor.

Message No. 28.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to declare the trusts of the site of the Casino School of Arts, and to enable the Trustees thereof to mortgage or lease certain lands situate in the town of Casino; and to declare the trusts of the moneys to be produced by such mortgage or lease; and for other purposes.*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 22nd December, 1891.

- (2.) Vine Diseases Acts Further Continuation Bill:—

JERSEY,

Governor.

Message No. 29.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to continue the 'Vine Diseases Act of 1886' and the 'Vine Diseases Act Amendment Act of 1888' for a further period of one year.*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 22nd December, 1891.

- (3.) Treasury Bills' Bill:—

JERSEY,

Governor.

Message No. 30.

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

Government House,

Sydney, 22nd December, 1891.

- (4.) Voluntary Conveyances Amendment Bill:—

JERSEY,

Governor.

Message No. 31.

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

Government House,

Sydney, 30th December, 1891.

- (5.) Yongaleatha Marble, Flag, and Flux Company Bill:—

JERSEY,

Governor.

Message No. 32.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the 'Yongaleatha Marble, Flag, and Flux Company (Limited), and their assigns, to construct and maintain a tramway from their flux quarries and properties, in the parish of Gairdner's Creek, county of Mootwingie, in the Colony of New South Wales; and to use horse, steam, or other motive power upon the said tramway; and to carry fuel and timber, and also all marble, flagging, and fluxing material, and also all plant or material necessary for the development or working of the quarries, properties, and tramways to and from their said flux quarries and properties, in the parish of Gairdner's Creek aforesaid, to a point at Broken Hill, in the Colony aforesaid, connecting with the tramway system of the Broken Hill mines.*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 30th December, 1891.

6. JUDICIAL OFFICES BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Barton, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

JERSEY,

Message No. 33.

Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the Law relating to certain Judicial Offices and to certain Courts, and the Administration of Justice therein.

Government House,

Sydney, 12th January, 1892.

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

7. PAPERS:—

Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Peter-sham, county of Cumberland, in connection with the Camperdown branch sewer, Western Suburbs Sewerage.

(2.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Cootamundra, county of Harden, in connection with the supply of water to the town of Cootamundra.

(3.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Concord, county of Cumberland, in connection with the Sydney Water Supply.

(4.) Return showing Expenditure on Roads in the District of Molong.

(5.) Return showing the number of accidents which have happened during the last five years at Cockatoo Island, and what such accidents have cost the country.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Slattery laid upon the Table,—Return showing unclaimed gold deposited at the Mint.

Ordered to be printed.

8. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. G. D. Clark 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 discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, “the proposed sale of land at Martin Place.”

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Colton,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Donald,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Eve,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Danahey.

Tellers,

Mr. Cook,
Mr. Fegan.

Noes, 60.

Mr. Jeannerot,	Mr. Gough,
Mr. Dowel,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Gillics,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Sutor,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Langwell,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Donnelly,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Scott,	Mr. Traill,
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Colls,	Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Morgan,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. York,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Bowman,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,	Mr. Dale,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Crick.
Dr. Cullen,	
Mr. Dickens,	Tellers,
Mr. Hart,	Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Chapman.

And so it passed in the negative.

9. CUSTOMS DUTIES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

Question put and passed.

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,

Speaker.

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New South Wales.

No. 70.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 13 JANUARY, 1892.

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

JOINT STOCK COMPANIES ARRANGEMENT BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

JERSEY,

Message No. 34.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to facilitate Compromises and Arrangements between Joint Stock Companies, Associations, or Societies liable to be wound up under the 'Companies Act' and their creditors, and to amend the 'Companies Act' and the 'Friendly Societies Act of 1873,'*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 12th January, 1892.

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Disputed Boundaries at Bell's Creek, Braidwood:—Mr. Chapman asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Has his attention been directed to the disputed boundaries of Government and private land at Bell's Creek, Braidwood?

(2.) Is it a fact that, owing to boundaries not being clearly defined, a number of miners have been paying private persons for the right to mine on land supposed to be theirs, but which has since been proved Crown lands?

(3.) Will he at once take steps to have all the boundaries in similar cases in the Braidwood district clearly defined and marked, so that miners and the general public may be protected from injustice, and be enabled to search and mine for minerals without risking an action for trespass?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) Yes, incidentally.

(2.) This may have been the case, but now only one man is paying to secure a water-right.

(3.) If full information be supplied, the Lands Department will direct the District Surveyor to furnish a report.

- (2.) Defective Rails on Southern Railway:—Mr. Chapman asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Have steps been taken to replace the defective rails on the Southern Line, near Cunningham and Harden?

(2.) Is it a fact that in answer to applications for fresh rails to replace broken ones, old rails, which have been taken out of the line near Sydney, are sent up country instead of new rails?

(3.) Is there a quantity of these old rails stacked at several stations on the Southern Line ready for the fitters to relay in place of broken ones?

(4.) Has his attention been directed to several accidents that have occurred since attention was called in this House to the condition of these rails?

(5.) Is it a fact that a number of bridges on the Southern Line are in a dangerous state, many of them having been propped up by wooden trestles?

(6.) Has his attention been called to an article published in the *Sunday Times*, of 13th December, 1891, in reference to the instability of the viaducts carrying the duplicated line at or near Menangle?

(7.) Will he take steps to have a searching inquiry made into the condition of the rails, sleepers, and bridges?

(8.) In the interest of the travelling public, will he consider the advisableness of at once appointing a Commission of competent engineers, independent of the Railway Department, to examine the line, and make a report on same?

Mr.

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) I am informed the relaying is regularly and systematically proceeded with on all the lines, and the Southern line receives attention in this manner. During the past three years 177 miles of line have been relaid.

(2 and 3.) No, but it always happens when a road is being relaid, some good rails are taken out, and they are used in suitable positions in other places.

(4.) No, there has been but one accident due to the road, and that resulted from a broken rail, an occurrence which cannot be foreseen.

(5.) No. All bridges require strengthening after years of use, and this has been done in several instances.

(6.) Yes; but I am informed there is no truth whatever in the allegations.

(7 and 8.) In my opinion such a course is altogether unnecessary, and to pursue it would be highly improper. The control of the Railways is vested in the Railway Commissioners by Act of Parliament, and I am sure they will be glad to afford all reasonable information in respect to any matter affecting the stability of the lines, which are in every way in a very superior condition to what they were.

(3.) Coal Companies, Northern District:—Mr. Edden asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is it a fact that several of the coal companies in the Northern district are not paying according to the weight of the mineral gotten by the miners?

(2.) Will he cause inquiries to be made into the matter, and, if he finds that such is the case take steps to enforce compliance with the 19th section of the Coal Mines Act?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) It is a fact that at certain collieries in the Northern district the miners are paid by what is known as "standard weight."

(2.) The action to be taken depends upon the question whether any agreement between the owners and miners exists, and therefore I have decided to call upon the owners to show cause why they should not be required to pay by weight in terms of section 19 of the Coal Mines Regulation Act.

(4.) Model Farm, Western District:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—Will he state if any decision has yet been arrived at for the establishment of a model farm in the Western district; and, if so, has he fixed on a suitable district and site?

Mr. Slattery answered,—No decision has yet been arrived at.

(5.) Proposed Railway from Wagga Wagga to Tumberumba:—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the report of the examiners on the proposed railway line from Wagga Wagga to Tumberumba be laid before Parliament?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The Examiner has promised that the report will be furnished this month, and when received it will be laid upon the Table of the House.

(6.) Fettleers on Camden Tramway:—Mr. Johnston asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it a fact that the fettleers on the Camden tramway are kept at work on all holidays; and, if so, why?

Mr. See answered,—I am informed it is usual for fettleers to be on duty during holidays, but days in lieu are given at a later period.

(7.) New Tariff Duties:—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is he aware that in various parts of the Colony certain storekeepers are imposing upon the public by charging 10 per cent. extra on goods coming under the free list, and on other goods, the duties upon which have not been raised?

(2.) In view of this imposition, will he take the necessary steps to enlighten the consumers of the Colony upon the incidence of tariff taxation?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) If such is the case it has not been brought under the notice of the Government.

(2.) The fullest information will be afforded the general public.

(8.) Torpedo Explosion at Middle Head:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Have the men injured by the torpedo explosion at Middle Head, on the 3rd of April last, received any compensation, either for injuries received or loss of earnings, during the time they were unable to resume their avocations through this disaster?

(2.) If so, how much has been paid, and to whom were the payments made?

(3.) If not, what is the cause of the delay in granting this compensation?

(4.) When will the Government deal with the case?

(5.) Is the Government aware that some of the injured men have lost their employment through the effects of this accident?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The whole question of the claims in respect of the sufferers from the torpedo accident has been before me during the last month, and I hope to have all the claims adjusted in the course of a few days, when I will be prepared to inform the House as to what has been done.

(9.) Payments for Conditional Leases:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has it been represented to him that the practice of making payments for conditional leases, &c., on different dates is the cause of inconvenience to selectors and lessees, and conducive to irregularity in the Lands Offices?

(2.) Will he take into consideration the desirableness of having these payments all made upon the one day?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) Yes, in one instance by letter.

(2.) The action sought can only be effected by Act of Parliament.

(10.) Pott's Hill Reservoir:—Mr. Bavister asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) How many gallons of water are there at present in the Pott's Hill reservoir?
- (2.) At what rate per twenty-four hours is the water flowing in?
- (3.) What is the consumption of water in Sydney per twenty-four hours?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) 50,000,000 gallons.
- (2.) Between 21,000,000 and 22,000,000 gallons.
- (3.) About 12,000,000 gallons during hot weather.

(11.) Agricultural College at Ham Common:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Upon what principle, conditions, or regulations are pupils admitted into the Agricultural College at Ham, and has any entrance fee or bonus to be paid?
- (2.) Is it necessary for pupils seeking entrance into the Agricultural College to undergo any preliminary examination to test their fitness before admission; if not, how are pupils admitted or selected?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) Pupils are admitted in accordance with the prospectus and regulations and rules of the Hawkesbury Agricultural College. Applicants can get copies from the Department. Resident students are charged a fee of £25 per year, and non-resident students £2 2s. per year, payable half-yearly in advance; but no entrance fee or bonus beyond the fees is required.
- (2.) It is provided in the prospectus that each applicant for admission must be over the age of 16 and under 25 years, and must either pass an entrance examination, or in any other way the Minister may direct. In the past the candidates have been admitted according to priority of application, provided they were eligible in other respects.

(12.) Holidays in Public Schools:—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) The number of Public and Provisional Schools that were closed during the year 1891 owing to the influenza epidemic; the name of each school; the number of days such schools were closed; and the number of pupils that were in consequence deprived of education?
- (2.) The average number of school holidays that take place during each year?
- (3.) Is it a fact that a large number of children frequently absent themselves from school; and, if so, will he see that some steps are taken to limit or reduce the number of holidays, so that children (between the age of 6 and 14) may get the full benefit of the Education Act?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

- (1.) This information will be laid upon the Table of the House in the form of a Return, as soon as the particulars can be obtained.
- (2.) Seven weeks and four days.
- (3.) I am not aware that a large number of children frequently absent themselves from school. It is not intended to reduce the number of holidays.

(13.) Instruction of Cookery in Public Schools:—Mr. Carruthers asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) With reference to recent statements in the press to the effect that he (Mr. Suttor) had decided to train students as teachers of cookery, instead of importing such teachers,—will he state how many teachers of cookery have been imported—their names and the names of the Ministers of Public Instruction at the time of so importing them?
- (2.) Was any scheme for training teachers of cookery in this Colony submitted to his predecessor in office and approved of by him?
- (3.) Has he any objection to laying upon the Table of this House all papers and minutes of date during the last two years; and, if not, will he lay copies of them upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

- (1.) I have made no statement to the press of the character indicated by the Honorable Member. As far as I can ascertain, no teachers of cookery have been directly imported by Ministers of Public Instruction, although it would appear that Mesdames Stary, Wicken, and Nisbet were trained in Great Britain.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) I have no objection to lay upon the Table of the House all papers and minutes bearing on the subject, and shall be prepared to do this in reply to a motion made in the usual manner.

(14.) Kiandra-Tumut Road:—Mr. Johnston, for Mr. Miller, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—How much of the special grant of £12,000 for the Kiandra-Tumut Road has been expended, up to date, and upon which end of the road has the money been spent—Kiandra or Tumut?

Mr. Lyne answered,—£5,870 1s. 3d. has been expended. Expenditure has been made on work commencing at the foot of Talbingo Hill, and extending easterly for about 1,192 chains (cutting, clearing, forming, &c.), to the 15-mile tree at Yarrangobilly, and also on work commencing at 17 miles 40 chains (about 2 miles east of Yarrangobilly), and extending eastwards to 22 miles 40 chains. This expenditure would appear to start approximately about midway between Tumut and Kiandra, and extend toward the latter township.

(15.) Duplication of Railway to Picton—Cooma Time-table:—Mr. Johnston, for Mr. Miller, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) When will the duplication of the line to Picton be completed?
- (2.) When will the proposed alteration in the Cooma time-table come into force?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) I am informed that it is anticipated that the duplication to Picton will be completed in about three months.
- (2.) The matter of the revision of the time-table generally has been postponed for the present.

3. JUDICIAL OFFICES BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Dibbs*, for *Mr. Barton*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law relating to certain Judicial Offices and to certain Courts and the administration of justice therein.
Question put and passed.
4. SALE OF RESERVE AT LITTLE BILLABONG TO MESSRS. ROSS BROTHERS (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. O'Sullivan* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers and correspondence in reference to the sale of a reserve of 628 acres in the parish of Little Billabong, county of Goulburn, to Messrs. Ross Brothers, proprietors of an adjoining station.
Question put and passed.
5. CONTRACTS ON THE JENOLAN CAVES ROAD ENTERED INTO BY THOMAS MARTIN (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. O'Sullivan* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers, including plans, specifications, &c., in reference to contracts 2 and 3 on the Jenolan Caves road, entered on by Thomas Martin; also, petition signed by one hundred and sixty-four persons who consider Martin's case one that should have received greater consideration, and not the harsh treatment he has been subjected to.
Question put and passed.
6. RANDWICK RIFLE RANGE (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for *Mr. Nobbs*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence, minutes, military general orders, &c., concerning the Randwick Rifle Range, from 14th October, 1891, to the present date.
Question put and passed.
7. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
(1.) Rutland Flux Tramway Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—until To-morrow.
(2.) Bankruptcy Act Amendment Bill; second reading;—until Monday, 14th March.
(3.) Law Vacations Abolition Bill; second reading;—until Monday, 14th March.
(4.) Nuisances Prevention Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Legislative Council's amendments;—until Monday, 22nd February.
(5.) Broken Hill and District Water Supply Act Amendment Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—until Monday, 22nd February.
(6.) Masters and Servants Bill (No. 2); second reading;—until Monday, 28th March.
(7.) Distress for Rent Abolition Bill; second reading;—until Monday, 14th March.
8. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—*Mr. Speaker* reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—
(1.) Sunk Nets Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to declare unlawful and prevent the use of certain Fishing Nets known as Sunk Nets, and to make other provision subsidiary thereto,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, including an amendment in the Title, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd December, 1891.

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman Presiding.

SUNK NETS BILL.

Schedule of Amendments referred to in Message of 23rd December, 1891.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Preamble

- Page 1, Title. Omit "declare unlawful and"
Page 1, Preamble, lines 1 to 4. Omit "Whereas great injury is caused to the Fisheries of New South Wales by the use of Sunk Nets, sometimes also known as Trawls, and it is expedient to prohibit the use of such nets for the future, both in tidal and inland waters"
Page 1, Preamble, line 4. Omit "therefore"
Page 1, clause 2, line 13. After "purse" insert "attached and"
Page 1, clause 2, line 13. Omit "or intended to be used."
Page 2, clause 2, line 3. After "bottom" omit remainder of clause, insert "and 'any Magistrate' means a Stipendiary or Police Magistrate or any two Justices of the Peace"
Page 2, clause 3, line 6. Omit "from and" insert "If any person shall on or"
Page 2, clause 3, line 7. Omit "every" insert "cast, draw, haul, or shoot any"
Page 2, clause 3, lines 7 and 8. Omit "shall be deemed an unlawful net if the same be cast, drawn, or used"
Page 2, clause 3, line 10. After "streams" insert "or in any other tidal waters to which the Governor shall, by proclamation in the Gazette, declare the provisions of this section to extend"
Page 2, clause 3, lines 10 and 11. Omit "and if any person shall after the said date cast, draw, haul, or shoot any sunk net in or on any such waters"
Page 2, clause 3, lines 16 and 17. Omit "Stipendiary or Police"
Page 2, clause 3, lines 17 and 18. Omit "or any two Justices in Petty Sessions, the Magistrate or Justices shall" insert "who may"
Page 2, clause 3, line 23. Omit "or by"

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Page 2, clause 3. At end of clause, *add* "Provided that it shall be lawful for the Governor, by proclamation, as aforesaid, to rescind, vary, or amend any proclamation extending the provisions of this Act"

Page 2. *After* clause 3, *insert* the following new clause:—

4. In order to allow the catching of prawns in deep water, the Governor, on the recommendation of the Commissioners, may, notwithstanding anything in this Act to the contrary, exempt from its operation, by proclamation in the *Government Gazette*, any portion or portions of any tidal water specified in the last preceding section hereof, or any waters to which its provisions may hereafter be extended: Provided that the Governor may at any time rescind or vary any such proclamation. Exemption in certain cases.

Page 2, clause 4, lines 29 and 30. *Omit* "found in any boat or vessel in any of the waters mentioned in the preceding section or"

Page 2, clause 4, line 32. *After* "waters" *insert* "or was found in any boat or vessel in any of the waters mentioned in the third section of this Act for the purpose of being cast, drawn, hauled, or shot"

Page 2, clause 4, line 40. *Omit* "Stipendiary or Police"

Page 2, clause 4, line 40. *Omit* "or before two or more Justices"

Page 2, clause 5. *Omit* clause 5.

Page 2, clause 6, line 52. *After* "shall" *insert* "on conviction before any Magistrate"

Page 2, clause 6, line 53. *After* "imprisonment" *insert* "for any term"

Page 2, clause 6, line 54. *Omit* "Justices" *insert* "Magistrate"

Page 2. *After* clause 6, *insert* the following new clause:—

7. The provisions of this Act shall not apply to any curator of a museum or zoological collector holding a permit from the Commissioners to use sunk nets for the purposes of science. Not to apply to scientific collectors

Examined,—

W. J. TRICKETT,

Deputy Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Monday, 22nd February.

(2.) Partnership Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to declare and amend the Law of Partnership*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd December, 1891.

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman Presiding.

PARTNERSHIP BILL.

**Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 23rd December, 1891.*

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 6, clause 26, line 13. *Omit* "in writing"

Page 9, clause 42, line 3. *Omit* "seven" *insert* "six"

Examined,—

W. J. TRICKETT,

Deputy Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

(3.) Land Company of Australasia (Limited) Railway Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable a Company called the 'Land Company of Australasia (Limited)' to construct a Railway from the Gore Hill Brick-works, in the parish of Willoughby, and county of Cumberland, to the Government Line of Railway from Saint Leonards to Hornsby Junction*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence; accompanied by copies of the Reports from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd December, 1891.

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman Presiding.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Frank Farnell, read a first time.

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

9. PAPERS:—

Mr. Copeland laid upon the Table,—

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

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

(3.) 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 and the 41st section of the Act 53 Victoria No. 21.

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

(5.)

(5.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from Sale for the preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 101st, 109th, and 112th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Slattery laid upon the Table,—Return to an Address adopted on 14th December, 1891,—
“Case of Regina v. McLeod.”

Ordered to be printed.

10. CUSTOMS DUTIES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Sec, “That this Bill be now read a second time,”—

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

Question put and passed.

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 71.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 14 JANUARY, 1892.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Grants to Australian Agricultural Company in Gloucester Electorate:—*Mr. Fegan*, for *Mr. Hart*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What is the area of land in the Gloucester Electorate granted by the Crown to the Australian Agricultural Company, and when granted?

(2.) What is the area of land in the Gloucester Electorate reserved as Church and School Lands?

(3.) What sums (if any) have the Australian Agricultural Company contributed during recent years to the maintenance of the roads running through their estate, or to the salaries of the officers of the Government administering the laws and carrying out public works in and around the said lands of such company?

(4.) In view of the proposal of the Government to carry out certain public works from Revenue, what portion of such revenue is it proposed to obtain from the Australian Agricultural Company, or from their lands, and by what method?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) 464,640 acres, in November, 1847.

(2.) 168,000 acres, of which 14,327 acres have been alienated.

(3.) I am unable to afford the Honorable Member any information on this Question.

(4.) I am not in a position to answer this Question at present.

- (2.) Income Tax:—*Mr. Sheldon* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Whether, pending the passing of a Local Government Bill, the Government can introduce a measure by which persons not resident in, but deriving incomes from the Colony shall be compelled, in the form of an income tax, to bear a portion of the taxation?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The Honorable Member asks me a Question to which I am not in a position to give him an answer at the present moment; but I do not think it likely that the Government will propose an income tax this Session.

- (3.) Real Property Licenses to Surveyors:—*Mr. Dawson* asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he consent to a Board being appointed to investigate the conditions under which Real Property Licenses are issued to licensed surveyors?

Mr. Copeland answered,—I am not aware of the necessity for such a Board being appointed, as surveyors under the Real Property Act are specially licensed under the 100th section thereof, as follows:—"Provided that no person shall be permitted to practise as a surveyor under the provisions of this Act unless specially licensed for that purpose by the Surveyor-General," which is the only provision dealing with this question. I purpose, however, laying upon the Table of the House the papers in connection with the issue of these licenses, and the recent charge of a fee.

- (4.) Case of *Mr. Brice*, Queanbeyan Land District:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has the case of a man named *Brice* been referred by the Queanbeyan Local Land Board to him for his consideration?

(2.) Has he received any information in the matter which would support the allegation that *Brice* has been a systematic dummy for years?

(3.) Will he have a thorough inquiry made into this matter, to ascertain if there is any truth in the allegation?

Mr. Copeland answered,

(1.) No.

(2.) No; but a man named *Bryce* has appealed to the Land Court against the decision of the Land Board at Queanbeyan, to the effect that certain land was not held by him for his sole use and benefit.

(3.) The Land Court will deal with the appeal in the usual manner.

(5.)

- (5.) Rent for Annual Leases on Barratta:—Mr. Gormly asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Has the rent for annual leases Nos. 7,687 and 7,689, Barratta, Deniliquin Land District, been paid up to date? Mr. See answered,—The rents on annual leases Nos. 7,687 and 7,689 have been paid to the 31st December, 1892.
- (6.) Mr. Edward J. Ellis, Chief Clerk, Fisheries Department:—*Mr. Kelly*, for Mr. Wall, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) Is Edward J. Ellis, Chief Clerk in the Department of Fisheries, identical with E. J. Ellis, who has applied for mineral leases, parish of Talbragar, county of Phillip, with an aggregate area of 120 acres, and also identical with person applying for three sections of 80 acres each, same parish, under section 28 of the Mining Act, as per *Government Gazette* of 5th January, 1892?
 (2.) Was Mr. Ellis absent from his official duties in the months of October and November; if so, for what periods, giving dates, and upon whose authority; also what grounds were given for leave applied for (if any)?
 Mr. Dibbs answered,—
 (1.) Yes.
 (2.) Mr. Ellis was absent on sick leave under medical certificate from the 20th to the 24th October inclusive. He was not absent in November.
- (7.) Mr. Ellory, Deniliquin Gaol:—Mr. Crick asked the Minister of Justice,—
 (1.) Is it true that a person named Ellory, who acted as Government flogger, has been placed in charge of Deniliquin gaol?
 (2.) What were the peculiar qualifications of this person for the position?
Mr. Slattery answered,—
 (1.) I am informed by my honorable colleague, the Minister of Justice, that a senior warder named Henry Ellory, who acted as public flagellator, has been so appointed.
 (2.) The following extract from a minute of the Minister of Justice will fully supply the information desired by the Honorable Member:—
 “Of the officers qualified to fill this post, Mr. Ellory, by reason of his service and grade, stood first entitled to promotion. He has a total service of over seventeen years, and is a senior warder of eight years’ standing. He is an intelligent, experienced, and trustworthy officer, well qualified for the charge of a country gaol such as Deniliquin. He was desirous of being relieved of the office of public flagellator, which he had held for over eight years, and claimed promotion. If I were to regard the fact of Mr. Ellory having once held the position of public flagellator as a bar to his promotion to Deniliquin gaol, I must have treated it as a bar to all promotion in Mr. Ellory’s case, because this is the only direction in which, in the interests of the service, promotion could have been given him. If he were to be barred of all promotion for this reason, not only would grave injustice be done to him, but the position of public flagellator would become one which no man, with any hope or prospect of rising in the Department, would accept, and it would thus be thrown into the hands of the worst men in the service. Whatever my views may be on the subject of flogging, I am convinced that while the office exists it should be made, at least, of such a character that trustworthy men, experienced in prison discipline, may be induced to take it. Mr. Ellory is entitled to the promotion. His appointment is in the interests of the public service, and I can see no reason why the fact of his having filled his late office should prevent his fulfilling the duties of his present office efficiently and worthily. * * * * * So long as Mr. Ellory is willing to hold the office to which he has been appointed, and it is in the interests of the service that he should hold it, I must decline to recommend the cancellation of his appointment.”
- (8.) Mr. R. R. Bailey, Police Magistrate, Coonamble:—Mr. Crick asked the Minister of Justice,—
 (1.) Has he received a complaint against Mr. R. R. Bailey, P.M., of Coonamble, for his improper dealing with a case, *Irving v. Minton*?
 (2.) Has he come to any decision on such complaint; if so, what is it?
Mr. Slattery answered,—My honorable colleague, the Minister of Justice, has furnished me with the following reply to these Questions:—I received an application for remission of the fine, and also a complaint against Mr. Bailey’s conduct in dealing with the case. I thought the justice of the case would be met by the remission of the fine, and upon my recommendation the fine was remitted by His Excellency the Governor. At the same time I saw no ground whatever for imputing any impropriety to Mr. Bailey in his dealing with the case, and I have so decided.
- (9.) Trustees of the Bathurst Cricket Ground:—Mr. Crick asked the Secretary for Lands,—
 (1.) The names of the Trustees of the Bathurst Cricket Ground?
 (2.) What were the purposes of dedication?
 (3.) Have the Trustees power to lease the said ground for purposes other than cricket when it is required for that sport?
 Mr. Copeland answered,—
 (1.) Peter Furness, George Lee, and W. G. Thompson.
 (2.) The land (10 acres) was dedicated as a cricket ground.
 (3.) The Trustees have no power to lease the land for any purpose.
- (10.) Conviction of Paul Bailey, at Nymagee:—Mr. Crick asked the Minister of Justice,—
 (1.) Has he read the papers respecting the case of Paul Bailey, ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed 14th December, 1891?
 (2.) In view of the clearly erroneous decision of the Magistrate, Mr. T. C. McKell, what steps does he intend to take with regard to that officer?
Mr. Slattery answered,—My honorable colleague, the Minister of Justice, has furnished me with the following reply to these Questions:—I have not read the papers referred to, but will take an early opportunity of doing so.

2. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Monday, 22nd February :—
(1.) Municipal Wharves Bill; second reading.
(2.) Petty Sessions Jurisdiction Extension Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's amendments.
3. **LAND COMPANY OF AUSTRALASIA (LIMITED) RAILWAY BILL** :—Mr. E. M. Clark presented a Petition from Thomas Broughton, of Bradley Hall, Paddington, representing that the route of the railway proposed to be constructed under the provisions of this Bill will injuriously affect the interests of the Petitioner; and praying the House to consider the expediency of authorising the construction of the railway along the route suggested by the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways, or, if not, to make provision in the Bill for the payment of adequate compensation.
Petition received.
4. **CUSTOMS DUTIES BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. See, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—
And the Question being again proposed,—
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
Mr. Carruthers moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

The House adjourned, at two minutes after Eleven o'clock, until Monday next at Four o'clock.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 72.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, 18 JANUARY, 1892.

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

ADDRESS OF CONDOLENCE WITH HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN AND THEIR ROYAL HIGHNESSES THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES:—Mr. Dibbs (*by consent*) moved, without notice,—

(1.) That, in view of the intelligence received of the decease of His Royal Highness Prince Albert Victor, Duke of Clarence and Avondale, eldest son of their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, a Select Committee be now appointed to prepare an Address to the Queen, expressing the condolence of this House with Her Majesty and the Royal Parents of the deceased Prince.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Reid, Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. McMillan, Mr. Barton, Mr. O'Sullivan, and the Mover.

Question put,—and Division called for,—but there not being Tellers on the part of the *Noes*, no Division could be had; and Mr. Speaker declared the Question to have been resolved in the *affirmative*.

The Committee then retired to prepare the Address.

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

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

May it please Your Majesty,—

We, Your Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, in Parliament assembled, have received with sorrow the intelligence of the death of Your Majesty's Grandson, His Royal Highness Prince Albert Victor, Duke of Clarence and Avondale, and we desire humbly to approach Your Majesty with an expression of our deep sympathy with you and with their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales in the heavy affliction which has befallen Your Majesty and their Royal Highnesses; and to express our hope that those on whom this great grief falls may be enabled to bear it with resignation and fortitude.

Mr. Dibbs then moved, That the Address of Condolence, as read by the Clerk, be now adopted by this House, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Speaker, with a request that it be forwarded by telegram to the Secretary of State.

And Mr. Reid having seconded the motion,—

Debate ensued.

Question put,—and Division called for,—but there not being Tellers on the part of the *Noes*; no Division could be had; and Mr. Speaker declared the Question to have been resolved in the *affirmative*.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Permanent Artillery Force—Reserve Infantry Companies:—Mr. Sheldon asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What is the total number of men of all ranks now serving in the Permanent Artillery Force?

(2.) How many of that number have been formerly in the Imperial Service?

(3.) How many of that number are of Australian birth?

(4.) What was the total cost of the Reserve Infantry companies from the date of formation until disbandment, when the forces were reorganised?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I will lay a Return upon the Table to-morrow giving the desired information.

(2.) Conveyance of Agricultural and Dairy Produce by Railway:—Mr. Sheldon asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he consider whether it is advisable, in cases where railway waggons are said to be returned empty to Sydney or partially so, to make further concessions for the conveyance of agricultural and dairy produce, with a view to develop those industries and relieve the present overstocking of sheep in the Colony, by charging such rates as would pay for wear and tear of rolling stock?

Mr.

Mr. See answered,—I have to point out that the question of the rates for agricultural produce, &c., is one that has had very earnest attention at the hands of the Railway Commissioners, and since they have been in office they have considerably reduced the rates, the charges in New South Wales being lower than in any of the other Colonies, as the following—taking the rates for 300 miles as an indication—shows :—

Six-ton lots (up journey) :—

New South Wales.—14s. 6d. per ton (January to September); 17s. 2d. per ton (October to December), with a further reduction of 5 per cent. on 24-ton lots.

Victoria.—19s. per ton.

South Australia.—24s. per ton.

Queensland.—28s. 4d. per ton.

For long distances the rates in New South Wales are only a half-penny per ton per mile. It would be objectionable to impose discretionary arrangements as suggested, as it would give an undue advantage to farmers in districts where there were waggons returning empty over persons in other districts, who, through the absence of empty return waggons, would have to pay higher rates. Any reductions made would have to be made applicable generally to the whole of the Railways, irrespective of the movement of waggons. The Railway Commissioners have already reduced the freight on grain to the extent of 25 per cent., and, consistent with making the railways pay, hope to be able to further reduce these and other rates.

(3.) Officers of the Defence Force sent to England for Military Instruction :—Mr. Wright asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) The name and rank of each of the officers of the Defence Force sent to England for military instruction, and the corps to which each belongs?

(2.) The total cost to the Colony of each officer who has completed his course of instructions, including salary, passage to and from England, travelling expenses, and all other allowances; each item to be separately shown?

(3.) The probable cost to the Colony of each officer now in England?

(4.) The length of time officers are to remain in England to complete their studies, and the nature of the instructions they are to receive; have they to pass any examination; if so, in what subjects?

(5.) What (if any) examinations have been passed by each officer who has completed his course of instruction?

(6.) Has any certificate of merit or proficiency been obtained by any officer; if so, will he state the name of such gentleman, and the nature and class of such certificate or certificates?

(7.) For what object was these gentlemen sent to England, and at whose suggestion; is the practice to be continued, and, if so, to what extent?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table a Return supplying the information.

(4.) Railway through Field of Mars Common :—*Mr. Neild*, for Mr. Jeanneret, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What was the approximate cost of the construction of the railway line from Strathfield to the point where it ceases to run through the Field of Mars Common, exclusive of the duplication of the line now being carried out?

(2.) What are the names and what was the approximate cost of the stations within the parish of Field of Mars and the parish of Hunter's Hill respectively?

(3.) What has been the cost of the railway bridge across the Parramatta River at Ryde?

(4.) Can cargo traffic by coasting steamers or sailing vessels be carried on to portions of the river above Ryde, as used formerly to be done, or does the Ryde bridge form a barrier to such traffic, unless the cargo is transhipped into lighters?

(5.) What were the areas of lands and the amount of compensation paid for lands resumed for the Great Northern Railway, within the parishes of Field of Mars or Hunter's Hill, and the names of the claimants, and the amounts paid to each?

(6.) How much, in length and breadth, of the Field of Mars Common was taken by the Railway Department for the construction of the Great Northern Railway, and the estimated value of the land so taken?

(7.) What is the estimated length and cost of the duplication of the Ryde, Eastwood, and Hornsby Railway from the point where the duplication enters the parish of Field of Mars and the parish of Hunter's Hill until it passes out of those parishes?

(8.) What was the estimated value of the traffic received for passengers and goods separately for the year 1891 derived from Meadowbank, Ryde, and Eastwood stations, and any other railway stations within the parishes of Field of Mars or Hunter's Hill?

(9.) Has the railway line from Strathfield to Ryde and Field of Mars been recently duplicated, and at what cost?

Mr. See answered,—I must ask the Honorable Member to move for this information in the form of a Return, to which no objection will be offered.

(5.) Proposed Railway from Petersham towards Ryde and Field of Mars :—*Mr. Neild*, for Mr. Jeanneret, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What was the cost of the survey of the proposed railway line from Petersham towards Ryde?

(2.) What was the estimated cost of the line, and to what length from Petersham, and to what point near Gladesville, did the survey extend?

(3.) What was the estimated cost of the proposed bridge at Bedlam Point, from Abbotsford to Gladesville?

(4.) Was it proposed to erect a draw or swing bridge, or a high-level bridge; if high-level, what was the proposed height above the high-water line, and the total length of the longest cylinders to rest on solid bottom?

(5.) What is the estimated cost of resumption of private lands along the route, and the names of the owners of the lands required to be resumed for the purpose of said railway?

(6.)

- (6.) What estimate was made of the probable traffic to be derived from such line, specifying goods and passenger traffic separately?
- (7.) How much of such traffic was it considered would be drawn from the existing railway service to Ryde, Meadowbank, and Eastwood?
- (8.) Has any report recommending the construction of such line been received from the Railway Commissioners or their officers?
- (9.) Has the question of the desirability of the construction of such a line been referred to the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways or his officers for report?
- (10.) If so, what was the recommendation made?
- (11.) Has the Engineer-in-Chief made any recommendation to the Government on the subject of the construction of an additional railway line to Ryde and Field of Mars, or of a tramway or other means of communication to lands at Field of Mars Common, sold by Government in the years 1885-6-7; if so, what is the nature of such recommendation?
- (12.) When will the correct report by Mr. Stanley Alexander, with map accompanying same, referring to the question of tramway or railway communication to Field of Mars, and which was laid upon the Table of this House by the Honorable the Minister for Mines on 15th ultimo, be available for inspection by Honorable Members of this House?
- (13.) What is the cause of the delay in printing the report and in sending it to Honorable Members in the usual way?

Mr. Lyne answered,—This information will be prepared and laid upon the Table of the House in the shape of a Return at an early date.

- (6.) Field of Mars Common:—*Mr. Neild*, for Mr. Jeanneret, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What is the total cost to date of constructing the Parramatta River Bridge at Five Dock, the Iron Cove Bridge at Birkenhead, and the Lane Cove Bridge at Fig-tree?
 - (2.) What is the total cost to date of the subdivision, surveying, laying out, and clearing, and the formation of roads, culverts, and bridges, within and for the purposes of the subdivision of the Field of Mars Common?
 - (3.) What is the estimated present annual cost of maintenance of the roads and bridges and culverts on the Field of Mars Common?
 - (4.) About how many residents are there on the lands sold by the Government as part of the Field of Mars Common?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) Parramatta and Iron Cove Bridges—Original cost, £101,450 1s. 9d.; dolphins, £3,486 4s. 5d.; cylinders, £953 3s. 5d. Total, £110,889 9s. 7d. Lane Cove Bridge and approaches, £42,718 6s. 9d.
- (2.) The cost of survey has been £3,793 12s. 6d., and cost of forming and clearing roads and streets, £11,601.
- (3.) £360 per annum.
- (4.) There is no information in the possession of this Department on the subject, and a reply could only be given after personal inspection.

- (7.) Flogging of Youth in Bathurst Gaol:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Mr. Crick, asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a youth of 16 years was flogged in Bathurst gaol?
- (2.) If so, by whose order, and for what reason?
- (3.) Was the public flogger brought from Sydney for the purpose?
- (4.) The name of the person in charge of the gaol?
- (5.) How long has he been in the Service?
- (6.) Is it a fact that he lately had two female prisoners doing up his garden, which is outside the prison walls?
- (7.) Did these female prisoners escape?
- (8.) What were they convicted of?
- (9.) Is it intended to further prosecute them for the escape?
- (10.) How many times has the present person in charge had prisoners up for flogging?

Mr. Barton answered,—The following answers have been furnished by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice:—

- (1.) No. A young man, 21 years of age, under sentence on a third conviction, was flogged in Bathurst gaol on 17th December last.
- (2.) By order of the Visiting Justice (Mr. J. B. Graham, P.M.) and Mr. William Hawke, J.P., for mutinous conduct and inciting another prisoner to insubordination. This was his second offence of a similar nature, he having been previously punished for striking and kicking warders. His general conduct has been very bad.
- (3.) The officer who usually inflicts corporal punishment was sent from Sydney.
- (4.) Mr. George Henry Stace.
- (5.) Since 14th June, 1867—24½ years.
- (6.) Female servants have lately been employed watering the Government enclosed garden forming portion of the quarters attached to the gaol, but situated outside the walls.
- (7.) Yes, from the house, not while watering the garden.
- (8.) Both were convicted of stealing.
- (9.) They will be brought before the Visiting Justice to be dealt with according to law.
- (10.) The officer in charge of a gaol does not bring a prisoner before the Justices for any specified form of punishment. He simply charges him with an offence against prison regulations or rules, which is dealt with by the Justices as to them seems meet under the law. As the result of charges preferred against prisoners for breaches of disciplinary rules, only two floggings have taken place in gaols under the immediate charge of Mr. Stace during his service of over twenty-four years, namely, one at Maitland and one at Bathurst.

(8.) Accident through Collapse of Staircase in Chancery-square:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that on 3rd August, 1891, a portion of a winding staircase in Chancery-square broke down, precipitating a boy named William McGregor to the ground floor, a depth of 27 feet, and causing concussion of the brain?
- (2.) Has an application for compensation been made in this case?
- (3.) Is it his intention to grant such compensation?
- (4.) If so, what is the cause of the delay in granting the same?

Mr. Barton answered,—I am informed by my honorable colleague, the Minister of Justice, that upon inquiry it has been ascertained that the accident referred to was not witnessed by any of the officers of the Court, but is believed to have occurred in the manner stated. No application for compensation has been brought under the notice of the Minister.

(9.) Postmaster at Queanbeyan:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Postmaster-General,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the people of Queanbeyan have requested the Postal Department to remove the local postmaster?
- (2.) Has any inspector reported in favour of such a course being taken?
- (3.) Did the post and telegraph master at Wiseman's Ferry express his readiness to make an exchange with the postmaster at Queanbeyan?
- (4.) Why has the postmaster at Queanbeyan not been removed, or the exchange referred to been carried out?
- (5.) Does he intend to allow the postmaster to remain at Queanbeyan if his doing so is in opposition to the wishes of the people, and against the advice of his travelling inspector?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

- (1.) In August, 1890, prior to the termination of the postmaster's leave of absence, a petition was received from residents of Queanbeyan in favour of the acting postmaster being appointed permanently; and the postmaster's removal has since been urged by the Mayor of Queanbeyan, "at the suggestion of some of the leading inhabitants."
- (2.) The District Inspector reported in October last that, whilst from an official inspection of the office he could find no serious cause for complaint against the postmaster, the inquiries he made amongst the residents showed that his removal from Queanbeyan was desirable in the interest of the Department and the public.
- (3.) Yes; but Wiseman's Ferry is an office of lower grade than Queanbeyan.
- (4.) The late Postmaster-General decided that no cause had been shown for the postmaster's removal, except at his own request, or with promotion, and on perusing the papers I arrived at the same conclusion; but, as he is, unfortunately, unpopular in Queanbeyan, and out of touch with the people, I think, if only for his own sake, his transfer to some other office would be desirable, and I gave instructions in November last for an opportunity to be taken, as early as possible, for effecting an exchange under which the postmaster must not be allowed to suffer in a pecuniary sense.
- (5.) The matter is still receiving attention, but up to the present time no favourable opportunity for the postmaster's removal has arisen.

3. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Monday, 8th February:—

- (1.) Vice Suppression Bill; second reading.
- (2.) Willoughby and Gordon Tramway Acts Amending Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.

4. PAPERS:—

Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return respecting Officers of the Defence Force sent to England for Military Instruction.
- (2.) Despatch respecting the retirement of Sir Alfred Stephen as Lieutenant-Governor of the Colony,—and, on motion of *Mr. Dibbs*, the Despatch was, by direction of *Mr. Speaker*, read by the Clerk.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Kidd laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Notification of reduction in Rates for Telegrams.

Ordered to be printed.

- (2.) Return to an Order made on 3rd September, 1891,—“Site for Post Office at Canowindra.”

Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report by *Mr. Alexander*, Examiner of Public Works Proposals, on proposed bridge at Wallaga Lake, and proposed wharf at Noorooma.

- (2.) Report by *Mr. Alexander*, Examiner of Public Works Proposals, on proposed jetty on the Tuross Lake, at Turlinjah.

Ordered to be printed.

5. CASE OF PATRICK BROWN:—*Mr. Neild* presented a Petition from Patrick Brown, of Sydney, praying that he may be heard personally or by counsel or solicitor before the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon his case in regard to certain interest in gold or mineral leases.

Petition received.

Mr. Neild (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the prayer of the Petitioner be granted.

Question put and passed.

6. CUSTOMS DUTIES BILL:—*Mr. Carruthers* presented a Petition from Armitage Wilkinson, of Clarence-street, Sydney, Clothing Manufacturer, representing that he is resident partner of the firm of Wallace and Company, carrying on business in England and Australia as manufacturers of clothing, having factories in Clarence-street; that the firm employs a number of hands, and does a large business with Queensland and Fiji; that the ten pounds per centum duty proposed by the

Customs

Customs Duties Bill to be levied on woollens will be fatal to their intercolonial trade, inasmuch as drawbacks are allowed on clothing manufactured in the other Colonies, and also upon ready-made clothing imported into this Colony, and re-exported to other Colonies; that no drawback on clothing manufactured by your Petitioner's firm and exported to other Colonies is provided for by the Bill before the House; and praying the House to consider the foregoing facts, with a view to equitable and fair provision being made to meet the circumstances of the case.
Petition received.

7. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Cann 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 discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, “to urge upon the Government the necessity to take immediate steps to provide a permanent “national water supply for the people of Broken Hill and District from the river Darling.”

And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—
Mr. Cann moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 7.

Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Rose.

Tellers,

Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Waddell.

Noes, 39.

Mr. Lee,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Newton,
Mr. Jeanneret,	Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Collins,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Marks,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Neild,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. See.
Mr. Hassall,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Hutchison.
Mr. Copeland,	
Mr. Sheldon,	

And so it passed in the negative.

- 8 INSPECTION OF RAILWAY ROLLING STOCK:—Mr. Schey proceeding to move,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, all existing contracts for the inspection of railway rolling stock, or other material, with Sir John Fowler, C.E., or any other person, should at once be cancelled, and in lieu of the present inspection in England, arrangements should at once be made for inspection of all such material on its delivery in the Colony; such inspection to be carried out by the Government officers here.

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

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only eighteen Members present exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Barbour, Mr. Cann, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Dickens, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Hart, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Lyne, Mr. Neild, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Rose, Mr. Schey, Mr. See, Mr. Sheldon, Mr. Slattery, Mr. Suttor, and Mr. Waddell,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at twenty-two minutes after Nine o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 73.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 19 JANUARY, 1892.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Exchange of Lands in the Eastern Division:—Mr. R. B. Wilkinson asked the Secretary for Lands,—What action does the Government propose to take with reference to exchange of lands in the Eastern Division, under section 46 of Crown Lands Act of 1889, 53 Victoria No. 21, where such exchanges were duly applied for, and completion only prevented by expiry of the leases before the applications were finally dealt with?

Mr. Copeland answered,—A schedule of these cases is now being prepared, and when it is completed I intend bringing the whole question before the Cabinet with a view to considering whether legislation is necessary or desirable.

- (2.) Pensions and Gratuities:—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What is the total amount of money paid by the Government in the form of pensions and gratuities up to date, inclusive of the £100,000 subsidy to the "superannuation fund," and the additional sums paid by virtue of the 46th clause of the Civil Service Act, embracing gratuities and abatements?

Mr. See answered,—It is presumed that the Honorable Member refers to the pensions granted in terms of the Civil Service Act, the fund in connection with which is provided by contributions from all entitled to participate in the provisions of such Act. These pensions are paid by the Government, but do not form a charge upon the Consolidated Revenue. A Return giving the desired information will be prepared and laid upon the Table.

- (3.) Military Forces of the Colony:—Mr. Wright asked the Colonial Secretary,—The total strength in men and the number of officers of each rank attached to:—(a) The General Staff of the Defence Force; (b) the Artillery Staff; (c) the Permanent Staff; (d) the Paymaster's Staff; (e) the Permanent Staff in connection with Reserves; (f) the Commanding Engineer's Department; (g) the Permanent Medical Corps; (h) the Volunteer Medical Corps; (i) the Permanent Artillery; (j) the Permanent Submarine Miners; (k) the Volunteer Submarine Miners; (l) the Engineers Corps; (m) the Volunteer Artillery Corps; (n) the Cavalry Corps; (o) the Mounted Infantry; (p) the Infantry; (q) the Transport Corps; (r) the Naval Brigade; (s) the Ordnance and Barrack Department?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I will cause a Return to be prepared and laid upon the Table giving the required information.

- (4.) Allowances made to Officers of the Military Forces:—Mr. Wright asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) The name and rank of each officer of the military forces of the Colony absent on leave; the length of such leave; and whether on full or half pay?
 - (2.) When an officer is absent on leave is it customary to continue his allowance for forage, rent, rations, &c., in addition to his salary?
 - (3.) Has any allowance ever been granted to an officer on leave; if so, to whom, and what was the nature of such allowance?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Officer Commanding the Military Forces:—

- (1.) Lieutenant-Colonel T. M. B. Eden, permanent staff, six months from 22nd December, 1891, on full pay without allowances.
- (2 and 3.) No.

(5.)

- (5.) Free Railway Passes to Officers of the Military Forces:—Mr. Wright asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that all the officers of the General, Artillery, and Permanent and Medical Staffs are provided with annual free passes over the railways?
 - (2.) What amount has been paid for travelling expenses during the past year to each officer of the above staffs?
- Mr. Dibbs answered,—
- (1.) No; only those required to travel on duty constantly.
 - (2.) I will presently lay upon the Table a Return giving the desired information.
- (6.) Permanent Field Battery of Artillery:—Mr. Wright asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) The number of times the Permanent Field Battery of Artillery have been drilled in marching order during last year, when men, horses, and guns have been employed?
 - (2.) Will he inquire whether the military authorities supplied correct answers to paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of Question 10, answered by him on Tuesday, the 12th instant?
- Mr. Dibbs answered,—The following answers have been supplied by the Officer Commanding the Military Forces:—
- (1.) No drill was held in "Marching Order," there not being a sufficient strength of either men or horses to use the necessary carriages for full equipment. In Field Service Order there have been 110 drills and 60 driving drills with young horses, at which men, horses, and guns were employed. In addition, 18 garrison guns have been transported by sling waggon, when detachment of men and horses were employed. The remainder of the parades consisted of riding school with horses, but without guns; standing field-gun drills, without horses; morning, mid-day, and evening stables; making in all 1,292 parades.
 - (2.) The answers previously given are correct.
- (7.) Appointments in Railway Department:—Mr. Williams asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that Mr. Mannix, ticket clerk at Murrurundi, has been removed to Narrabri, and a Mr. Gill (who only arrived from England a few weeks ago) put in his place?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that another new arrival from England has been put on at Murrurundi as a porter?
 - (3.) Will he see that the working men of this Colony get the preference over new arrivals when appointments are being made in connection with the railway service?
 - (4.) What is the exact number of applications now in hand for appointments to the various grades of the railway service, including the permanent way?
- Mr. See answered,—Inquiry will be made in the matter, and a letter will then be addressed to the Honorable Member.
- (8.) Extension of Tramway from Leichhardt to Balmain:—Mr. Johnston asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the present Government to proceed with the extension of the tramway from Norton-street, Leichhardt, to the junction of Weston Road and Darling Road, Balmain?
- Mr. Lyne answered,—This cannot be undertaken at present, as the Railway Commissioners advise that there is no prospect of the line under present circumstances being a remunerative one.
- (9.) Mr. Brown, Cement Tester at Cockatoo Island:—Mr. Johnston asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that a person of the name of Brown, a cement tester at Cockatoo Island, is in receipt of a pension?
- Mr. Dibbs answered,—Yes, of £22 per annum from the Imperial Army.
- (10.) Railway Bridge between Marulan and Carrick:—Mr. Johnston asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Has any report reached him as to the unsafe condition of a railway bridge between Marulan and Carrick?
- Mr. See answered,—No; and I am informed there is no foundation for such a report.
- (11.) Act of Distress and Replevin:—Mr. Sheldon asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to repeal or amend the "Act of Distress and Replevin," 15 Victoria No. 11, 19th December, 1851, in regard to the power given to landlords, over all other creditors, enabling them to strip the home of a tenant in arrears of rent without recourse to legal proceedings?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that bedding and workmen's tools are not excepted from the provisions of the Act?
- Mr. Dibbs answered,—I have not yet been able to consult with my honorable colleague, the Attorney-General, on these questions, but will obtain his views at the earliest opportunity.
- (12.) Punt for the Clarence River, at Yulgilbar:—Mr. Lee asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the punt for the Clarence River, at Yulgilbar, for which the money was voted in 1890, be built and made available for traffic?
- Mr. Lyne answered,—It is not the intention to proceed with the construction of punt for the Clarence River, at Yulgilbar, legal and other difficulties having been made apparent, and further representations and reports showing that a crossing would be of more service.
- (13.) Application of Dr. G. S. Samuelson for License to Experiment on Rabbits:—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he have any objection to lay upon the Table of this House a copy of all papers in connection with the application of Dr. G. S. Samuelson, of Bourke, for a license to make experiments on rabbits with infectious diseases?
- Mr. Lyne answered,—There will be no objection if the papers are moved for in the ordinary manner.

- (14.) Dismissal of Charles Crane, Brewarrina:—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he have any objection to lay upon the Table of the House all papers in connection with the dismissal of Charles Crane from the position of caretaker of the Barwon bridge at Brewarrina?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I will presently lay the papers in this case upon the Table of the House.

- (15.) Denison Bridge, Bathurst:—Mr. Tonkin asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) What was the cost of the Denison bridge, at Bathurst?
 (2.) Is it a fact that the river bank is being so cut away that the approach to said bridge is in danger?
 (3.) Will he cause inquiry to be made in this matter, with a view of having the necessary alteration made to the bank of the river to prevent such taking place?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) £18,817 3s. 2d.

(2 and 3.) From reports on this matter it appears that there has been a considerable fretting away of the river banks at Bathurst, between the Railway and Denison Bridges. On the 29th September, 1890, the Commissioner for Roads reported that owing to the soil being very loose, this must be expected to go on until the banks were artificially protected, but he added that although the erosion was still going on, he considered the chance of a new channel being made as very remote. On 15th May, 1891, the resident officer reported that since the Commissioner's visit, he had planted willows on the West side of Denison Bridge, and as they had rooted well, he thought good results would follow, but no further erosion of the eastern bank of the river has been reported.

- (16.) Free Transmission by Post of foreign printed Supplements:—Mr. Traill asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) Is it the case that, in repeated instances, Sydney weekly papers have been permitted to transmit free through the post supplements not printed in the Colony, and is such free transmission in contravention of a regulation of the Post Office?

(2.) Is it his intention in future to insist upon the law in this respect being observed?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

(1.) There is little doubt that not only weekly but other newspapers containing supplements printed outside the Colony are posted unstamped contrary to law; but it is obviously difficult, if not impossible, for the postal officials in the hurry of sorting to ascertain whether the contents of newspapers are printed in or out of the Colony.

(2.) Yes, as far as possible, in view of the difficulty above pointed out.

2. GENERAL POST OFFICE (APPROACHES IMPROVEMENT) ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

Mr. Lyne moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to authorise the formation and dedication of a public thoroughfare between Pitt and George Streets, in the city of Sydney, to be called Martin-lane; to resume, subject to compensation, a small portion of land for the purpose of forming such lane; to dedicate Chisholm-lane as a public thoroughfare; and to amend, in certain respects, the General Post Office (Approaches Improvement) Act, 1889.

Question put and passed.

3. APPLICATION FOR A FREE PASS MADE BY MR. BLACK, M.P.:—Ordered, on motion of Mr. Crick, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having appointed a Select Committee on "Application for a Free Pass made by Mr. Black, M.P.", and the Committee being desirous to examine the Honorable William Joseph Trickett, a Member of the Legislative Council, in reference thereto, requests that the Legislative Council will give leave to its said Member to attend and be examined by the said Committee on such day and days as shall be arranged between him and the said Committee.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 19th January, 1892.

4. PAPERS:—

Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—Correspondence, &c., in connection with the dismissal of Charles Crane from the position of caretaker of the Barwon bridge, at Brewarrina.

Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return showing travelling expenses of Officers of the Defence Force.
 (2.) Return respecting the Permanent Artillery Force and Reserve Infantry Companies.
 (3.) Report on Immigration for 1891.
 (4.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Coraki.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. See laid upon the Table.—

(1.) Return showing money voted for salaries connected with the Civil Service of the Colony for the years 1886 and 1891.

(2.) Return showing cost of maintaining Trial Bay Prison.

Ordered to be printed.

5. CUSTOMS DUTIES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. See, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 20 JANUARY, 1892, A.M.

Mr. Speaker having called the attention of the House to continued irrelevance on the part of Mr. Haynes, an Honorable Member for Mudgee, directed him to discontinue his speech.

Debate continued.

Question put,—That this Bill be now read a second time.

The House divided.

Ayes, 69.

Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. See,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Gough,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Miller,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Toohey,	Mr. Newton,
Mr. Grabame,	Mr. Traill,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Dowel,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. R. G. D. FitzGerald,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Walker,	Mr. Colls,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. York,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Scott,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Cass,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Dickens,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Donnelly,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Chanter.
Mr. Cann,	
Mr. Rose,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Murphy,	Mr. Hassall.
Mr. Kidd,	

Noes, 55.

Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Gould,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Jeanneret,
Mr. Bruncker,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Dr. Hollis,	Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Marks,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Eve,
Mr. Hindle,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Cotton,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Lees,	Mr. E. M. Clark.
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Darnley,
Dr. Cullen,	Mr. Young,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. G. D. Clark,	Mr. Reid.
Mr. Nobbs,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Cullen.
Mr. Martin,	
Mr. H. H. Brown,	
Mr. E. G. Brown,	
Mr. Tonkin,	
Mr. Rae,	
Mr. Collins,	
Mr. Danabey,	
Mr. Kirkpatrick,	
Mr. Hart,	
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,	
Mr. Inglis,	
Mr. McMillan,	
Sir Henry Parkes,	
Mr. Cook,	
Mr. Donald,	
Mr. Lee,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-eight minutes before Four o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 74.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 20 JANUARY, 1892.

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

ADJOURNMENT—DEATH OF SIR JOHN HAY, PRESIDENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Dibbs moved, That this House do now adjourn, as a tribute of respect to the memory of the Honorable Sir John Hay, K.C.M.G., President of the Legislative Council, and formerly Speaker of this House, who died this morning.

And Mr. Reid having seconded the motion,—
Debate ensued.

Question put,—That this House do now adjourn.

The House divided.

Ayes, 59.

Mr. See,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Lync,	Mr. Jeanneret,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. R. G. D. FitzGerald,	Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Sharp,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Hoyle,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. McGowen,
Dr. Cullen,	Mr. Colls,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Wall,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Scott,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Fegan.
Mr. Lee,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. John Wilkinson,
Mr. Gormly,	Mr. Neild.
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. Stevenson,	

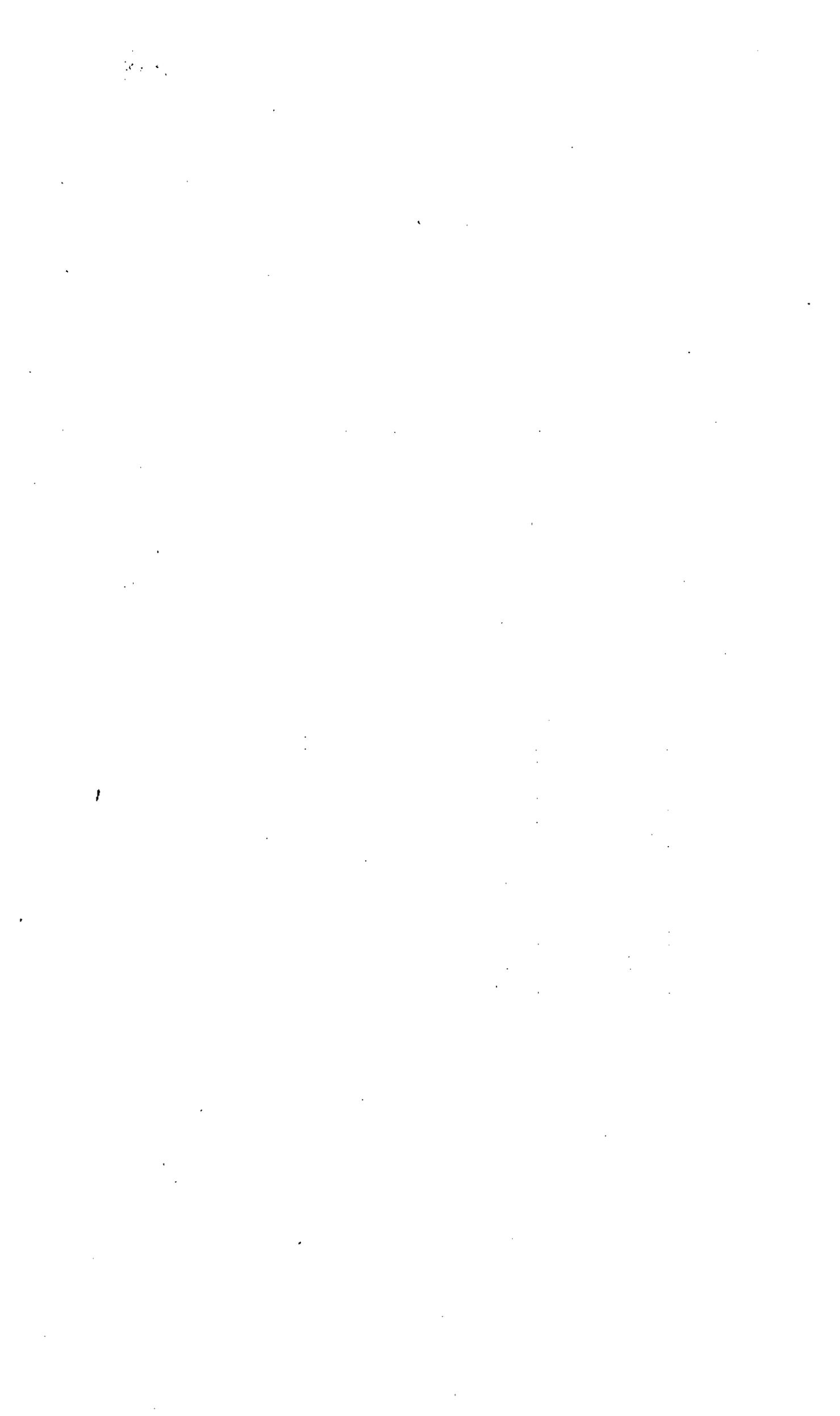
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Mr. Williams,
Mr. Rae.
Tellers,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Rose.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 75.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 21 JANUARY, 1892.

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

ADDRESS OF CONDOLENCE WITH HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN AND THEIR ROYAL HIGHNESSES THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES:—Mr. Speaker read to the House the following Message which he had received by telegraph from His Excellency the Governor:—

JERSEY,
Governor.

Message No. 35.

I am commanded by Her Majesty the Queen to request you to convey to the Members of the Legislative Assembly Her sincere thanks for their kind Address of Condolence on the death of H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence.

Sutton Forest,
21st January, 1892.

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Officer in Charge of the Prospect Reservoir:—Mr. Wright asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) The name of the officer in charge of the Prospect Reservoir, and the amount of his salary?
- (2.) Is a house found for him; if so, will he state the nature of the accommodation provided, and what area of ground is attached to same?
- (3.) How long has this officer been in receipt of his present salary, and what was the amount formerly paid to him?
- (4.) What are the length of service and professional attainments of this officer?
- (5.) What were the salary and allowances and the professional attainments of the engineer in charge of this work previous to the appointment of the present officer?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) Mr. William Wakeford was temporarily appointed to the end of 1891, at the rate of £500 per annum, but the appointment has now been confirmed by the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage, as the works have been transferred to the Board.
 - (2.) Yes. He is given accommodation in the old residence known as Veteran Hall, which stands on the land resumed in connection with the construction of the reservoir.
 - (3.) Since the 1st November, 1891. Formerly he received the rate of £100 per month while in charge of the completion works.
 - (4.) About three years in the Government Service, but he has been all his life engaged on large and important public works, in which he has gained great experience.
 - (5.) Salary, £600; allowance, £52 per annum; trained as an engineer on waterworks in Ireland, and selected as a suitable officer to take charge of the Prospect dam.
- (2.) Government Advertisements in Suburban and Country Newspapers:—Mr. McFarlane asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What amount has been paid by the Government to the city and suburban newspapers for advertising for the year 1890; also the amount paid to country newspapers for the same year?
- Mr. See answered,—This information will be furnished, as soon as practicable, in the form of a Return.
- (3.) Salaries paid to School Teachers:—Mr. McFarlane asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—What was the total amount of salaries paid to school teachers for the year 1891?

Mr. Suttor answered,—£499,204 14s. 5d.

- (4.) Berry Estate Shoalhaven, and North Shore:—Mr. McCourt asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What was the total value of the Berry estate submitted for probate duty?
 - (2.) The value per acre, and, as a whole, of the freehold land in the Shoalhaven district?
 - (3.) Similar information with regard to the freehold land at North Shore?
 - (4.) Who were the valutors; and did Government accept valuation without having valuation made in their behalf?
- Mr. See answered,—
- (1.) The gross value of the Berry estate was taken as £1,255,936 6s. 6d.
 - (2.) The value of the freehold land in the Shoalhaven district was taken as equal to £10 13s. 6d. per acre, with a maximum value per acre of £200, and a minimum value per acre of £2. The total value of the Shoalhaven land was regarded as being £674,407 10s.
 - (3.) The total value of the North Shore estate was estimated at £521,050, giving an average value per acre of £1,000.
 - (4.) The valutors in the estate were Messrs. Hardie and Gorman. The Government did not accept valuation without having valuation made on their behalf.
- (5.) Application of a Queensland M.P. to visit a Prisoner in this Colony:—Mr. Rae asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Has any member of the Queensland Legislature been, at any time within his knowledge, refused permission to visit any friend or relative suffering imprisonment in this Colony?
 - (2.) In the event of any application being made by any member of the Queensland Parliament for such permission in future, will he undertake to grant all such applicants every courtesy and consideration consistent with the law?
- Mr. Barton answered,—My honorable colleague, the Minister of Justice, has furnished me with the following answers to these Questions:—
- (1.) I am informed that the Comptroller-General of Prisons has no recollection of any member of the Queensland Legislature having been refused permission to see a relative or friend confined in any of the gaols of the Colony. But if sufficient particulars are given to enable the case to be identified, more definite information will be supplied in answer to this Question.
 - (2.) As there is nothing to show that such discourtesy has been offered, the answer to this Question will depend upon the results of the further inquiry. I am informed by the Comptroller-General of Prisons that all applicants for such permission are treated with courtesy, and with as much consideration as is consistent with the regulations.
- (6.) King-street to Ocean-street Cable Tramway:—Mr. Neild, for Mr. Jeanneret, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) In view of the very favourable recommendation of the Public Works Committee, and of the Railway Commissioners, now before this House, and of the urgent needs of the city and suburban residents, will the Government endeavour to at once avail themselves of the £10,400 to £15,000 per annum net profit estimated to be derived from the construction and working of the King-street, *via* William-street, and Ocean-street cable tramway, after paying all interest and expenses and depreciation thereon?
 - (2.) Will the Government at once endeavour to obtain the necessary sanction of this House for the construction of the said tramway, the cost to be provided by special loans or taken from revenue, or will the Government sanction the carrying out of the work by the City Council or by private enterprise, under proper powers and restrictions?
- Mr. Lyne answered,—I intend to bring this matter before the Cabinet at an early date, and therefore cannot at the present moment answer the Questions of the Honorable Member.
- (7.) Mr. Arthur Wentworth Blaxland:—Mr. Langwell asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that a man named Arthur Wentworth Blaxland, holding a Commission of the Peace in this Colony, has been sentenced to six months' imprisonment in Maitland gaol for larceny?
 - (2.) If so, will he have his name removed from the Commission of the Peace?
- Mr. Dibbs answered,—There is no gentleman in the Commission of the Peace named Arthur Wentworth Blaxland.
- (8.) Rookwood Reformatory:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has he arrived at any decision in regard to the utilisation of the buildings known as the Rookwood Reformatory?
- Mr. Dibbs answered,—In reply to my honorable friend, I ask him to let this Question stand over until we can get breathing time.
- (9.) Retirements under Civil Service Act:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the fact that many officers who retired under the provisions of the Civil Service Act have had the abatement which should have been deducted voted and paid by the Government, will he treat those in the lower grades of the service who have retired similarly?
- Mr. Dibbs answered,—I am informed that the same rule has been applied to all persons who have been compulsorily retired, without invidious distinction as to their grade in the service.
- (10.) Railway to Field of Mars Common:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has he read the report of Mr. Alexander, Railway Examiner, on the proposed line of railway to the Field of Mars; if so, will he take steps to place the proposal amongst those to be first considered by the Public Works Committee?
- Mr. Lyne answered,—I shall bring the whole matter referred to at any early date before the Cabinet. Meanwhile, I cannot give any definite reply to the Honorable Member's Question?
- (11.) Bridge over George's River, at Liverpool:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will a tender be accepted for the construction of a bridge over George's River, at Liverpool?
- Mr. Lyne answered,—I hope to be in a position to answer the Question in the course of a few days.

(12.) Settlers on Field of Mars Common:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has his attention been drawn to the cases of the settlers on the Field of Mars Common; if so, will he make the necessary provision to afford them means of purchasing, as was done in the case of the settlers on the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve?

Mr. Copeland answered,—No; but it appears that eleven people have been trespassing on the Field of Mars Common for some years, and the method of dealing with these trespassers will shortly be taken into consideration.

(13.) Vote for Public Parks:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Secretary for Lands,—In view of his decision in regard to the purchase of land for public parks, and the appropriation of the money therefor, is it his intention to place a sum on the Additional Estimates for the purpose of providing the public with recreation grounds?

Mr. Copeland answered,—A sum of £10,000 has been placed on the Estimates-in-Chief for 1892 for this purpose.

(14.) Reduction of Postage in the Liverpool District:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Postmaster-General,—In view of the fact of his having extended the penny postal system to Camden and Campbelltown, will he treat other districts such as Liverpool similarly?

Mr. Slattery answered,—The penny postage has not been extended to Camden and Campbelltown, as the Honorable Member supposes, but the various applications for extension of the reduced rate are receiving consideration.

(15.) Courts of Petty Sessions at Granville and Hunter's Hill:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Will he re-open the matter of the establishment of a Court of Petty Sessions at Granville, with a view of obtaining further evidence as to its necessity or otherwise?

(2.) Will he also take the same action in regard to Hunter's Hill?

Mr. Barton answered,—My honorable colleague, the Minister of Justice, has furnished me with the following answers to these Questions:—

(1.) I find, on reference to the papers, that my predecessor declined, in view of the expense which would be entailed and the proximity of the place to Parramatta, to establish a Court of Petty Sessions at Granville; and no new facts have since been brought under my notice which would justify me in re-opening the matter.

(2.) No application has been made to the Department of Justice for the establishment of a Court of Petty Sessions at Hunter's Hill.

(16.) Picturesque Atlas Company (Limited):—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Will he cause to be laid upon the Table of the House a Return of all the summonses issued by the Picturesque Atlas Company (Limited) against the public throughout the Colony of New South Wales, together with the verdicts in the Company's favour, the verdicts against, the non-suits accepted, and the grounds upon which they were given in each instance?

(2.) Will he also cause the original order in each and every instance which the said Company tendered in Court in support of their cases to be impounded and subjected to the scrutiny of experts as to the genuineness of the signatures?

(3.) Is it not a fact that the said work was registered as a series, and that it was represented to be delivered in monthly parts, upon which representation the majority of the orders were obtained?

(4.) Is it not also a fact that they did deliver to a large number of their subscribers each and every month the said work, as per terms of their circular?

(5.) Has his attention been called to the decision of the Chief Justice in New Zealand, and afterwards upheld by the full Court, as to the Company's right to recover where they have failed to deliver; and, if so, will he cause an inquiry to be made why the verdicts should not be reversed in this Colony where obtained upon similar grounds?

Mr. Barton answered,—My honorable colleague, the Minister of Justice, has furnished me with the following answer:—These Questions relate to civil actions between private parties which have been dealt with in the ordinary course of the administration of justice by the proper tribunals. It is altogether beyond the province of my Department to take the action suggested.

(17.) Revenue and Expenditure under the Stock Protection Act:—Mr. Gillies asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) The annual amount received from the Stock Protection Act?

(2.) The annual amount expended by the same?

(3.) The amount expended on rabbit destruction alone?

(4.) The amount received from pastoralists in rent, and the amount refunded for rabbit destruction?

(5.) The amount expended in wire-netting, and the amount owing by pastoralists?

(6.) The acreage held by homestead lessees?

(7.) The acreage held by freehold and leasehold pastoralists combined?

Mr. Copeland answered,—Will the Honorable Member be good enough to move for a Return showing the information he requires, and stating the number of years over which it is sought. It may be pointed out to the Honorable Member that the Crown has not for some time expended money in rabbit destruction, nor does it supply wire-netting to pastoralists on credit. I may add that No. 7 requires the explanation that the cost of preparing the Return will be very large. It will take several months to prepare. I would further ask the Honorable Member to consider whether the information sought is of sufficient public importance to warrant the expenditure which will be involved in preparing this Return.

(18.) Redfern Park:—Mr. Houghton, for Mr. Sharp, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Will he obtain an opinion whether the Municipal Council of Redfern, as trustees of the Redfern Park, have any power or authority under the Parks Regulation Act, or any other Act of Parliament, to close the said park at any time, and charge admission during the holding of a cricket match, or other entertainment; or to fence off any portion of the ground for cricket or bowling-green; or to erect any building in connection therewith on the said park?

(2.) Will he take such steps as to cause such encroachments to be removed as infringe upon the rights and liberties of the people, the said park being dedicated to the general public?

Mr.

Mr. Copeland answered,—For the information of the Honorable Member I will in a day or two lay upon the Table a number of opinions of Attorneys-General and other Crown Law officers bearing on this subject.

(19.) Field of Mars Common :—Mr. Jeanneret asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) How many acres of the Field of Mars Common have been sold under the "Field of Mars Common Resumption Act" up to October, 1891?
- (2.) What is the gross amount paid to Government for said land; what is the amount of unpaid balances on such lands already sold; what is the estimated area of the unsold portions of the said common, exclusive of portions which are, or intended to be, reserved for public purposes, and exclusive of lands required for roads when a final subdivision is made?
- (3.) What is the estimated value of the unsold portions of the Field of Mars Common, showing separately the estimated value per acre and quantity of land fit for agricultural or horticultural purposes, and the estimated value per acre, and quantity of rocky land or rough lands suitable only for building sites?
- (4.) What are the nearest distances and the utmost distances of any of these unsold portions from the nearest of the existing stations on the Ryde and Hornsby railway line, and the names of the stations likely to be used from such lands if sold now?
- (5.) How many dwellings have been erected on the land on the common sold by Government in September, October, and November, 1885, and what did the land then sold realise?
- (6.) Was the Railway to Ryde constructed at the time of the sales of the common in 1885?
- (7.) At that time was it in contemplation to construct another railway to Ryde, or any other portion of the parish of Hunter's Hill; if so, what route was such railway to take?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

- (1.) 1,890 acres 2 roods 25 perches.
- (2.) (a) Amount paid, £98,255 8s. 1d.; (b) amount of unpaid balances, £9,697; (c) the remaining portion of the common, exclusive of reserves and roads, contains 3,125 acres.
- (3.) (a) Land capable of cultivation, 1,016 acres, of an average value of £25 per acre, in all £25,400; (b) land suitable for residential occupation only, 2,109 acres, of an average value of £12 per acre, in all £25,308.
- (4.) The nearest and furthest distances from railway stations, which would be most convenient to adjacent unsold areas, are Beecroft, from $\frac{1}{2}$ mile to $\frac{7}{8}$ mile; Carlingford, from 1 chain to $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles; Eastwood, from $\frac{3}{8}$ mile to $1\frac{1}{4}$ mile; Ryde, from $1\frac{1}{4}$ mile to 5 miles.
- (5.) (a) There is no information in the possession of the Department as to the number of dwellings erected on the land; (b) the land sold in 1885 realised £58,855 13s. 4d.
- (6.) No; but then in course of construction.
- (7.) No. I may add that as this inquiry has cost the Department at least £20 by surveyor's time and other expenditure, I trust the information is of that value to the public.

(20.) Wages of Employees in Railway Department:—Mr. Danahay, for Mr. Hoyle, asked the Attorney-General,—

- (1.) In view of clause 77 part 5 of the Railways Act, is it within the power of the Railway Commissioners, without complying with the provisions of the said clause, to reduce the wages of their employees when transferring them from one Department to another of the Railway Service?
- (2.) If not, will the Government cause a refund to be made to any employees whose wages have been reduced by reason of such transfer?

Mr. Barton answered,—As a rule persons do not suffer disability by transfers, but in each case the men would be paid in accordance with the regulations, which have been drawn in conformity with the Act. As to the question of law involved, it is not usual, nor, in my opinion, right, to supply legal opinions in answer to Questions, nor do questions in matters of law come within the rule of Parliament on the subject.

(21.) Civil Service Commission Report on Department of Justice:—Mr. Neild asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it intended to lay upon the Table of this House the report of the Civil Service Commission, so far as it relates to the Department of Justice?
- (2.) If so, when?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—This Question with regard to the reports of the Civil Service Commission is rather a delicate and intricate one. The reports are handed in to His Excellency the Governor, and come into the hands of the Colonial Secretary in due course without any evidence, and it is a question for consideration as to whether it is desirable to lay the reports upon the Table in the absence of the evidence. It appears that owing to some arrangement made by the first Royal Commissioners, the gentlemen composing the Commission gave an assurance to members of the Civil Service of secrecy in the event of their giving certain evidence. That makes the report of this value as it appears to me—that the House, or those who receive the report, must accept it *in globo*, without any right of consideration as to whether or not it is borne out by the evidence taken. Under these circumstances I hesitate to deal with any of these reports, or to lay them upon the Table until the matter has received more consideration than I have been able to give to it up to this time. I may say with regard to the report upon the Department of my honorable friend opposite, that he wrote a very able minute with reference to the Department of Mines, which minute gave a very good reason why the report should not be dealt with, in the fact that it did not contain the evidence that would give him an opportunity to verify its soundness. That is the difficulty in the matter.

(22.) Railway Goods Traffic between Glen Innes and Guyra:—Mr. Hutchison asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What was the total tonnage of goods and produce of every description, inwards and outwards, from and to Glen Innes and Guyra stations respectively, for the year ending 31st December last?
- (2.) The same during the preceding year?

Mr. See answered,—I am informed that the total tonnage received at and despatched from Glen Innes and Guyra stations for the years 1890 and 1891 is as follows:—Glen Innes—1890, 11,770; 1891, 12,051. Guyra—1890, 4,207; 1891, 2,799.

- (23.) White Bay, Balmain:—Mr. Hutchison asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What is the amount expended up to date for the reclamation of White Bay, Balmain?
 - (2.) What is the estimated amount required to complete the work?
 - (3.) Is he satisfied that this work is not being accomplished at an excessive expenditure, wholly above the advantages that will be derived?
 - (4.) Has he visited the place, and is he satisfied with the manner in which the work is done?
 - (5.) Is it a fact that sometimes an engineer, a time-keeper, and a foreman are upon the ground overlooking a few men, and would not one practical man be sufficient?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) By manual labour, £13,286 19s. 7d.; by sand pumps, £4,003 15s. 2d. Total, £17,290 14s. 9d.
- (2.) About £500.
- (3.) There are 13 acres 0 roods 7 perches, valued at about £26,000, which shows that, apart from the sanitary benefits derivable from the work, it is financially justifiable.
- (4.) I have not yet had an opportunity of visiting the place.
- (5.) There is only one working foreman continually on the ground; at 8s. per diem. The time-keeper has other duties at Long Cove and Snails' Bay. The engineer is the superintendent of all the reclamation works, and has a wide range of duties in Sydney and Newcastle, and on the Myall, Nambucca, and Tweed Rivers.

- (24.) Sunlight Soap Company:—Mr. Danahay, for Mr. Carruthers, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- What are the terms of the arrangement or settlement made with the Sunlight Soap Company in regard to their alleged grievance in the levying of certain duties upon soap and other goods imported by them?

Mr. See answered,—The terms are such as to preserve the constitutional position, which it was the object of the application to attack. The present is not considered a proper time for a statement of the details.

- (25.) Diamond Drills:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that there is at present no officer in charge of the diamond drills?
- (2.) Is it his intention to appoint an officer to take charge of the diamond drills?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) No; there is a Superintendent of Drills, who has charge of the whole of the drills, and under him there is a foreman in charge of each drill at work.
- (2.) There is at present no need to make any such appointment.

- (26.) Inland and Intercolonial Parcel Post System:—Mr. Bowes, for Dr. Ross, asked the Postmaster-General,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a measure dealing with the important question of an inland and intercolonial parcel post system, the same that exists in England and the other colonies; if so, when?

Mr. Slattery answered,—The existing postal law gives power to introduce an intercolonial parcel post by mutual arrangement with other Colonies, under the 42nd clause of the Act, under which clause the parcel post between this Colony and the United Kingdom was established. The present law, however, does not provide for an inland parcel post, and for obvious reasons it has not been considered desirable to agree to the system intercolonially until the law is amended so as to permit of its introduction within our own Colony.

- (27.) Escape of Prisoner at Molong:—Mr. Bowes, for Dr. Ross, asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a prisoner lately made his escape from the lock-up at Molong owing to the old and dilapidated state of the wooden wall that surrounds the buildings?
- (2.) Will he see that immediate steps are taken to have a proper retaining or brick wall erected to prevent such cases arising?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The Inspector-General of Police has called for a report on this subject, and will make a recommendation in due course.

- (28.) Use of Firearms by Children:—Mr. Bowes, for Dr. Ross, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he see that some steps are taken to prevent the careless use of firearms by children and mere boys, seeing that of late several severe and dangerous accidents have occurred from this cause?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—While I admit the careless use of firearms by grown-up persons and their improper use by children, I think it would be impracticable to apply any general and effective remedy. It is more the duty of parents and guardians to prevent children from using firearms.

- (29.) Shorthand taught in Public Schools:—Mr. Cook asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) In how many public schools of each class is shorthand at present taught?
- (2.) Is it taught by the ordinary staff of the schools or by special teachers, and what salary is paid per school?
- (3.) What will be the cost of extending the teaching of shorthand at this rate to all schools of the same class as those in which the subject is at present taught?
- (4.) Is shorthand taught to the students at the Fort-street Training School?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

- (1.) Fourteen schools of Class 1, two schools of Class 3, and one school of Class 4.
- (2.) By special teachers, whose average salary is £15 per annum.
- (3.) £1,200.
- (4.) No.

- (30.) Financial Institutions:—Mr. McCourt asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he introduce the Bill dealing with financial institutions this Session?

Mr. See answered,—The Government hope to introduce a Bill early next Session.

3. GENERAL POST OFFICE (APPROACHES IMPROVEMENT) ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Lyne, and read by Mr. Speaker:—
JERSEY, *Message No. 36.*
Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to authorise the formation and dedication of a public thoroughfare between Pitt and George Streets, in the city of Sydney, to be called Martin-lane; to resume, subject to compensation, a small portion of land for the purpose of forming such lane; to dedicate Chisholm-lane as a public thoroughfare; and to amend, in certain respects, the General Post Office (Approaches Improvement) Act, 1889.

Government House,
Sydney, 20th January, 1892.

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

4. MAIN ROADS THROUGH SUBURBAN MUNICIPALITIES (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Chanter*, for *Mr. Hoyle*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—
 (1.) The number of main roads running through the Suburban Municipalities.
 (2.) The length of each main road.
 (3.) The amount annually expended on each main road.
 Question put and passed.
5. EXPERIMENTS ON RABBITS (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Waddell* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers in connection with the application of *Dr. G. S. Samuelson*, of Bourke, for a license to make experiments on rabbits with infectious diseases.
 Question put and passed.
6. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Rutland Flux Tramway Bill (*Council Bill*) postponed until Wednesday next.
7. BROKEN HILL WATER SUPPLY ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—*Mr. Cann* presented a Petition from the Broken Hill Water Supply Company (Limited), praying for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the "Broken Hill Water Supply Act," and to make better provision for the supply of water within the district of Broken Hill and Silverton.
 And *Mr. Cann* having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, and *Silver Age*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
 Petition received.
8. PAPERS:—
Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—
 (1.) Commission appointing *Sir Frederick Darley*, Knight, to be Lieutenant-Governor of the Colony of New South Wales.
 (2.) Report on Police Department for 1891.
 (3.) Report on Technical Education and Manual Training at the Paris Universal Exhibition of 1889, and in Great Britain, France, and the United States of America, by *Edward Combes*, Esq., C.M.G., &c.
 Ordered to be printed.
Mr. See laid upon the Table,—
 (1.) Report of Railway Commissioners for quarter ended 30th September, 1891.
 (2.) Statement showing the Land Revenue under various heads from 1877 to 1891.
 Ordered to be printed.
9. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—*Mr. Dibbs* (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House at its rising this day do adjourn until Wednesday next.
 Question put.
 The House divided.

Ayes, 42.

Mr. See,	Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Eve,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Young,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Inglis,
Mr. Dangar,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Scott,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Reid.
Mr. Hutchison,	
Mr. Lee,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Donald,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Hassall.

Noes, 34.

Mr. Black,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Rac,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Jeanneret,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Murphy,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Bowes,	Mr. Hindie,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Danabey,
Mr. Traill,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Darnley.
Mr. Rose,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Langwell,	Mr. Gormly.
Mr. Williams,	
Mr. Newton,	
Mr. Frank Farnell,	
Mr. Chapman,	
Mr. Cann,	
Mr. Campbell,	
Mr. Parkes,	
Mr. Kelly,	
Mr. McCourt,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Neild 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 discussing “ a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., the “ action of the Government in obtaining from the Borough of Paddington a large sum of money “ on the promise of carrying out an urgently required public work, and neglecting to proceed with “ such work for many months.”
And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—
Mr. Neild moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
11. **GENERAL POST OFFICE (APPROACHES IMPROVEMENT) ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Lyne, 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 authorise the formation and dedication of a public thoroughfare between Pitt and George Streets, in the city of Sydney, to be called Martin-lane; to resume, subject to compensation, a small portion of land for the purpose of forming such lane; to dedicate Chisholm-lane as a public thoroughfare; and to amend, in certain respects, the General Post Office (Approaches Improvement) Act, 1889.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be *now* received.
The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to authorise the formation and dedication of a public thoroughfare between Pitt and George Streets, in the city of Sydney, to be called Martin-lane; to resume, subject to compensation, a small portion of land for the purpose of forming such lane; to dedicate Chisholm-lane as a public thoroughfare; and to amend, in certain respects, the General Post Office (Approaches Improvement) Act, 1889.
On motion of Mr. Lyne, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
(2.) Mr. Lyne then presented a Bill, intituled “ *A Bill to authorise the formation and dedication of a public thoroughfare between Pitt and George Streets, in the city of Sydney, to be called Martin-lane; to resume, subject to compensation, a small portion of land for the purpose of forming such lane; to dedicate Chisholm-lane as a public thoroughfare; and to amend, in certain respects, the General Post Office (Approaches Improvement) Act, 1889,* ”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
12. **JUDICIAL OFFICES BILL**:—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Barton, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law relating to certain Judicial Offices, and to certain Courts and the administration of Justice therein.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), That the report be *now* received.
The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to certain Judicial Offices, and to certain Courts and the administration of Justice therein.
On motion of Mr. Barton, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
(2.) Mr. Barton then presented a Bill, intituled “ *A Bill to amend the law relating to certain Judicial Offices, and to certain Courts and the administration of Justice therein,*—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
13. **CUSTOMS DUTIES BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

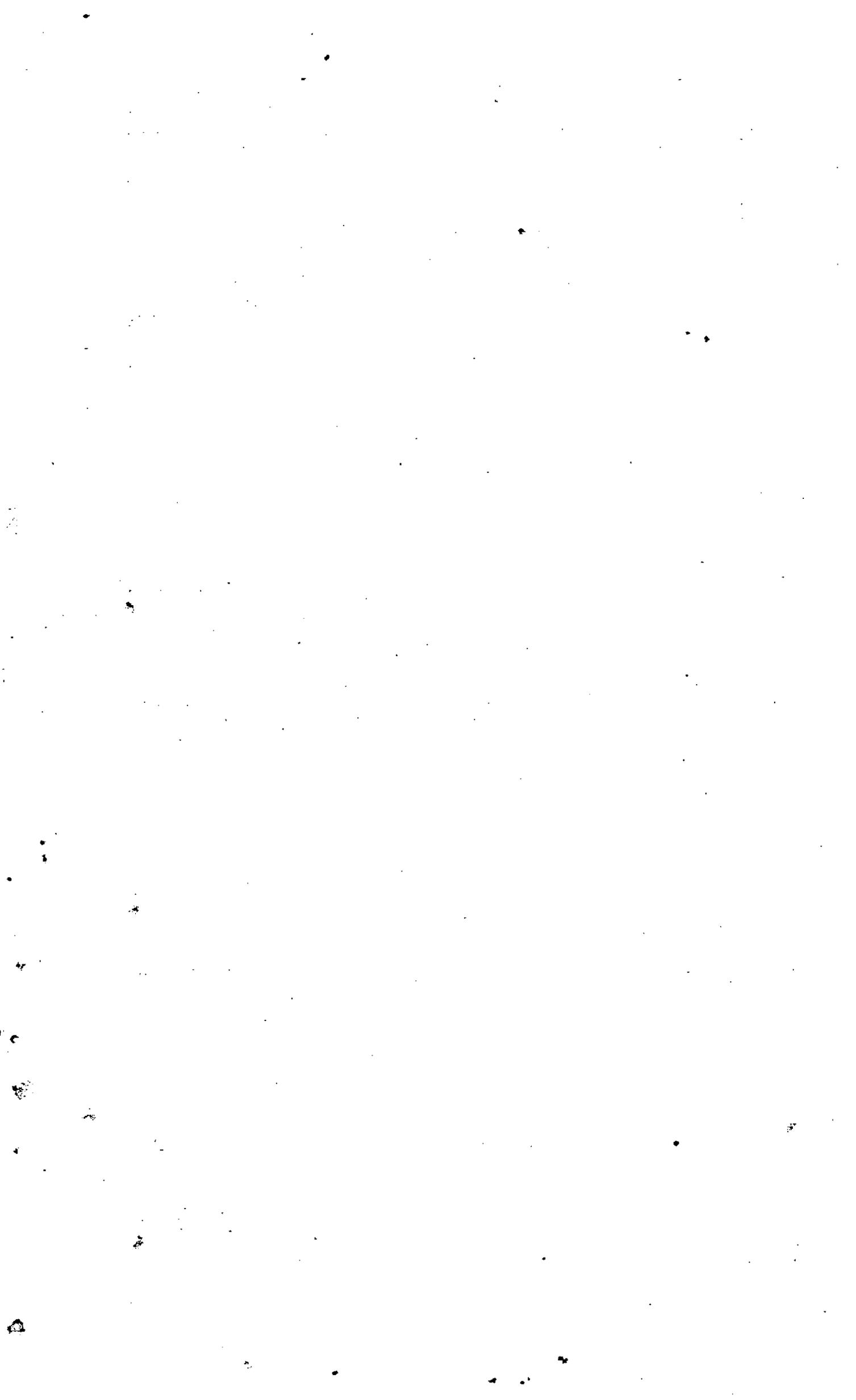
And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 22 JANUARY, 1892, A.M.

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

14. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Dibbs moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-five minutes after Two o'clock a.m., until *Wednesday next* at Four o'clock.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 76.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 27 JANUARY, 1892.

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

ADDRESS OF CONDOLENCE WITH HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN AND THEIR ROYAL HIGHNESSES THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES:—Mr. Speaker read to the House the following Message which he had received by telegraph from His Excellency the Governor:—

JERSEY,

Message No. 37.

Governor.

I am commanded by their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales to express their grateful thanks to the Members of the Legislative Assembly for their kind Message of sympathy.

Sutton Forest,

22nd January, 1892.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Coloured Children in Charitable Institutions:—Mr. Bavister asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he have any objection to lay upon the Table of the House a Return showing the number of children at present in the charitable institutions of the Colony of coloured foreign extraction, denoting the nationality of each, stating if the parents are living, and, if so, their calling or mode of obtaining a living?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—There will be no objection, provided the papers are moved for in the usual way.

(2.) Lieutenant-Colonel de Wolski:—Mr. Crick, for Mr. Wright, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What are the special duties which Lieutenant-Colonel de Wolski was imported to perform?

(2.) Does this officer give practical instructions to the Submarine Miners; and, if so, of what nature?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Officer Commanding the Military Forces:—

(1.) Lieutenant-Colonel de Wolski was engaged to command the submarine mine defences, and the construction of defence works.

(2.) No, not now. While employed as Commanding Engineer, this officer used to superintend the practical instruction of the Submarine Miners in submarine mining.

(3.) Road to the Yarrangobilly Caves:—Mr. Sharp, for Mr. Miller, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a promise was made some months ago by the Under Secretary for Works that the road from Kiandra to the Yarrangobilly Caves should be put in repair, in order to enable tourists to visit the caves during the present season; if so, will he inform the House of the reason for not carrying out such promise?

(2.) By whose authority was the new road to the above caves constructed from the Tumut side to the caves, and what was the reason for so doing?

(3.) Will he cause instructions to be issued for the repair of the Kiandra-Tumut Road to the 10-mile post, and the new road from that point to the caves to be immediately constructed?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1 and 2.) It appears that on the 3rd of June, 1891, in reply to representations made by the honorable members for Monaro, a letter was sent them to the effect that plans, &c., were being prepared for works on the road from Kiandra to Yarrangobilly Caves, and that, on completion of the same, tenders would be called. Upon receipt of sections, however, it was found that the cost of constructing the road (about £1,200) would be very much in excess of the amount

approved

approved (£300), and a thorough exploration of the country having been made, it was found that the best line of road to connect the caves with the Tumut-Kiandra road would be one leading from that road at a point called Harris' Camp; and that line was adopted in lieu of the route originally proposed, viz., from Tumut-Kiandra road, at a point about 10 miles from Kiandra, *via* Telephone line. A sum of £400 was approved of on the 5th October, 1891, and a further grant of £300 on the 8th December, 1891, for the purpose of making the road from Harris' Camp to Caves available for traffic, and for necessary works on the Tumut-Kiandra road between Talbingo and Kiandra.

(3.) The Tumut-Kiandra road, between Kiandra and the 10-mile post, will be attended to when the 1892 Votes are available, but a branch road to the caves from the 10-mile post is, it is reported, not advisable, seeing that a means of access is provided by the road starting from Harris' Camp, which is only $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles farther on from Kiandra than the 10-mile post.

(4.) Southern Rifle Association:—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has he yet decided upon the most suitable centre for the head-quarters of the Southern Rifle Association?

(2.) If not, when will he decide?

(3.) Is it a fact that at present rifle companies as far up the line as Wagga Wagga and Albury have to pass through Goulburn to the temporary centre at Moss Vale?

(4.) Is he aware that all the corps in the Monaro and the Queanbeyan electorates have likewise to pass through Goulburn?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1. and 2.) The centre has been decided upon as stated in the papers laid upon the Table on the 28th September last.

(3. and 4.) Competitors from these corps would have to do so if they travel by rail.

(5.) Schools of Arts subsidised by the Government:—Mr. Crock, for Mr. Wright, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House copies of the balance-sheets of all Schools of Arts in the Colony subsidised by the Government?

(2.) If he is not in possession of such information, will he ask the Schools of Arts to supply the same for the information of this House and the public?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

(1.) Yes, when they have been obtained.

(2.) I will obtain the information, and, when furnished, will lay it upon the Table.

(6.) Survey of Mining Tenements:—Mr. Wall asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) What was the total amount of fees received for the survey of mining tenements during 1889 and 1890?

(2.) The names of the respective mining surveyors employed, and the amount of salaries and fees paid to each officer?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) The following amounts were received:—1889, mining tenement fees, £853 7s.; 1890, mining tenement fees, £1,316 10s.; total, £2,169 17s. 1889, gold lease survey fees, £2,499 7s. 9d.; 1890, gold lease survey fees, £1,902 1s.; total, £4,401 8s. 9d. 1889, mineral lease survey fees, £4,533 6s. 11d.; 1890, mineral lease survey fees, £4,524 7s. 9d.; total, £9,077 14s. 8d.

(2.) The names of mining surveyors employed, and salaries and fees paid to each officer, are set out on list which I will shortly lay upon the Table.

(7.) Court-house at Bourke:—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has a tender for the new court-house at Bourke been accepted; and, if so, when will the work be commenced?

Mr. Lyne answered,—A tender has not been accepted, but the matter will be dealt with shortly.

(8.) Trial Bay Prison and Breakwater:—Mr. Hoyle, for Mr. Dangar, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he cause to be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing the expenditure for all services in connection with Trial Bay prison and breakwater for the year 1891, together with the particulars of work performed by the prisoners during that period, and an estimate of its value, similar to the Return for the years 1889 and 1890 recently laid upon the Table?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Yes.

(9.) Special Leases near Jervis Bay:—Mr. Carruthers asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Have any proposals or applications been made recently to the Government for a special lease of any Crown Lands in the vicinity of Jervis Bay?

(2.) If so, what are the terms of such proposal or application?

(3.) Does the Government intend to grant any special leases of such land, and upon what terms and conditions?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1 and 2.) Yes, and refused, as I deemed it advisable in the public interest to call for tenders for leasing the land as inferior Crown lands under the 37th clause of the "Crown Lands Act of 1889."

(3.) I will lay upon the Table of the House a copy of the notice calling for tenders. A lease has now been granted to the Australian Hemp and Fibre Company (Limited).

(10.) Revenue and Expenditure for 1891:—Mr. Carruthers asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What was the actual revenue for 1891?

(2.) What was the estimated revenue for the year 1891 at the time of his Financial Statement?

(3.) What was the actual expenditure for 1891 up to 31st December, and chargeable to the revenue for that year?

(4.) What amount has been paid as a refund of Crown lessees' rents during the year 1891, up to the end of the year?

Mr.

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) £10,047,152 4s. 6d.

(2.) £9,957,900.

(3.) The actual expenditure during 1891, for services of 1891 (exclusive of payments from the Advance Vote, yet to be brought to account), amounted to the sum of £9,647,731 1s. 3d. This, however, is not the total expenditure on account of 1891, as the services and works for which votes were taken are not all completed. The charges against the revenue of 1891 are fully detailed in the account with Ways and Means, page 6. I may mention that the total expenditure during 1891, exclusive of payments in anticipation of a loan vote, amounted to £10,920,788 5s. 11d.

(4.) No payments were made to end of 1891, but claims have been paid since that date to the amount of £37,151 6s. 10d., and sums have been passed for payment, in addition, to the extent of £21,052 6s. 8d.

(11.) Pensions to Sir Alfred Stephen and Mr. Francis L. S. Merewether:—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What amount of money has been paid, up to date, in the form of a pension to Sir Alfred Stephen?

(2.) What amount of money has been paid, up to date, in the form of a pension to Mr. Francis L. S. Merewether?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) £28,143 12s. 1d.

(2.) £31,790 6s. 10d.

3. BROKEN HILL WATER SUPPLY ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Cann moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the "Broken Hill Water Supply Act," and to make better provision for the supply of water within the District of Broken Hill and Silverton.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Cann 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, intitled "A Bill to amend the 'Broken Hill Water Supply Act,' and to make better provision for the supply of water within the District of Broken Hill and Silverton,"—read a first time.

4. APPLICATIONS UNDER THE 28TH SECTION OF THE MINING ACT (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Wall moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing the number of applications made to mine under the 28th section of the Mining Act during the last five years; also the dates of each application, the area applied for, the amount of deposit paid, and when finally dealt with.

Question put and passed.

5. OBJECTIONS LODGED AGAINST THE HOLDERS OF GOLD-MINING AND MINERAL LEASES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Wall moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing the number of objections lodged against the holders of gold-mining and mineral leases for non-fulfilment of conditions during the last five years; also showing the dates when such objections were lodged, and the date when finally dealt with by the Department of Mines.

Question put and passed.

6. APPLICATIONS UNDER THE 45TH SECTION OF THE CROWN LANDS ACT (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Wall moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing the number of applications made to mine under the 45th section of the Crown Lands Act during the last five years; also showing the dates when such applications were made, and when finally dealt with.

Question put and passed.

7. DEATH OF CARDINAL MANNING (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Houghton moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House desires to place on record its deep sense of the great loss the British nation has sustained in the death of Cardinal Manning, whose lifelong labours in the cause of the oppressed and the suffering have won our most sincere appreciation and respect.

Question put and passed.

8. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

(1.) Rutland Flux Tramway Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—until To-morrow.

(2.) Illegal Benevolent Funds Bill; second reading;—until Monday, 7th March.

(3.) Eight Hours Bill, reported; adoption of report;—until To-morrow.

(4.) Wagga Wagga School of Arts Enabling Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until Monday, 22nd February.

(5.) Goulburn Water Supply Charges Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until Monday, 7th March.

(6.) Simpson's Railway Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until To-morrow.

(7.) Racing Association Bill; second reading;—until To-morrow.

(8.) Hay Irrigation Bill; second reading;—until Monday, 21st March.

(9.) Children's Protection Bill; second reading;—until Monday, 7th March.

9. PAPERS:—

Mr. Copeland laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Opinions by Attorneys-General and the Crown Solicitor on the exclusion of the public from public parks.

(2.) Return respecting the issue of special licenses to surveyors to practice under the Real Property Act.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr.

Mr. Slattery laid upon the Table,—Statement of salary and fees paid to surveyors during the years 1889 and 1890.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. See laid upon the Table,—Statement of the comparative rates for the carriage of grain by rail in the Australian Colonies.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—Return respecting the proposed railway from Petersham towards Ryde and the Field of Mars.

Ordered to be printed.

10. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Application for a Free Pass made by Mr. Black, M.P.:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

In answer to the Message from the Legislative Assembly, dated the 19th January, 1892, requesting leave for the Honorable William Joseph Trickett, a Member of the Legislative Council, to attend and be examined before a Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly on "Application for a Free Pass made by Mr. Black, M.P.," the Council acquaints the Assembly that leave has been granted to its said Member to attend and be examined by the said Committee, if he think fit.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 27th January, 1892.*

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

(2.) Tarrawingee Tramway Act Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Tarrawingee Tramway Act of 1890*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence; accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 27th January, 1892.*

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

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

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

11. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Rose 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 discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., the operation of No. 7 Additional Standing Order, and its effect upon the expression of opinion by Members of this House upon matters of public importance."

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

12. GENERAL POST OFFICE (APPROACHES IMPROVEMENT) ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Lyne 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. Lyne, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments, and an amended Title.

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

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

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

JERSEY,
Governor.

Message No. 38.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-two.

*Government House,
Sydney, 27th January, 1892.*

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

14. CUSTOMS DUTIES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

And

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 28 JANUARY, 1892, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported that a Point of Order had arisen in the Committee, and obtained leave to sit again after the decision of the House should have been given.

Point of Order :—The Chairman stated that Schedule A of the Bill was under discussion when the Honorable Member for West Macquarie, Mr. Crick, having spoken to the question before the Committee, concluded his speech by moving "That the Question be now put" (under Additional Standing Order No. 5). A Point of Order was raised by the Honorable Member for Canterbury, Mr. Carruthers, that such motion was inadmissible, because the mover had debated the question under consideration before moving "That the Question be now put," upon which he, as Chairman, gave an opinion that Mr. Crick's motion was admissible, and put the Question. After the Division, on motion of the Honorable Member for Central Cumberland, Mr. Garrard, the Point of Order was referred to the House for decision.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker, referring to an interpretation of this Standing Order given by Mr. Speaker Young, on the 31st May, 1887, which had never been overruled by the House, stated that he considered the decision "that a member who had already spoken should not be able to move, 'That the Question be now put,'" was binding on this House, until overruled by a higher authority. He therefore ruled that Mr. Crick's motion should not have been put.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Committee resumed.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 29 JANUARY, 1892, A.M.

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

15. MOORE-STREET IMPROVEMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Moore-street Improvement Act of 1890*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 28th January, 1892.*

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

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

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

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

JERSEY,
Governor.

Message No. 39.

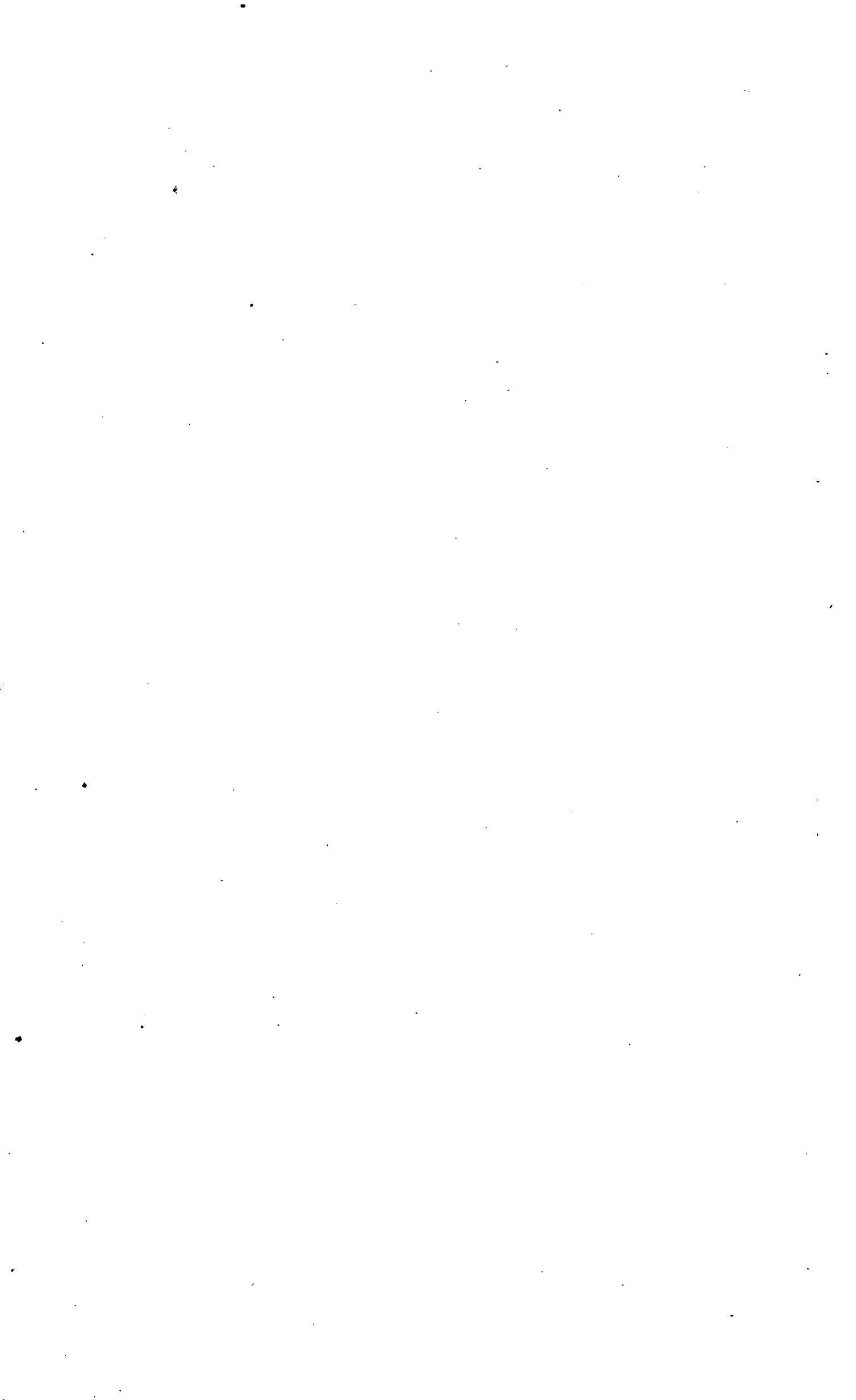
In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of January, or following month of the year 1892; together with provision for an Advance to the Colonial Treasurer, and for a further Service of an urgent nature of the year 1892, and also for a Service to be hereafter provided for by Loan.

*Government House,
Sydney, 27th January, 1892.*

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

The House adjourned, at two minutes after Two o'clock a.m., until Monday next at Four o'clock.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 77.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, 1 FEBRUARY, 1892.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Pre-lease No. 4,548, Parish of Booroomba:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that in November last Mr. Cunningham was allowed to convert a portion of a pre-lease, No. 4,548, parish of Booroomba, county of Cowley, into a conditional purchase?
 - (2.) Have the surveyors been authorised to measure 470 acres of this converted pre-lease?
 - (3.) Is it a fact that under clause 25 of the Land Act of 1889, Mr. Cunningham had incurred forfeiture of the lease in question, through not having improved the land within the specified time?
 - (4.) Will he have an inquiry made into this matter, and ascertain if the lease in question was really liable to forfeiture?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) Application was made in November last, by Mr. Cunningham, to be allowed to convert a portion of the lease into an additional conditional purchase, under section 25 of the Act of 1889.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) No.
- (4.) The application for the conditional purchase is being dealt with by the Local Land Board.

- (2.) Rabbit-proof Fencing:—Mr. Joseph Abbott asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) What Land Boards have received notice in terms of section 15 of the Rabbit Act of 1890 of owners' intention to erect rabbit-proof fencing?
- (2.) Of how many miles of such fencing has each of the Boards received notice?
- (3.) How many miles of such fencing have been erected in each district?
- (4.) Will he submit a map of the Colony showing approximately—(a) the portions of country declared infested; (b) the rabbit-proof fencing which has been erected; (c) the portions for which notice to fence have been given, but on which fencing has not yet been erected?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) Without reference to the different Land Boards, no reply can be given.
- (2.) Cannot be stated.
- (3.) The Department has no information on the subject.
- (4.) A map can be prepared, showing—(a) the portions of country declared infested, and the barrier fences erected by the Government; but the further information sought cannot be shown.

- (3.) Rookwood Reformatory:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Mr. Frank Farnell, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has he arrived at any decision in regard to the utilisation of the buildings known as the Rookwood Reformatory?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The Honorable Member in whose name this Question stands upon the Business Paper informed me that he did not require an answer.

- (4.) Rossiville and Kenmore Estates:—Mr. Rose asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he lay upon the Table of the House all papers in connection with the purchase of the Rossiville and Kenmore Estates, Goulburn?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The correspondence relating to the purchase of the Rossiville Estate was laid upon the Table on the 26th June, 1890. There will be no objection to the production of the papers regarding the purchase of the Kenmore Estate if moved for in the usual way.

(5.)

(5.) Representation of the Mines Department at the London Exhibition:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for *Mr. Wall*, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) What has been the total cost of representation of the Mines Department at the recent London Exhibition?
- (2.) What were the names of the officers appointed in connection therewith, and the respective amounts paid to them for travelling expenses, &c.?
- (3.) Was there any report furnished in connection therewith?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) £7,310 9s. 10d.
- (2.) *O. Meyer*, Executive Commissioner, £150 passage money, no salary, £25 per week expenses; *C. S. Wilkinson*, Geological Director, fares by steamer, and 30s. per diem while in London; *J. E. Carne*, fare by steamer, and 20s. per diem while in London.
- (3.) Yes. Report by *Mr. O. Meyer*, dated 7th September, 1891. Report by *Mr. C. S. Wilkinson*, published in the Annual Report of this Department for 1890, page 204. Reports on various processes of different dates printed and circulated.

(6.) Postmaster at Queanbeyan:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Postmaster-General,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that there is now a vacancy for a Postmaster at George-street West?
- (2.) If so, will he avail himself of this opportunity of transferring the Postmaster of Queanbeyan, and appoint in his place an officer more acceptable to the residents of Queanbeyan?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

- (1.) There is no actual vacancy, but it was determined to effect an exchange between the present postmaster and some other officer, and such exchange has been effected accordingly.
- (2.) The present postmaster's services could not have been made available at Queanbeyan, as it is necessary that the person in charge of that office be a telegraphist.

(7.) Rabbit Act:—*Mr. Gormly* asked the Secretary for Lands,—Considering the fact that the present Rabbit Act was passed through all its stages in one night, when there was only a small number of Members in attendance, and that it is alleged that some of the provisions of the Act need amending, will he take steps to have a Bill introduced, so that the removal of the rabbit pest may be fully considered?

Mr. Lyne answered,—No rabbit legislation can be introduced this Session. During the forthcoming recess the whole question will be fully considered.

(8.) Model Farm at North Wagga Wagga:—*Mr. Gormly* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) What has been the cause of the delay in having the experimental farm at North Wagga Wagga opened?
- (2.) Will he see that no further delay takes place in having the farm established?

Mr. Slattery answered,—Some delay has arisen owing to a desire to amend the boundary lines prior to survey of the area to be set apart for the purposes of the farm. The matter is now before the Minister for Lands, to sanction the survey being made.

(9.) Inspector of Silk Industry:—*Mr. Kelly*, for *Mr. Crick*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is there any person holding the position of inspector in connection with the silk industry?
- (2.) If so, what is his name, and the amount of his salary?
- (3.) Who appointed him, and on whose recommendation?
- (4.) What was his occupation previous to his appointment?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

- (1 to 3.) *Mr. Reginald Champ* was appointed by my predecessor in connection with the introduction of sericulture, with salary at the rate of £500 per annum and travelling allowance of 12s. a day when absent on duty.
- (4.) I am not aware.

(10.) Uniforms supplied to Railway Officials:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for *Dr. Ross*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the clothing or serge uniform suits lately supplied to railway officials are of an inferior flimsy material which lasts only a few weeks?
- (2.) Will he state the tender price paid for each suit as supplied annually to Railway employees?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) I am informed it is not a fact that the clothing supplied to railway employees is of an inferior description. There have been a few isolated complaints, but as a whole the supplies of Messrs. *Vicars & Co.*, the local tweed manufacturers, have given satisfaction.
- (2.) The prices paid for serge suits for railway employees are as follows:—Station-masters, £1 19s. 6d.; officers-in-charge, night officers, messengers, and foremen, £1 6s. 6d.; passenger guards and ticket collectors, £1 11s. 6d.; platform inspectors, £1 12s. 6d.; head porters, head shunters, and signalmen, £1 6s. 6d.; sleeping-car attendants, £1 6s. 6d.; goods, ballast, and assistant guards, £1 6s.; shunters, £1 11s.; porters, gatekeepers, and watchmen, £1 2s. 6d.

(11.) Railway Mail Vans:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for *Dr. Ross*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—When are the new mail vans (constructed on the bogie-wheel principle) to be placed on the Western line between Sydney and Dubbo, in lieu of the present four-wheel vans, and why were the new vans withdrawn from the line?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I am informed that the vans are in the Railway workshops undergoing repairs, in consequence of a shunting accident, and as soon as finished will be used on the Western line.

(12.) Water Supply, Molong District:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it a fact that the Minister for Works at the time the railway was being constructed from Orange to Molong, and which completely cut off the water supply in the creek from the inhabitants, promised an eligible water supply in lieu thereof, and will he see that some steps are taken to redeem that pledge in reference to the construction of a suitable reservoir and water supply for the inhabitants, by sending up a competent officer to Molong to report on the matter?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I cannot find a record of any such promise, but I have no objection to obtain a report on the subject, as suggested by the Honorable Member.

(13.) Mr. W. W. Fraser, Warden and Police Magistrate, Inverell:—*Mr. Black*, for Mr. Rae, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Does Mr. W. Wilberforce Fraser, of Inverell, hold the dual position of Warden and Police Magistrate?

(2.) Is it not a fact that that gentleman is over 60 years of age, and therefore liable to be called upon to retire from the position of a Police Magistrate?

(3.) Has his attention been called to alleged miscarriages of justice, said to be due to the conduct of Mr. Fraser?

(4.) If Mr. W. W. Fraser's administration of justice has been complained of, will he cause such allegations to be inquired into?

Mr. Suttor answered—My honorable colleague, the Minister of Justice, has furnished me with the following answers to these Questions:—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Mr. Fraser is 61 years of age. Under the 43rd section of the "Civil Service Act, 1884," he is now entitled, but not compellable to retire.

(3.) My predecessor had before him a complaint of the Honorable Member against Mr. Fraser's decision in a trespass case, and, after inquiry, considered that the decision was correct. I have now under consideration a complaint against Mr. Fraser's decision in an assault case. The complaint has not as yet been finally dealt with.

(4.) Answered by No. 3.

(14.) Land, Corner of George and Druiitt Streets:—*Mr. Kelly* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) What is the area of the land at the corner of George and Druiitt Streets formerly occupied by the Central Police Court?

(2.) How long has the land being lying idle?

(3.) Is it the intention of the Government to sell this land?

(4.) If not, what are the intentions of the Government with regard to the land in question?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) 3 roods and 12 perches.

(2.) Two years.

(3 and 4.) Yes.

(15.) Officers of the Permanent and General Military Staffs:—*Mr. Edden* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Do the officers of the Permanent and General Military Staffs of this Colony receiving pay from the Colony hold Her Majesty's Commission?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—Only the three Imperial Instructors who are employed for a definite period and return to their Regiments on the expiration of their engagement here.

(16.) North Coast Railway:—*Mr. Young* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has he yet received from the Railway Commissioners their report on the first section of the North Coast Railway—from West Maitland to Taree?

(2.) If not, will he ask those gentlemen to furnish the same at an early date?

Mr. Lyne answered,—A report has been received from the Railway Commissioners on this subject. They say that the question has been carefully inquired into, a responsible railway officer having gone over the route proposed; but, from the investigation made, it would appear that there is no prospect of the proposed line, if constructed, proving remunerative for many years. They go on to say that a personal inspection of the proposed line by them would involve much loss of time and expense, and before undertaking the extensive journey involved they await further directions. All that I can promise at the present time is that the whole matter will be carefully considered by the Cabinet when the railway policy of the Government is being dealt with.

(17.) Berry Estate:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the *caveat* lodged in October last against the granting of real property titles to the proprietor of the Berry Estate has been withdrawn?

(2.) If so, what steps do the Government intend to take to protect the rights of the people in this matter?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) Yes; under legal advice.

(2.) The papers are now under the consideration of the Attorney-General.

(18.) James Peter Howe:—*Mr. G. D. Clark* asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that James Peter Howe, who was recently sentenced to seven years' imprisonment in Goulburn Gaol, has been removed to Darlinghurst?

(2.) If so, will he state what were the special reasons (if any) for such removal?

Mr. Suttor answered,—My honorable colleague, the Minister of Justice, informs me that he has ascertained from the Comptroller-General of Prisons that the person named has been transferred from the gaol at Goulburn to that at Sydney, his attendance being required in Sydney as a witness on behalf of the Crown.

(19.) Bridge over the Lachlan River, at Goolagong:—Mr. Vaughn asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Have repeated representations been made to his Department of the necessity for a bridge over the Lachlan River at Goolagong?

(2.) Did an officer of his Department about June last report that a low-level bridge would be useless, and recommend that one be not erected?

(3.) If so, what is the name of the officer who so reported?

(4.) Did the Government call for tenders for the erection of a low-level bridge over the Hunter River in June last?

(5.) Is not the Hunter River a much larger river than the Lachlan?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) On the 30th August, 1891, a report was received against the erection of a low-level bridge, in which it was stated that such a structure would be jeopardised by every flood, and would be of little convenience to the residents.

(3.) Mr. McDonald, Engineer for Bridges, and Mr. Nardin, Supervising Engineer for the Division, made a joint inspection and report.

(4.) Yes; for a low-level bridge over the Hunter at Dalwood.

(5.) The Commissioner and Engineer-in-Chief for Roads and Bridges reports that the sectional area of the Hunter at Dalwood when in flood is 26,200 square feet. The Lachlan at Goolagong is, under similar circumstances, 41,000 square feet.

(20.) Abolition of the Standard Weight of Coal:—Mr. Edden asked the Secretary for Mines,—Has he yet received any communications from certain coal companies in the northern district showing cause why the standard weight should not be abolished?

Mr. Slattery answered,—Five companies were called upon to show cause. Of these three, namely, the New Lambton, Burwood Extended, and the Lambton, have replied that they pay by weight. Two, namely, the Hetton and the Newcastle Companies, have not yet replied.

(21.) Public School at Huntingdon, Hastings River:—Mr. Young asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Will he cause the papers moved for by Mr. Young on 28th May last, having reference to the reopening of the Public School at Huntingdon, Hastings River, to be laid upon the Table at an early date?

Mr. Suttor answered,—I will see that the papers are laid upon the Table at as early a date as possible.

(22.) Inspectors of Agriculture:—Mr. McCourt, for Mr. Fegan, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Has he appointed any Inspectors of Agriculture?

(2.) If so, what are the names of the gentlemen?

(3.) By whom were they recommended?

(4.) What are their qualifications?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Messrs. A. A. Dunncliffe, E. de P. O'Kelly, Charles de la Motte, and G. E. Hook.

(3.) It is not usual to give the names of gentlemen who recommend applicants for public employment.

(4.) I am satisfied that they have all the necessary qualifications.

(23.) Appointment of Mr. Tulloh in the Civil Service:—Mr. McCourt, for Mr. Fegan, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a gentleman named Tulloh has been appointed to a position in the Public Service with a large salary?

(2.) What are the duties of the office?

(3.) What is the salary attached to it?

(4.) Has the gentleman previously occupied any position in the Public Service?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) As far as I am aware, it is not a fact.

(2.) No appointment having been made, it is impossible to define the duties of the office.

(3.) Nor can the salary be stated.

(4.) I am not aware that a gentleman of the name has occupied any position in the public service.

(24.) The Brush Reserve, Wingham:—Mr. Young asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he cause the papers moved for by Mr. Young on 29th July last, in reference to the reserve known as the Brush, within the town of Wingham, to be laid upon the Table at an early date?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The papers will be laid upon the Table of the House in the course of the present week.

2. BROKEN HILL WATER SUPPLY ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Cann moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the Broken Hill Water Supply Act Amendment 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. Slattery, Mr. Lyne, Mr. Want, Mr. Waddell, Mr. Dickens, Mr. McCourt, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Langwell, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

3. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Dibbs, for Mr. See, moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of a Bill, intituled "A Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1892, and for a Service to be hereafter provided for by Loan," through all its stages in one day; and would also preclude the Resolutions of the Committees of Supply and of Ways and Means respectively, whereon the Bill is proposed to be founded, being received on the same day on which they were come to by the said Committees respectively.

Question put and passed.

4. GENERAL POST OFFICE (APPROACHES IMPROVEMENT) ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Lyne, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Lyne then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to authorise the formation and dedication of a public thoroughfare between Pitt and George Streets, in the city of Sydney, to be called Martin-lane; to resume, subject to compensation, a small portion of land for the purpose of forming such lane; and to amend, in certain respects, the 'General Post Office (Approaches Improvement) Act, 1889,'*"

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 authorise the formation and dedication of a public thoroughfare between Pitt and George Streets, in the city of Sydney, to be called Martin-lane; to resume, subject to compensation, a small portion of land for the purpose of forming such lane; and to amend, in certain respects, the 'General Post Office (Approaches Improvement) Act, 1889,'*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 1st February, 1892.*

5. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Monday, 7th March:—
(1.) Tarrawingee Tramway Act Amendment Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading.
(2.) Albury Racecourse Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading.
6. BROKEN HILL WATER SUPPLY ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Cann (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That Mr. Sydney Smith be added to the Select Committee on the Broken Hill Water Supply Act Amendment Bill.
Question put and passed.

7. PAPERS:—

Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) By-law of the Municipal District of Katoomba.
 - (2.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Braidwood.
 - (3.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Deniliquin.
 - (4.) By-laws of the Borough of North Sydney.
 - (5.) Additional By-law of the Borough of North Botany.
 - (6.) Amended By-laws of the Municipal District of Walcha.
 - (7.) By-laws of the Borough of Hunter's Hill, under the Municipalities Act of 1867 and Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.
 - (8.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Moruya, under the Municipalities Act of 1867 and Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.
 - (9.) By-law under the Public Vehicles Regulation Act of 1873 and Public Vehicles Regulation Act Amendment Acts of 1886 and 1890.
 - (10.) Particulars respecting the Defence Force. (*In substitution for Return on same subject ordered to be printed on 1st December, 1891.*)
 - (11.) Return respecting officers and men in the Military and Naval Forces of the Colony.
 - (12.) Regulations for the entry of men and boys of Australian and New Zealand birth into the Royal Navy.
- Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Slattery laid upon the Table,—Report by Mr. J. W. Boulton, Officer-in-Charge, Water Conservation, respecting artesian boring.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report by Mr. Stanley Alexander, Examiner of Public Works Proposals, on proposed bridge at Wallaga Lake, and proposed wharf at Noorooma.
 - (2.) Return to an Order made on 21st January, 1892,—"*Main Roads through Suburban Municipalities.*"
- Ordered to be printed.

8. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Edden 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 discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "that certain Coal Companies in the Northern district are violating the 19th section of the Coal-mines Regulation Act of 1876."
And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—
Mr. Edden moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.

9. FORFEITURE OF J. J. RAY'S SELECTION IN THE LAND DISTRICT OF WAGGA WAGGA:—Mr. Gormly moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Report from the Select Committee on the "Forfeiture of J. J. Ray's Selection in the Land District of Wagga Wagga," brought up on 10th December, 1891, be now adopted.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

10. PAYMENT OF CIVIL SERVANTS' SALARIES:—Mr. McCourt moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, Civil Servants and all men employed under Government should be paid their salaries every fourteen days, instead of monthly, as at present.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 24.

Mr. Brunker,	Dr. Cullen,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Sheldon,	Mr. Danahy,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Johnston,
Mr. G. D. Clark,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Murphy,	Mr. Hindle.
Mr. Darnley,	
Mr. Gormly,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Bavister,	Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Martin.
Mr. Stevenson,	
Mr. Nobbs,	

Noes, 26.

Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Newton,
Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Hutchison.
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. Nicoll,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Rose,
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	Mr. Dowel.

And so it passed in the negative.

11. LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2):—Mr. Dangar 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 amend the Act to consolidate and amend the Law relating to licensed publicans (25 Victoria No. 14), by restricting the number and situation of bars in each licensed house; the abolition of female labour in such bars; and for other purposes connected therewith.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

12. SPECIAL GRANT TO MUNICIPALITIES:—Mr. Bavister moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause provision to be made on an Additional or Supplementary Estimate for 1891 for the payment to Country and Suburban Municipalities of a further additional grant of 5s. in the £ on the total amount of rates collected by such Municipalities for the Municipal year ended 3rd February, 1891.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

13. PARLIAMENTARY REFRESHMENT ROOM:—Mr. G. D. Clark moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the sale of alcoholic liquors in the Parliamentary refreshment room is unnecessary, and should therefore be discontinued.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Melville,	Mr. Rose,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Colton,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Hindle.
Mr. Dangar,	
Mr. Lonsdale,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Darnley,	Mr. Houghton.
Mr. G. D. Clark,	
Mr. Newman,	
Mr. Schey,	
Mr. Dawson,	
Mr. Rac,	
Mr. Edden,	

Noes, 27.

Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Seo,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Bowman,	Mr. Crick,
Mr. Cruickshank,	Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Traill,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Dickens.
Mr. Lyne,	
Mr. Kelly,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. John Wilkinson.
Mr. Fuller,	

And so it passed in the negative.

14. CONDITIONAL PURCHASE BY MRS. ANN ROUSE, IN THE PARISH OF KAHIBAH:—Mr. Melville, for Mr. Grahamc, moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon all the circumstances attending the conditional purchase of Mrs. Ann Rouse, of 80 acres, situate in the parish of Kahibah, and the forfeiture of the same.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Brunker, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Hassall, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Scott, Mr. Lees, Mr. Hart, Mr. Davis, and the Mover.

(3.) That the Report from the Select Committee of Session 1887-8 be referred to such Committee.

Question put and passed.

15. CONDITIONAL PURCHASE BY ZACHARY BENN, RICHMOND RIVER DISTRICT:—Mr. Ewing 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 conditional purchase of Zachary Benn in the district of the Richmond River, recommended for forfeiture by the Casino Land Board.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Brunker, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Lees, Mr. McCourt, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Danahy, Mr. Murphy, and the Mover.

(3.) That the Report from the Select Committee of Session 1889 be referred to such Committee.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

16. MRS. CUNYNGHAME, LATE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE MACQUARIE-STREET ASYLUM FOR INFIRM AND DESTITUTE, PARRAMATTA:—Mr. Crick moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Report from the Select Committee on “Mrs. Cunynghame, late Superintendent of the Macquarie-street Asylum for Infirm and Destitute, Parramatta,” brought up on the 16th September, 1891, be now adopted.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 11.

Mr. Dangar,	Mr. Stevenson.
Mr. Vaughn,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Nicholson,	
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Crick,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Dickens.
Mr. Hassall,	
Mr. Dawson,	
Mr. Edden,	

Noes, 14.

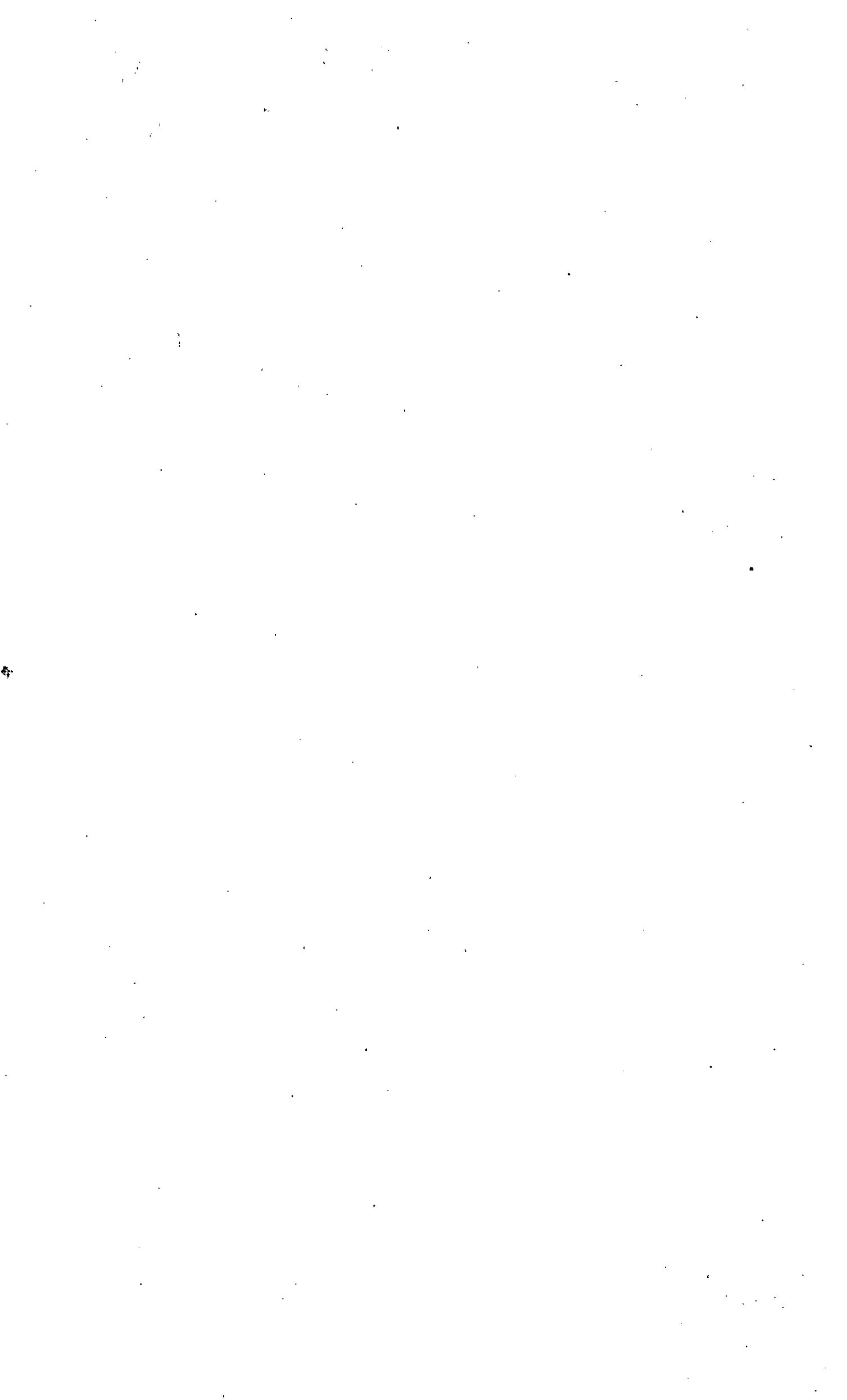
Mr. Bowes,	Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. G. D. Clark.
Mr. Slattery,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Dibbs,	
Mr. Melville,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. John Wilkinson,	Mr. Barbour.

And so it passed in the negative.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,

Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 78.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 2 FEBRUARY, 1892.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Conduct of Sheriff's Officer, Goulburn:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for *Mr. Crick*, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the person holding the position of Sheriff's Officer, District Court Bailiff, and Small Debts Court Bailiff at Goulburn keeps his bank account in his wife's name, and that she draws all cheques thereon, and that all public moneys received by him as such officer and bailiff on behalf of the public are paid into her account?

(2.) Is it a fact that there are several unsatisfied judgments against him?

Mr. Slattery answered,—My honorable colleague, the Minister of Justice, has furnished me with the following answers to these Questions:—

(1.) No. A Public Service Account is kept and operated upon by the officer in question in the ordinary way.

(2.) In view of the answer to the first Question it seems to me unnecessary to inquire into this matter.

- (2.) Public Tolls:—*Mr. Frank Farnell* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In view of the Resolution passed by the Legislative Assembly some time since, in regard to the abolition of public tolls, will he take steps to have the Resolution carried into effect?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I find that the carrying of this Resolution into effect will involve a loss to the revenue of something like £30,000 per annum, and the state of the finances at the present time does not justify the surrender of so large a sum.

- (3.) Gradients on Railway from Redfern to Darling Harbour and Proposed Railway from Hyde Park to Circular Quay:—*Mr. Houghton* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What is the gradient, and the length of such gradient, on the branch railway from the Redfern Station to Darling Harbour station, on which recently a train got beyond the control of the driver and ran into a stationary train?

(2.) What is the gradient of the proposed city line from Hyde Park and King-street to Circular Quay, recommended by the late City Railway Commission?

Mr. See answered,—The gradient on the Darling Harbour branch referred to is 1 in 37 for 3 chains and 1 in 40 for 10 chains. The gradients on the city line referred to by the City Commission are as follows, starting from Redfern end:—1 in 100, 9 chains; level, 3 chains; 1 in 100, 12 chains; level, 1 chain; 1 in 100, 27 chains; 1 in 500, 14½ chains; level, 7 chains; 1 in 45, 32 chains; level, 12 chains.

- (4.) Patents Bill:—*Mr. Houghton* asked the Minister of Justice,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a new Patents Bill; if so, when?

Mr. Slattery answered,—My honorable colleague, the Minister of Justice, informs me that he has not considered the matter as yet, but will be glad to receive any suggestions the Honorable Member may have to make for the amendment of the existing Law of Patents.

- (5.) Gas and Meters supplied by Australian Gas Company:—*Mr. Johnston* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that dissatisfaction exists among gas consumers, both as to the quality of the gas supplied by, and to the reading of the meters of, the Australian Gaslight Company; if so, will the Government consider the advisableness of appointing a Government Inspector to inspect the gas, and also the gas-meters?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I am not aware that dissatisfaction exists among gas consumers with regard to gas supplied or the reading of the meters. The Honorable Member may have some private information, and if he will supply it to me I will consider the matter.

(6.)

(6.) **Military Estimates**:—Mr. Sheldon asked the Colonial Secretary:—Will he cause to be laid upon the Table of this House a Schedule of the Military Estimates prepared in the following form, viz.:—

(a) The rank and name of each officer, warrant-officer, non-commissioned officer, and clerk of the Staff to be shown with all salaries and allowances under one Schedule?

(b) The rank and name of each officer and warrant-officer of the Artillery Force, and the number of each grade of non-commissioned officers and men, together with all salaries and allowances, to be shown in the same way?

(c) Each branch of the service, to be shown in the same way, excepting where allowances are uniform?

(d) No officer, warrant-officer, or non-commissioned officer of the Staff or Permanent Force to appear on more than one Schedule?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I have given instructions for a Return to be prepared, giving the desired information, which will be laid upon the Table as soon as it is ready.

(7.) **Officer Commanding Military Instructors**:—Mr. Wright asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What is the name of the officer mentioned in the Military Estimates as commanding Military Instructors?

(2.) What allowances does he receive, and their equivalent in money, in addition to his salary of £550 per annum?

(3.) Does this officer hold any other military appointment; if so, will he state the nature of same, and the salary and allowances attached to it?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Officer Commanding the Military Forces:—

(1.) Major Walter Stanbury Churchward.

(2.) Lodging allowance, £120; forage allowance, £64; stabling allowance, £50; fuel and light allowance, £23 4s.; ration allowance, £18 2s.; and use of a soldier servant.

(3.) Firemaster; but receives no salary or allowances for same.

(8.) **Mr. H. B. Macklin, Inspector of Agriculture**:—Mr. Cotton asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a Mr. H. B. Macklin has been appointed to the position of Inspector of Agriculture?

(2.) Has that gentleman at any time been engaged in the Public Service of this Colony; if so, in what capacity was he employed, and under what circumstances did he leave the Service?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) Mr. Macklin was appointed, and his appointment was subsequently cancelled.

(2.) In the circumstances it is unnecessary to answer this Question.

(9.) **Leasing System on New Gold-fields**:—Mr. Houghton, for Mr. Morgan, asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is it the intention of the Government, in view of the strong feeling by the legitimate miners of this Colony in that direction, to do away with the leasing system on new gold-fields in the new Mining Bill proposed to be introduced next Session?

Mr. Slattery answered,—It is intended during the recess to prepare a Bill relating to mining, and then the matter will receive due consideration.

(10.) **Hours for Duty of Country Police—Uniforms**:—Mr. Stevenson, for Mr. Crick, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What are the usual hours for duty of the country police?

(2.) Will he consider the advisability of members of the police force in country parts having shorter hours?

(3.) Has he under consideration the question of the adoption of uniforms more suited to our climate than the ones at present in use?

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

(1.) Eight hours as a rule.

(2.) There seems to be no reason to think they are overworked.

(3.) The following summer undress uniform is the coolest that can be designed for hot climates:—Pith helmet, light serge jumper, white duck, or blue serge trousers.

(11.) **Inspectors of Agriculture**:—Mr. Gould, for Mr. Carruthers, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) What are the names of the gentlemen appointed to the position of Inspectors of Agriculture, and at what pay?

(2.) Has any person been appointed, and has his appointment been since cancelled, and for what reason?

(3.) What were the previous occupations of the gentlemen appointed, so far as he is informed?

(4.) By whom were the several appointments recommended?

(5.) Have any of the persons appointed held any previous appointments in the Department; if so, for how long, and at what pay?

(6.) Has the Director of Agriculture, or any other officer of the Department, reported upon the qualifications of the persons appointed; if so, what is the nature of the report in each case?

(7.) Has any appointment been made to any position in connection with the Agricultural College at the Hawkesbury since he took office, and either permanently or temporarily?

(8.) Is any person appointed to the college at any time recently a relative of the Minister; and has he been removed; and for what reason?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) Messrs. Dunncliffe, O'Kelly, De la Motte, and Hook, at £300 per annum.

(2.) As the Honorable Member himself was the first to complain of the appointment referred to, he knows the reason why the appointment in question was cancelled.

(3.) Each has had much agricultural experience.

(4.)

(4.) It is not usual to give the names of gentlemen who recommend applicants for public employment.

(5.) Yes—Mr. Dunningliffe, temporary clerk, at £2 10s. per week; length of service, one year and eleven months. Mr. De la Motte was, during the Christmas and New Year of 1890–91, engaged on trial to inspect and report on certain experimental wheat plots in the country, for which he received an honorarium of £5 and travelling expenses at the rate of 12s. per day.

(6.) From the reports and testimonials submitted to me, I am perfectly satisfied that all the gentlemen appointed are well qualified for the position of inspector.

(7.) Yes. Mrs. Dallas, appointed assistant house-keeper; commenced duty, 1/2/92. Mr. A. Gibson, appointed farm overseer; not yet commenced duty. Mr. H. C. Quodling, appointed to take charge of experiments in practical agriculture; not yet commenced duty. Mr. G. P. Lush, appointed book-keeper and registrar; not yet commenced duty.

(8.) No relative of mine has been appointed at any time to the college.

(12.) Undue Violence used by the Police:—Mr. Cotton asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that in cases where persons complain to the Inspector-General of having been treated with undue violence or assaulted by the police, the Inspector-General has no power to deal with such charges, even when supported by statutory declarations, and that no redress is obtainable except in a court of law?

(2.) Are the members of the Police Force at liberty to treat such people in any way they please?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) The Police Regulations, which are framed under the Act, and have the force of law, provide that “cases of breach of Police discipline will be dealt with by an officer of Police. Offences against the public, or where magistrates have clear jurisdiction, will be always submitted to a Local Magistrate or Bench of magistrates unconnected with the Force.” The Inspector-General of Police has power of dismissal when the circumstances justify him in exercising it.

(2.) Certainly not; but they have a right to be brought face to face with their accusers, and to defend themselves by sworn testimony of witnesses. The Inspector-General cannot take evidence on oath.

(13.) Claims for Land resumed at Arncliffe in connection with Western Suburbs Sewerage:—Mr. Alfred Allen, for Mr. Lonsdale, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What claims (if any) for land resumed at Arncliffe for the purposes of the Western Suburbs sewer are still unsettled?

(2.) What amount of compensation has been claimed in such cases?

(3.) What is the amount of the Government valuations, and of the offers made by the Government?

(4.) Is there any intention to increase the offers on behalf of the Government; and, if so, why?

(5.) In cases of claims already settled, has the Government refused to pay more than the amount of the Government valuations?

Mr. Lyne answered,—This information will be prepared in the shape of a Return, and laid upon the Table of the House in due course.

2. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

(1.) Rutland Flux Tramway Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—until To-morrow.

(2.) Eight Hours Bill, reported; adoption of report;—until To-morrow.

(3.) Australian Gaslight Company Electric Lighting and Supply Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—until Monday, 7th March.

(4.) Land Company of Australasia (Limited) Railway Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—until Monday next.

3. LAND BOILERS INSPECTION BILL:—On motion of Mr. Johnston, the Order of the Day in reference to the introduction of this Bill discharged.

4. PAPERS:—

Mr. See laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report of Railway Commissioners for quarter ended 31st December, 1891.

(2.) Schedule to the Estimates-in-Chief for 1892, showing total remuneration received by all public officers who hold more than one office, or who received any fees, special allowances, quarters, fuel or light, in addition to their fixed annual salaries, during the year 1891.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—Information respecting Census and Industrial Returns Act of 1891. Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report by Commander F. Howard, R.N., Marine Surveyor to the Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers, on Coff's Harbour.

(2.) Report by Mr. Stanley Alexander, Examiner of Public Works Proposals, on the trade and resources of the districts served by the Moruya River.

Ordered to be printed.

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

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

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

Ordered,

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:—

(3.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £974,900, being £594,900 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of January or following month of the year 1892, to be expended at the rates which have been sanctioned for the year 1891, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1892; £100,000 to enable the Treasurer to make advances to Public Officers, and on account of other Governments, and to pay expenses of an unforeseen nature, which will afterwards be submitted for Parliamentary appropriation—the whole amount to be adjusted not later than the 31st December, 1893; £180,000 to meet wages to become due to Railway employees, and for Railway Services generally during the month of February, 1892, and in anticipation of Loan Vote, £100,000 for Railways—additions, alterations, and improvements to roads, stations, and buildings.

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

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

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, that the report be now received.

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

(9.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Services of the year 1892 the sum of £974,900 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

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

7. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 2)**:—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. See, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 9), to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1892, and for a Service to be hereafter provided for by Loan.

(2.) Mr. See then *presented* a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1892, and for a Service to be hereafter provided for by Loan*,"—which was read a first time.

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

(3.) Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

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

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

Mr. See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1892, and for a Service to be hereafter provided for by Loan*."

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1892, and for a Service to be hereafter provided for by Loan*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 3rd February, 1892, a.m.*

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at ten minutes after One o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

J. P. ABBOTT
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 79.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 3 FEBRUARY, 1892.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Railway Employees in the Penrith District:—Mr. Lees asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
 (1.) Is it a fact that a circular, dated 11th June, 1887, No. 8 M.P., 87-144 B., was issued, informing officials and servants in the Railway Department (Penrith District) that so far as the conditions of their employment were concerned in their relation to the increases of salaries or wages they would be suspended during that year?
 (2.) Did certain officials receive increases due that year, in accordance with their condition of employment, notwithstanding such circular?
 (3.) Is it also a fact that certain servants did not receive increases of wages in accordance with the same conditions of employment for that year?
 (4.) If so, will he take such steps as will bring about equal rights in these respects?

Mr. See answered,—I am asked to point out that this is a matter which was dealt with prior to the Railway Commissioners taking office. The railway records show that the classification of railway employees, so far as it referred to increases of pay, was suspended generally during the year 1887. The Commissioners are not aware if any exceptions were made, and it is not considered desirable to re-open a matter which was so long ago decided.

- (2.) Exportation of Grapes to Victoria:—Mr. Scobie asked the Secretary for Mines,—Has any action yet been taken to get the Victorian law altered so as to allow New South Wales grapes to be sent to Victoria, as phylloxera is not known to exist here at present?

Mr. Slattery answered,—In view of the fact that a fresh outbreak is reported to have occurred, and the Minister has authorised the issue of a proclamation declaring the whole of the county of Cumberland an infested district, it would be useless at present to approach the Victorian Government in the manner desired.

- (3.) Picturesque Atlas Company (Limited):—Mr. Nobbs, for Mr. Frank Farnell, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Will he cause to be laid upon the Table of this House a return of all the summonses issued by the Picturesque Atlas Company (Limited) against the public throughout the Colony of New South Wales, together with the verdicts in the Company's favour, the verdicts against, the non-suits accepted, and the grounds upon which they were given in each instance?

(2.) Will he also cause the original order in each and every instance which the said Company tendered in Court in support of their cases to be impounded and subjected to the scrutiny of experts as to the genuineness of the signatures?

Mr. Slattery answered,—My honorable colleague, the Minister of Justice, has furnished me with the following answer:—An answer to certain questions, including the above, was given on the 21st January last to the Honorable Member in the Legislative Assembly, and it appears to me that that answer is applicable to all of the questions then asked.

- (4.) Murder in Lower George-street:—Mr. Kelly asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it his intention to offer a reward for the apprehension of the persons who brutally murdered the man Anderson in Lower George-street?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—Immediately the inquest, now pending, is concluded, the desirability of offering a Government reward will be considered.

2. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
 (1.) Eight Hours Bill, reported; adoption of report;—until Tuesday next.
 (2.) Racing Association Bill; second reading;—until Monday, 22nd February.
3. **BROKEN HILL WATER SUPPLY ACT AMENDMENT BILL** :—
 (1.) Mr. Parkes presented a Petition from the Broken Hill and District Water Supply Company (Limited) of Sydney, representing that the Broken Hill Water Supply Act Amendment Bill will, if passed into law, injuriously affect and prejudice them; and praying the House not to pass the said Bill.
 Petition received.
- (2.) Mr. Parkes then presented another Petition from the Broken Hill and District Water Supply Company (Limited) of Sydney, praying for leave to appear in person, or by Solicitor or Counsel, before the Select Committee now considering the Broken Hill Water Supply Act Amendment Bill, and if necessary to adduce such evidence and send for such persons and papers as the Petitioners may be advised, and to examine and cross-examine witnesses called before the said Committee.
 Petition received.
 Mr. Parkes (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the prayer of the Petitioners be granted.
 Question put and passed.
4. **PAPER** :—Mr. See laid upon the Table, Return showing cost of Government advertising during the year 1890.
 Ordered to be printed.
5. **ADJOURNMENT** :—Mr. Fegan 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 discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the necessity for an amended Coal-mines Bill.”
 And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—
 Mr. Fegan moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Point of Order :—Mr. Speaker ruled that as this subject had been discussed on a previous occasion this Session the present motion was out of order. He based his decision upon a ruling given by Mr. Speaker Peel in the House of Commons, on 8th July, 1889, when, under similar circumstances, he stated that the motion “would be contrary not only to the form but to the spirit of the Standing Order, and that he should take upon himself the responsibility of not putting it.”
6. **CUSTOMS DUTIES BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 4 FEBRUARY, 1892, A.M.

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

7. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 2)** :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—
 MR. SPEAKER,—
 The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled “*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1892, and for a Service to be hereafter provided for by Loan,*”—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.
 Legislative Council Chamber,
 Sydney, 3rd February, 1892.
- JOHN LACKEY,
 President.
8. **CHILDRENS PROTECTION BILL AND INFANTS PROTECTION BILL** :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—
 MR. SPEAKER,—
 The Legislative Council having appointed a Select Committee on the “*Childrens Protection Bill*” and “*Infants Protection Bill,*” and that Committee being desirous to examine Joseph Hector Carruthers, Esquire, a Member of the Legislative Assembly, in reference thereto, requests that the Legislative Assembly will give leave to its said Member to attend and be examined by the said Committee on such day and days as shall be arranged between him and the said Committee.
 Legislative Council Chamber,
 Sydney, 3rd February, 1892.
- JOHN LACKEY,
 President.
- Mr. Dibbs moved, That Joseph Hector Carruthers, Esquire, have leave to attend and give evidence before the Select Committee of the Legislative Council on the “*Childrens Protection Bill*” and “*Infants Protection Bill,*” if he think fit.
 Question put and passed.

Ordered,

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

In answer to the Message from the Legislative Council, dated 3rd instant, requesting leave for Joseph Hector Carruthers, Esquire, a Member of the Legislative Assembly, to attend and be examined before a Select Committee of the Legislative Council on the "Childrens Protection Bill" and "Infants Protection Bill," the Assembly acquaints the Council that leave has been granted to its said Member to attend and be examined by the said Committee, if he think fit.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 4th February, 1892, a.m.*

9. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Dibbs moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at eleven minutes before Two o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 80.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 4 FEBRUARY, 1892.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Baldwin Locomotives:—*Mr. Edden*, for Mr. Hutchison, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Baldwin locomotives, which were said to be a failure for the purpose for which they were intended, are now doing their work satisfactorily?

(2.) Is it a fact that the Baldwin Company have effected all the necessary alterations, and put them in thorough order to the entire satisfaction of the Commissioners, at the Company's own cost?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) I am informed that the Baldwin engines are doing excellent work, and have made heavy mileages since commencing to run.

(2.) The only defect of importance in the engines was in connection with the material in the bogie axles, and these are being changed at the expense of the Baldwin Company in the workshops of the Department, sufficient retention money being in the hands of the Commissioners to pay for any work which might be necessary, and be fairly chargeable to the contractors.

- (2.) Committal of William Wheeler from Coolah to Mudgee and Bathurst:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Was one William Wheeler, a selector, tried at Mudgee in April last, under committal from Coolah, about 50 miles from Mudgee, bound over to appear at Circuit Court, Mudgee, before His Honor the Chief Justice in October last, and then again placed on his trial; and did Mr. Field, the Crown Prosecutor, then apply to have Wheeler bound over to appear at Bathurst, the Chief Justice declining to do so, as it would be unfair to the prisoner, and was he bound over to appear at next Circuit Court to be holden at Mudgee?

(2.) Has the said William Wheeler, notwithstanding, received notice to appear at Bathurst in February next, 150 miles further than Mudgee, and 200 miles and over from where the prisoner and witnesses reside?

(3.) Was a son of the prosecutor, a squatter (he having since died), placed on his trial at Mudgee in October last for incest, in the absence of the principal witness, who was well known to police not to be in readiness, and acquitted, and was another charge withdrawn against him at suggestion of Crown Prosecutor?

(4.) Is it a fact that the prisoner's witnesses, bound over at Court of Quarter Sessions in April last, were by Crown Law Officers neglected to be served with their notices, and is it also a fact that they have not now been served?

(5.) Is it not an unusual proceeding to place a man on his trial a third time?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) Wheeler was tried for sheep-stealing at Mudgee Circuit Court in April last, and the jury disagreed. He was tried again before the Chief Justice in October, and the jury again disagreed. The Crown Prosecutor, who did not apply to have Wheeler bound over to appear at Bathurst, suggested that he should be tried again at the same Court. The Chief Justice, however, considered that this might be inconvenient to the accused, and that he would have a better opportunity of raising funds for his defence if he were not put on his trial again at once. Wheeler was, therefore, bound over to appear at the next Mudgee Circuit Court, or at such other time and place as the Attorney-General might appoint.

(2.) On full consideration of the case, and the facts which have come to my knowledge, I have directed that Wheeler be tried again, and at the Bathurst Quarter Sessions on the 8th instant. Bathurst is by rail seven hours journey further from Coolah than Mudgee is. The Bathurst Quarter Sessions take place two months earlier than the next Mudgee Circuit Court.

(3.)

(3.) Gordon Phillip Jones, a son of the person whose sheep Wheeler is accused of having stolen was placed on his trial at Mudgee in October last, there being two separate indictments against him for indecent assault on each of his two sisters. The eldest girl, the principal witness in the case tried, went into the box and swore that no assault whatever took place, and the Chief Justice then stopped the case, and Jones was at once acquitted. One of the other witnesses absconded at the last moment, but I have no reason whatever to believe that this was with the cognizance of the police. If this witness had remained the result of the case must have been the same. As to the second charge, it was ascertained that the younger girl would swear in the same way as her sister had done, and that there would have been no possibility of a conviction, and therefore the prosecution was of necessity abandoned.

(4.) There was no neglect in the matter. It is not usual when an accused person is remanded to bind over witnesses for the defence, unless on application by or on behalf of the accused. Messrs. Clarke and Son (Wheeler's solicitors) were informed several days ago that certain witnesses named by them, and also any others, who could give material evidence in his behalf, would be subpoenaed on application being made in the usual way.

(5.) Accused persons are placed on their trial again after two or even more disagreements of juries, under special circumstances of which I hesitate to give instances. Pending the trial, moreover, I do not feel justified in making public the circumstances which impelled me to order a further trial in this case, unless the Honorable Member specially asks for them, which I venture to recommend him not to do.

(3.) Pensions to Warders Darby and Kelly, Darlinghurst Gaol:—Mr. Johnston asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that Anthony Darby and a Mr. Kelly have had at the rate of 9s. or 10s. a month stopped from their pension after having served for the period of twenty-one years as first-class warders in Darlinghurst Gaol?

(2.) Is it a fact that other warders who have only served seventeen years at second-class grade are receiving the full amount of their pension?

(3.) Will he cause inquiry to be made into the matter?

Mr. Slattery answered,—My honorable colleague, the Minister of Justice, has furnished me with the following answer:—I am informed by the Secretary to the Civil Service Board that there has been no stoppage from the pensions of Messrs. Darby and Kelly, who receive the full pensions to which they are entitled, under the Civil Service Act of 1884. According to the papers in their cases they retired voluntarily. There is no record of any second-grade warder who has only served seventeen years enjoying a full pension, which, it is assumed, means that the 4 per cent. on back salary had been paid by the Government. James Roche appears to be the only warder who has had this concession made to him, and he was a first-class warder with over twenty-seven years service.

(4.) Railway Management:—Mr. McCourt asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will the Government, in view of the various and definite charges made by Honorable Members against the railway management, endeavour to give an opportunity to discuss a motion for the appointment of a Select Committee to inquire into the management of our railways, with regard to contracts and alterations to lines?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I have received from the Chief Commissioner of Railways an answer to the Honorable Member's Question. I have read it very carefully, and it appears to me to furnish a complete answer to the statements made the other night by various Honorable Members on this subject. The statement made by the Commissioners is rather too lengthy for me to read in the shape of a reply to the Question of the honorable gentleman; but I propose to lay it upon the Table, and to move that it be printed. I should like also to lay upon the Table a photograph of the style of brickwork being done at the tunnel. This fully answers the statements made by the Honorable Member for Camden. I ask Honorable Members to study these documents, especially in view of what was said the other evening.

(5.) Female Pupil-teachers:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for Dr. Hollis, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Are the female pupil-teachers of the Public Instruction Department, though required to pursue a course of study as difficult, and to perform duties as arduous, as those of male pupil-teachers, only allowed a considerably smaller salary?

(2.) If such is the case will he consider the advisableness of raising the salaries of the female pupil-teachers?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

(1.) Female pupil-teachers perform duties of as arduous a character as male pupil-teachers. The course of study is not fully as difficult. The salary is not so large.

(2.) After full consideration of the whole matter, I do not think it advisable to make any alteration in the rate of payment to pupil-teachers at the present time. I may be permitted to add that one reason why female-teachers do not receive as large a salary as the male teachers—and it does not imply any reflection upon them that they do not—is that the male teachers are considered more really fixed to the Department, for whatever their condition in life they will probably remain teachers. Female teachers are likely to marry (and no one in the position of a Minister would wish them not to do so), and their marriage generally brings about a severance with the Department. Male teachers can be sent into parts of the Colony where female teachers could not be expected to go. That is another reason for a difference in salary.

(6.) Nowra to Yalwal Road:—*Mr. Morton* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What is the amount of the yearly grant for the Nowra to Yalwal Road?

(2.) How much money was spent on this road in 1890 and in 1891?

Mr. Suttor answered,—A Return will be prepared, giving the information required, and laid upon the Table of the House in due course.

(7.) *Regina v. McLeod*:—Dr. Cullen asked the Attorney-General,—Is it his intention to take any further steps with regard to the case of *Regina v. McLeod*, or with regard to the proceedings on appeals in general from the decisions of the Supreme Court of this Colony?

Mr. Slattery answered,—The case of *Regina v. McLeod* is finally determined by the judgment of the Privy Council in respect of the charge of bigamy. As to the question of causing appellants to expedite their appeals in certain cases, correspondence has taken place and continues. The Honorable and learned Member's Question is somewhat vague, but I shall be glad to be placed in possession of his views, or to afford him any information at my command on its general subject, if he will communicate with me.

(8.) Agricultural College at the Hawkesbury:—*Mr. Hindle*, for Mr. Cotton, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Was an appointment in connection with the Agricultural College at the Hawkesbury offered to a Mr. Guy?

(2.) If so, what was the nature of the appointment, and what was the proposed salary?

(3.) Did Mr. Guy at any time, or for any period, perform or attend to perform the duties appertaining to such a position?

(4.) Was any report obtained as to Mr. Guy's competency or fitness for the position, either before or after his appointment, or offer of appointment; if so, from whom was such report obtained, and what was the nature of it?

(5.) Was Mr. Guy an applicant for the position offered to him?

(6.) Has he passed the examinations prescribed by the Civil Service Act?

(7.) Were applications invited for the position which was offered to Mr. Guy?

(8.) To whom has the appointment been subsequently offered?

(9.) Was Mr. Guy in the Government service when the appointment was offered to him; if not, in what employment was he?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Book-keeper and Registrar.

(3, 4, 5, 6, and 9.) As Mr. Guy refused to accept the position it is unnecessary to answer these Questions.

(7.) No.

(8.) Mr. George P. Lush, who was recommended by the principal of the college as well qualified for the position.

2. NOWRA COURT-HOUSE SITE (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Morton* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a copy of the district surveyor's report on the Nowra Court-house site.
Question put and passed.

3. ABOLITION OF THE OFFICE OF COLONIAL ARCHITECT (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Houghton* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a copy of the communication from Mr. James Barnet, late Colonial Architect, to the Under Secretary for Public Works, dated 30th June, 1890, respecting the proposed abolition of the office of Colonial Architect.
Question put and passed.

4. CLOSING OF WALKER-STREET NORTH, AND EXTENSION OF BELLEVUE-STREET, ST. LEONARDS (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Vaughn* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House all plans, papers, documents, and reports referring to the closing of Walker-street North, St. Leonards, and the extension of Bellevue-street through vacant Crown land.
Question put and passed.

5. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Monday next:—

(1.) Law Practitioners Bill reported; adoption of report.

(2.) Simpson's Railway Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.

(3.) Lessees Land Purchase Bill; second reading.

6. PAPERS:—

Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report of the Royal Commission on Alleged Chinese Gambling and Charges of Bribery against Members of the Police Force.

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Return respecting statements made by Mr. McCourt, M.P., against the Railway Commissioners.

Mr. Dibbs moved, That the Document be printed.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Mr. Suttor laid upon the Table,—Notifications of Resumptions, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of Land for Public School Purposes at Cowlong, Heathcote, Koppin Yarratt, Lindendale, Teralba, Tumbulgum, and Walcha.

Mr. Slattery laid upon the Table,—Progress Stock Return for the year 1891.

Ordered to be printed.

7. CONDITIONAL PURCHASE BY JAMES YOUNG, AT GOSFORD:—*Mr. Stevenson*, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 21st December, 1891.

Ordered to be printed.

8. APPLICATION FOR A FREE PASS MADE BY MR. BLACK, M.P.:—Mr. Crick, as Chairman of the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the "Application for a Free Pass made by Mr. Black, M.P." stated that he was directed by the Committee to inform the House that Mr. Haynes, Mr. Murphy, and Mr. E. M. Clark, Members of this House, had failed to attend the Committee in response to the customary request addressed to them.

Mr. Speaker read to the House a Resolution of the Commons of 16th March, 1688,—

"That if any Member of the House refuse, upon being sent to, to come to give evidence or information as a witness to a Committee, the Committee ought to acquaint the House therewith, and not summon such Member to attend the Committee."

He also quoted from "May's Parliamentary Practice" to show that there has been no instance in the Commons of a Member persisting in a refusal to give evidence; but Members there have been ordered by the House to attend Select Committees. He hoped that this intimation of the practice would induce the Members named to comply with the request of the Committee.

9. CUSTOMS DUTIES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that a Point of Order had arisen in the Committee, and obtained leave to sit again after the decision of the House thereon.

Point of Order:—The Chairman stated that Schedule C was under consideration when Mr. Garvan moved that certain articles, including "Coach and buggy building material, poles, shafts, spokes, carriage and buggy springs, carriage lamps, &c.," be added to the Free List. A question arose as to such amendment being in order, and he, the Chairman, gave his opinion that it was out of order, because it was inconsistent with the Committee's previous action in Schedule A in fixing a duty of £15 for every £100 on the value of "Carriages (whole or in parts) including Buggies, Barouches, Chaises, Dogcarts, Gigs, and Tilburys." His opinion being dissented from by the Committee, the matter was referred for the decision of the House.

Mr. Speaker stated that the general rule was that no question could be a second time moved upon which the judgment of the House had already been expressed, and therefore no resolution or Bill could be introduced which proposed to do what the House had declared should not be done; that when the House had already done a particular thing, that thing could neither be undone nor otherwise done; and that when the House had refused to do a particular thing, that thing could not be done. In this case the Committee had decided upon the duty upon carriages (whole or in parts), and the proposed amendment was not consistent with that decision, inasmuch as it proposed to exempt parts of carriages. He therefore coincided with the opinion expressed by the Chairman.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Committee resumed.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported that another Point of Order had been taken in the Committee, and obtained leave to sit again when a decision thereon had been given.

Point of Order:—The Chairman stated that during the consideration of Schedule C of the Bill an amendment was proposed to insert "water" in the Free List, which amendment he declined to submit, as it appeared to him intended to turn the proceedings of the Committee into a farce. Exception being taken to his refusal, his action was referred to the House for its consideration.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said that he perfectly agreed with the Chairman (whose duty it was to determine whether an amendment was intended to make the Bill effective or ridiculous) that the amendment was not such as should be proposed to the Committee.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Committee resumed.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after midnight,—

FRIDAY, 5 FEBRUARY, 1892, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments. Ordered, that the adoption of the report stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

10. GENERAL POST OFFICE (APPROACHES IMPROVEMENT) ACT AMENDMENT 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 authorise the formation and dedication of a public thoroughfare between Pitt and George Streets, in the city of Sydney, to be called Martin-lans; to resume, subject to compensation, a small portion of land for the purpose of forming such lane; and to amend, in certain respects, the 'General Post Office (Approaches Improvement) Act, 1889,'*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 4th February, 1892.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

11. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Judicial Offices Bill postponed until Tuesday next.

The House adjourned, at twenty-four minutes after Twelve o'clock a.m., until Monday next at Four o'clock.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 81.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, 8 FEBRUARY, 1892.

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

QUESTION :—

- (1.) Advertising on the Railways and Tramways :—Mr. Hoyle asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What amount of rent do the Commissioners for Railways receive for the right of advertising on the railways of New South Wales?
 - (2.) When was the existing contract let, and for what term?
 - (3.) Have the Commissioners arranged to cancel the contract prior to the termination of the lease; if so, when?
 - (4.) What compensation is being paid for such cancellation?
 - (5.) For what term was the contract let for the right to advertise on the tram-cars?
 - (6.) What was the annual rent paid to the Commissioners for such right?
 - (7.) For what period did the Tramway Advertising Department (inaugurated by the Commissioners) conduct the advertising on the tram-cars?
 - (8.) What was the income therefrom, and what were the disbursements during the same period?
 - (9.) What was the number of tram-tickets annually used; and the number let by the Department for advertising thereon; and the income derived from the same?
 - (10.) What reasons do the Commissioners assign for abolishing the annual income available from these several sources?

Mr. See answered,—This information will be laid upon the Table of the House in the form of a Return.

2. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
- (1.) Segenhoe Estate Irrigation Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—to follow the Order of the Day (No. 2) for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion for the second reading of the Divorce Amendment and Extension Bill.
 - (2.) Rutland Flux Tramway Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—until To-morrow.
 - (3.) Jamberoo and Kiama Boroughs Naming Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Legislative Council's amendments;—until Monday, 7th March.
 - (4.) Silkstone Coal-mine Railway Act Amending Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until Monday, 15th February.
3. PAPERS :—Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Return respecting expenditure on the Nowra to Yalwal Road.
 - (2.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Manly Cove, county of Cumberland, for and in connection with the supply of water to the village of Manly.
 - (3.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parishes of Petersham, Botany, and St. George, county of Cumberland, in connection with a way of access to the land reclaimed at Shea's Creek and Cook's River.
 - (4.) Return respecting claims for land resumed at Arncliffe for the Western Suburbs sewer.
- Ordered to be printed.
4. DIVORCE AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION BILL :—The Order of the day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Neild, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—
- And the Question being again proposed,—
- The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Question

Question put,—That this Bill be now read a second time.

The House divided.

Ayes, 36.

Noes, 20.

Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Barton,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Levien,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Collins,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Darnley,

Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Dr. Cullen,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Evc,
Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Bavister,
Mr. G. D. Clark.

Tellers,

Mr. Neild,
Mr. Cann.]

Mr. Willis,
Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. See,
Mr. Gough,
Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Newman,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. O'Sullivan.

Tellers,

Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Molesworth.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

TUESDAY, 9 FEBRUARY, 1892, A.M.

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

Mr. Neild moved, That the report be now adopted.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 26.

Noes, 6.

Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Barton,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Scobie,
Dr. Cullen,
Mr. Eve,

Mr. Traill,
Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Schey.

Tellers,

Mr. Rac,
Mr. Neild.

Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Rose.

Tellers,

Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Newman.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

The House adjourned, at Two o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 82.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 9 FEBRUARY, 1892.

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

ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) General Post Office (Approaches Improvement) Act Amendment Bill:—

JERSEY,

Message No. 40.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the formation and dedication of a public thoroughfare between Pitt and George Streets, in the city of Sydney, to be called Martin-lane; to resume, subject to compensation, a small portion of land for the purpose of forming such lane; and to amend, in certain respects, the 'General Post Office (Approaches Improvement) Act, 1889,'*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 6th February, 1892.

- (2.) Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill (No. 2):—

JERSEY,

Message No. 41.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1892, and for a Service to be hereafter provided for by Loan,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 6th February, 1892.

2. TOLLS ON STOCK BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Slattery, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

JERSEY,

Message No. 42.

Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to impose a Toll on Stock, and for other purposes connected therewith.

Government House,

Sydney, 9th February, 1892.

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

3. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Gold Lease No. 53, at Swamp Oak:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is it a fact that gold lease No. 53, at Swamp Oak, was recently sold by order of the Warden's Court, and purchased by Hugh McNeill?

(2.) Is it also a fact that efforts are now being made to upset the warden's decision, and cancel the sale to McNeill?

(3.) What reason is assigned for this effort to upset the warden's decision?

(4.) Will he have an inquiry made into the peculiar circumstances surrounding this case before he decides upon the request made to him to cancel the warden's action?

Mr.

Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) Yes; purchased by McNeill and Kean.
- (2.) This is not known in this office, but the warden will be asked for a report.
- (3.) Same as 2.
- (4.) Yes.

(2.) Customs Duties :—*Dr. Ross*, for Mr. Chanter, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Has his attention been directed to the disparity existing between the import duties now levied upon wheat and flour?
- (2.) Is it his intention to revise the tariff early next Session?
- (3.) If so, will he then undertake to adjust the import duties by imposing such increased duty upon flour as to fairly balance that imposed upon wheat?

Mr. See answered,—This matter will receive attention during the recess.

(3.) Cook's River Road Tramway :—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Eve, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What is the total cost of the tramway line laid down for shunting purposes on the Cook's River Road?

Mr. See answered,—I am informed there is no separate tram-line laid down for shunting purposes on the Newtown Road. If the Honorable Member wishes any information as to the junction arrangements, &c., on the Cook's River Road tram, the Commissioners would be glad if he would call upon them, when plans of the line, &c., could be seen, and any information desired given.

(4.) Conditional Purchases and Conditional and Annual Leases :—*Mr. Booth* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) How many conditional purchases, conditional leases, and annual leases were taken up in the parishes of Dapper, Tucklan, Cobauraguy, Medway, Dunedoo, Spring Creek, Boomely, Cobbora, Adelyne, Blackheath, and Taylor during the years 1890 and 1891?
- (2.) What were the dates of applications, and names of applicants?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The information sought will be furnished in the form of a Return if moved for in the usual manner.

(5.) Central Fruit Market :—*Dr. Ross* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to take any steps at an early date to rebuild a suitable central fruit market on the old police office site between George and York Streets, adjoining the Town Hall; if not, when and for what purpose is the old site likely to be utilised in the interest of the general public in place of remaining as at present?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—It is not the intention of the Government to deal with the question of fruit markets. This is one of those things which should, I think, be left to private enterprise.

(6.) Railway Bridges between Barber's Creek and Carrick :—*Mr. Johnston* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it a fact that the railway bridges from Barber's Creek to Carrick have had to be strutted with cabbage-tree gums?

Mr. See answered,—I am informed that it is not a fact.

(7.) Reclamation of Foreshores of Bays and Harbours :—*Mr. Darnley* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that reclamation rights are issued to private owners of land, giving them power to reclaim the foreshores of our bays and harbours; if so, what charge do the Government make for such rights?
- (2.) What conditions are the rights issued on;—are they such as would compel the applicant to have the work done himself, or can he dispose of the right to any other person?

Mr. Copeland answered,—Rights are granted to private owners of land after applications to reclaim are approved, under the 64th clause of the Crown Lands Act of 1884; payment has subsequently to be made for the land so reclaimed on a basis prescribed by the same section of the Crown Lands Act. The money having been paid, the Government leaves the applicant to his own time to complete the work, but no deed is issued until the reclamation has been completed to the satisfaction of the Government.

(8.) Government Inspector of Newtown Bridge :—*Mr. Darnley* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Has his attention been called to the evidence given at the District Court on Wednesday last in the case of *Ross v. McMasters*, in which it was stated that the Government inspector was away at a public-house drinking while a faulty stone was being set at the Newtown bridge?
- (2.) Has the said inspector been called upon for an explanation; if so, what was his excuse (if any)?
- (3.) What is the inspector's name, and the amount of his salary?

Mr. See answered,—I am informed that the inspector states he was present when the stone was being put into position. The inspector's name is Johnson, and his salary is 15s. per day.

(9.) Callan Park Asylum :—*Mr. Murphy* asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will the report of the inquiry in connection with Callan Park Asylum be presented to this House?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The laying of this report upon the Table, and its consequent publication, would, in my opinion, lead to distressing annoyances to the friends of patients who have given evidence, and no commensurate amount of good would result. I therefore do not propose to lay the report upon the Table. If any Honorable Member desires to see the report, I shall be very glad to show it to him. In the report the names of parties are given, and if I were to have a copy of the report made without the names, the circumstances are such that the cases would be traceable, and the annoyance which I desire to obviate would unfortunately not be prevented.

(10.) Agricultural College at Ham Common :—*Mr. Johnston*, for Mr. Wall, asked the Secretary for Mines,—What is the number of pupils attending the Agricultural College at Ham Common?

Mr. Slattery answered,—Fifty.

4. **CASE OF LEMM v. DIXSON** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Murphy moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers in connection with the case Lemm v. Dixon, 9th February, 1889.
Question put and passed.
5. **CHILDREN IN THE CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS OF THE COLONY** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Bavister moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing the number of children at present in the charitable institutions of the Colony of coloured foreign extraction, denoting the nationality of each, stating if the parents are living, and, if so, their calling or mode of obtaining a living; and stating in how many cases any contribution is made by the parents, also setting forth the amount contributed in each case.
Question put and passed.
6. **RAILWAYS—SPECIAL TRAINS, FREE PASSES, &c.** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Hutchison moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—
(1.) The number of special trains that have been despatched to Sydney from all stations with military during the last two years.
(2.) The number that have been despatched from Sydney and from provincial to provincial towns during the same period.
(3.) The number of military and naval men that have been carried by other than special trains.
(4.) The total numbers carried by both means.
(5.) Whether the Treasury is charged with the amount of expense incurred by the Railway Department, or by what other means the expense is provided for.
(6.) The amount so charged (if any), including cost of transit of tents, baggage, &c, and munitions of every description.
(7.) The total number of free passes that have been issued during the last two years, including military officers, notable persons, civil servants, and others respectively (Members of Parliament and their wives and the unemployed excepted).
(8.) The estimated amount of revenue that would have been derived if the ordinary fares had been paid for such passes.
(9.) The total amount of revenue that would have been derived had all trains, carriage of persons, and free passes, been charged for as to the ordinary travelling public, as per rates and fares, &c., by the Railway Department.
Question put and passed.
7. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
(1.) Eight Hours Bill, reported; adoption of report;—until To-morrow.
(2.) Divorce Amendment and Extension Bill; third reading;—until Monday next.
(3.) Segenhoe Estate Irrigation Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until Monday next.
(4.) Labour Protection Bill (No. 2); consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to restrain the importation or immigration of aliens and certain other persons under contract or agreement to perform labour or service in New South Wales; and for purposes connected therewith;—until Monday next.
(5.) Polling Day Liquor Prohibition Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill for the purpose of closing licensed public-houses; and for the prohibition of the sale and supply of intoxicating liquors on Parliamentary Election days; for making it illegal to hold committee meetings, or meetings of electors in licensed public-houses in connection with Parliamentary elections; and for other purposes connected therewith;—until Monday next.
(6.) Willoughby and Gordon Tramway Acts Amending Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until Monday, 22nd February.
(7.) Land Company of Australasia (Limited) Railway Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—until Monday next.
(8.) Law Practitioners Bill, reported; adoption of report;—until Monday next.
(9.) Simpson's Railway Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until Monday next.
8. **MINING LAWS**:—Mr. Levien presented a Petition from certain Miners of New South Wales, representing that the Petitioners are suffering great hardship, annoyance, and loss consequent upon the present mining laws and regulations acting prejudicially to their interests in many respects; and praying the House to cause such amendments to be made in the said laws as will remedy the grievances of which they complain.
Petition received.
9. **EARLY CLOSING BILL**:—Mr. Levien presented a Petition from certain Employers, Employees, and others resident in Narrabri and District, representing that they are in entire sympathy with the spirit of the Early Closing Bill now before Parliament; and praying that the House may see sufficient grounds for passing this or some other Bill of like nature.
Petition received.
10. **PAPERS**:—
Mr. Slattery laid upon the Table,—Additional regulation under the Diseases in Sheep Acts of 1866, 1878, and 1882.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Copeland laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Return to an Order made on 29th July, 1891,—“The Brush Reserve, Wingham.”
(2.) Return to an Order made on 20th August, 1891,—“Main Road through Adaminaby Park.”
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 4th February, 1892,—“Abolition of the office of Colonial Architect.”
Ordered to be printed.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Black 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 discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the providing of employment for the workers lately in communication, by delegates, with the Premier.”

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

12. **CUSTOMS DUTIES BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read for the adoption of the report from the Committee of the Whole on this Bill,—Mr. See moved, “That” the report be now adopted.

Mr. R. B. Wilkinson moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word “That,” with a view to the insertion in their place of the words “the Bill be recommended for the purpose of omitting from Schedule A the words ‘wire netting, galvanised, per ton 30s.,’” and adding to Schedule C the words “wire netting, galvanised.”

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

Debate ensued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 50.

Mr. See,	Mr. Gough,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Donnelly,
Mr. Toohy,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Traill,	Mr. Rose,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Scott,	Mr. Kelly,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Dickens,	Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Sheldon,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. J. D. FitzGerald.
Mr. Stevenson,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Colls,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Miller.
Mr. Hutchinson,	

Noes, 33.

Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Donald,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Davis.
Mr. Gould,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Kirkpatrick,	Mr. Neild.
Mr. Hart,	
Dr. Hollis,	
Mr. Hindle,	
Mr. Bowman,	
Mr. Eve,	
Mr. Jones,	
Mr. Gillies,	
Mr. Rae,	
Mr. Booth,	
Mr. Lees,	
Mr. Morton,	
Mr. Darnley,	
Mr. Gardiner,	
Mr. G. D. Clark,	
Mr. Newton,	
Mr. Newman,	
Mr. Inglis,	
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question,—That the report be now adopted,—put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 83.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 10 FEBRUARY, 1892.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Department of Agriculture:—Mr. Wall asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) What has been the total cost of the Department of Agriculture to date, including cost of land resumed?

(2.) What are the names of the officers appointed in connection therewith, and by whom recommended?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) £35,812 13s. No land resumed.

(2.) The information as to names of officers and salaries is supplied in the following Return, but it is not in accordance with practice to give the names of the persons recommending:—

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE—OFFICERS APPOINTED.

Permanent Administrative Staff.

H. C. L. Anderson, M.A., Director of Agriculture, £800; A. Price, Chief Clerk, £400; A. P. Reynolds, B.A., First Clerk, £300; S. Gray, Sub-Editor *Agricultural Gazette*, £250; W. Preedy, Clerk, £200; W. H. Clarke, Clerk, £150; G. Valder, Clerk, £150; A. W. Bridges, Clerk, £150; C. Fuller, Probationer, £75; W. Rigg, Probationer, £50; H. A. Earl, Messenger, £50; H. Smart, Probationer, £50.

Permanent Scientific Staff.

N. A. Cobb, B. Sc. Ph., D., Pathologist, £800; A. S. Olliff, F.E.S., Entomologist, £350; F. B. Guthrie, F.C.S., Chemist, £600; F. Turner, F.R.H.S., Botanist, £350; E. M. Grosse, Artist, £350; J. A. Despeissis, M.R.A.C., Inspector, £350; F. Jensen, Draftsman and Crop Reporter, £300.

Hawkesbury Agricultural College.

J. L. Thompson, Principal, £750 and furnished residence; E. C. Wood, M.A., B. Sc., B.E., Science Master, £250 and quarters; C. T. Musson, F.L.S., English Master, £200 and quarters.

Temporary Administrative Staff.

J. Coleman, Temporary Officer, 10s. per diem; G. H. Broinowski, Temporary Clerk, 10s. per diem; J. C. Andrews, Temporary Clerk, 50s. per week; W. Teece, Temporary Clerk, 20s. per week; E. P. Brown, Probationary Clerk, £50 per year; W. Andrews, Messenger, 40s. per week.

Temporary Scientific Staff.

A. M. Lee, Collector of Scientific Specimens, £150; F. C. Wills, Artist's Assistant, 40s. per week.

Temporary Staff, Hawkesbury Agricultural College.

G. P. Lush, Registrar and Book-keeper, £150; W. Stieme, Orchardist, £5 per week and residence; A. Brooks, Foreman Carpenter, 12s. per diem and residence; A. Gibson, Farm Overseer, 50s. per week and quarters; G. Cobb, Farm Foreman, 50s. per week; H. C. Quodling, in charge of Experimental Plots, £65 per annum; T. H. Matthews, Blacksmith, 10s. per diem; P. J. Oliver, Housekeeper, £60 per annum; Mrs. Dallas, Assistant Housekeeper, £54 per annum.

Temporary Officers—Travelling Dairy.

F. M' Caffrey, Officer-in-charge, £260; A. Bothwell, Assistant, £3 per week.

Ballina Agricultural School and Experimental Farm.

T. Martin, Overseer, 9s. per diem.

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Lismore Agricultural School and Experimental Farm.

P. M'Donald, Overseer, 9s. per diem.

Temporary Inspectors of Agriculture.

A. A. Dunnicliff, Inspector, £300; E. de P. O'Kelly, Inspector, £300; C. de la Motte, Inspector, £300; G. E. Hooke, Inspector, £300; J. F. Fitzgerald, Visitor to Agricultural Shows, 10s. per diem and expenses.

- (2.) Technical College Classes:—Mr. Houghton asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Will he consider the advisableness of establishing classes for the improvement of adults in elementary education in connection with the new Technical College?

Mr. Suttor answered,—I do not consider it advisable to establish classes for elementary education at the new Technical College. Such instruction is not technical education, and ample provision is already made in connection with public and evening schools for teaching elementary subjects to adults as well as youths.

- (3.) Hare Pest in Argyle Electorate:—Mr. Rose asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the hares are increasing very rapidly in the Electorate of Argyle?
- (2.) Is it a fact that in many cases the settlers are likely to be compelled next year to put up wire-netting round their cultivated enclosures?
- (3.) Under the circumstances, and considering that the residents of Argyle are paying a tax towards the destruction of hares, will he increase the subsidy for this year's operations?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) I am not aware that the settlers intend wire-netting their cultivated enclosures; but that would be an effective mode of protecting their crops.
- (3.) The Department have been, and will continue to deal liberally with the district as regards subsidy.

- (4.) Holidays to Police:—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that all the police in the western suburbs are not getting their regular holidays provided by the Act, viz., one day per month, or fourteen days annually?
- (2.) If so, will he see that these holidays are granted regularly without the police having to apply for same?

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

- (1.) No leave is provided for by the Act; but it is not refused when applied for, unless the exigencies of the service render it inexpedient.
- (2.) Leave will be granted as heretofore, but there appears to be no reason why they should not ask for it when wanted.

- (5.) Inspectors of Agriculture:—Mr. Carruthers asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) When were applications invited for the positions of Inspectors of Agriculture?
- (2.) How many applicants were there for such positions?
- (3.) What is the nature of the duties appertaining to the positions?
- (4.) Was any report obtained upon the applications for the positions; if so, from whom?
- (5.) Were the gentlemen recently appointed those most favourably reported upon by the Director of Agriculture?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) In August and September last, when my predecessor was in office.
- (2.) Thirty-six.
- (3.) Generally to collect information respecting the various branches of agriculture, and to convey information to persons engaged in agricultural pursuits.
- (4.) Yes, on the 23rd September, from the Director of Agriculture to my predecessor.
- (5.) The application of one of the four gentlemen appointed was favourably reported upon, and so was the application of the gentleman whose application was subsequently cancelled.

- (6.) Hawkesbury Agricultural College:—Mr. Carruthers asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) How many officers and officials (including servants) are there in connection with the Agricultural College at the Hawkesbury?
- (2.) What is the total cost in salaries and wages per month at the present time?
- (3.) How many students are there at the college at present, or if not at present in session, what was the attendance at last quarter?
- (4.) What is the income derivable from all sources, fees, &c., in connection with the college?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) Officers, 10; laborers, 11; household staff, 9.
- (2.) £313 18s.
- (3.) Fifty. Number limited through want of accommodation.
- (4.) £1,567 10s. 6d. per annum, almost entirely from fees, as no produce, stock, &c., has yet been produced.

- (7.) Conveyance of Mails, Forbes District:—Mr. Hutchinson asked the Postmaster-General,—

- (1.) Will he state the names of the persons tendering, the amounts respectively of each tender, and the names of the persons respectively whose tenders were accepted for the conveyance of Her Majesty's mails to and from the following places for the year 1892, viz.:—Forbes to Condobolin, north side Lachlan River; Forbes to Condobolin, south side Lachlan River; Forbes to Parkes; Cowra to Forbes; Parkes to Peak Hill?
- (2.) What are the distances by the mail roads between the above-mentioned places, and how are the mails carried, whether by two or four-horse conveyance or otherwise, and when does the term for each tender expire?

Mr. Kidd answered,—The information asked for by the Honorable Member can best be furnished in the shape of a Return, which I will presently lay upon the Table.

- (8.) Reserves in Land Districts of Forbes, Parkes, and Condobolin:—Mr. Hutchinson asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the Returns of the various reserves on both leasehold and resumed areas of the pastoral holdings in the Land Districts of Forbes, Parkes, and Condobolin, which were ordered on the 19th August last, be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The Returns are not yet completed, but the district surveyor will be asked to expedite them with the least possible delay.

- (9.) Floggings in Gaols:—Mr. Kelly asked the Minister of Justice,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—
 (1.) The number of floggings inflicted in New South Wales since the passing of and under the Criminal Law Amendment Act?
 (2.) The number of floggings inflicted within the walls of the gaols of the Colony for offences committed within the said gaols?
 (3.) In connection with the next preceding Question,—the number of stripes in each case, for what offence inflicted, and the gaol where inflicted?
 (4.) Where is the authority for the infliction of the lash in the gaol?

Mr. Barton answered,—I am informed by my honorable colleague, the Minister of Justice, that there will be no objection to giving the desired information if a Return is moved for in the usual way.

- (10.) Water and Travelling Stock Reserves:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he see that steps are taken to have the supervision of all water reserves and travelling stock reserves removed from the Mines Department and placed entirely under the control of the Lands Department, so that the two Departments may not be made to clash?

Mr. Copeland answered,—This is a question of policy which the Government have had no opportunity of considering. During the forthcoming recess this, and other allied questions, will engage the attention of the Government.

- (11.) Lavatories in Second-class Railway Carriages:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it the intention of the Government or Railway Commissioners to see that the necessary steps are taken to have suitable lavatories attached to all second-class carriages travelling long inland journeys, more especially compartments in which ladies travel; if so, when?

Mr. See answered,—The Railway Commissioners since they have been in office have done much to improve the accommodation for second-class passengers. A better description of carriage has been provided, the room being increased nearly 40 per cent., and, in addition, lavatory accommodation for second-class passengers is provided in all main line brake-vans. At the present time additional rolling stock is not being provided, but the matter will not be lost sight of.

- (12.) Transmission of Newspapers by Post:—Dr. Ross asked the Postmaster-General,—
 (1.) Is it a fact that his predecessor took steps to prohibit the transmission through the Post Office of a particular weekly publication on the ground of its immoral tendency on the community?
 (2.) Will he see that steps are taken with the view of preventing newspapers containing quack advertisements for the cure of secret complaints passing through the Post Office, in order to protect the public, more especially in view of the evidence taken before the Select Committee of the Legislative Council on the prevalence of quackery in the Colony?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 (2.) I am in great doubt whether I possess the power under the existing postal law to take any steps such as are suggested, but I have no objection to take the opinion of my honorable colleague, the Attorney-General, on the subject.

- (13.) Expenditure on Country Roads:—Mr. Barnes asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) Is it a fact that in many instances, through the heavy rains last winter, it was found impossible to satisfactorily expend all the moneys promised to the different country roads throughout the Colony last year?
 (2.) Is it a fact that in many cases the moneys not expended have been used for other purposes quite foreign to that for which they were originally voted?
 (3.) Is it a fact that many of the roads are in a deplorable condition through the Department having no moneys available to effect repairs when favourable weather sets in?
 (4.) If the above are facts, is it his intention to make good the moneys referred to, and cause the same to be expended this year on such roads, together with any further amounts which may be voted?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 (2.) The moneys voted were all expended on works in connection with roads and bridges, although not in many instances, for the reason set forth in Question No. 1, and from other causes, spent upon the particular portions of roads or specific bridges named in the Schedule to the Estimates, the terms of the vote being "subject to such alterations as the exigencies of the Service may from time to time demand."
 (3.) There is no doubt that many of the roads are still in a bad state owing to the excessive rains of the past two or three seasons.
 (4.) I have already directed that a Return be prepared showing the expenditure, in the respective Electoral Districts of the Colony, during the past year, and it is my intention in dealing with supply for this year, to distribute its proper share over those portions of the roads which had not their full quota of last year's votes.

(14.) Steam Cranes for Richmond River Harbour Works :—*Mr. Garrard*, for *Mr. Perry*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it contemplated by his Department to order steam cranes required for the Richmond River harbour works to be made in England?

(2.) Can these cranes be made in the Colony; if so, will he place the order with local manufacturers?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) As these cranes are of a special design made by only two or three firms in England, and the working parts have to be of cast steel, they could not be manufactured in the Colony.

(15.) Proposed Railway from Wagga Wagga to Tumberumba :—*Mr. Gormly* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has the report of the examiners on the proposed railway line from Wagga Wagga to Tumberumba been laid before Parliament?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I regret that owing to the severe illness of the examiner, who has this matter in hand, the Report has not yet been received. I myself know that the gentleman in question is very ill, and that he is not able to get out of his house at the present time.

(16.) Examination of Ladies' Luggage at Border Towns :—*Mr. Stevenson*, for *Mr. Colls*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he take into consideration the advisableness of appointing (in the place of men, who now carry out that duty) females at border towns to examine the luggage of ladies crossing such borders?

Mr. See answered,—No objection has yet been urged against the opening of packages for examination, and the instances in which examination has been considered necessary are very few. In the event of an objection by ladies a female searcher will be employed.

(17.) Railways and Public Works authorised by last Parliament :—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for *Mr. Crick*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What railways and other public works that have been authorised by the last Parliament remain unconstructed, or are in course of completion?

(2.) What amount was voted by the last Parliament for the construction of railways and other public works?

(3.) How much of this has been spent, and has the amount been covered by loans?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The information will be prepared and laid upon the Table of this House in the shape of a Return by the Secretary for Public Works.

2. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. Carruthers* moved, pursuant to Notice, That the 61st Standing Order be suspended, to admit of the presentation of a Petition for the introduction of a Bill to provide for the distribution of the surplus assets of a Company known as "The Australasian Mining Exchange Company of Sydney (Limited)" amongst the shareholders, and for adjusting the rights of the contributories generally,—the period of three months, within which the Petition is required to be presented, having expired.
Question put and passed.
3. FREE EDUCATION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. Alfred Allen* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers, minutes, and documents of record in the Department of Public Instruction upon the general subject of free education in public schools.
Question put and passed.
4. WOMENS COLLEGE (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. Alfred Allen* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers relating to the proposed charge upon the Supplementary Estimates for 1891, viz., £5,000 for the Womens College; and all minutes and documents showing authority for charging the same to the Services of the year 1891.
Question put and passed.
5. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
(1.) Eight Hours Bill reported; adoption of report,—until To-morrow.
(2.) Rutland Flux Tramway Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—until Tuesday next.
(3.) Lessees Land Purchase Bill; second reading;—until Monday, 29th February.
6. AUSTRALASIAN MINING EXCHANGE OF SYDNEY BILL :—*Mr. Carruthers* presented a Petition from the Australasian Mining Exchange Company of Sydney (Limited), praying for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the distribution of the surplus assets of a Company known as "The Australasian Mining Exchange Company of Sydney (Limited)" amongst the shareholders, and for adjusting the rights of the contributories generally.
And *Mr. Carruthers* having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, newspaper, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.
7. PRECEDENCE OF GENERAL ORDERS OF THE DAY (*Sessional Order*) :—*Mr. Dibbs* (*by consent*) moved without Notice, That, during the remainder of the present Session, unless otherwise ordered, General Orders of the Day shall take precedence of General Notices of Motions; and such Orders of the Day shall be arranged as follows :—
(1.) Bills returned by the Legislative Council with amendments.
(2.) Assembly Bills for third reading, and adoption of reports of Committees of the whole House.
(3.) Council Bills sent for concurrence of the Assembly.
(4.) Assembly Bills for second reading.
(5.) Miscellaneous Orders.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 78.

Mr. See,	Mr. Gough,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Lyne,	Dr. Cullen,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Edden,
Dr. Hollis,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Sutor,	Mr. Booth,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Dickens,	Mr. Dowel,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. York,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Alfred Allon,	Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Miller,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Scott,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Eve,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Rae,	Mr. Fuller,
Mr. G. D. Clark,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Wall,	Mr. Gould,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Langwell,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Rose,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Gormly,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Dangar,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Kelly.
Mr. Colls,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Schey,	
Mr. Hoyle,	Mr. Neild,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Cruickshank.

Noes, 5.

Mr. Morton,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Garrard.

Tellers,

Mr. Donald,
Mr. Molesworth.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

8. PAPERS:—

Mr. Copeland laid upon the Table,—

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

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

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

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

(5.) Copies of *Gazette* Notices, setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the dedication of certain lands, in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18 and the 41st section of the Act 53 Victoria No. 21.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Kidd laid upon the Table,—Tenders for Mail Services in Forbes District.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Amended and Additional By-laws under the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1889.

(2.) Proclamation and notification in connection with the transfer to the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage of the extension of Bourke-street Branch Sewer.

Ordered to be printed.

9. CUSTOMS DUTIES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, "That" this Bill be now read a third time.

Mr. Young moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of Schedules A, B, and C."

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

Original Question again proposed.

And Mr. Carruthers proceeding to discuss that Question,—

Point of Order:—Mr. Crick requested the ruling of Mr. Speaker on the question whether this debate is in order, the House having disposed of the amendment by affirming that the words of the original question should stand, thus closing that debate, and making it necessary to at once put the original question.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker stated that he must sustain the objection taken. It was clear to him that all the authorities he had been able to consult were opposed to allowing any further debate in such a case as this.

Question

Question put,—That the Bill be now read a third time.

The House divided.

Ayes, 57.

Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. See,	Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Sutor,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Scott,
Mr. Dowel,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Traill,	Mr. Newton,
Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Nicholson,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Dangar,	Mr. Gough,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. York,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Wall,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Edden.
Mr. Hogan,	
Mr. Perry,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Langwell,	Mr. Crick,
Mr. Rose,	Mr. Hutchinson.
Mr. Colls,	

Noes, 39.

Mr. Reid,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. G. D. Clark,
Dr. Hollis,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Inghis.
Mr. Molesworth,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Brunner,	Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Morton.
Mr. Jeanneret,	
Mr. Rae,	
Mr. Jones,	
Mr. Bowman,	
Mr. Parkes,	
Mr. Campbell,	
Mr. Hindle,	
Mr. Haynes,	
Mr. Donald,	
Sir Henry Parkes,	
Mr. Fegan,	
Mr. Hart,	
Mr. Darnley,	
Mr. Gardiner,	
Mr. Kirkpatrick,	
Mr. Bavister,	
Mr. Holborow,	
Mr. Lees,	
Mr. Booth,	
Mr. Gillies,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.
Bill read a third time.
Mr. See moved, That this Bill do now pass.
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Question put and passed.

Mr. See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act for the Establishment of a new Tariff of Customs Duties, and for purposes connected with, consequent upon, and incidental to the purpose aforesaid.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act for the Establishment of a new Tariff of Customs Duties, and for purposes connected with, consequent upon, and incidental to the purpose aforesaid,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 11th February, 1892, a.m.*

10. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. See moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at ten minutes before Two o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 84.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 11 FEBRUARY, 1892.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Village at Bellinger Heads:—*Mr. Willis*, for *Mr. Dangar*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) How many houses have been erected within one mile of the pilot station at the Bellinger Heads?

(2.) Have the persons who have erected these buildings any tenure?

(3.) What is the ground of objection to a village being laid out at this place?

(4.) Will he cause all papers, letters, petitions, and reports in connection with the applications for the survey of a village to be carefully considered, with a view to his coming to a decision thereon?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) According to the information in possession of this office there appear to be seventeen houses erected within about one mile of the pilot station.

(2.) In some cases, no; in others, a permissive occupancy has been granted, which can be recalled at any time.

(3 and 4.) Pending completion of design for harbour works and determination of the route for the North Coast Railway, it is deemed advisable to postpone further action for the present as to design for sale of the town land at Bellinger Heads.

(2.) National Park:—*Mr. Campbell* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What is the total area of the National Park?

(2.) The approximate acreage of the part of the said park on the west and north-west of the Illawarra railway line?

(3.) The area of the park cleared in the vicinity of Loftus?

(4.) The total area of the park that has been cleared?

(5.) The amount expended on the National Park for work carried out there by the unemployed, and supervision thereof?

(6.) The total amount expended on the National Park to the 31st December last for all purposes?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) 36,320 acres.

(2.) 2,400 acres.

(3.) 460 acres.

(4.) 8,300 acres.

(5.) About £77,000.

(6.) The total amount expended on the park since its formation in 1879, including the amount expended for work by the unemployed, is £115,384 7s. 4d.

(3.) Military Encampment at Campbelltown:—*Mr. Campbell* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What area of private land was occupied for military encampment purposes at Campbelltown last year?

(2.) Is it intended by the Government to use the same land for like purposes this year?

(3.) The name or names of the owner or owners of the said private land?

(4.) Has any charge been made for the use of the said private land for encampment purposes; and, if so, how much for last year?

(5.) Is it intended by the Government that the encampments shall take place in future on the said private lands instead of at the National Park?

Mr.

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) 270 acres by tents, and about 19,200 acres for military exercises.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) The Rev. T. V. Alkin, and Messrs. E. H. Fieldhouse, Sydney Burdekin, J. Rudd, J. Warby, and Mrs. Grabame.
- (4.) £15 was paid for compensation.

(4.) Travelling Dairy :—*Mr. Garrard*, for Mr. Rose, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Where is the travelling dairy located at the present time?
- (2.) What does the travelling dairy cost per annum?
- (3.) Is it his intention to dispense with the travelling dairy?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) Hinton.
- (2.) £710.
- (3.) I have no present intention of dispensing with it.

(5.) Working of the Lands Department :—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) What are the special or particular duties pertaining to the office of Minister for Lands since the establishment of a Land Court and District Land Boards under the new Lands Act, and will he, for the information of the general public, particularise what the duties to be performed chiefly consist of?
- (2.) Is the expense of working the Lands Department greater or less since the establishment of a Land Court and District Land Boards; if so, will he state what the difference is (if any)?
- (3.) The number of officials employed in the central office, Lands Department, in Sydney, and is the number now employed greater or less since the establishment of Land Courts and District Land Boards, and by how many; and the difference (if any) in expenditure?
- (4.) The amount paid annually in the shape of salaries, and the number of officials employed in the central office?
- (5.) The same information in respect to the Land Court and District Land Boards?
- (6.) What is the total expense of working the Lands Department under the new regime of a Land Court and District Land Boards compared with the old system?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) It is almost impossible to particularise the duties of the Minister. I may, however, say that ministerial duties are in no way diminished, but, if anything, increased, by the establishment of Land Boards and the Land Court.

With respect to Questions 2 to 6, a Return will be prepared if the Honorable Member will move for it in the usual manner, but I would point out that the dates during which the comparison is sought should be specifically stated, as the Land Boards were established on 1st January, 1885, and the Land Court on 1st January, 1890.

(6.) Compensation to Mr. Hy. J. Ware, of Colinton :—*Mr. G. D. Clark*, for Mr. Dawson, asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is it a fact that Mr. Hy. J. Ware, of Colinton, has not yet been paid money due for compensation for revocation of his conditional lease although due over two years; if so, when will the amount be paid?

Mr. Slattery answered,—The money has not yet been paid, but steps are now being taken to have the amount paid without delay.

(7.) Rabbit-proof Fencing :—*Mr. Hutchinson* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Can he state whether the fencing known as rabbit-proof is in any way effective in preventing the increase of rabbits on infested country?
- (2.) Is it not a fact that Overflow, Panjec, Priory, Hermitage Plains, and other stations have been fenced for some two or three years with wire-netting fences, and that rabbits are still increasing on such stations?
- (3.) Has he received any reports from appraisers of runs or other officers of his Department with regard to the rabbit question; if so, have allowances been made in the matter of appraisements, on account of runs being rabbit infested, and do they recommend wire-netting fences as a preventive against the increase of rabbits?
- (4.) Is it his intention to proclaim Forbes, Parkes, and Condobolin Land Districts as rabbit-infested country?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) Rabbit-proof fencing is only effective in preventing the incursion of rabbits, but cannot be of any use in preventing the increase of rabbits within enclosures, unless the lessee takes some steps to destroy them.

(2.) I believe so. If the rabbits are increasing, it is presumed the lessees have taken insufficient steps to reduce their number.

(3.) Yes; but though the question of being rabbit-infested or otherwise is always brought out in the evidence, the Board's reports do not show whether any allowances have been made in the matter of appraisements on account of the runs being rabbit-infested.

(4.) The question has been under consideration, but no decision has been arrived at, owing to the number of petitions both for and against such a proposal.

(8.) Brown's Stables, Castlereagh-street :—*Mr. Edden* asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) Have the premises known as Brown's stables, Castlereagh-street, negotiations for the purchase of which were entered into by Hon. D. O'Connor, late Postmaster-General, been purchased by the Government?

(2.) If so,—(a) on what date was the purchase completed; (b) what was the price agreed upon; (c) what amount of money has been paid up to date on account of the transaction?

(3.) Is any Member of the present Parliament connected in a business way with the vendors; if so, what is his name?

Mr.

Mr. Kidd answered,—

- (1.) The Government has agreed to complete the purchase made by the late Government of these premises, on certain legal difficulties being overcome.
- (2.) (a) Not yet completed; (b) £6,000; (c) none.
- (3.) No one, so far as I am aware, except Mr. H. H. Brown, one of the vendors.

- (9.) Public Health and Food and Liquor Adulterations Act:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce any measure during the present or next Session dealing in a comprehensive manner with the important question of public health and Food and Liquor Adulterations Act?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—We hope to be prepared to deal with this question next Session.

- (10.) Payment of Police Pensions:—Mr. Kirkpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that men who have retired from the police force on pension only receive such pension quarterly or about the eighth day of the fourth month, which it is alleged causes inconvenience and loss to such retired officers?
- (2.) Will he see that the old regulations under which the pensions are paid are altered, so that those who are entitled to such pensions may receive their money once in every month, as the amounts are deducted from the pay of the present officers of the police force monthly?
- (3.) Is it a fact that persons receiving such pensions are addressed by the Department as police pensioners, and not by their Christian name, thus making men who have served the country well feel their dependent position?
- (4.) Is it the custom to address all State pensioners in this way, such as Sir William Manning and others; if not, will he see that no distinction is made?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) Police pensioners (residing in Sydney) are, as a rule, paid on the first of the month, after the end of each quarter; country pensioners as soon after as practicable.
- (2.) It would increase the work in the Treasury and in the Police Department to make monthly payments.
- (3.) They are styled "police pensioners" to ensure identity when papers are sent, but if they prefer it another designation will be adopted in addressing them in future.
- (4.) There is no intention to make any such distinction.

- (11.) Post and Telegraph Offices and Court-house at Adaminaby:—*Mr. Langwell*, for Mr. Miller, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What steps have been taken to carry out the personal promises of the Premier and the Colonial Treasurer to erect new post and telegraph offices and court-house at Adaminaby?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Plans are being prepared for the court-house, but I may say that funds for the work have not yet been provided. As regards the post and telegraph office, so far back as April last it was decided to erect a wooden building, and a site was selected. Objection was, however, taken to this site, and another was suggested at a public meeting held on 8th August. An offer was made to the owner of this site in December last, but no reply has been received.

- (12.) Holidays under Bank Holidays Act:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he see that steps are taken with the view of altering or modifying the present system of granting by proclamation so many public holidays throughout the Colony under the Bank Holidays Act, so as to minimise any inconvenience to which the public may be liable therefrom?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—This can only be done by an amendment of the Act.

- (13.) Court-house and Police Barracks at Micalago:—*Mr. Langwell*, for Mr. Miller, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that on two occasions tenders have been invited for the erection of a new court-house and police barracks at Micalago; if so, what reasons are assigned for the non-acceptance of tenders on such occasions?
- (2.) Is it his intention to erect a new court-house and police barracks at Micalago; and, if so, when?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Yes, the cost on each occasion was considered too high. The expenditure is chargeable to Loans, and I am unable to say when the work will be proceeded with, pending the settlement of our future Loan Expenditure, on which hangs the fate of a large number of Public Works.

- (14.) Increase of Hares in the Molong District:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is it a fact that the increase of hares is beginning to seriously jeopardise the interest of farmers and selectors in the Molong district, and will he see that some immediate steps are taken with the view of dealing with this pest, either by increasing the subsidy or bonus on scalps?

Mr. Slattery answered,—The power to deal with the pest is vested in the Pastures and Stock Protection Board, who will be urged to adopt prompt measures in dealing with the pest.

2. AUSTRALASIAN MINING EXCHANGE OF SYDNEY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

- (1.) Mr. Carruthers moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the distribution of the surplus assets of a Company known as "The Australasian Mining Exchange Company of Sydney (Limited)" amongst the shareholders, and for adjusting the rights of the contributories generally.

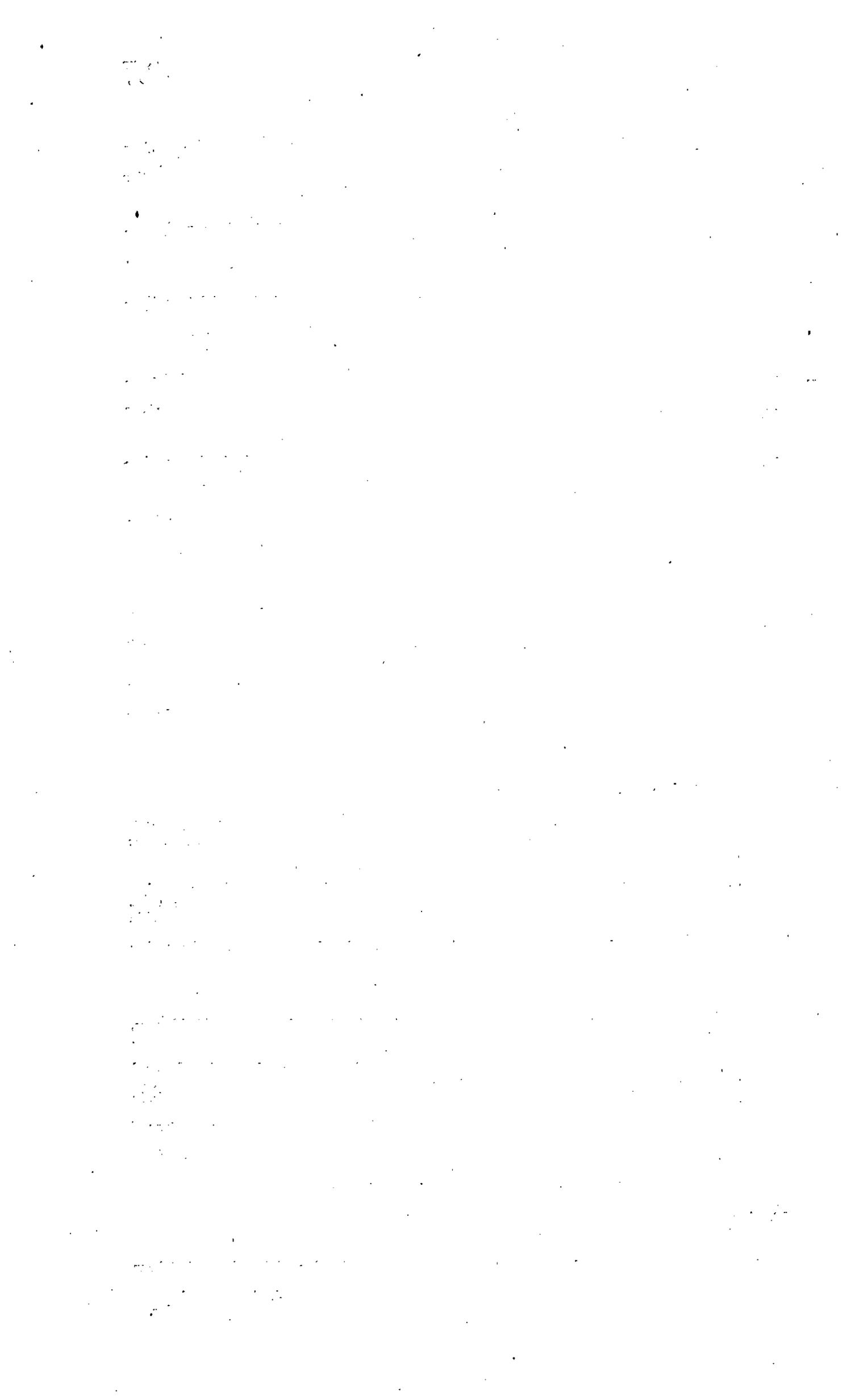
Question put and passed.

- (2.) Mr. Carruthers 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, intitled "A Bill to provide for the distribution of the surplus assets of a Company known as 'The Australasian Mining Exchange Company of Sydney (Limited)' amongst the shareholders, and for adjusting the rights of the contributories generally,"—read a first time.

3. **FLOGGINGS IN THE GAOLS OF THE COLONY** (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for *Mr. Keily*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—
- (1.) The number of floggings inflicted in New South Wales since the passing of and under the Criminal Law Amendment Act.
 - (2.) The number of floggings inflicted within the walls of the gaols of the Colony for offences committed within the said gaols.
 - (3.) In connection with the next preceding paragraph,—the number of stripes in each case, for what offence inflicted, and the gaol where inflicted.
 - (4.) The authority for the infliction of the lash in the gaol.
- Question put and passed.
4. **REPORT BY PUBLIC SERVICE INQUIRY COMMISSION ON THE MINES DEPARTMENT** (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Garrard* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers, letters, minutes, and correspondence between the Colonial Secretary's Department, the Mines Department, and the Public Service Inquiry Commission, with regard to supplying the evidence upon which the Report on the Mines Department is based.
- Question put and passed.
5. **SPECIAL AREAS IN THE WAGGA WAGGA AND HAY LAND DISTRICTS** (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Gormly* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—
- (1.) All land withdrawn from reserve and proclaimed special areas in the Wagga Wagga and Hay Land Board Districts.
 - (2.) Correspondence (if any) from lessees, agents, or reputed owners of runs on which lands proclaimed, or about to be proclaimed, special areas were situated, offering prices or suggesting that certain prices should be placed on the land.
 - (3.) Reports of licensed or staff surveyors, or other officers employed by the Government, as to the value of land about to be proclaimed special areas.
 - (4.) Reports of district surveyors as to the value of such lands.
 - (5.) The final price fixed by the Minister.
- Question put and passed.
6. **CONDITIONAL PURCHASES AND LEASES, PARISHES OF DAPPER, TUCKLAN, &c.** (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Booth* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—
- (1.) How many conditional purchases, conditional leases, and annual leases were taken up in the parishes of Dapper, Tucklan, Cobauraguy, Medway, Dunedoo, Spring Creek, Boomley, Cobbora, Adelyne, Blackheath, and Taylor during the years 1890 and 1891, with their respective areas.
 - (2.) The dates of applications and names of applicants.
- Question put and passed.
7. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
- (1.) Eight Hours Bill, reported; adoption of report;—until Monday next.
 - (2.) Vice Suppression Bill; second reading;—until Monday, 29th February.
8. **BROKEN HILL WATER SUPPLY ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—*Mr. Cann* (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Select Committee now sitting on the Broken Hill Water Supply Act Amendment Bill have leave to sit during any adjournment of this House, for the purpose of completing the inquiry.
- Question put and passed.
9. **CASE OF PATRICK BROWN**:—*Mr. Neild*, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 21st December, 1891; together with Appendices.
- Ordered to be printed.
10. **PAPERS**:—*Mr. Dibbs* laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Returns under the Real Property Act for 1891.
 - (2.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Moss Vale.
 - (3.) By-laws of the Borough of Newtown, under the Municipalities Act of 1867 and Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.
 - (4.) Regulations of the Armidale Fire Brigades Board, under the Fire Brigades Act, 1884.
- Ordered to be printed.
11. **WAYS AND MEANS**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of *Mr. See*, *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:—
- (10.) *Resolved*,—That, from and after the first day of March, in the year 1892, there shall be taken and levied upon all stock coming by sea or land from any place outside New South Wales, upon their entry into the Colony, the following toll, namely:—
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| Horses, per head | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Five shillings, |
| Cattle, per head | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Five shillings, |
| Sheep, per head | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Sixpence, |
| Swine, per head | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Two shillings, |
- payable to the Colonial Treasurer, or to such Officer or Officers as he may appoint to receive the same: Provided that working horses or cattle entering or being brought into the Colony while actually in work shall be exempt from toll.
- On motion of *Mr. See*, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

12. **TOLLS ON STOCK BILL:—**
 (1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Slattery, That a Bill be brought in founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 10), to impose a Toll on Stock, and for other purposes connected therewith.
 (2.) Mr. Slattery then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to impose a Toll on Stock, and for other purposes connected therewith,*"—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
13. **DISEASED ANIMALS AND MEAT BILL (No. 3):—**The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Dibbs moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
 Bill read a second time.
 On motion of Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
 On motion of Mr. Dibbs (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Monday next.
14. **POSTPONEMENT:—**The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Judicial Offices Bill postponed until Tuesday next.
15. **TRADE DISPUTES CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL:—**On motion of Mr. Dibbs, the Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill was discharged.
 Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.
16. **MOORE-STREET IMPROVEMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—**The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Dibbs moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Question put and passed.
 Bill read a second time.
 On motion of Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
 On motion of Mr. Dibbs, the report was adopted.
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Monday next.
17. **DISEASES IN SHEEP ACTS AMENDMENT BILL:—**
 (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend and extend the provisions of certain Acts relating to Diseases in Sheep; to create a Central Board, with certain powers and authorities; and for purposes incidental thereto.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
 Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), That the report be now received.
 The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend and extend the provisions of certain Acts relating to Diseases in Sheep; to create a Central Board, with certain powers and authorities; and for purposes incidental thereto.
 On motion of Mr. Dibbs, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
 (2.) Mr. Dibbs then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend and extend the provisions of certain Acts relating to Diseases in Sheep; to create a Central Board, with certain powers and authorities; and for purposes incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
18. **GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS (CONTRACTS) AMENDMENT BILL:—**The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had disagreed to the Council's amendments.
 On motion of Mr. Dibbs, the report was adopted.
 Ordered, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—
MR. PRESIDENT,—
 The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 16th December, 1891, requesting its concurrence in certain amendments made by the Council in the Government Railways (Contracts) Amendment Bill,—
 Disagrees to the amendment in clause 1, line 15, which proposes to insert after the word "power" the words "and where such contract exceeds the sum of twenty thousand pounds,"—because the principle of the Bill being admitted, the exception introduced by the amendment is, in the opinion of this House, inconsistent therewith.
 Disagrees to the amendment in clause 1, line 15, which proposes to omit the words "or of any other matter or thing,"—because the principle of the measure is as much impaired by the exemption of contracts not exceeding twenty thousand pounds in value as of contracts of the heaviest and most expensive character.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 11th February, 1892.
19. **ADJOURNMENT:—**Mr. Dibbs moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
 The House adjourned accordingly, at a quarter before Eleven o'clock, until Monday next at Four o'clock.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 85.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, 15 FEBRUARY, 1892.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Coastal River Pilots:—*Mr. J. D. FitzGerald*, for Mr. Johnstoin, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
 (1.) What does the plant supplied to the pilots on the coastal rivers consist of in the way of boats, &c.; and how many hands are on each station in addition to the pilot?
 (2.) Are not the boats and crews supplied so that the pilot may render assistance to any vessels which may be in distress near their respective stations?
 (3.) Is it a fact that in June last year the schooner "Venus" foundered near the Bellinger River Heads, that the crew, who were perishing, were rescued by a crew of volunteers, and that, although the pilot was on the station at the time, he did not go to the assistance of the ship-wrecked crew with his men and boats, or make one of the crew who rescued the men?
 (4.) How many years has the pilot at the Bellinger River been stationed there?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) Each pilot is supplied with sufficient plant in the shape of boats, life-belts, &c., to meet the demands of his station. There are four men, in addition to the pilot, at all the principal rivers.
 (2.) Yes.
 (3.) The "Venus" foundered near the Bellinger Heads in June last, and her crew were rescued by volunteers, in the pilot's spare boat. The assertion that the pilot did not go to her is scarcely borne out by fact, as he went to the assistance of the wrecked vessel, and succeeded in getting near her, but in consequence of the strong current and heavy weather prevailing at the time, he was unable to get alongside, and had to return to the shore with his crew quite exhausted. The opportunity was more favourable when the volunteers succeeded in rescuing the shipwrecked men.
 (4.) Twenty-three years.

- (2.) A. Dawes, Attendant at Callan Park Asylum:—*Mr. Darnley*, for Mr. Murphy, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that A. Dawes, attendant of six years standing at Callan Park Asylum, has received notice of dismissal?
 (2.) Is it also a fact that such dismissal is due to his evidence tendered to the late Board of Inquiry?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The following information has been furnished by the Inspector-General of the Insane:—

- (1.) Yes.
 (2.) No; but to sleeping on duty, and other serious irregularities.

- (3.) Application by James Bird Smith, for a Conditional Purchase of Land at South Junee:—*Mr. Gormly* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Did James Bird Smith apply for a conditional purchase of 240 acres, South Junee, county of Clarendon, on 8th March, 1883?
 (2.) Will he see that a written statement is prepared for the information of the applicant, showing the reason the application was refused?
 (3.) Was a promise made to Smith on 6th October, 1891, that such a statement would be supplied?

Mr

Mr. Copland answered,—

(1.) Yes; but the selector was warned at the time he tendered the application that the land was not open to conditional purchase. On the 30th April, 1883, the conditional purchase was declared void, and a voucher for the refund of the deposit was issued.

(2 and 3.) A statement has already been prepared for the information of the selector, which was forwarded to Mr. Rae, M.P., on the 15th October last for that purpose.

- (4.) Proposed Railway from Temora to Mandamar, Cudgellico, and Hillston:—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the report of the examiners on the proposed railway line from Temora to Mandamar, Cudgellico, and Hillston be laid before Parliament?

Mr. Lyne answered,—This Report will, it is expected, be received before the close of the month, and will be laid upon the Table of the House immediately thereafter.

- (5.) Factories and Workshops:—Mr. Morgan asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government—in view of the statement made in the report just issued by the Government Statistician, as to the insanitary condition, and the insufficient accommodation provided for employees in many of the workshops in the city—to introduce a Bill dealing with factories and workshops?

(2.) If so, when?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—A Factory Act will be considered during the recess.

- (6.) New Bridge over Lane Cove River:—Mr. Jeanneret asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that tenders are now being invited for the construction of another bridge across the upper part of the creek known as the Lane Cove River, and that the estimated cost of the bridge is £10,000, exclusive of the cost of the approaches?

(2.) What is the total estimated cost of the approaches to this bridge?

(3.) What is the height of the proposed bridge above flood-water mark?

(4.) What purpose, and how many people is it supposed will be served by the erection of this bridge?

(5.) By whom, or for whom, was this bridge asked for, and by what Government officers was the work reported upon, and what is the nature of the reports?

(6.) Has the £10,000 voted for this bridge been yet raised, or has it to be raised by loan?

(7.) Is it estimated that when built, the bridge will be a productive work, and what will be its annual cost in interest and maintenance, as well as the annual cost of the roads leading to it within a mile on each side?

(8.) How many resident householders are there within a mile of the bridge, and what is the nature of their occupations?

(9.) In view of the present scarcity of money, and the desirability of economising the public funds, except where there is some necessity for expenditure, will he himself spare a couple of hours, or, if not, will he commission some one unconnected with his Department, to inspect and judge if this expenditure of £10,000 to £15,000 is necessary, and, if he is of opinion that £100 or £150 will make a sufficient crossing across the head of the Lane Cove at the site of this bridge, will he delay the acceptance of tenders for this bridge until urgent works in the country are carried out?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1 and 2.) There is no bridge over the upper part of the Lane Cove River, *i.e.*, above Fig-Tree Point. Tenders are being invited for a bridge at the head of navigation, Lane Cove River. As tenders do not close until 24th February, it would be unadvisable at present to publish the Departmental Estimates.

(3.) The height from flood level to springing of arch is 16 feet 3 inches.

(4.) The bridge was recommended by the then local officer on the following grounds, *viz*:—

(a) That it would be a link in an important line of road between Sydney, *via* Field of Mars, and parishes of Gordon, Cowan, and Narrabeen, and the Broken Bay and Lower Hawkesbury Districts.

(b) That it would form a communication between the populous and important districts of Ryde and Gordon.

(c) It would be the means of improving the selling value of a large portion of the Field of Mars. I am unable to give information as to the number of people the bridge will serve.

(5.) Messrs. E. W. O'Sullivan, A. Gale, J. F. Cullen, E. M. Clark, J. F. Burns, F. Farnell, M.S.P., and inhabitants of Gordon, Ryde, and surrounding districts. The bridge was reported on by Mr. Symonds, Road Superintendent, in favour of, and by Messrs. Perdriau (Lands Department), W. A. Smith (Supervising Engineer), and S. Alexander (Examiner of Public Works proposals), against.

(6.) Funds are available from 1889 Loans, £9,918.

(7.) The bridge will not be a productive work in the sense of contributing a direct revenue to the Government, but indirectly for the reasons given above it is represented that it will be productive. The interest and maintenance will amount to about £600 a year.

(8.) This information is not in possession of the Department.

(9.) These matters will be duly inquired into.

- (7.) Field of Mars Tramway:—Mr. Jeanneret asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House copies of the petitions from the purchasers of lands at the Field of Mars in favour of tramway communication by the most direct route, whether it entails transhipment by steamer or not?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I am prepared to lay the whole, but not a part of the papers, on the Table, if moved for in the usual way.

(8.) Field of Mars Tramway:—Mr. Jeanneret asked the Secretary for Public Works,—How many petitions has he received from *bona fide* purchasers of the Field of Mars praying for the construction of a direct tramway to Sydney, whether it entails transshipment by ferry or not, and how many purchasers signed such petitions?

Mr. Lyne answered,—So far as I can ascertain, two such petitions have been received, containing 316 signatures, but I am unable to say whether they were all purchasers of the Field of Mars.

2. AUSTRALASIAN MINING EXCHANGE OF SYDNEY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Carruthers moved, pursuant to Notice:—

(1.) That the Australasian Mining Exchange of Sydney Bill be referred to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, for consideration and report.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Tonkin, Mr. Fegan, Mr. Eve, Mr. Edden, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Slattery, Mr. Traill, Mr. Rose, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

3. DISEASED ANIMALS AND MEAT BILL (No. 3) (*Formal Order of the Day*):—On motion of Mr. Dibbs, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Dibbs then moved, That the title of the Bill be "*An Act for prohibiting the sale, consignment, or exposure for sale of Diseased Animals, and for amending the law relating to the sale or exposure for sale of meat which is diseased, or unsound, or unwholesome, or unfit for the food of man; and for empowering the Governor to make Regulations, enforceable by penalties, for the inspection of animals in sale-yards, in transit, or upon slaughtering premises; and for the seizure, condemnation, and destruction of Diseased Animals, and of the Meat of Diseased Animals.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act for prohibiting the sale, consignment, or exposure for sale of Diseased Animals, and for amending the law relating to the sale or exposure for sale of meat which is diseased, or unsound, or unwholesome, or unfit for the food of man; and for empowering the Governor to make Regulations, enforceable by penalties, for the inspection of animals in sale-yards, in transit, or upon slaughtering premises; and for the seizure, condemnation, and destruction of Diseased Animals, and of the Meat of Diseased Animals,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 15th February, 1892.

4. MOORE-STREET IMPROVEMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Dibbs, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Dibbs then moved, that the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the 'Moore-street Improvement Act of 1890.'*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Moore-street Improvement Act of 1890,'*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 15th February, 1892.

5. PAPERS:—

Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return showing pay and allowances of Officers of Permanent and Volunteer Corps, compared with Imperial Officers.

(2.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land for and in connection with additional facilities required at Wimbledon Railway Station.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Suttor laid upon the Table,—Correspondence respecting condition of school premises at Byrock.
Ordered to be printed.

6. PARTNERSHIP BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Reid, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

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

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

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to declare and amend the law of Partnership.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 15th February, 1892.

7. DIVORCE AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Neild moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 38.

Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Donald,
Mr. Traill,	Mr. Eve,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Lees,	Dr. Cullen,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. E. M. Clark.
Mr. Cullen,	
Mr. Cotton,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Darnley,	Mr. Crick,
Mr. G. D. Clark,	Mr. Neild.

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Mr. Melville,
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Newman,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Jeanneret,
Mr. Copeland.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Willis.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Neild, *passed*.

Mr. Neild then moved, that the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend and extend the Law of Divorce.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend and extend the Law of Divorce,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 15th February, 1892.

8. LAW PRACTITIONERS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the adoption of the report from the Committee of the Whole on this Bill,—Mr. Neild moved, That the Report be now adopted.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 48.

Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Donald,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Eve,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Traill,	Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Young,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Dowel,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Jeanneret,	Mr. Willis,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Rose,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Garrard.
Mr. Darnley,	
Mr. G. D. Clark,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Black,	Mr. Neild,
Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,	Mr. Frank Farnell.

Noes, 4.

Mr. Want,
Dr. Cullen.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Crick,
Mr. Fuller.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

9. EIGHT HOURS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the adoption of the report from the Committee of the Whole on this Bill,—Mr. Schey moved, That the report be now adopted.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

10. LAND COMPANY OF AUSTRALASIA (LIMITED) RAILWAY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Garrard moved, "That" this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. E. M. Clark moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That" with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "the Bill be referred to a "Select Committee of this House for consideration and report.

"(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Lyne, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Rose, Mr. Gormly, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Cullen, Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Garrard, and the Mover."

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

Debate continue

Question

Question put,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
The House divided.

Ayes, 36.

Mr. Crick,	Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Lync,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Rose,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Lees,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Bowes,	Mr. See,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Gillies.
Mr. Melville,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Dr. Cullen,	Mr. Traill,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Cann.
Mr. Marks,	

Noes, 25.

Mr. Willis,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Eve,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Donald,	Mr. Sharp.
Dr. Hollis,	
Mr. G. D. Clark,	
Mr. E. M. Clark,	
Mr. Edden,	
Mr. Fegan,	
Mr. Danahey,	
Mr. Black,	
Mr. Bavister,	
Mr. Darnley,	
Mr. Schey,	
Mr. Newman,	
Mr. Houghton,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question then put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Garrard, 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.

Ordered, that the adoption of the report stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

11. SAINT JOHN'S COLLEGE RELIEVING AND ENABLING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Crick moved, "That" this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Fuller moved, that the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That" with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "the Bill be referred to a Select

Committee, with power to send for persons and papers to inquire into and report upon the same.

"(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Slattery, Mr. Gould, Mr. J. D. FitzGerald, Mr. Campbell, Mr. O'Sullivan, Dr. Cullen, Mr. Dowel, Mr. E. M. Clark, Mr. Dickens, and the "Mover."

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

Debate continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 24.

Mr. Waddell,	Dr. Hollis,
Mr. Lync,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Willis,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Bowes,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. See,	Mr. Rose.
Mr. Hogan,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Henry Clark,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Frank Farnell.
Mr. Melville,	

Noes, 24.

Mr. E. M. Clark,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. G. D. Clark,	Mr. Donald,
Mr. Darnley,	Mr. Bavister.
Mr. Lees,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Marks,	Mr. Sharp.
Dr. Cullen,	

The numbers being equal, Mr. Speaker—stating that he should best discharge his duty by leaving the Bill open to further consideration—gave his casting vote with the *Ayes*, and declared the Question to have been resolved in the *affirmative*.

Original Question then put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

12. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Married Women's Property Bill (*Council Bill*) postponed until Monday next.

13. SILKSTONE COAL-MINE RAILWAY ACT AMENDING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Bowes 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. Bowes, 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. Bowes (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.

Ordered that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

14. SEGENHOE ESTATE IRRIGATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Neild moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Mr. Traill moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
 Debate continued.
 Question, for the adjournment of the Debate, put and negatived.
 Original Question then put.
 The House divided.

Ayes, 35.

Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Sharp,	Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Traill,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Sheldon,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Rose,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Dawson.
Mr. Tonkin,	
Mr. Bowes,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Williams,	Mr. Neild,
Mr. Newman,	Mr. Gillies.
Mr. Donald,	

Noes, 9.

Mr. McGowen,
 Dr. Hollis,
 Mr. G. D. Clark,
 Mr. Gardiner,
 Mr. Darnley,
 Mr. Melville,
 Mr. Edden.
Tellers,
 Mr. Kelly,
 Mr. Schey.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

TUESDAY, 16 FEBRUARY, 1892, A.M.

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

The House adjourned, at twenty-four minutes after One o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

J. P. ABBOTT
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 86.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 16 FEBRUARY, 1892.

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

TRADE DISPUTES CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL (No. 2).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

JERSEY,
Governor.

Message No. 43.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to provide for the establishment of Councils of Conciliation and of Arbitration for the settlement of Industrial Disputes.

Government House,
Sydney, 15th February, 1892.

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

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Railway Employees as Witnesses:—Mr. Houghton asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that employees in the Railway Department who are subpoenaed to give evidence on behalf of the Crown are deducted a day's pay for each day they are required to attend the Court?

(2.) Is it a fact that such employees when attending the lower Courts as Crown witnesses receive no compensation for the time they lose, and when attending the higher Courts in the like capacity their remuneration amounts to only 4s. per day?

(3.) Will he give instructions for such employees of the State to be paid the actual amount they are deducted by the Railway Department when retained on behalf of the Crown?

Mr. Slattery answered,—The following answers have been furnished by my honorable colleague, the Minister of Justice:—

(1.) I am informed by the Railway Department that employees in the railway service are not paid by the Commissioners when absent from work.

(2.) Crown witnesses attending the lower Courts, that is, Police Courts, are not paid expenses save in exceptional cases of hardship specially brought under the notice of the Minister of Justice, and it may be mentioned that the annual vote for such claims only amounts to £600. In the case of the higher Courts, that is Supreme and Circuit Courts, ordinary witnesses (including employees of the railway service when not paid by the Railway Department) residing within 10 miles of the town where the Court is held receive for each day's attendance at Court, 4s.; and if residing 10 miles or further away, 8s. Travelling allowance is also granted as follows:—For distance travelled by coach, 1s. 3d. per mile; for distance travelled by railway, 6d. per mile; for distance travelled by ship, 4d. per mile; for distance travelled otherwise, 1s. per mile. These rates are calculated on the distance from the town where the Court is held, and the rates are for one way only. The same allowances are paid to witnesses attending Courts of Quarter Sessions, but at such Courts the witnesses are treated alike, whether they belong to the railway service or not.

(3.) This is a matter which requires consideration, as it would appear, on the face of it, to be a fairer arrangement that the Railway Commissioners should not deduct the pay of their employees when performing the public duty of giving evidence at the Courts than that the scale of allowances to witnesses should be altered in order to meet such cases.

(2.)

- (2.) Government Inspector at Newtown Bridge :—Mr. Darnley asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Has his attention been called to the evidence given at the District Court on Wednesday, the 3rd instant, in the case of *Ross v. McMasters*, in which it was stated that the Government Inspector was away at a public-house drinking while a faulty stone was being laid at Newtown bridge?
 - (2.) Was not that evidence given on oath, and does he know whether it was contradicted in Court or not?
- Mr. Sec answered,—The evidence taken in this case at the District Court was not recorded, but full enquiry made in the matter seems to demonstrate that the Inspector was not absent as alleged at the time the accident happened.
- (3.) Central Fruit-market :—Mr. Houghton asked the Colonial Secretary,—Referring to his reply to the question asked by the Honorable Member for Molong, on the 9th instant, to the effect that it is not the intention of the Government to rebuild a central fruit-market on the site of the old market in George-street, will he state for what purpose it is intended to utilise such site; and when the Government are likely to take action in the matter?
- Mr. Dibbs answered,—The land referred to is the property of the Municipal Council of Sydney. I believe it is the intention of the Council to erect suitable buildings at the Haymarket.
- (4.) Free Pass to Postal Inspector Bossley :—Mr. Willis asked the Postmaster-General,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that a postal inspector named Bossley has a free pass on the railways only to be used by him when on official business?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that the said pass is used continually by Bossley to travel to and from his residence at Liverpool, irrespective of being on duty?
- Mr. Kidd answered,—
- (1.) By arrangement with the Railway Commissioners each Postal Inspector is provided with a free pass on the railways, but no stipulation is made that it is only to be used when on official business.
 - (2.) I understand that when not on duty in the country Mr. Bossley uses the pass between his residence and Sydney.
- (5.) Prisoner Bertrand :—Mr. Willis asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) How many years has prisoner Bertrand been in prison?
 - (2.) Has any promise been made for his release by previous Governments?
 - (3.) Will the Government take early steps to release him?
- Mr. Slattery answered,—The following answers have been furnished to me by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice :—
- (1.) Twenty-five years, eleven months, and twenty-one days.
 - (2.) No.
 - (3.) The case is now under consideration.
- (6.) Influenza Epidemic :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will the Return moved for by Dr. Ross on 26th November, 1891, in reference to the influenza epidemic be laid upon the Table of this House?
- Mr. Dibbs answered,—A circular letter on this subject has been addressed to all members of the medical profession practising in New South Wales; as soon as replies have been received they will be tabulated, and a report furnished to Parliament.
- (7.) Field of Mars Common :—Mr. Jeanneret asked the Colonial Secretary,—Which Department of the Public Service, the Lands Department or the Works Department, is responsible for the obligations which have been incurred with the purchasers of the Field of Mars Common with regard to providing means of communication with those lands in terms of the Cabinet minute dated 18th April, 1887, in the following words :—“The Cabinet authorise the Minister for Lands to announce in connection with the sale of the Field of Mars Common that the Government intend to construct a tramway to that locality”; and in regard to previous and subsequent announcements to the purchasers of such lands by Government in the statements of the Minister for Lands (Honorable J. S. Farnell) at the time of the first sale :—“That the Government intended to make a tramway to connect with the lands then being sold”; and the announcement of the Minister for Works, dated 10th February, 1891, to the purchasers of the Field of Mars land, in these words :—“I am directed to inform you that the Secretary for Public Works fully admits the obligation of the Government in this matter, and he therefore proposes to submit for the approval of the Cabinet a proposition to construct at once a tramway from Woolwich through Hunter’s Hill towards Ryde.—J. BARLING, Under Secretary”?
- Mr. Dibbs answered,—The Government as a whole are responsible for any obligations which have been incurred in this matter.
- (8.) Special Lease at Jervis Bay :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Has anything been done in the way of leasing by tender, or otherwise, a portion of land (4,000 acres) at Jervis Bay, near Nowra; if so, when, by whose authority, at what rental, on what terms, to whom, and for what purpose?
 - (2.) Is it true that the District Surveyor and Local Land Board have declined to sanction or approve of a lease of the land being granted, and for what reason?
 - (3.) Is it usual to withdraw such a large area of valuable land in the Central Division from settlement or alienation, especially in the midst of a thickly-populated and important coast district, and was the land at any time open for lease or conditional purchase; if not, why not?
 - (4.) Will he have any objection to lay a copy of all letters, papers, and other documents, &c., having reference to this matter upon the Table of this House—also the report of the District Surveyor, and the evidence taken before the Land Board, and their decision on the matter?

Mr.

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) I beg to inform the honorable member that the papers in this case are at present with the District Surveyor, but I may refer him to the reply given by me to Mr. Carruthers on the 27th ultimo, and to the copy of the notice calling for tenders for this land, laid upon the Table of the House on the same day.

(2.) Neither the District Surveyor nor the Local Land Board have power to sanction or approve of such a lease being given.

(3.) The land is not in the Central but in the Eastern Division, and on the sea coast, and is of such a barren description that it has not even been held under pastoral lease or occupation for many years. The land has been open to conditional purchase since the Lands Act of 1861 came into force.

(4.) There will be no objection to lay copies of all the papers on the Table, if moved for in the usual manner.

(9.) Rifle Clubs under the Command of Lieutenant-Colonel Eden :—*Mr. Hutchison*, for Mr. Wright, asked the Colonial Secretary,—What is the total number of members of the various Rifle Clubs under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel Eden ?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—3,511.

(10.) Cadets under the Command of Lieutenant-Colonel Paul :—*Mr. Hutchison*, for Mr. Wright, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—What is the total number of cadets under command of Lieutenant-Colonel Paul ?

Mr. Suttor answered,—6,888, composed as follows :—Staff, 9 ; ambulance, 45 ; senior cadets, 576 ; school cadets, 5,684 ; school bands, 358 ; Training College Corps, 216 ; total, 6,888.

(11.) Increase of Lunatics :—*Mr. Rose* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the lunatics of New South Wales are increasing at the rate of 100 per year ?

(2.) Is it a fact that the present accommodation for lunatics is overcrowded ?

(3.) Is not a new lunatic asylum urgently required ?

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

(1.) The average annual increase of the insane for the last twenty years is about 100, but the increase is not out of proportion to the increase in general population.

(2.) Yes: the existing asylums are overcrowded.

(3.) A new asylum is much needed.

(12.) Government Contracts :—*Mr. Sheldon* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he consider the advisability of making a regulation whereby persons receiving Government contracts involving purchase of materials to be used in such contract, and not being in the position to pay cash for same, may have power to transfer the value of such purchases in favour of the person supplying them ?

Mr. Lyne answered,—No regulation of the Department would have any effect unless it were in accordance with law, but I will consult the Attorney-General on the matter at an early date.

(13.) Assyrian Hawkers :—*Mr. Rose* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that it is alleged that the Assyrian hawkers are threatening to become a great nuisance in the country ?

(2.) Will he take steps to have a poll-tax imposed on them ?

Mr. Dibbs answered.—The question which the honorable member has raised here is of great importance, inasmuch as a very large number of the hawkers to which he has referred are British subjects. The matter will require considerably more attention than can be given to it off-hand, but I promise the honorable member that it will be considered during the recess.

(14.) American Patent Tap Filters :—*Mr. Darnley* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Have the Government, through Messrs. Jeffrey, lately sold a quantity of American patent tap filters ; and, if so, how many, and at what price ?

(2.) When were these bought, how many of them, from whom, and at what price ?

(3.) What Department negotiated the purchase of these articles, and for what reason, and by whose directions, were they sold ?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—In the Railway Stores there were a number of miscellaneous articles which had become obsolete, some of them having been in stock for twenty years, and a number of them were disposed of by public auction, including a quantity of patent taps for filters.

(15.) Government Labour Bureau :—*Mr. E. M. Clark* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What persons have been appointed to positions in connection with the Government Labour Bureau ?

(2.) Has Mr. Joseph Creer, formerly a Member for Northumberland, been appointed ?

(3.) Is it true that a Mr. Bloxham has been appointed to a position in the Bureau ; if so, was he ever on the Commission of the Peace, and was he ever struck off the same, and when, and for what reason ?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) Mr. Joseph Creer and Mr. F. Bloxham.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) Mr. Bloxham is a magistrate of the territory. He was appointed by the head of the late Government, and has not been struck off the Commission of the Peace.

(16.) Railway-sleepers :—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Are a large number of railway-sleepers required for the railway works now in progress?
- (2.) Will another large quantity be required in various parts of the Colony in the near future?
- (3.) Is it possible to give employment to a considerable number of men (now out of work) in felling the necessary trees on Crown Lands, and preparing such sleepers?

Mr. See answered,—I am informed by the Railway Commissioners that sufficient sleepers are in hand and under order to meet the requirements of the existing lines for some considerable time, and they have no need at present to call for further supplies.

(17.) Restriction of Immigration of Inferior Races :—Mr. Waddell asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will the Government, during the recess, take into consideration the necessity of introducing legislation to restrict the immigration to the Colony of inferior races, such as Afghans, Indians, Cingalese, and Javanese?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—Yes; the Government will take the subject into consideration.

3. LAW PRACTITIONERS BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Neild read a third time and passed.

Mr. Neild then moved, that the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to regulate the admission of persons to practice in Courts of Law.*”

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to regulate the admission of persons to practice in Courts of Law,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 16th February, 1892.

4. EIGHT HOURS BILL :—(*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Schey, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Schey then moved, that the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to declare Eight Hours to be a Legal Day's Labour; to declare void, and in some cases penal, certain contracts and agreements; to regulate labour on Saturdays and Sundays; to provide for overtime working and payments therefor; and for other purposes connected with the aforesaid objects.*”

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to declare Eight Hours to be a Legal Day's Labour; to declare void, and in some cases penal, certain contracts and agreements; to regulate labour on Saturdays and Sundays; to provide for overtime working and payments therefor; and for other purposes connected with the aforesaid objects,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 16th February, 1892.

5. SILKSTONE COAL-MINE RAILWAY ACT AMENDING BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Bowes, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Bowes then moved, that the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to amend the 'Silkstone Coal-mine Railway Act of 1889.'*”

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to amend the 'Silkstone Coal-mine Railway Act of 1889,'*”—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, 16th February, 1892.

6. SAINT JOHN'S COLLEGE RELIEVING AND ENABLING BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Crick, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Crick then moved, that the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to relieve the Rector and Fellows of Saint John's College of the trusts of a devise by will of the late John McEncroe, in regard to certain land near Jamberoo; and to enable them to convey the said land to Trustees; and to enable such Trustees to lease the said land, and also to sell the same and deal with the proceeds thereof.*”

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the Bill returned herewith, intituled “*An Act to relieve the Rector and Fellows of Saint John's College of the trusts of a devise by will of the late John McEncroe, in regard to certain land near Jamberoo; and to enable them to convey the said land to Trustees; and to enable such Trustees to lease the said land; and also to sell the same, and deal with the proceeds thereof,*”—with the amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendment the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 16th February, 1892.

SAINT JOHN'S COLLEGE RELIEVING AND ENABLING BILL.

Schedule of Amendment referred to in Message of 16th February, 1892.

F. W. WEBB,

Clerk of Legislative Assembly.

Page 2, clause 2, line 21. After "O'Reilly" insert "subject to all existing rights."

Examined,—

NINIAN MELVILLE,

Chairman of Committees.

7. APPOINTMENTS TO THE RAILWAY SERVICE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Nicoll moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return of the names, salaries, and positions of all persons, who have not resided in the Colony twelve months prior to their appointment to the Railway service of this Colony by the Railway Commissioners. Question put and passed.
8. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the adoption of the report from the Committee of the Whole on the Land Company of Australasia (Limited) Railway Bill (*Council Bill*), postponed until Monday next.
9. TOWNS POLICE ACT:—Mr. Grahame presented a Petition from certain citizens of Newcastle, stating that in their opinion many of the provisions of the Towns Police Act are not applicable to the present state of society, suggesting certain amendments in the Act, and praying the House to grant the relief asked for. Petition received.
10. BROKEN HILL TRAMWAYS BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—
MR. SPEAKER,—
The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable John Penrose, of Broken Hill, to construct and maintain Tramways in the Municipal District of Broken Hill*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence; accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.
Legislative Council Chamber, JOHN LACKEY,
Sydney, 16th February, 1892. President.
Bill, on motion of Mr. Cann, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Monday, 29th February.
11. PAPERS:—Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of St. John, county of Cumberland, in connection with the construction of a bridge over the Parramatta River, in the township of Parramatta.
(2.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Willoughby, county of Cumberland, in connection with the construction of a caretaker's cottage, and an approach to the wharf at Lane Cove Bridge.
(3.) Proclamation and notification in connection with the transfer to the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage of the Alexandria and Macdonaldtown branch sewer.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. See laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Report on Leprosy in New South Wales for 1891.
(2.) Report of the Chief Commissioner for Railways on List's Continuous Brake.
(3.) General Abstract of Bank Liabilities and Assets for quarter ended 31st December, 1891.
Ordered to be printed.
12. TOLLS ON STOCK BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Slattery moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Point of Order:—Mr. Carruthers invited the attention of Mr. Speaker to the 5th clause of this Bill, imposing a toll upon imported stock, and submitted that it again presented for consideration a question the House had decided this Session in the Customs Duties Bill, which provided that live animals should be duty free.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Speaker quoted authorities on the subject, showing that it was opposed to the practice of Parliament to permit one decision to conflict with a previous one in the same Session, and he ruled that the provisions of this Bill were contradictory of those in the Customs Duties Bill, and therefore out of Order.
On motion of Mr. Slattery, the Order of the Day was discharged, and the Bill withdrawn.
13. DISEASES IN SHEEP ACTS AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Dibbs, proceeding to move the second reading of this Bill,—
Point of Order:—Mr. Wall requested Mr. Speaker to rule whether sub-section (III), clause 12, came within the Order of Leave.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Speaker decided that the sub-section referred to was quite in order.
Mr. Dibbs then moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Debate continued.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

14. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The remaining Orders of the Day of Government Business postponed until To-morrow.
15. **RUTLAND FLUX TRAMWAY BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Dickens 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. Dickens, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
 On motion of Mr. Dickens, the report was adopted.
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
16. **SIMPSON'S RAILWAY BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Neild moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Question put and passed.
 Bill read a second time.
 On motion of Mr. Neild Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.
17. **POSTPONEMENT** :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Agricultural Holdings Bill postponed until To-morrow.
18. **WATKINS-WALLIS TRUST ESTATE BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Barbour 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. Barbour, 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 Mr. Barbour, the report was adopted.
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
19. **ADJOURNMENT** :—Mr. Dibbs moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
 The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-eight minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 87.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 17 FEBRUARY, 1892.

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

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:—Mr. Dibbs referred to the defeat of a certain Bill last night in the Legislative Council, and informed the House of the intentions of the Government in regard to the introduction of a new Electoral Reform Bill.

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Railway Management:—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In view of the reply lately laid upon the Table, made by the Railway Commissioners, in reference to charges made by Mr. McCourt against their administration, will he call upon the Commissioners to make a reply to the charges made by Mr. Schey in the course of the same debate?

Mr. See answered,—Perhaps the Honorable Member would be good enough to specifically state the charges which he desires me to submit to the Railway Commissioners for explanation.

- (2.) Establishment of a National Bank:—Mr. Houghton asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he consider the advisability of introducing a Bill for the establishment of a National Bank during next Session of Parliament?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I shall be glad if my honorable friend will favour me with a statement of his views on the question of a National Bank, and I shall consider them. At present I am not very clear as to what is the scope of his suggestion.

- (3.) Insect Pest in Fruit:—Mr. Rose asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) When will he introduce a Bill to deal with the insect pest in fruit?

(2.) Is it a fact that the codlin-moth is rapidly spreading in New South Wales?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) As early next Session as the state of the public business will permit.

(2.) It is a fact that the codlin-moth is spreading.

- (4.) Mr. Whitton, late Engineer-in-Chief for Railways:—Mr. Edden asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Has any communication been received from Mr. Whitton, late Engineer-in-Chief for Railways *re* over-payment of his pension?

(2.) If so, what is the nature of such reply?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Submitting that deduction should not be made on account of over-payments of pension.

- (5.) Expenditure on Roads—Deepwater to Emmaville—Deepwater to Torrington:—Mr. Lee asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) The amount of the yearly vote for road, Deepwater to Emmaville?

(2.) The amount of the special vote for same road for year 1891?

(3.) The amount expended on same road for year 1891?

(4.) The same information respecting the road, Deepwater to Torrington?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) No yearly vote has been taken, but it is proposed to place a sum of £540 on this year's Schedule.

(2 and 3.) There was no special vote, but it was proposed to grant a sum of £7,500 from a general vote. Part of the amount has already been spent, and as the general vote is exhausted, the balance will be provided for on this year's Estimates.

(4.) £400 is the amount of the yearly vote; no special vote was taken. The expenditure for 1891 amounted to £294 4s. 4d.

(6.)

(6.) Maintenance of Parents Act:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government during the present or ensuing Session to introduce into this Colony the English Act, viz., Maintenance of Parents Act, in connection with the working of our charitable institutions and other measures dealing with this question?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—This matter will receive the attention which its importance demands.

(7.) Fees to Workmen serving as Jurymen:—Mr. Johnston asked the Minister of Justice,—Will the Government, during the recess, take into consideration the question of increasing the fees of workmen who are called on to serve as jurymen from 5s. per day to 10s. 6d. per day?

Mr. Barton answered,—The following answer has been furnished by my Honorable Colleague the Minister of Justice:—I should be glad if the Honorable Member will furnish me with definite reasons in support of the fees being so increased. The present scale of allowances of fees to jurors was framed after very mature consideration, and upon certain principles which have hitherto guided this and other colonies in fixing their scales of allowances to jurors, and it would be manifestly unsafe to deviate from those principles except for very well-advised reasons.

(8.) Savings Bank of New South Wales:—Mr. Dowel asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What is the amount of money belonging to the Savings Bank of New South Wales deposited in the various Sydney banks?

(2.) The period for which such deposits are made, and the interest agreed to be paid?

(3.) As the Savings Bank of New South Wales is virtually a Government bank, will he cause the deposits in the Sydney banks, as they become due, to be placed at the disposal, control, and use of the Government?

Mr. Sec answered,—

(1 and 2.) These are matters on which I am not officially in a position to supply the desired information, but I have obtained the following particulars from the Managing Trustee:—In reply to Question 1, £1,440,845 7s. 3d.; and in reply to Question 2, twelve months is the period for which deposits are made—£36,000 being at 4 per cent., and £1,404,845 7s. 3d. at 5 per cent.

(3.) The only connection with the Government is that the Trustees are appointed by His Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council. I am unable, therefore, to direct the Bank how they shall dispose of their funds. I would, however, invite the Honorable Member's attention to clauses 17 and 18 of the Savings Bank Consolidation Act.

(9.) Appointment of Ferryman at Grafton:—Mr. Houghton asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a man named Kimpton has been appointed to take charge of the ferry service at Grafton?

(2.) If so, what qualification does he possess for the position?

(3.) Has he ever before occupied a position in the Public Service?

(4.) How long has he resided in the Colony?

(5.) Did the Department consider the claims of other men who have been engaged in the ferry service on the Clarence for a number of years before appointing Kimpton to this position?

(6.) If so, on what grounds was the appointment refused to one of these men?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) He is a master mariner, and has had experience in looking after new steamers being built in England, and then bringing them out to the Colonies; he understands engines and boilers, and has good references from all firms he has served.

(3 and 4.) I am unable at present to answer these Questions, but will inquire further.

(5.) Yes.

(6.) The Supervising Engineer, in dealing with the case, reported that, although the engineer and ferryman at Harwood Ferry had given satisfaction in his present position, Mr. Kimpton was a man of superior qualifications, who would, probably, be best suited for the position. The pay attached to both positions is now the same.

3. TRADE DISPUTES CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL (No. 2) (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the establishment of Councils of Conciliation and of Arbitration for the settlement of Industrial Disputes. Question put and passed.

4. HUNTER DISTRICT WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Lyne moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to establish a Board of Water Supply and Sewerage for the district of the Lower Hunter; to transfer certain portions of land and works for water supply constructed by the Government within such district, and vest the same in the said Board; to transfer to the said Board certain reticulation works in connection with water supply, and certain works for sewerage constructed by certain Municipal Councils; to provide for the licensing and certifying of persons to perform work in connection with water supply and sewerage; to confer on such Board all requisite powers for the administration of all matters relating to the water supply and sewerage of such district, and in certain cases of places outside such district; to provide for the repayment of cost of works for water supply and sewerage for the said district, and of certain loans made to the Council of the Borough of Newcastle; to confer certain powers and impose certain duties in respect to the construction of works of water supply and sewerage within such district on the Minister; to provide for the acquisition and occupation of lands required for purposes of water supply or sewerage, and for the payment of compensation in respect of such lands, and for the sale and lease of superfluous lands; and to make other provisions incidental to such purposes.

Question put and passed.

5. **WATKINS-WALLIS TRUST ESTATE BILL** (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Barbour, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Barbour then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to confer certain powers and authorities upon Stephen John Pearson and the Reverend John Douse Langley, as Trustees of two several indentures, dated the twenty-second day of June, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five, and the seventeenth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight, under which certain lands and moneys were vested in the said Stephen John Pearson and Reverend John Douse Langley, on certain trusts in the said indentures mentioned.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the following Message:—
MR. PRESIDENT,—
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to confer certain powers and authorities upon Stephen John Pearson and the Reverend John Douse Langley, as trustees of two several indentures, dated the twenty-second day of June, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five, and the seventeenth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight, under which certain lands and moneys were vested in the said Stephen John Pearson and Reverend John Douse Langley on certain trusts in the said indentures mentioned,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence; accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 17th February, 1892.*
6. **RUTLAND FLUX TRAMWAY BILL** (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Dickens, read a third time and *passed*.
Mr. Dickens then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to authorise Robert Stewart, of Broken Hill, in the Colony of New South Wales, mine-owner, his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, to construct and maintain a tramway from his flux quarries, in the parish of Robe, county of Yancowinna, in the Colony of New South Wales; and to use horse, steam, or other motive power upon the said tramway; and to carry all flux, fuel, and other material to and from his said quarries, in the parish of Robe aforesaid, to a point near Broken Hill, in the Colony aforesaid, connecting with the tramway system of the Broken Hill mines.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with the following Message:—
MR. PRESIDENT,—
The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise Robert Stewart, of Broken Hill, in the Colony of New South Wales, mine-owner, his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, to construct and maintain a tramway from his flux quarries, in the parish of Robe, county of Yancowinna, in the Colony of New South Wales; and to use horse, steam, or other motive power upon the said tramway; and to carry all flux, fuel, and other material to and from his said quarries, in the parish of Robe aforesaid, to a point near Broken Hill, in the Colony aforesaid, connecting with the tramway system of the Broken Hill mines,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 17th February, 1892.*
7. **SPECIAL LEASE OF CROWN LANDS AT JERVIS BAY** (*Formal Motion*):—Dr. Ross moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all letters, papers, maps, reports, decisions of Land Board, and other documents, &c., having reference to the leasing of certain Crown Lands, to wit, about 4,000 acres, at Jervis Bay, near Nowra.
Question put and passed.
8. **CASE OF PATRICK BROWN** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Neild moved, pursuant to Notice, That the report of the Select Committee on the "*Case of Patrick Brown,*" brought up on the 11th February, 1892, be now adopted.
Question put and passed.
9. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
(1.) Simpson's Railway Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—until To-morrow.
(2.) Polling Day Liquor Prohibition Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill for the purpose of closing licensed public-houses; and for the prohibition of the sale and supply of intoxicating liquors on Parliamentary Election days; for making it illegal to hold Committee meetings, or meetings of electors in licensed public-houses in connection with Parliamentary elections; and for other purposes connected therewith;—until Monday, 29th February.
10. **PAPERS**:—
Mr. See laid upon the Table,—Return showing the amount paid as pensions under the Civil Service Act of 1884.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Suttor laid upon the Table,—By-laws of the North Botany, Deniliquin, Paddington, Broken Hill, Ermington and Rydalmere, and Jerilderie Free Public Libraries.
Ordered to be printed.
11. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Jeanneret 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 discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., the "proposed unnecessary expenditure of money in connection with the Field of Mars Common."
And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—
Mr. Jeanneret moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.

12. **BROKEN HILL WATER SUPPLY ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—Mr. Cann, 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 1st February, 1892, together with a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee. On motion of Mr. Want, the Report was read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker. Ordered to be printed. Mr. Cann then moved, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow. Question put and passed.
13. **SUPPLY**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 18 FEBRUARY, 1892, A.M.

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

14. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Dibbs moved, That this House do now adjourn. Debate ensued. Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-eight minutes before Two o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 88.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 18 FEBRUARY, 1892.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Female Teachers in Public Schools:—*Mr. McFarlane*, for *Mr. Dangar*, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—In view of the fact that it has been affirmed in the Early Closing Bill that seats should be provided for female assistants in shops, will he cause provision to be made for the accommodation of female teachers in our public schools, who, in the pursuit of their calling, are required to stand several hours each day?

Mr. Suttor answered,—There is nothing in the Regulations to prevent teachers sitting when their doing so will not injuriously affect the efficiency of their teaching. In most of the schools seats are provided, and teachers are allowed to sit.

- (2.) Sunday Trading:—*Mr. McFarlane*, for *Mr. Dangar*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What number of shops and other business places were observed by the police on duty in the respective Metropolitan Police Districts of the city and suburbs to be open for the transacted of usual trade within the hours from 3 to 5 p.m. and 8 to 9 p.m. on Sunday, the 14th February?

(2.) What were the respective businesses carried on; stating in how many cases more than one business was being prosecuted?

(3.) (a) How many prosecutions were instituted against such persons; (b) under what Act were such prosecutions instituted; (c) what was the result of such prosecutions?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table a Return giving the desired information.

- (3.) Defective drainage at Waverley:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that in the neighbourhood of Waverley, especially at Birrell and Spring Streets, the residents are at present suffering and complaining of the want of proper sewerage and the smell arising from filth or nuisance heaps, consisting of all kinds of rubbish, the very hotbed and quintessence of fevers; if so, will he see that some steps are taken to have the matters complained of put a stop to, or brought under the notice of the proper authority, empowered to deal with such important matters as public health?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I am informed that no report has been made to the Health Department respecting this matter. An officer of that Department will make inquiries, with a view to advising the Local Council as to any action which may be necessary.

- (4.) Patients admitted under the Pauper Vote into Metropolitan Hospitals:—*Dr. Hollis* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What hospitals in the Metropolitan district admitted patients during the year 1891 under the provisions of the pauper vote?

(2.) How many patients were admitted into each such hospital under the provisions of that vote?

(3.) What amount of Government subsidy did each of those hospitals receive during that year?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Medical Adviser to the Government:—

(1.) Sydney, Prince Alfred, and Moorcliff Ophthalmic.

(2.) Sydney, 870; Prince Alfred, 697; Moorcliff, 200.

(3.) £4,000 each to the Prince Alfred and Sydney Hospitals. The Moorcliff Hospital, being a branch of the Sydney Hospital, does not receive Government subsidy.

(5.)

- (5.) Expenditure for Water Supply from Consolidated Revenue and Loan Funds:—Mr. Traill asked the Secretary for Mines,—Will he cause to be laid upon the Table of the House a Return showing all amounts expended from the Consolidated Revenue and Loan Funds respectively for the supply and conservation of water to towns, &c., within the Colony, and in connection therewith?

Mr. Slattery answered,—If Mr. Traill refers to municipal towns, the works for water supply are carried out by the Public Works Department. We can supply a return of expenditure on works for supplying water to towns outside of municipalities.

- (6.) Coloured Labour for the Sugar Industry:—Mr. Johnston asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will the Government, in introducing the Federation Bill, take into consideration the action of the neighbouring colony of Queensland in reverting to coloured labour for the sugar industry of that colony?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The Government will introduce the Bill as passed by the Federal Convention; and the Honorable Member will then be in a position to endeavour to give effect to any views which he may hold on this Question.

- (7.) Pipe Castings:—Mr. Nicholson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What is the price paid by the Government for pipe castings from 3 inches diameter up to 4 feet?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The information will be prepared and laid upon the Table of the House in the shape of a Return.

- (8.) Dinners given by Mr. Sheriff Cowper, at Darlinghurst:—*Mr. G. D. Clark*, for Mr. Miller, asked the Minister of Justice,—Who provides the dinners given by Mr. Sheriff Cowper, at Darlinghurst; are they paid for by the State?

Mr. Slattery answered,—The following answer has been furnished to me by my Honorable colleague the Minister of Justice:—Mr. Sheriff Cowper informs me that he provides at his own expense any dinners given by him at Darlinghurst Court-house, and they are not paid for by the State.

- (9.) New Post Offices at Burwood and Rockdale:—Mr. Carruthers asked the Postmaster-General,—
(1.) When were tenders received for the erection of the new post offices at Burwood and Rockdale?
(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to accept a tender for these buildings; and, if not, for what reason?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

(1.) The tenders for the former were received on the 11th November last, and for the latter on the 25th idem.

(2.) A determination in regard to these and other similar cases will probably be arrived at in the course of a few days.

- (10.) Marrickville to Burwood Road Railway:—Mr. Carruthers asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has the Government yet come to any decision with regard to the acceptance of a tender for the construction of the railway from Marrickville to Burwood Road?

Mr. Lyne answered,—No.

- (11.) Noxious Weeds:—Mr. Perry asked the Secretary for Mines,—In view of the urgency for legislation dealing with noxious weeds, will he bring in a measure with the least possible delay not incorporated with the long-promised Local Government Bill?

Mr. Slattery answered,—Such a Bill will be introduced as soon as the state of the public business will permit.

- (12.) Noxious Weeds Bill:—*Mr. Barnes*, for Mr. Colls, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Will he bring in a Noxious Weeds Bill; and, if so, will it contain provisions to deal with the sweet-briar?

(2.) Is it a fact that the sweet-briar is becoming a great nuisance in the southern districts, and is destroying the value of both Crown and private lands?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) A Bill has been prepared which deals with noxious weeds, as well as other pests affecting stock and pastures.

(2.) Yes.

- (13.) Proposed visit of the Colonial Secretary to England:—Mr. Toohey asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it true that during the recess he proposes to visit England?

(2.) Is it true that the object of his visit to England is to deal with the financial circumstances of New South Wales with England?

(3.) If so, will he take the Parliament into his confidence by intimating how he proposes to advance the interests of New South Wales while on that mission?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—In reply to Question 1, it is quite true that such a trip as that referred to is contemplated by me. With regard to Questions 2 and 3, the object of that trip it is not convenient at the present moment to explain.

- (14.) Grant for Municipal Library at Paddington:—Mr. Neild asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will a reply be given to the written application, made by Mr. Neild in December of last year, for a special grant of £1,000 for the Municipal Library for the Borough of Paddington?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The matter will be considered as soon as the Cabinet can find time to do so.

- (15.) Band-stand for the Centennial Park:—Mr. Neild asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will a reply be given to the written application, made by Mr. Neild several months ago, for the erection of a band-stand in the Centennial Park?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I must give an answer to this Question similar to that given to No. 9. The matter will be considered by the Government, both with regard to the previous Question and this one, I hope, favourably.

2. **PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS** :—*Cable Tramway from King-street, via William-street, to Ocean-street (Formal Motion)* :—Mr. Lyne moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient that the construction of a cable tramway from King-street, via William-street, to Ocean-street, as referred by the Legislative Assembly to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out.
Question put and passed.
3. **LAND BOILER INSPECTION BILL (Formal Motion)** :—Mr. Dibbs 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 provide for the inspection and regulation of steam boilers on land; the examination of persons in charge of same, and the granting of certificates to such persons; to define the duties and liabilities of the owners of such boilers; to make provision for the holding of inquiries into accidents caused by the explosion of such boilers; and for other purposes incidental to the objects aforesaid.
Question put and passed.
4. **POSTPONEMENT** :—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to secure the more effective closing of public-houses on Sundays and during prohibited hours;—postponed until Monday, 21st March.
5. **SUPPLY** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.
6. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
(1.) The remaining Orders of the Day of Government Business;—until Tuesday next.
(2.) Simpson's Railway Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—until Tuesday next.
7. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS** :—
(1.) Mr. Dibbs (*by the permission of the House*) moved, without Notice, That it is a case of urgent and pressing necessity that the 72nd Standing Order be dispensed with, in order to authorise the reading a second time this day of the "Broken Hill Water Supply Act Amendment Bill."
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Dibbs then moved, without Notice, That the 72nd Standing Order be suspended to permit of the second reading this day of the "Broken Hill Water Supply Act Amendment Bill."
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
8. **BROKEN HILL WATER SUPPLY ACT AMENDMENT BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Cann moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

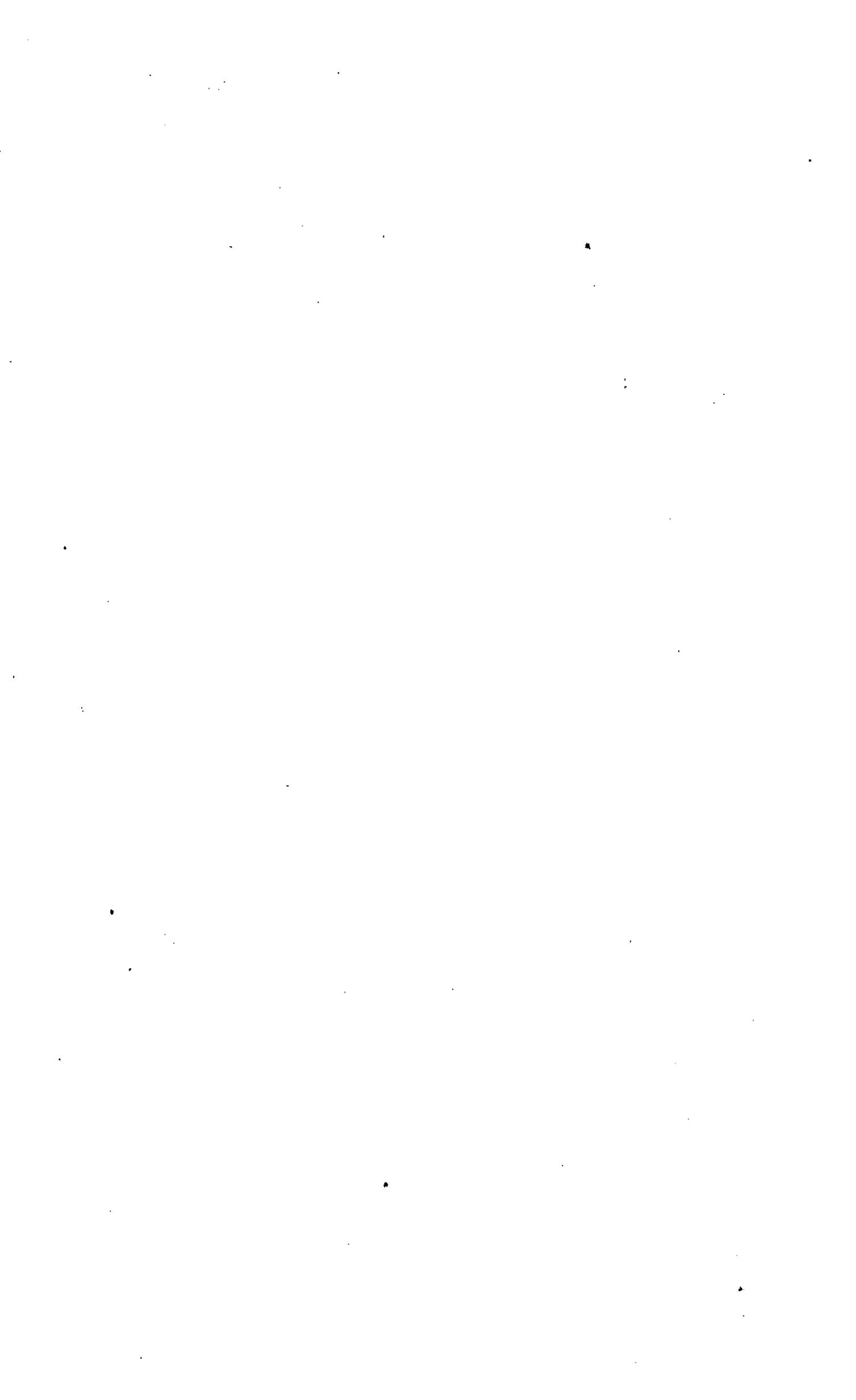
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.

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

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

The House adjourned, at five minutes after Three o'clock a.m., until Monday next at Four o'clock.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 89.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, 22 FEBRUARY, 1892.

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

ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) Moore-street Improvement Act Amendment Bill:—

JERSEY,
Governor.

Message No. 44.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Moore-street Improvement Act of 1890,'*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 20th February, 1892.

- (2.) Partnership Bill:—

JERSEY,
Governor.

Message No. 45.

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

Government House,
Sydney, 20th February, 1892.

- (3.) Rutland Flux Tramway Bill:—

JERSEY,
Governor.

Message No. 46.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise Robert Stewart, of Broken Hill, in the Colony of New South Wales, mine-owner, his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, to construct and maintain a tramway from his Flux Quarries, in the parish of Robe, county of Yancowinna, in the Colony of New South Wales; and to use horse, steam, or other motive power upon the said tramway; and to carry all flux, fuel, and other material to and from his said quarries, in the parish of Robe aforesaid, to a point near Broken Hill, in the Colony aforesaid, connecting with the tramway system of the Broken Hill mines,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 20th February, 1892.

2. PAPER:—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Copy of a Minute of His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council, dated 29th January, 1892, authorising the application of an amount from one Head of Service to supplement a Vote for another Service,—transmitted to the Legislative Assembly under the directions contained in the 18th section of the Audit Act of 1870.
Ordered to be printed.

3. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Village Sites and Irrigation Colonies:—*Mr. Toohy*, for *Mr. Traill*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he, during the recess, give his attention to the preparation of a Bill making provision for settlement on the land in village communities and irrigation colonies?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The question asked by the Honorable Member is quite foreign to the principles of our existing Land laws. If, however, the Honorable Member will furnish me with sufficient reasons for entertaining his proposal, I shall be very glad to look into the matter during the coming recess.

- (2.) Legal Work of Railway Commissioners:—*Mr. Tonkin*, for *Mr. Dawson*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Railway Commissioners have their legal work done by a private firm, or member of a firm, of Sydney solicitors?

(2.) If so, will he give the name, or names, and the remuneration?

Mr. See answered,—I am informed that, as a temporary arrangement, *Mr. R. Smith*, late Acting Crown Solicitor, has been retained as Solicitor for the Railway Department, pending the settlement of several important matters, the legal business connected therewith being conducted by him while acting as Crown Solicitor, and it would be disadvantageous to the State to take such matters out of his hand at the present time.

- (3.) Waverley Park:—*Mr. Tonkin* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Who are the trustees of the Waverley Park?

(2.) What authority (if any) have they for charging local cricket or football clubs playing on the park?

(3.) Are the trustees of this park empowered by the deed appointing them to prevent residents of the district playing the said games in the park?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) The Borough Council of Waverley.

(2.) None that I am aware of.

(3.) No deed has been issued. The powers of the trustees are fully set forth in section 6 of "The Act for the Regulation and Protection of Parks," which provides as follows:—"6. Trustees shall for all purposes of this Act and of any by-law thereunder be deemed to hold an estate in fee simple in the land for which they were appointed, but shall not be capable of alienating, charging, or in any way disposing of such land or any part thereof: Provided always that it shall be lawful for trustees, with the consent of the Minister, to lease or grant grazing or other temporary licenses to occupy or use any portion of such land for such purposes, on such terms, and subject to such conditions as he may approve."

- (4.) City Railway Extension:—*Mr. Martin* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has the final report and recommendation of the Royal Commission on the extension of the railway into the city of Sydney, the extension of the railway to the eastern and western suburbs, and connecting the North Shore by means of a bridge, been considered by the Government?

(2.) If so, will the Government submit the scheme recommended by the Commission to the Public Works Committee when appointed?

Mr. Lyne answered,—This matter is one of great importance, and requires very careful consideration; and, in view of the early closing of the present Session, the Honorable Member will see that it will be impossible for the Government to deal with it in the short time which is left, but the subject will be considered in all its bearings during the recess, and a decision arrived at as quickly as possible.

- (5.) New Parliament Houses:—*Mr. Frank Farnell* asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will practical steps be taken in the matter of the erection and completion of new Parliament Houses?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—As soon as the Government get into recess this matter will receive careful consideration.

- (6.) Site for Noxious Trades:—*Mr. Frank Farnell* asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will steps be taken to decide the question of a site for noxious trades?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—As soon as the Government get into recess this matter will receive careful consideration.

- (7.) Rookwood Reformatory,—*Mr. Frank Farnell* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) When will steps be taken to decide the question of the utilisation of the buildings erected at Rookwood for a reformatory?

(2.) What has been the cost of the said buildings, and the amount voted annually for their maintenance?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) This matter is one of those that will be considered directly I can devote a few hours' time to it. I shall so deal with the matter that the buildings will be occupied for the purposes of a reformatory.

(2.) The cost of the buildings is £19,132 18s., exclusive of cost of land, and £800 per annum is voted annually for the maintenance of gardens and buildings.

- (8.) Marrickville to Burwood Road Railway Extension to Liverpool:—*Mr. Frank Farnell* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Whether, in view of the first section having been sanctioned, he will consider the advisability of extending the Marrickville-Burwood Road Railway to join the Southern Line at Liverpool?

Mr. Lyne answered,—If any portion of the line is constructed, I am in favour of extending it to Liverpool, and when more urgent matters are dealt with it will be considered by the Cabinet.

(9.) Water Police Force:—Mr. Sharp asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that members of the Water Police work twelve hours daily, and that their pay is about 7s. per day?

(2.) Is it a fact that on alternate weeks they are obliged to work twenty-four hours (from Sunday morning till Monday morning inclusive) without extra payment for the same?

(3.) Will he take steps to place the men in the Water Police on the same footing, as to pay and working hours, as the other branch of the Service?

(4.) Will he, in view of the numerous robberies and assaults recently reported, take steps to augment the police force, so as to afford adequate protection to the homes and lives of the public?

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

(1.) The day and night reliefs are divided into twelve hours; average time of duty six hours, the other time being occupied for meals and reserve. A constable, first-class, receives 7s. 6d. per diem, and 1s. per diem lodging allowance.

(2.) The men prefer to take the twenty-four hours duty on alternate Sundays, an equivalent time being allowed. The hours of actual duty average ten hours for that period.

(3.) The rates of pay are the same, but the nature of the duty renders necessary a variation from ordinary hours for beat duty. No complaints have been made that the duty is too severe.

(4.) An increase of the force has now been voted.

(10.) Proposed Visit of the Colonial Secretary to England:—Mr. Toohy asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of his refusal to reply to Mr. Toohy's Questions of Thursday last,—does he intend, as Colonial Secretary, to in any way commit the Colony to a financial scheme with England without the knowledge and consent of this Parliament?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I think the Honorable Member is slightly in error if he is under the idea that there was a refusal to reply to the Question he asked on Thursday last. I then answered the Question as fully as it was prudent to answer it at that time, and I do not think I can go beyond that answer now.

4. WHARF AT LIME AND ERSKINE STREETS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Wright moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers, plans, reports, and correspondence in connection with the application for a special lease for a wharf at Lime and Erskine Streets, in the City of Sydney, by Mr. Matthew Smith; together with copies of all communications with the Treasury Department in reference to the same.
Question put and passed.

5. CONDITIONAL PURCHASE BY ZACHARY BENN, RICHMOND RIVER DISTRICT:—*Mr. Barbour*, on behalf of Mr. Ewing, Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 1st February, 1892.
Ordered to be printed.

6. NUISANCES PREVENTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had disagreed to one, and agreed to the remainder of the Council's amendments.

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

7. SUNK NETS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Frank Farnell moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.
Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

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

Mr. Farnell then moved, That the report be now adopted.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 40.

Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Sutor,	Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Lyne,	Dr. Cullen,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Wall,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. See,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Rose,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Rac,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Cass,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Gormly.
Mr. Barbour,	
Mr. Langwell,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Nobbs.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Noes, 12.

Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Newton,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Buvister,
Mr. McGowen.

Tellers,

Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Stevenson.

Ordered,

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to declare unlawful and prevent the use of certain Fishing Nets known as Sunk Nets, and to make other provision subsidiary thereto,*"—including the amendment in the Title.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 22nd February, 1892.*

8. **PETTY SESSIONS JURISDICTION EXTENSION BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Torpy, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments with an amendment. On motion of Mr. Torpy, the report was adopted.

9. **ADJOURNMENT:**—Mr. Dibbs moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 90.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 23 FEBRUARY, 1892.

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

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:—

- (1.) The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Lyne, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Bill:—

JERSEY,
Governor.

Message No. 47.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to establish a Board of Water Supply and Sewerage for the district of the Lower Hunter; to transfer certain portions of land and works for water supply constructed by the Government within such district, and vest the same in the said Board; to transfer to the said Board certain reticulation works in connection with water supply and certain works for sewerage constructed by certain Municipal Councils; to provide for the licensing and certificating of persons to perform work in connection with water supply and sewerage; to confer on such Board all requisite powers for the administration of all matters relating to the water supply and sewerage of such district, and, in certain cases, of places outside such district; to provide for the repayment of cost of works for water supply and sewerage for the said district and of certain loans made to the Council of the Borough of Newcastle; to confer certain powers and impose certain duties in respect to the construction of works for water supply and sewerage within such district on the Minister; to provide for the acquisition and occupation of lands required for purposes of water supply or sewerage, and for the payment of compensation in respect of such lands; and for the sale and lease of superfluous lands; and to make other provisions incidental to such purposes.

*Government House,
Sydney, 19th February, 1892.*

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

- (2.) The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

Land Boiler Inspection Bill:—

JERSEY,
Governor.

Message No. 48.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill providing for the inspection and regulation of steam boilers on land; and for other purposes in connection therewith.

*Government House,
Sydney, 19th February, 1892.*

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

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Influenza Epidemic:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it true that a circular has been issued by the Board of Health, "in view of the probable recurrence of influenza," for the purpose of putting the public on its guard against the expected visitation and attack?

(2.) Is the suggestion contained in the circular relative to a fresh outbreak of influenza intended as a reality, or is it merely a joke?

(3.)

- (3.) Will he state, for the information of the general public, the ground (scientific or otherwise) upon which the Board has arrived at this conclusion?
- (4.) Has the Board of Health arrived at any conclusion as to the origin or cause of influenza; if so, will he see that the circular is supplemented with a few plain rules or suggestions, and some simple method of treatment, whereby the public may be able to guard themselves against the advent and spread of the disease?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Board of Health:—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) A reality.
- (3.) The experience of previous epidemics of this disease.
- (4.) No.

(2.) Water Conservation:—Mr. Traill asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Referring to the third paragraph in the final report of the Royal Commission, Conservation of Water,—have any steps ever been taken to give effect to the previous recommendation of the Commissioners therein referred to with respect to the practical engineering examination of the principal western and coastal river basins for which £12,000 was voted about 1886-7?
- (2.) Has any action been taken in regard to the fourth paragraph of the same report?
- (3.) Has any arrangement been made with the South Australian Government relative to the waters of the Murray River?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) Six survey parties have been at work since the beginning of 1890, and the progress made up till January, 1891, is fully stated in the Progress Report of the Chief Engineer for Water Conservation, presented to Parliament last year. Since that date the same survey parties have been at work, and a further length of 5,000 miles has been surveyed and levelled on the western rivers. The gauging of both the western and the coastal rivers has been carried on and is still in progress.
- (2.) A map was prepared last year by the Commissioner-in-charge of the river Murray under the directions of the Colonial Secretary, showing the drainage area of the river Murray, but there has been no joint examination of the river with the Colony of Victoria.
- (3.) No arrangement has been made with the South Australian Government relative to the waters of the river Murray.

(3.) Pensions to ex-Warders Darby and Kelly, Darlinghurst Gaol:—Mr. Johnston asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that ex-Warders Darby and Kelly, while absent from duty, through sickness, had about £70 stopped from their pay?
- (2.) Is it a fact that ex-Warders Chapman and Slattery, who were also absent from duty through sickness, and had a portion of their pay stopped, have since had it paid to them?
- (3.) Is it a fact that Anthony Darby, who served as warder in Darlinghurst Gaol for twenty-one years, receives less pension than other warders (of a lower grade than himself), who have only served seventeen years?
- (4.) Will he cause inquiry to be made into the matter, and if found correct, see that ex-Warders Darby and Kelly get the amount paid to them?

Mr. Slattery answered,—The following answers have been furnished by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice:—The Comptroller-General of Prisons supplies the following information:—

- (1.) Ex-Warder Darby had £81 6s. 10d. and ex-Warder Kelly £61 19s. deducted from their pay during the whole period of their service of twenty-one years and eighteen and a half years respectively, as proportionate contribution towards payments of substitutes during sickness, in accordance with the rule, which applies to all warders. These officers were kept on pay for a considerable time, though unable to perform duty, pending the completion of arrangements for their retirement—namely, Darby upwards of seven months in 1885, and Kelly upwards of thirteen months in 1884 and 1885.
- (2.) The proportion of contribution for substitutes deducted from pay of ex-Warders Chapman and Slattery for the periods (5th July to 31st August, 1889, and 10th May to 31st July, 1889, respectively) during which they were performing duty and awaiting a reply to their applications for permission to retire, was £2 13s. 3d. and £6 5s. 7d. respectively, and these amounts were subsequently repaid to them.
- (3.) The Secretary to the Civil Service Board informs me that there does not appear to be any warder of only seventeen years' service who has retired on a larger pension than Mr. Darby, either in the same or a lower grade than himself.
- (4.) In view of the foregoing answers it would not appear necessary to hold any inquiry into the matter.

(4.) Court-house and Lock-up at Liverpool:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What is the condition of the court-house and lock-up at Liverpool?
- (2.) Has any amount been set apart for the repair of the same; if so, when will the work be commenced?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) These buildings are reported as being in an unsatisfactory state, and requiring repairs.
- (2.) Funds have been appropriated for this work from loans, but, with a large number of other similar works, it has to stand over, pending the settlement of the question of future loan expenditure.

(5.) Resumption of Lands for Lismore-Tweed Railway:—Mr. Perry asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will compensation claims for resumption of lands on 1st and 2nd sections of the Lismore-Tweed Railway be ready for payment?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I find the valuations will be ready for my consideration next week, and the offers will be made immediately thereafter; but it is impossible to say when the claims will be ready for payment, as this will depend upon the claimants accepting the offers made, and also producing satisfactory titles.

(6.) Penny Postage System :—Mr. Young asked the Postmaster-General,—

- (1.) Has he decided as to which towns and districts in the Colony he will extend the same advantages he has promised to the towns of Bowral and Moss Vale, namely, the penny postage system?
- (2.) If so, will he state particulars to this House?

Mr. Kidd answered,—Not yet. I have still the applications, which are very numerous, under consideration, and the difficulty in deciding is enhanced by the fact that a very great number ask for the extension of the 1d. postage far beyond the existing radius of 12 miles, in some cases as much as 80 or 100 miles. Moreover, the rule hitherto observed has been to extend only to populous and well-defined centres, and it is impossible to class many of the applications in that category. However, the matter is receiving very careful attention.

(7.) George-street Fruit Market:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) To whom does the land belong on which the George-street fruit market is situated; the area of the same; and how was it originally obtained?
- (2.) If to the Corporation of Sydney, in what way did they become possessed of the property, when, and on what terms?
- (3.) By whom were the buildings originally erected, and at what cost?
- (4.) The number of stall-holders, the amount of fees, rents, and rates received annually by the Corporation for the same?
- (5.) How much is the Corporation at present receiving in the shape of fees, rents, and Municipal rates for the same?
- (6.) Is the Government aware that many of the stall-holders have suffered serious losses in their business through the pulling down of these buildings, and is it the intention of the Government to compensate them for the same?
- (7.) Is it true that 15 feet of this reserve has lately been granted to the Corporation at Druiet-street; if so, at whose request, by whom, and by what authority?
- (8.) Will the Government see that steps are taken to have a plebiscite of the residents or rate-payers of the city taken in regard to the future use of this central and valuable site?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I will lay upon the Table a Return giving the desired information.

(8.) Probationers in the Post and Telegraph Department:—Dr. Ross asked the Postmaster-General,—

- (1.) Is it in accordance with the rules of the Civil Service that probationers are allowed to enter the Telegraph and Post Office Department without having first undergone the usual or necessary preliminary examination?
- (2.) Will he see that the rule is strictly enforced in such cases?

Mr. Kidd answered,—Probationers are not required to pass a preliminary examination, but they are not promoted until they qualify themselves for a higher position.

(9.) Federation of the Colonies :—Sir Henry Parkes asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Will he, as Head of the Government, inform the House what course has been decided upon in the matter of the Federation of the Colonies?
- (2.) About what date and in what form will the question be submitted to Parliament?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The course to be proposed to Parliament was decided upon at the time of the formation of the present Administration. When we came into office it had become impracticable to deal with the question of Federation during the present Session without such an extension of its proper limits as we felt we had no right to demand. This position arose from circumstances for which we are not responsible, and we think events have justified our opinion that the matter cannot be dealt with fairly this Session. The question will be introduced at an early period of next Session, in the form of a resolution or resolutions, giving scope for debate on the broad question of Federation and the principles of the Draft Bill to constitute the Commonwealth of Australia. A full discussion of the Draft Bill in detail will come afterwards, and Honorable Members of each House will have the opportunity of proposing amendments. The Houses will debate and deal with those proposals, accepting, rejecting, or modifying them as the majority desire. When the other Colonies have dealt with the question—it is hoped on similar lines—the Draft Bill and desired amendments will, in the opinion of Ministers, be ripe for discussion by a second Convention. I wish it to be understood that the amendments submitted to a second Convention should, in our view, be not merely the suggestions of individual Members, but should represent the opinions of the Houses of Parliament, whether separately or conjointly.

(10.) The New South Wales Railway Brake:—Mr. Johnston asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Will the Government consider the advisableness of introducing on the railways the New South Wales railway brake, as tried by Mr. Norman Selge, and reported on by Mr. Cruickshank, Mr. Rotheram, Mr. Thow, and Professor Warren?
- (2.) Is he aware whether the whole of such brake can be manufactured in the Colony, and has it had a fair trial, or was the testimony of an agent taken before the evidence of four experts?

Mr. See answered,—This matter has had very serious attention at the hands of the Railway Commissioners, who have decided on the form of brake which it is most desirable in the interests of the Colony to adopt, and no practical good can be derived by testing other brakes.

(11.) Proposed Visit of the Colonial Secretary to England:—Mr. Toohey asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Whether the circumstances of our financial position in any way require negotiations on a different basis with England to those already operating?
- (2.) If so, will the Premier, ere altering, or in any way interfering with the present circumstances, take this Parliament into his confidence?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I am afraid that no answer I could give to the Honorable Member's Question would please or satisfy him. I would appeal to him not to badger his friends.

3. PENSIONS, GRATUITIES, &c., PAID OUT OF CONSOLIDATED REVENUE. (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Rose moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return of all pensions, gratuities, and other charitable sums of money paid out of the Consolidated Revenue from the inception of Constitutional Government up to date.
Question put and passed.

4. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

- (1.) Broken Hill Water Supply Act Amendment Bill; third reading;—until To-morrow.
- (2.) Land Company of Australasia (Limited) Railway Bill (*Council Bill*) reported; adoption of report;—until Monday next.
- (3.) Broken Hill and District Water Supply Act Amendment Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—until To-morrow.
- (4.) Married Women's Property Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—until Monday next.
- (5.) Municipalities Act of 1867 Amendment Bill (No. 2); second reading;—until Monday next.
- (6.) Willoughby and Gordon Tramway Acts Amending Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until Monday next.

5. PETTY SESSIONS JURISDICTION EXTENSION BILL:—Ordered, on motion of Mr. Torpy, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 16th December, 1891, requesting its concurrence in certain amendments made by the Council in the Petty Sessions Jurisdiction Extension Bill,—

Agrees to the amendment which inserts new clause 1, but proposes to amend it by omitting, after the word "extended," the words "except in the county of Cumberland,"—in which amendment the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Agrees to the remaining amendments made by the Council in the Bill.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd February, 1892.*

6. NUISANCES PREVENTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Ordered, on motion of Mr. Frank Farnell, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 18th November, 1891, requesting its concurrence in certain amendments made by the Council in the Nuisances Prevention Act Amendment Bill,—

Agrees to the amendments in clauses 1 and 2.

Disagrees to the amendment which proposes to insert new clause to follow clause 2,—Because the proposed new clause would create an exception from the operation of an Act of Parliament, which, in the opinion of the Assembly, is not advisable; and the Municipal Council should have full power over all nuisances within its boundaries.

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Sydney, 23rd February, 1892.*

7. PAPERS:—

Mr. Suttor laid upon the Table,—Return respecting Schools closed in consequence of recent Influenza Epidemic.

Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return respecting shops and business-places in the City and Suburbs kept open for trading purposes during certain hours on Sunday, 14th February, 1892.

(2.) Correspondence respecting purchase of portion of Kenmore Estate.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lync laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 11th February, 1892,—“Conditional Purchases and Leases, parishes of Dapper, Tucklan, &c.”

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. See laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 14th December, 1891,—“Quadruplication of the Railway line between Sydney and Granville.”

Ordered to be printed.

8. LAND BOILER INSPECTION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the inspection and regulation of steam boilers on land; the examination of persons in charge of same, and the granting of certificates to such persons; to define the duties and liabilities of the owners of such boilers; to make provision for the holding of inquiries into accidents caused by the explosion of such boilers; and for other purposes incidental to the objects aforesaid.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide for the inspection and regulation of steam boilers on land; the examination of persons in charge of same, and the granting of certificates to such persons; to define the duties and liabilities of the owners of such boilers; to make provision for the holding of inquiries into accidents caused by the explosion of such boilers; and for other purposes incidental to the objects aforesaid.

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

9. **TRADE DISPUTES CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL (No. 2):**—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the establishment of Councils of Conciliation and of Arbitration for the settlement of Industrial Disputes.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide for the establishment of Councils of Conciliation and of Arbitration for the settlement of Industrial Disputes.

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

10. **INTERRUPTION AND RENEWAL OF PROCEEDINGS ON BILLS:**—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having adopted a new Standing Order in relation to the renewal of proceedings on Public and Private Bills received from the Assembly, but not finally dealt with by the Council, because of the prorogation of the Legislature, transmits a copy of the same to the Legislative Assembly, and invites the Assembly to adopt a Standing Order similar in its mode of dealing with Council Bills.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd February, 1892.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

STANDING ORDER referred to in Message of 23rd February, 1892.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

“On a message being received from the Legislative Assembly by the Council, requesting that any public or private Bill which had been forwarded by the Assembly during the previous Session, but not finally dealt with by the Council because of the prorogation of the Legislature, should be proceeded with under the Council’s Standing Order in that behalf, it shall be competent for the Council, upon a motion then put and carried to that effect, to determine that the stage which the Bill had reached in the former Session be an Order of the Day for a future day, and the Bill may thereafter be proceeded with in the ordinary way; but if such motion be negatived, a message shall be sent to the Assembly intimating the determination of the Council.”

Public or private Bills from Assembly interrupted by prorogation may be taken up at stage reached in former Session.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Dibbs, that the Legislative Council’s Message, together with the accompanying Standing Order, be taken into consideration in Committee of the Whole on Tuesday next.

11. **HUNTER DISTRICT WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BILL:**—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Lyne, 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 establish a Board of Water Supply and Sewerage for the district of the Lower Hunter; to transfer certain portions of land and works for water supply constructed by the Government within such district, and vest the same in the said Board; to transfer to the said Board certain reticulation works in connection with water supply, and certain works for sewerage constructed by certain Municipal Councils; to provide for the licensing and certificating of persons to perform work in connection with water supply and sewerage; to confer on such Board all requisite powers for the administration of all matters relating to the water supply and sewerage of such district, and in certain cases of places outside such district; to provide for the repayment of cost of works for water supply and sewerage for the said district, and of certain loans made to the Council of the Borough of Newcastle; to confer certain powers and impose certain duties in respect to the construction of works of water supply and sewerage within such district on the Minister; to provide for the acquisition and occupation of lands required for purposes of water supply or sewerage, and for the payment of compensation in respect of such lands, and for the sale and lease of superfluous lands; and to make other provisions incidental to such purposes.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to establish a Board of Water Supply and Sewerage for the district of the Lower Hunter; to transfer certain portions of land and works for water supply constructed by the Government within such district, and vest the same in the said Board; to transfer to the said Board certain reticulation works in connection with water supply, and certain works for sewerage constructed by certain Municipal Councils; to provide for the licensing and certificating of persons to perform work in connection with water supply and sewerage; to confer on such Board all requisite powers for the administration of all matters relating to the water supply and sewerage of such district, and in certain cases of places outside such district; to provide for the repayment of cost of works for water supply and sewerage for the said district, and of certain loans made to the Council of the Borough of Newcastle; to confer certain powers and impose certain duties in respect to the construction of works of water supply and sewerage within such district on the Minister; to provide for the acquisition and occupation of lands required for purposes of water supply or sewerage, and for the payment of compensation in respect of such lands, and for the sale and lease of superfluous lands; and to make other provisions incidental to such purposes.

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

(2.)

(2.) Mr. Lync then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to establish a Board of Water Supply and Sewerage for the district of the Lower Hunter; to transfer certain portions of land and works for water supply constructed by the Government within such district, and vest the same in the said Board; to transfer to the said Board certain reticulation works in connection with water supply, and certain works for sewerage constructed by certain Municipal Councils; to provide for the licensing and certificating of persons to perform work in connection with water supply and sewerage; to confer on such Board all requisite powers for the administration of all matters relating to the water supply and sewerage of such district, and in certain cases of places outside such district; to provide for the repayment of cost of works for water supply and sewerage for the said district, and of certain loans made to the Council of the Borough of Newcastle; to confer certain powers and impose certain duties in respect to the construction of works for water supply and sewerage within such district on the Minister; to provide for the acquisition and occupation of lands required for purposes of water supply or sewerage, and for the payment of compensation in respect of such lands, and for the sale and lease of superfluous lands; and to make other provisions incidental to such purposes,*"—which was read a first time.

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

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

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

13. ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE RELIEVING AND ENABLING BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the amendment made by the Legislative Assembly in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to relieve the Rector and Fellows of Saint John's College of the trusts of a devise by will of the late John McEncroe, in regard to certain land near Jamberoo; and to enable them to convey the said land to Trustees; and to enable such Trustees to lease the said land, and also to sell the same and deal with the proceeds thereof.*"

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd February, 1892.*

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

14. EMPLOYERS LIABILITY ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having appointed a Select Committee on the "Employers Liability Act Amendment Bill," and that Committee being desirous to examine Andrew Joseph Kelly, Esquire, and Thomas Martin Davis, Esquire, Members of the Legislative Assembly, in reference thereto, requests that the Legislative Assembly will give leave to its said Members to attend and be examined by the said Committee, on such day and days as shall be arranged between them and the said Committee.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd February, 1892.*

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

Mr. Dibbs moved, That Andrew Joseph Kelly, Esquire, and Thomas Martin Davis, Esquire, have leave to attend and give evidence before the Select Committee of the Legislative Council on the "Employers Liability Act Amendment Bill," if they think fit.

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

In answer to the Message from the Legislative Council, dated this day, requesting leave for Andrew Joseph Kelly, Esquire, and Thomas Martin Davis, Esquire, Members of the Legislative Assembly, to attend and be examined before a Select Committee of the Legislative Council on the "Employers Liability Act Amendment Bill," the Assembly acquaints the Council that leave has been granted to its said Members to attend and be examined by the said Committee, if they think fit.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd February, 1892.*

15. AUSTRALASIAN MINING EXCHANGE OF SYDNEY BILL:—Mr. Carruthers, 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 15th February, 1892; together with Appendices and a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Carruthers then moved, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Question put and passed.

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

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 24 FEBRUARY, 1892, A.M.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 91.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 24 FEBRUARY, 1892.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Mode of Checking Value and Weight of Goods at the Sydney Customs Office:—Mr. Dangar asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What provision has been made at the Sydney Customs Office to check the values declared on invoices of goods subject to *ad valorem* duty?
 (2.) What means are adopted to ascertain the actual weight of goods subject to specific duties?
 (3.) Is he satisfied that the fullest investigation is made into the actual values, weights, and quantities of goods subject to duty, and every precaution taken to prevent fraud?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

- (1.) Every invoice is carefully examined; the values are checked, and the goods examined, if necessary.
 (2.) Goods at fixed rates of duty are weighed or averaged.
 (3.) The fullest investigation is made, and every precaution is taken to prevent fraud.

(2.) School of Arts, Moss Vale:—Mr. Dangar asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) What area of land was granted for the purpose of a School of Arts site at Moss Vale?
 (2.) What was the estimated value of such land?
 (3.) What special grants have been made to the Trustees of the Moss Vale School of Arts?
 (4.) What sums have been paid during the several years of the existence of this institution as subsidy on actual subscriptions?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

- (1 and 2.) I am informed by the Department of Lands that no Crown Lands have been granted for the purpose of a School of Arts site at Moss Vale.
 (3.) No special grant has been made.
 (4.) The only amount paid was £38, in May, 1891, representing subsidy at the rate of 10s. in the pound raised locally.

(3.) Southern Breakwater, Richmond River:—Mr. Nicoll asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Whether, in view of the present shallow state of the Richmond River entrance, he will give instructions to have the southern breakwater commenced without any delay?

Mr. Lyne answered,—This work is now being started.

(4.) Dredging of the Tweed River:—Mr. Nicoll asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Whether, in view of the railway being constructed from Lismore to Murwillumbah, he will push on the dredging of the Tweed River, so as to make the channel deep enough to admit ocean steamers to run to Murwillumbah?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The dredging is now being pushed on, a sand-pump dredge being employed, and a good channel is being cut through the upper flats. It is expected that in a few months the worst part of the obstruction to the navigation of the river will be removed.

(5.) Site for New Court-house at Parramatta:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Minister of Justice,—When is it the intention of the Government to utilise the property purchased as a site for the court-house at Parramatta, as the lease of the property now used for such purposes will expire during the present year, and it is probable it will not be leased again?

Mr. Barton answered,—I am informed by my honorable colleague, the Minister of Justice, that the matter is now engaging his attention, and when a decision has been arrived at the Honorable Member will be communicated with.

(6.) Drainage of Government Institutions at Parramatta:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When is it his intention to cause the nuisance now running from the Parramatta Gaol, the Hospital for Insane, and other Government buildings in the centre of the town, to be abated, and is he aware that it was proved at the inquest held at Parramatta Gaol that there had been other deaths through the bad drainage causing typhoid fever, and the same drain empties itself into the Parramatta River?

Mr. Lyne answered,—A tender has been accepted for this work.

(7.) Drainage of Government Institutions at Parramatta:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Minister of Justice,—Has his attention been called to the report of the inquest held at the Parramatta Gaol during last week, the doctor having sworn that death was caused by typhoid fever, caused by the bad drainage; and this was not the first death through the same cause, which was reported to the authorities, whose answer was "We have no funds to alter the arrangement";—will he give instructions to have this remedied forthwith?

Mr. Barton answered,—I am informed by my honorable colleague, the Minister of Justice, that steps have already been taken to remove the cause of the evil referred to.

(8.) Inspectors of Brickwork, North Shore Railway Extension:—Mr. Bavister asked the Colonial Treasurer,—How many inspectors of brickwork are there engaged on the North Shore railway extension works, and what particular trades did these persons follow when employed as workmen?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Two—Mr. R. H. Boyd and Mr. T. Laidlaw. The former has been in the Service many years, and has carried out his duties as inspector of brickwork satisfactorily. Mr. Laidlaw was originally a mason, but his testimonials show that he has frequently had charge of brickwork, and is thoroughly competent.

(9.) Duty on Carriage and Buggy Material:—Mr. Danahey asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Collector of Customs admits carriage and buggy material under Schedule B (or 10 per cent. list), although these articles are under the last part of Schedule A (or 15 per cent. list) in the Customs Bill?

(2.) If such material is so admitted, by whose order was such an alteration made, and what is the reason for it?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

(1.) Schedule A charges carriages whole or in parts 15 per cent. duty on value. The Collector of Customs charges carriage and buggy material (not being vehicles or parts of vehicles constructed) 10 per cent. duty on value.

(2.) The duty has been collected, as above stated, by the authority of my honorable colleague.

(10.) Labour Bureau:—Mr. Danahey asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What are the names of the Staff of the Labour Bureau, and what salaries are paid to the various officials in charge?

(2.) Which of those officials were members of the Civil Service, and which were not, at the date of their appointment to the Bureau?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) Joseph Creer, manager, £400 per annum; F. E. Bloxham, secretary, £300 per annum; D. A. Munroe, clerk, 7s. 6d. per day; E. A. Henery, clerk, 7s. 6d. per day; W. R. Stirling, clerk, 7s. 6d. per day; Charles Kammage, clerk, 7s. 6d. per day; P. T. Whiteside, clerk, 7s. 6d. per day; George Barton, messenger, £1 10s. per week.

(2.) I am not aware that any of the Staff were members of the Civil Service when appointed.

(11.) Stipendiary Magistrate Giles:—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has he had his attention drawn to the conduct of Stipendiary Magistrate Giles in recently charging a witness at the Central Summons Court with false swearing?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I am informed by the Minister of Justice that his attention has not been drawn to this matter, and as the case to which the Question refers is still pending, it would be inexpedient to cause any inquiry to be made at this time.

(12.) Queanbeyan Recreation Reserve:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Attorney-General,—

(1.) Referring to the Queanbeyan Recreation Reserve, has he arrived at any decision with regard to the matter submitted to him by the Trustees with regard to their right to impound stock trespassing on the reserve?

(2.) Has he arrived at a decision with regard to the point concerning the said reserve submitted to him by the Lands Department?

Mr. Barton answered,—

(1.) Not yet.

(2.) The Department of Lands has not submitted any matter referring to the Queanbeyan Recreation Reserve.

(13.) Entry of Criminals, Lunatics, &c., into the Colony:—Mr. J. D. FitzGerald asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has his attention been directed to a statement in the *Sydney Morning Herald* of 19th February, 1892, to the effect that a lunatic passenger from England to Melbourne, on being refused permission to land in Victoria, was brought on by the captain of the vessel to New South Wales, and was taken straight from the ship's side to a lunatic asylum, where he still remains?

(2.) Was any attempt made, in the case referred to, to obtain compensation for the man's maintenance from the captain or owners of the ship which brought him here?

(3.) Are there any laws or regulations for the purpose of preventing criminals, lunatics, and other undesirable persons from landing in New South Wales, and becoming part of our population, inmates of our gaols, or patients in our lunatic asylums?

(4.) If not, will he consider the advisableness of passing laws or regulations to prevent New South Wales being made the receptacle for such undesirable persons?

Mr,

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Inspector-General of the Insane:—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Yes, but without result in the present state of the law.
- (3.) No.
- (4.) A clause has been drafted in a Bill to amend the Lunacy Act, now in the hands of the Colonial Secretary, to prevent the landing of insane persons, except under bond for their maintenance.

(14.) Alleged Misconduct of Senior-sergeant Powell:—Mr. Kelly asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that, by Resolution of this House, it was decided that all reports and explanations with regard to the alleged misconduct of Senior-sergeant Powell should be laid upon the Table of this House?
- (2.) Is it a fact that this course has not yet been taken?
- (3.) Will he order the papers to be produced without delay?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The Inspector-General of Police cannot trace any such Resolution, nor has he any knowledge of misconduct alleged against Sergeant Powell, Wagga Station.

(15.) Bridge Contracts:—Mr. Torpy asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) How many bridge contracts have been cancelled during the past ten years for insufficient progress, and the amount of time that has expired in each case, as compared with the contract time?
- (2.) How many bridge contracts have been completed by the contractors for same, and during the same period, either on an extension of time, or after the expiration of the contract time?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The information asked for involves such a large amount of research that it is impossible to obtain it in time to reply this evening to the Questions of the Honorable Member.

(16.) Special Grant for Antarctic Exploration:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to place on the Supplementary Estimates a special grant (in conjunction with the other colonies) in aid of the Royal Geographical Society of Australia, towards antarctic exploration?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—£1,500 has been placed upon the Estimates-in-Chief.

(17.) Penny Postage System:—Mr. Perry asked the Postmaster-General,—

- (1.) Will he consider the advisableness of at once taking the necessary steps towards arranging that letters shall be carried by post for 1d. per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. within an electoral district?
- (2.) A like provision for telegraphic messages to be charged 6d. per ten words within same districts?

Mr. Kidd answered,—I can only refer the Honorable Member to my reply to the Questions put yesterday by the Honorable Member for the Hastings and Manning (Mr. Young), and to repeat that the whole matter is receiving my careful attention.

(18.) Rabbit Pest:—Mr. Neild asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Crown lessees are using poisoned water for the destruction of rabbits?
- (2.) If so, is this being done with the consent of the Government?
- (3.) Is it a fact that the use of poisoned water is causing the destruction of all native birds in the localities where such poisoned water is used?
- (4.) Have any representations been made to him that the destruction of such birds will cause a great increase in insect life, and consequent widespread injury from locusts?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) It has been so reported.
- (2.) The consent of the Government does not appear to be necessary.
- (3.) My honorable colleague is not aware that such is the case.
- (4.) No.

(19.) Sewerage Scheme, Waverley:—Mr. Neild asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders be invited for laying sewers, as under, in the Borough of Waverley, viz.:—

- (1.) West of Cowper-street to Denison-street?
- (2.) East of Paul-street towards Bondi?
- (3.) East of Carrington Road towards Randwick boundary and towards the sea-coast?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) It will take six months before the Waverley branch sewer will be completed, by which time the pipe sewers west of Cowper-street to Denison-street can be laid by the Water and Sewerage Board.

(2 and 3.) Nothing has yet been decided respecting this locality. These areas are being closely built upon, and the sewerage question requires, no doubt, to be dealt with, either by draining into a new branch sewer joining the Bondi outfall sewer, or a separate outlet may have to be laid to the ocean; but, I may say, that no time will be lost in dealing with this matter.

(20.) Storm-water Sewer, Waverley and Randwick boundary:—Mr. Neild asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Have representations been addressed by the Borough Council of Waverley to the Secretary for Public Works, urging the necessity for the construction of a storm-water sewer on the boundary of Waverley and Randwick?
- (2.) If so, upon what date or dates have such representations been made?
- (3.) Has it been represented in such communications that litigation is inevitable unless the damage to property is obviated by the construction of such storm-water sewer?
- (4.) Has the construction of such sewer been promised by the Department?
- (5.) Is it intended to carry out the said work; and, if so, when will tenders be invited for same?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Please postpone this Question until to-morrow.

- (21.) Mr. Whitton, late Engineer-in-Chief for Railways:—Mr. Edden asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What steps does he intend to take to recover from Mr. Whitton, late Engineer-in-Chief, the amount overpaid on account of pension?
Mr. See answered,—I would suggest the Honorable Member put this Question to the Minister for Public Works, under whose Department Mr. Whitton was employed.
- (22.) Mr. Wells, Money Order Office:—Mr. Hugh McKinnon asked the Postmaster-General,—Is it a fact that a man named Wells in the Money Order Branch of the General Post Office has been going round the Department with a Petition against the Tariff Bill recently passed in this House?
Mr. Kidd answered,—On inquiry I find that Mr. Wells, a clerk in the Money Order Branch, signed such a petition himself and handed it to nine other clerks in the same Branch, and to one in the Telegraph Office. I look upon this officer's conduct as highly improper, and am considering what notice should be taken of it.
- (23.) Proposed Visit of the Colonial Secretary to England:—Mr. Toohey asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Premier to visit England during the recess in his capacity as Premier?
Mr. Dibbs answered,—If I contemplated going to England in my private capacity the matter would be one concerning which the Honorable Member would have no right to ask me any question. If I succeed in getting to England, during the recess, it will be in my capacity of Premier, so long as I hold that office with the consent of the House.
- (24.) Bread supplied to Military Encampments:—Mr. Hugh McKinnon asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Is it a fact that for some years past the bread supplied at the Military encampments has been very inferior?
(2.) Will he take steps to see that all rations supplied to the Volunteers at the forthcoming encampment will be of good quality?
Mr. Dibbs answered,—The following information has been furnished by the Officer Commanding the Military Forces:—
(1.) No, the contractor has received special thanks for the manner in which he has carried out his contracts.
(2.) Every care is taken by inspections, &c., that the rations are of proper quality.
2. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. See moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of a Bill, intituled "A Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1892, and for a Service to be hereafter provided for by Loan," through all its stages in one day; and would also preclude the Resolutions of the Committees of Supply and of Ways and Means, respectively, whereon the Bill is proposed to be founded, being received on the same day on which they were come to by the said Committees respectively.
Question put and passed.
3. RELEASE OF PRISONERS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. McCourt moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers, minutes, or other documents having reference to the release of prisoners under the new system of ticket-of-leave.
Question put and passed.
4. INSPECTORS OF AGRICULTURE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Carruthers moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers, including applications, recommendations, reports, and minutes, relating to the positions of Inspectors of Agriculture and recent appointments thereto.
Question put and passed.
5. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
(1.) Broken Hill Water Supply Act Amendment Bill; third reading;—until To-morrow.
(2.) Special Grants to Municipalities; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor;—until To-morrow.
6. VOTE OF CREDIT:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. See, and read by Mr. Speaker:—
JERSEY, Message No. 49.
Governor.
In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that provision be made for defraying the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of February, or following month of the year 1892; together with provision for a Service to be hereafter provided for by Loan.
Government House,
Sydney, 20th February, 1892.
Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of Supply.
7. PAPERS:—
Mr. See laid upon the Table,—Return showing railway expenditure on rolling stock and accommodation.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Slattery laid upon the Table,—Return to an order made on 11th February, 1892,—“Report by Public Service Inquiry Commission on the Mines Department.”
Ordered to be printed.

8. **TRADE DISPUTES CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL (No. 2)** :—Mr. Barton presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the establishment of Councils of Conciliation and of Arbitration for the settlement of Industrial Disputes,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
9. **SUPPLY** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. See, 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 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, that the report be now received.
The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—
(4.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £644,900, being £594,900 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of February or following month of the year 1892, to be expended at the rates which have been sanctioned for the year 1891, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1892; and, in anticipation of Loan Vote £50,000 for water supply and sewerage, extension of the Sydney water supply and other works in connection therewith, including cast-iron pipes, tanks, reservoirs, resumption of land, &c.
On motion of Mr. See, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
10. **WAYS AND MEANS** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.
The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, that the report be now received.
The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—
(10.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Services of the year 1892, the sum of £644,900 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.
On motion of Mr. See, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
11. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 3)** :—
(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. See, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 10), to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1892, and for a Service to be hereafter provided for by Loan.
(2.) Mr. See then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1892, and for a Service to be hereafter provided for by Loan,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and now read a second time.
(3.) Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. See, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be now read a third time.
(4.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. See, *passed*.
Mr. See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1892, and for a Service to be hereafter provided for by Loan.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the following Message :—
MR. PRESIDENT,—
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1892, and for a Service to be hereafter provided for by Loan,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 24th February, 1892.
12. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
(1.) Orders Nos. 3 to 10 of Government Business;—until To-morrow.
(2.) Supply; resumption of the Committee;—until after the Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of Simpson's Railway Bill.
(3.) Broken Hill and District Water Supply Act Amendment Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—until To-morrow.
13. **WHALING ROAD, NORTH SYDNEY** :—Mr. E. M. Clark (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That Mr. Want, Mr. Crick, and Mr. Hassall be discharged from attendance upon Select Committee to inquire into the opening of the Whaling Road, North Sydney; and that Mr. Rose, Mr. Donald, and Dr. Hollis be added to such Committee.
Question put and passed.

14. SIMPSON'S RAILWAY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

15. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Dibbs moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 92.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 25 FEBRUARY, 1892.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Expenditure on Public Parks and Recreation Reserves:—Mr. McFarlane asked the Secretary for Lands,—What sum has been expended in purchasing and maintaining public parks and recreation reserves in the city and suburbs since 1st January, 1880, and what amount has been expended for like period for public parks and recreation reserves in country districts?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The information sought by the Honorable Member will be furnished in the form of a Return.

(2.) Overtime made by Tramway Conductors:—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a number of tramway conductors are being compelled to work systematic overtime?
- (2.) Is it a fact that a number of conductors on the tramway, by means of working overtime, draw from sixteen to twenty days' pay in a fortnight?
- (3.) Is it a fact that this state of affairs has been going on for at least three months past?
- (4.) Will he lay upon the Table a Return of overtime made by tramway employees during the past three months?
- (5.) Will he bring under notice of the Railway Commissioners the advisability of appointing additional staff to obviate such a state of things?

Mr. See answered,—These Questions relate to the details of management, and cannot with any advantage be dealt with in this manner. Overtime does occur, and is unavoidable, particularly when an exceptional traffic, consequent upon holidays or special attractions, has to be dealt with. When Parliament is sitting the longest cases of overtime occur in providing Parliamentary specials.

(3.) Railway Contract for Brickwork—Ryde to Hornsby:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. McCourt*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) How many cube yards of brickwork in cement have Angus & Co. done at the tender price of £1 per cube yard—contract, Ryde to Hornsby?
- (2.) The number of cube yards of cement concrete done at the tender price?
- (3.) How many feet of platform coping, 3 feet wide, has been done at the contract price of 2s. per foot run?
- (4.) How many of the 300 cesspits and grids complete have been supplied at the contract price of 5s. each?

Mr. See answered,—This information should be moved for in the form of a Return, to which no objection will be offered.

(4.) Employment in the Railway Department:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) The number of applications that are at present awaiting decision for employment in the Railway Department?
- (2.) The number of new hands that have been employed during the last twelve months, and in what capacity?
- (3.) The number of hands that have been dismissed the Service during the same period, and for what reason?
- (4.) The number of promotions and exchanges that have taken place during the twelve months?
- (5.) The number of lads under 18 years that are at present employed, in what capacity, and at what average rate of wages?
- (6.) The total number of hands employed in the Railway Service, the number of miles open for traffic, and the ratio of hands employed per mile?
- (7.) The number of superintendents, managers, inspectors, sub-inspectors, and sub-bosses?

(8.)

- (8.) The total annual amount realised from passenger traffic, 1st and 2nd class respectively, and the number of each respectively?
- (9.) The same information with regard to parcels; the same information with regard to stock, and the number carried; the same information with regard to wool, goods, minerals, agricultural produce, &c., respectively?
- Mr. See answered,—It is pointed out that all the information that is of value bearing on the question raised is already submitted to Parliament in the Quarterly and Annual Returns of the Railway Commissioners. The further detailed information asked for are purely matters relating to the management of the lines, and are properly dealt with by the Commissioners. I am further to add that the preparation of these Returns involve the loss of much time and cost considerable sums to prepare.
- (5.) Proposed Branch Railway to Ballina:—Mr. Nicoll asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Are the surveys completed for the proposed branch railway from a point on main line to Ballina?
- (2.) If not, will he have trial surveys carried out?
- Mr. Lyne answered,—No survey has been authorised, only an exploration, which has been carried out.
- (6.) State Nursery, Gosford:—Mr. McGowen asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) What are the names, ages, and wages received by all persons employed at the State Nursery, Gosford?
- (2.) What are the qualifications of the persons so employed for the work they are called upon to perform?
- Mr. Dibbs answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table a Return in answer to this Question.
- (7.) Storm-water Sewer—Waverley and Randwick Boundary:—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for Mr. Neild, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Have representations been addressed by the Borough Council of Waverley to the Secretary for Public Works, urging the necessity for the construction of a storm-water sewer on the boundary of Waverley and Randwick?
- (2.) If so, upon what date or dates have such representations been made?
- (3.) Has it been represented in such communications that litigation is inevitable unless the damage to property is obviated by the construction of such storm-water sewer?
- (4.) Has the construction of such sewer been promised by the Department?
- (5.) Is it intended to carry out the said work; and, if so, when will tenders be invited for same?
- Mr. Lyne answered,—I have called for a report from the Engineer-in-Chief for Sewerage on the whole question, which is one involving several important points, both legal and engineering, on the former of which I shall consult the Crown Solicitor. As soon as I have sufficient information to enable me to come to a decision I will acquaint the Honorable Member therewith.
- (8.) History of New South Wales from the Records:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- When is the second volume of the "History of New South Wales from the Records" to be published?
- Mr. See answered,—During the present year; but a volume of the Records is in the Press, and will be issued within a few weeks. I may add that, acting upon the recommendation of the History Board, adopted by the Colonial Treasurer (Mr. McMillan), the writer of the "History of New South Wales from the Records" has been engaged in preparing for the Press the early records of the Colony. A volume of these papers, with explanatory and marginal notes, and with a preface, introduction, and index, is in the Press, and will be ready for publication in a few weeks. There is also in type other matter, consisting of early records of the Colony, equal to about 800 pages, to about 500 pages of which notes have been written. The second volume of the History is in hand, but at this stage the date of publication cannot be fixed; it will be ready, however, sometime during the present year.
- (9.) Artificial Production of Rain:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Has his attention been directed to a Wilcannia telegram which appeared in last Tuesday's issue of the *Sydney Morning Herald*, to the effect that, after a wrecked steamer had been blown up with dynamite near Wilcannia, steady rain fell for several hours?
- (2.) Will he endeavour to alleviate the distress through want of water in the Broken Hill and far western districts, by at once carrying out the same kind of experiments that were so successful in Texas, Ontario, and Madras, in the matter of rain production?
- Mr. Dibbs answered,—The evidence which I have gathered about this explosion is at the present moment of a highly conflicting character. The matter will have to receive a little more consideration before I can give it my approval.
- (10.) Conditional Improvement Purchase, Banangalite:—Mr. Barbour asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- When was the money deposited in the Treasury for conditional improvement purchase 78-1,607, 26th March, 1878, portion 3, Banangalite, county Townsend?
- Mr. See answered,—Paid to Crown Land's Agent, Deniliquin, on 26th March, 1878, and received at Treasury on 1st April, 1878.
- (11.) Partially-paid Infantry:—*Mr. Jones*, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the regulations require company officers and volunteers of the partially-paid infantry to classify as marksmen annually, prior to their drawing the full amount of pay voted by the Legislature; if so, will he be good enough to cause all officers of the general staff, and otherwise to be classified in the same direction, having due regard to the different arms and requirements of the service?
- (2.) What was the percentage of marksmen in the partially-paid infantry on 16th January, 1890?
- (3.) Did not the returns before the General Officer Commanding show that this standard of classification has never been attained as yet in any known military force?
- (4.) Will he amend the regulations in these respects, and also take into consideration the fact that the Head-quarter Companies had no rifle range for practice for over two years, in order to reach the conditions imposed?
- (5.)

(5.) How long has the present officer, instructor of musketry, held the position, and what are his duties?

(6.) How many lectures has he delivered, and how much instruction has he imparted to the officers in the partially-paid infantry?

(7.) What are his emoluments?

(8.) What is the number of the musketry staff by ranks?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The information is being prepared, and will be laid upon the Table without delay.

(12.) Post and Telegraph Office, Adaminaby:—*Mr. Wright*, for Mr. Miller, asked the Postmaster-General,—Has he entered into any arrangement for the rental of additional premises now in course of erection, adjoining the Post and Telegraph Office at Adaminaby; if so, what are the terms of such arrangement?

Mr. Slattery answered,—No arrangement has been made by this Department for the erection of additional premises adjoining the Post and Telegraph Office at Adaminaby.

(13.) Sale of Land in Martin-place:—*Mr. Hugh McKinnon* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Government employed the firms of Hardie and Gorman and Richardson and Wrench to sell the land in Martin-place by auction?

(2.) If so, what will the said transactions cost the Government?

(3.) Could this land not have been sold by a clerk in the Lands Department in the same way as Crown Lands are sold in the country districts?

(4.) Is it a fact that Gibbs, Shallard, & Co. were employed to draw up the plans?

(5.) If so, at what cost to the Government?

(6.) Was there no draftsman in the Lands Department who could have executed the plans of the said land?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) I am unable to reply to this Question, as the accounts have not yet been furnished me, but I shall have no objection to give the fullest information as soon as I am in a position to do so.

(3.) Without doubt this could be done, but the wisdom of such a course would be very doubtful under the exceptional features of this case.

(4.) No; but they lithographed the plans after they were prepared.

(5.) I am unable to say, as the account has not yet been rendered.

(6.) It would be a libel on these officers to suppose that they could not do the work; but the plans in question were required at very short notice, and on the recommendation of the auctioneers I consented to the course indicated.

(14.) Easter Encampment:—*Mr. Murphy*, for Mr. Houghton, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

Whether, in view of the present low state of the public finances, he will dispense with the annual Easter encampment of the permanent and volunteer forces for the present year, and devote the amount that would be expended in that direction to some more serviceable and practical object?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I do not think it desirable, on grounds of economy, to prevent the full training of our military forces at the Easter encampment, which, as has been already announced, will be held at Campbelltown.

(15.) Proposed Visit of the Colonial Secretary to England:—*Mr. Toohey* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he promise this Parliament that, in the event of his visiting England in his capacity of Premier, he will not in any way commit the Colony to any financial obligation or undertaking without first obtaining the sanction of this Parliament?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—With every desire to answer my honorable friend in a highly satisfactory manner, I beg to reply to his present Question that, in the event of my visiting England, I have too much respect for the high office I hold to do anything that would be either unconstitutional or absurd.

2. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:—*Hospital Buildings, Macquarie-street (Formal Motion)*:—*Mr. Lyne* moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient the Sydney Hospital, as referred by the Legislative Assembly to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be completed, with such modifications recommended by the Committee, and in such form as Parliament may think fit.
Question put and passed.

3. KING TO OCEAN-STREET CABLE TRAMWAY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Lyne* 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 sanction the construction of a cable tramway from King-street, *via* William-street, in the city of Sydney, to Ocean-street, in the borough of Woollahra.
Question put and passed.

4. HISTORICAL RECORDS OF THE COLONY (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. O'Sullivan* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a copy of the contract or agreement made by the late Government and *Mr. Alexander Britton*, in January, 1891, for the continuation of the work connected with the historical records of the Colony.
Question put and passed.

5. JAMES BRICE'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE IN THE QUEANBEYAN DISTRICT (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. O'Sullivan* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers and reports relating to the case of *James Brice's* conditional purchase in the Queanbeyan district.
Question put and passed.

6. PAPERS:—

Mr. Suttor laid upon the Table,—By-laws and General Rules of the Australian Museum.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—Return showing persons employed at the State Nursery, Gosford.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. See laid upon the Table (*as exhibits only*),—Five plans, showing the arrangements proposed in 1886, and those now being carried out, for new stations at Newtown, Summer Hill, Ashfield, Croydon, and Burwood, in connection with the quadruplication of the suburban railway.

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

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 26 FEBRUARY, 1892, A.M.

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 at an earlier hour during the sitting of the Committee, Mr. Toohey, one of the Members for South Sydney, had been removed from the Chamber by direction of the Chairman, for disobeying the order of the Chair (Mr. Toohey protesting against such removal).

The Chairman having explained the circumstance,—

Mr. Toohey addressed the House on the subject.

Mr. Speaker then reviewed the report submitted, and declined to give his opinion or direction, such not being required under the reference to the House.

On motion of Mr. Barton Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Committee resumed.

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

8. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill (No. 3):—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1892, and for a Service to be hereafter provided for by Loan*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 25th February, 1892.

JOHN LACKEY,

President.

(2.) Diseased Animals and Meat Bill (No. 3):—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act for prohibiting the sale, consignment, or exposure for sale, of Diseased Animals, and for amending the law relating to the sale, or exposure for sale, of Meat which is diseased, or unsound, or unwholesome, or unfit for the food of man; and for empowering the Governor to make regulations, enforceable by penalties for the inspection of animals in sale-yards, in transit, or upon slaughtering premises, and for the seizure, condemnation, and destruction of Diseased Animals, and of the Meat of Diseased Animals*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 25th February, 1892.

JOHN LACKEY,

President.

DISEASED ANIMALS AND MEAT BILL (NO. 3).

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 25th February, 1892.

JOHN J. CALVERT,

Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 3, line 15. *After "sale" insert "or supplies for rations"*

Page 2, clause 3, line 18. *After "sale" insert "or supplied for rations"*

Page 2, clause 4, line 32. *Omit "may" insert "shall"*

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,

Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Tuesday next.

9. CONDITIONAL PURCHASE BY MRS. ANN ROUSE, IN THE PARISH OF KAHIBAH:—Mr. Grahame, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 1st February, 1892, together with Appendices.

Ordered to be printed.

10. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Dibbs moved that this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at ten minutes after eight o'clock a.m., until Monday next, at Four o'clock.

J. P. ABBOTT,

Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 93.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, 29 FEBRUARY, 1892.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Immigration Contracts:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Carruthers, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) How many contracts under the immigration regulations relating to wives and children of immigrants already here are now being carried out?
 - (2.) What amount is to the credit of Immigration Deposits paid by persons bringing their wives and children to this Colony?
 - (3.) What will be the cost of completing these contracts now being carried out?
 - (4.) Are applications being received from persons entitled under the regulations to bring their wives and families to the Colony; if so, what is the average number of such applications per month?
 - (5.) What is approximately the average cost of completing the contracts and engagements of each month?
 - (6.) From what localities, and from what classes of persons are the applications chiefly received?
 - (7.) In the event of the moneys voted by Parliament upon the Estimates being insufficient, will the Government carry out or repudiate the contracts made, or to be made, under the existing regulations; and if carried out, from what funds?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) Forty-seven.
- (2.) £3,707.
- (3.) £2,300.
- (4.) Yes, about fourteen applications per month.
- (5.) An average of £323 per steamer.
- (6.) The districts of Newcastle, Wollongong, Lithgow, Forbes, Sunny Corner, Broken Hill, Greta, Joadja Creek, Katoomba, and a few from Sydney, chiefly miners.
- (7.) The Government will not repudiate any contracts made.

(2.) Barques "Veritas" and "Ellen":—*Mr. Johnston* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What is the name of the inspector that passed the barque "Veritas" fit for any voyage on her recent departure from Newcastle for Honolulu?
- (2.) How long has he been an inspector of shipping?
- (3.) What were his qualifications for the position of shipping inspector?
- (4.) Is he the same inspector that passed the barque "Ellen," which foundered recently?
- (5.) What salary does he receive?
- (6.) How long has he been in the Marine Department?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

- (1.) Augustus Bertram, in conjunction with John Bain.
- (2.) Fourteen and a half years.
- (3.) Twenty-eight years at sea, in various capacities; his last command being the s.s. "Severn." He was selected from thirty-one applicants for the position.
- (4.) Yes, in conjunction with the aforesaid John Bain.
- (5.) Commenced at £200, and increased by increments to £300, his present salary.
- (6.) Fourteen and a half years.

(3.) Proposed Railway from The Rock to Murray Hut:—*Mr. Gornly* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What progress has been made with the survey of the proposed railway line from The Rock to Murray Hut?
- (2.) What distance does the line recommended by Mr. Alexander go south of Urana?

(3.)

- (3.) Is he aware that there is a considerable population in the town of Urana?
- (4.) Is it intended to construct a canal from the Murrumbidgee River to Lake Urana, so that the lake may be made the source of a permanent water supply for irrigation purposes?
- (5.) If such works are carried out is it probable that the population in and about the town of Urana will greatly increase?
- (6.) Under those circumstances will he give directions that the survey from The Rock to Murray Hut be made by way of Urana?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) About 15 miles from the Rock and 9½ miles from Murray Hut complete.
- (2.) 12½ miles.
- (3.) The population of Urana is 407.
- (4.) The preliminary surveys and levels show that it is practicable to construct a canal from the Murrumbidgee River to Lake Urana, and to convert that lake into a storage reservoir, but such works cannot be undertaken until the Bill dealing with water conservation is passed.
- (5.) The construction of the proposed work would be likely to cause a large increase to the population of Urana.
- (6.) It is not likely this can be done.

(4.) Leave of Absence to Captain Boam:—*Mr. Willis*, for *Mr. Wright*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that leave of absence to visit Europe has been granted to Captain Boam, adjutant of the 4th Regiment; if so, for what time?
- (2.) Is it a fact that Captain Boam is not to receive any pay during his leave?
- (3.) Have not all other officers of the permanent artillery or military staff received pay during their leave of absence?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The question is now under consideration.

(5.) Appraisalment of Bullanamang Run, Monaro District:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for *Mr. Dawson*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of this House all papers in connection with the appraisalment of Bullanamang Run, Monaro District, Eastern Division, for the years 1884–1890?

Mr. Copeland answered,—There will be no objection to laying copies of these papers upon the Table, if moved for in the usual manner.

(6.) Reclamation Works at Homebush:—*Mr. Carruthers* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) How many men are employed at the reclamation works at Homebush?
- (2.) Are any of the men so employed residents in the locality or in the municipality of Concord; if so, how many?
- (3.) Is it true that a boat has been provided to take a number of men to and from this work; if so, where does the boat ply from, and how many workmen travel by it?
- (4.) Is it true that a number of workmen residing in the locality of Homebush, Concord, Mortlake, and Burwood, close to the works, are unemployed?
- (5.) Will he give the local unemployed, as vacancies occur, or as new hands are required on the works, a full opportunity of gaining a place on the works, on their proving their fitness and good character?
- (6.) If so, how and to whom will these local workmen apply?
- (7.) Is it necessary for the applicants for employment to be recommended by a Member of Parliament?
- (8.) How many men have been sent to Shea's Creek works since November, 1891?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) 100.
- (2.) I cannot say.
- (3.) I have given a promise to that effect.
- (4.) I cannot say.
- (5.) They will have the same chance as any others.
- (6.) They will have to apply to the Department in the usual way.
- (7.) No, but when a Member recommends, it should be some guarantee that the applicant is worthy of being employed.
- (8.) Ten men who had previously been employed, and who were taken on again for the special work of forming the portion of Ricketty-street on the eastern side of the new bridge.

(7.) Reclamation of Water Frontages:—*Mr. G. D. Clark* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it the practice of the Department to allow the owners of property having a frontage to the waters of any creek, river, or bay in the Colony the right to reclaim out, within, or to any limit?
- (2.) If so, are there any exceptions, and will he name them?
- (3.) What fee (if any) is attached to the application for same?
- (4.) After the reclamation has been carried out and passed by the officer in charge, are title deeds given for same; and, if so, what is the charge made?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

- (1.) Rights are granted to private owners of land after applications to reclaim are approved under the 64th clause of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, the limit line being determined by the Works Department.
- (2.) Applications are refused on the grounds of public policy, or on valid objections from the public, or by the Works Department.
- (3.) £10.
- (4.) Grants are issued after completion of the reclamation in a satisfactory manner and payment of the appraised value, deed fee (£1), and costs of dealing with the application.

(8.)

(8.) Drinking Fountains for Centennial Park:—Mr. Neild asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he give instructions for the erection of drinking fountains in the Centennial Park for the use of the many thousands frequenting the same?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The matter of drinking fountains will receive my consideration at an early date.

2. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Broken Hill and District Water Supply Act Amendment Bill (*Council Bill*) postponed, to follow the Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Segenhoe Estate Irrigation Bill.

3. BROKEN HILL WATER SUPPLY ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Dickens moved, “That” this Bill be now read a third time.

Mr. Cann moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word “That,” with a view to the insertion in their place of the words “the Bill be recommitted.”

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 put,—That the Bill be recommitted,—and Division called for,—but there not being Tellers on the part of the *Noes*, no Division could be had; and Mr. Speaker declared the Question to have been resolved in the *Affirmative*.

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

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

TUESDAY, 1 MARCH, 1892, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill 2^o with further amendments.

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

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

The House adjourned, at eighteen minutes after One o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.]

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 94.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 1 MARCH, 1892.

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

ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill (No. 3):—

JERSEY,

Message No. 50.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1892, and for a Service to be hereafter provided for by Loan.*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 29th February, 1892.

- (2.) Sunk Nets Bill:—

JERSEY,

Message No. 51.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to prevent the use of certain Fishing Nets known as Sunk Nets, and to make other provision subsidiary thereto.*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 1st March, 1892.

2. KING TO OCEAN-STREET CABLE TRAMWAY BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Lyne, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

JERSEY,

Message No. 52.

Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to sanction the construction of a Cable Tramway from King-street, *via* William-street, in the city of Sydney, to Ocean-street, in the borough of Woollahra.

Government House,

Sydney, 26th February, 1892.

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

3. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Classification of Country Schools:—Mr. Perry asked The Minister of Public Instruction,—Will he arrange for the grouping of schools in the country districts, with a view to giving a central one a higher classification than might be warranted by the attendance, in order that the elder children may receive a better education than is now given?

Mr.

Mr. Suttor answered,—I will be prepared to consider the advisableness of raising the class of a school in any district, so as to provide for higher education, whenever it is shown that the educational wants of the district require it.

- (2.) Sydney School of Arts:—Mr. Kelly asked The Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) What amount of money did the School of Arts, Pitt-street, receive as a Government subsidy last year?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that a minstrel and variety show takes place every evening in the large lecture hall of the School of Arts?
 - (3.) Is it a fact that Mr. Haviland, the paid secretary of the School of Arts, holds the license and runs the show?
 - (4.) Is it a fact that a deputation of gentlemen waited on the Minister of Public Instruction, and protested against an institution, which is largely subsidised by the Government, competing with private enterprise, and what steps does he intend to take in the matter?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

(1.) £1,592 2s. 6d. (including £82 7s. for December, not yet actually paid), being at the rate of 10s. in the £ upon member's subscriptions only.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) The Committee state that Mr. Haviland, in his capacity as secretary, holds the license on their behalf, but that he neither has any interest in the entertainments nor any share in the profits.

(4.) A deputation waited on me, and I have caused the Committee to be informed of the representations made, with a view to an explanation being given. When I have received the explanation I will deal with the matter.

- (3.) Port Jackson Steamship Company's Steamer "Brightside":—Mr. Sharp, for Mr. J. D. FitzGerald asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the paddle-tug "Emu," now known as the "Brightside," has been put on the passenger service between Sydney and Manly?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Port Jackson Steamship Company to run the boat during the ensuing winter?

(3.) If so, will he obtain a report from the Marine Board as to her general seaworthiness, and more especially the condition of her boilers?

(4.) Is it a fact that the Company has a monopoly of the Government wharf at Manly, at a nominal rental; if so, will he cause inquiry to be made into the general service, with a view of meeting the growing requirements of the people of Manly?

(5.) Is it true that an average royalty of £3,000 per annum could be obtained for the wharf if thrown open to competition?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) The "Brightside" has been on this service for several years. She is maintained at the present time as an emergency boat, for use when the other vessels are undergoing repair.

(2.) She will occasionally be run when the other boats are laid up.

(3.) This vessel obtained a passenger certificate from the Marine Board to ply within the waters of Port Jackson, on the 20th January last. Her boiler is comparatively new and in first-class order.

(4.) The wharf at Manly was not erected by the Government; it was erected by the Company; they pay a rental to the Corporation for the use of the site.

(5.) It is not known what royalty could be obtained if the present arrangements were upset.

- (4.) Electoral Bill:—Sir Henry Parkes asked the Colonial Secretary,—In the event of the Electoral Bill becoming law, will the usual course be adopted and Parliament dissolved, to enable the electors to exercise their privileges in electing a new Assembly under the reformed law?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The Honorable Member must be aware, from his large experience, that an answer to this Question may well await the development of events in the future.

- (5.) Use of Anæsthetics in Metropolitan Hospitals:—Mr. Edden, for Dr. Hollis, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) How many persons were anæsthetised in the hospitals of the Metropolitan District during the year 1891?

(2.) How many of these persons died from the effects of the anæsthetic?

(3.) What anæsthetic was used in the fatal cases?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I will give the required information in the course of a day or so, which will be furnished and laid upon the Table in the shape of a Return.

- (6.) Goulburn Sewerage Scheme:—Mr. Edden, for Dr. Hollis, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he cause an estimate to be made of the probable cost of constructing the sewerage scheme for the city of Goulburn, according to the plan already prepared by the officers of his Department?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I have no objection.

- (7.) Royal Commission on Chinese Gambling:—Mr. Willis, for Mr. York, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What is the cost of the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the alleged Chinese gambling and immorality?

(2.) Do the Government propose to carry out the recommendation of the said Commissioners?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) £2,049 19s. 6d. paid to date.

(2.) The report will be considered during the recess, meanwhile I may admit that I have not yet had time to read the report and evidence.

(8.)

- (8.) Blight in Maize :—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. Dangar*, asked The Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) What action (if any) is being taken by the Department to ascertain the cause of, and possible means of preventing the spread of blight in maize?
 - (2.) Is it in contemplation to invite a conference of maize-growers in some important centre of the maize-producing districts, under the presidency of the Director of Agriculture, or some responsible representative of the Department, to take evidence and secure reliable information concerning the disease?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) An inspector of the Department is at the Macleay River investigating into the subject of blight, and specimens will be examined by the experts of the Department. Any information gained will be promptly conveyed to those interested.
- (2.) The matter has not yet been considered.

- (9.) Curator of Intestate Estates :—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Attorney-General,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Curator of Intestate Estates is in the habit of sending all inquiring claimants to a certain solicitor, in some cases where the business could have been transacted through the Curator's office?
- (2.) If so, will he have an inquiry made into this matter, and if the report be found true, give instructions to the Curator to desist from the practice of favouring one solicitor?

Mr. Barton answered,—The following answer has been furnished by my honorable colleague, the Minister of Justice:—I am informed by the Curator of Intestate Estates that in matters requiring the services of a solicitor, and in which the claimants not having or knowing a solicitor have asked him to recommend one, he has generally, but not always, suggested the name of the solicitor who generally acts for him in legal matters connected with his office. In no case has the Curator sent claimants to a solicitor where the business could have been transacted through his own office.

- (10.) *Mr. W. P. Manning* :—*Mr. Johnston* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is the *W. P. Manning* who is mentioned in the report of the Chinese Commission as being the owner of a number of Chinese dwelling-houses identical with a gentleman of that name who was President of the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the mode of living among the Chinese in Sydney?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I communicated this morning with *Mr. Manning*, the Mayor of Sydney, asking him to supply me with the information, and I think I can best answer the Honorable Member's Question by reading his note:—"My dear *Mr. Dibbs*,—With reference to the question to be asked by *Mr. Johnston*—'Is the *W. P. Manning* who is mentioned in the report of the Chinese Commission as being the owner of a number of Chinese dwellings identical with a gentleman of that name who was President of the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the mode of living among the Chinese in Sydney?' I beg to say that I am not the owner, and have no interest whatever in any of the properties referred to.—Yours, very truly, *W. P. MANNING*."

- (11.) Contract for Public Works defrayed from Loan Funds :—*Mr. Gormly* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What tenders have been accepted for the construction of public works intended to be paid for from loan funds since the present Government have been in office?
- (2.) What has been the amount of each tender accepted?
- (3.) Are funds now available for the payment of such contracts; if not, from what source is it intended that payment shall be made?

Mr. Lyne answered,—A Return will be prepared and laid upon the Table of the House giving the information asked for.

- (12.) Wood-blocking of Oxford-street, Paddington :—*Mr. Neild* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders for the wood-blocking of Oxford-street, Paddington, be invited, and the work proceeded with, as promised by the Minister?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The municipal contribution having been paid into the Treasury the Railway Commissioners are, I understand, taking steps for the preparation of the necessary plans and specifications, so that there will be no further delay.

- (13.) Estate of the late *Patrick Conley*, of Orange :—*Mr. Gardiner* asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is it true that one *Patrick Conley* died at Orange intestate on 26th June, 1888?
- (2.) Is it true that no letters of administration in the estate have yet been taken out?
- (3.) In a case of this kind is it the duty of the Curator of Intestate Estates to take action?
- (4.) If so, will he cause the Curator to take early steps to administer the estate?

Mr. Barton answered,—The following answers have been furnished by my honorable colleague, the Minister of Justice:—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3 and 4.) It is not the duty of the Curator of Intestate Estates to taken action in cases of this kind unless the persons primarily entitled to administration have, by writing, filed in the office of the Registrar, declined to apply for administration.

- (14.) Glebe Court-house—Appointment of additional Stipendiary Magistrates :—*Mr. Houghton* asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) When was the Glebe court-house completed and handed over to his Department by the contractors?
- (2.) On how many occasions has the building been used since that date, and for what purposes?
- (3.) Is it his intention to introduce a Bill to amend the Stipendiary Magistrates Act, with a view to the appointment of additional Stipendiary Magistrates, in order that the court-houses in the Glebe and other suburbs now unoccupied might be utilised for the purpose for which they were built?
- (4.) If so, when?

Mr.

Mr. Barton answered,—The following answers have been furnished by my honorable colleague, the Minister of Justice:—

(1.) In December, 1889.

(2.) It has been used on about seven different occasions, for the following purposes:—Polling for election of Aldermen, Municipal Revision Courts, Municipal Appeal Courts, and for an inquest.

(3 and 4.) The present staff of Stipendiary Magistrates is amply sufficient to cope with the requirements of the city and suburbs. Considering the comparatively small number of persons who would be benefited by the suggested additional appointment, the Government do not feel themselves justified in asking Parliament to authorise the increased expenditure which such an appointment would involve.

(15.) Appointment of Mr. C. R. Gordon as Observing Surveyor:—*Mr. Waddell* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that Mr. C. R. Gordon has been recently appointed as Observing Surveyor in the Trigonometrical Branch of the Lands Department?

(2.) Is it a fact that the said gentleman is not, and never was, a qualified surveyor?

(3.) Is it a fact that since his appointment he has submitted himself to, and failed to pass, the necessary examination to qualify as a surveyor?

(4.) Who was Secretary for Lands when the appointment was made?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) Mr. Gordon was appointed Observing Surveyor on the 30th September, 1890, but the appointment should have been that of Assistant Observer.

(2.) Mr. Gordon has not passed the examination for a license to survey Crown Lands, nor is he required to make surveys, but he is a competent and experienced observer, for which special qualifications are necessary; and having had experience under, and being strongly recommended by, the late Mr. Conder (formerly Superintendent of the Trigonometrical Survey) and by Mr. Brooks (Field Astronomer), with whom he was for a period of about eight years, he was appointed to his present position.

(3.) He has submitted himself to an examination, but having failed to comply with the preliminary requirements of the Board of Examiners, by exhibiting a plan of a complete survey of not less than 40 acres, the examination was not proceeded with.

(4.) Mr. Brunner.

(16.) Treasury Bills:—*Mr. Frank Farnell* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What action has been taken in regard to the placing on the London money market a fresh batch of New South Wales Treasury Bills, and has any communication passed between the Government and the Agent-General on the subject; if so, what is the nature of such communication?

Mr. See answered,—No action has been taken, nor has any communication been addressed by the Government to the Agent-General, respecting the placement of a fresh batch of Treasury Bills on the London market, neither has an additional issue, as yet, been determined upon.

(17.) Conversion of Stock:—*Mr. Frank Farnell* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it a fact that it is his intention to propose a large plan of conversion of our stock held in England and the United Kingdom into a perpetual stock; if so, has this proposed conversion anything to do with the proposed visit of the Premier to England during the forthcoming recess?

Mr. See answered,—This matter has not received any consideration whatever from the Government or myself.

4. SYDNEY HOSPITAL COMPLETION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Lyne* moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the completion of the Sydney Hospital.
Question put and passed.

5. DISEASES IN SHEEP ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—PASTURES AND STOCK PROTECTION ACT:—*Mr. Lee* presented a Petition from certain Sheep Farmers and Stock Owners in the District of Tenterfield, praying that the Diseases in Sheep Acts Amendment Bill may not be allowed to become law; and that the present Pastures and Stock Protection Act may be repealed.
Petition received.

6. PAPERS:—

Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Maitland, county of Northumberland, in connection with the construction of Flood Embankments for the protection of the Town of East Maitland.

(2.) Notification of resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land, parish of Alexandria, county of Cumberland, for and in connection with the construction of a Battery at Ben Buckler, Bondi Bay.

(3.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Concord, county of Cumberland, for and in connection with the Sydney Water Supply.

(4.) Return respecting prices paid by the Government for pipe castings.

(5.) Return respecting expenditure by Mr. James Barnet, late Colonial Architect, from 1st January, 1863, to 31st December, 1889.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—Return showing pay and allowances of officers of Permanent and Volunteer Corps.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Suttor laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 28th May, 1891,—“Public School at Huntingdon, Hastings River.”

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. See laid upon the Table,—General Abstract of Bank Liabilities and Assets for quarter ended 30th September, 1891.

Ordered to be printed.

7. **ADJOURNMENT** :—Sir Henry Parkes 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 discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, “the movement in favour of Australian Federation, and the most expedient course to be pursued “in bringing it to a successful conclusion.”

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

Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Mr. Garrard moved, “That the Question be now put.”

Question put,—That the Question be now put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 5.

Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Waddell,
Dr. Cullen.

Tellers,

Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Cullen.

Noes, 84.

Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Gould,
Mr. Brunner,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Dale,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Donald,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Jannoret,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Martin,	Dr. Hollis,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Darcey,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Collins,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. Holborow,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Hart,	Mr. Gough,
Mr. Eve,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Willis,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Toohey,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Cass,
Mr. Dickens,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Traill,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Rose,	Mr. Rae,
Mr. Scott,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. See,
Mr. Newton,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Donnelly,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Graham,
Mr. G. D. Clark,	Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Danahey,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,	Mr. Fegan.
Mr. Lyne,	
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Tellers,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Sheldon,	Mr. Parkes.

And so it passed in the negative.

Original Question again stated.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

8. **CUSTOMS DUTIES 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 for the Establishment of a New Tariff of Customs Duties, and for purposes connected with, consequent upon, and incidental to the purpose aforesaid.*”—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 1st March, 1892.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

9. **DISEASED ANIMALS AND MEAT BILL (No. 3)** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

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

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled “*An Act for prohibiting the sale, consignment, or exposure for sale of Diseased Animals, and for amending the law relating to the sale or exposure for sale of meat which is diseased, or unsound, or unwholesome, or unfit for the food of man; and for empowering the Governor to make Regulations, enforceable by penalties, for the inspection of animals in sale-yards, in transit, or upon slaughtering premises; and for the seizure, condemnation, and destruction of Diseased Animals and of the Meat of Diseased Animals.*”

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 1st March, 1892.

10. **POSTPONEMENT** :—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's Message of 23rd February, 1892, inviting the Assembly to adopt a Standing Order on the Interruption and Renewal of Proceedings on Bills ;—postponed until To-morrow.
11. **KING TO OCEAN-STREET CABLE TRAMWAY BILL** :—
 (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Lyne, 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 sanction the construction of a cable tramway from King-street, *via* William-street, in the city of Sydney, to Ocean-street, in the borough of Woollahra.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 2 MARCH, 1892, A.M.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to sanction the construction of a cable tramway from King-street, *via* William-street, in the city of Sydney, to Ocean-street, in the borough of Woollahra.

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

(2.) Mr. Lyne then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the construction of a cable tramway from King-street, via William-street, in the city of Sydney, to Ocean-street, in the borough of Woollahra*,"—which was read a first time.

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at fifteen minutes after One o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

J. P. ABBOTT

Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 95.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 2 MARCH, 1892.

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

CUSTOMS DUTIES BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

JERSEY,

Message No. 53.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act for the Establishment of a new Tariff of Customs Duties, and for purposes connected with, consequent upon, and incidental to the purpose aforesaid,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 2nd March, 1892.

2. SYDNEY HOSPITAL COMPLETION BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Lyne, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

JERSEY,

Message No. 54.

Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to sanction the completion of the Sydney Hospital.

Government House,

Sydney, 29th February, 1892.

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

3. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Registration Fees of Friendly Societies and Trades Unions:—Mr. Newton asked the Colonial Secretary,—Are the fees received by the Registrar from Friendly Societies and Trades Unions for registration of rules paid to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue; if so, are receipts in proper form given for amounts so paid?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Registrar of Friendly Societies:—Pursuant to section 4 of the Friendly Societies' Act, 37 Vic. No. 4, the Registrar is entitled to the fees specified in the Schedule to that Act, the fees being meant to be the equivalent of a salary. In the case of Trade Union fees the Governor in Council, pursuant to section 14, sub-section (6), authorised the Registrar of Friendly Societies, who by the Trade Union Act is constituted Registrar also of Trade Unions, to take Trade Union fees as a similar equivalent. The practice has obtained in the case of the Societies for about 19 years; in the case of the Unions for about 10 years. For the year 1891 the total amount of fees so received was £152 10s.

- (2.) Prisoner Bertrand:—Mr. Wright, for Mr. Dickens, asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a prisoner named Bertrand has been in gaol for twenty-six years?
- (2.) What is the prisoner's age, his prison record, and his present state of health?
- (3.) Is it his intention to confine this man in gaol for the remainder of his life?
- (4.) If not, will he give this matter prompt attention, with a view to the prisoner's early release?

Mr.

Mr. See answered,—The following answers have been supplied by my honorable colleague, the Minister of Justice:—

- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) His age is 50; his prison record is a good one; he has been in hospital for several months and the visiting surgeon reports that he is in a bad state of health.
 - (3 and 4.) The question of the prisoner's release has been considered by the Cabinet in previous Administrations, and it is my intention to bring it before the Cabinet at an early date.
- (3.) Bridge Contracts:—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. Torpy*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) How many bridge contracts have been cancelled during the past ten years for insufficient progress, and the amount of time that has expired in each case, as compared with the contract time?
 - (2.) How many bridge contracts have been completed by the contractors for same, and during the same period, either on an extension of time, or after the expiration of the contract time?
- Mr. Lync* answered,—It is impossible to give the information in the shape of a reply to Questions. I find that it will take a long time to prepare such a Return as is asked for.
- (4.) Mail Contract—New Hebrides, *via* Fiji, and New Caledonia:—*Mr. Stevenson* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Whether the contract entered into between the Government and the A.U.S.N. Company in reference to the mail subsidy of £1,200 for carrying the mails between New Hebrides, *via* Fiji, and New Caledonia, is an annual contract or terminable on one or three months' notice?
 - (2.) Has he given the requisite notice of the termination of the existing contract; if not, will he do so at an early date?
- Mr. See* answered,—
- (1.) The contract with the A.U.S.N. Company for the service herein referred to is an annual one—for a stipulated number of trips (13), and no notice of intention to terminate is necessary. The contract for the present year (1892) was entered into, subject to the obtaining of Parliamentary sanction, to pay the subsidy of £1,200 for the year.
 - (2.) Although, as will be seen, the contract for this year is taken subject to Parliamentary sanction, it will perhaps be desirable, as several trips have been performed, to continue it until the end of the year, particularly, as will be explained in the answers to the Honorable Member's further Questions, as the inter-island service, for which Victoria has paid a subsidy of £1,200, would be practically useless if the direct service between Sydney and New Hebrides were to lapse.
- (5.) Mail Contract—New Hebrides Group:—*Mr. Stevenson* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Whether the contract entered into between the Government and the A.U.S.N. Company in reference to the mail subsidy of £1,000 for inter-island steam communication with the New Hebrides group is an annual contract or terminable on one or three months' notice?
 - (2.) Has he given the requisite notice of the termination of the existing contract; if not, will he do so at an early date?
- Mr. See* answered,—
- (1.) The contract with the A.U.S.N. Company for the service herein referred to is an annual one—for a stipulated number of trips (13)—and no notice of intention to terminate is necessary. The contract for the present year (1892) was entered into subject to the obtaining of Parliamentary sanction to pay the subsidy of £1,000 for the year.
 - (2.) As in the case of the direct service, it would appear desirable to continue the inter-island service for another year, especially as the Victorian Government has, presumably on the faith of our continuing the subsidy, paid through our Colonial Treasury a subsidy of £1,200 to this inter-island service for the current year.
- (6.) Number of Persons in Government Employ:—*Mr. Cullen* asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) What is the total number of persons in the Government Service (including the Railway and Tramway Departments)?
 - (2.) What additional number of persons are temporarily in the Government employ?
- Mr. Dibbs* answered,—This information is being prepared, and will shortly be laid upon the Table in the form of a Return.
- (7.) Duty on Soda Crystals:—*Mr. Darnley* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that a specific duty of 40s. per ton is being charged on soda crystals, the same being on the free list, as well as on Schedule A?
 - (2.) Is he aware that soda crystals were placed on the free list, by resolution, after Schedule A had been passed, and has he instructed the Customs officers to charge the duty?
- Mr. See* answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) Yes. The duties collected since the schedule was amended will be refunded, and the article placed on the free list.
- (8.) Refund of Duty on Tea:—*Mr. Martin* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What quantity of tea has been shipped to Melbourne and Brisbane under drawback during the month of February, 1892?
 - (2.) What amount of duty to be refunded, is represented by the quantity of tea that has been shipped to Melbourne and Brisbane under drawback during the month of February, 1892?
- Mr. See* answered,—I am at present unable to furnish an answer to these Questions.
- (9.) Inspector of Weights and Measures:—*Mr. Martin* asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) What is the salary and what are the allowances paid to the Inspector of Weights and Measures, central office, Sydney?
 - (2.) What is the amount of stamping fees for the years 1889, 1890, and 1891, and to what account have these fees been credited?
 - (3.) What is the amount of fines imposed during the years 1889, 1890, and 1891, and to what account have these fines been credited?
- Mr.*

Mr. See answered.—The following information has been furnished by my honorable colleague, the Minister of Justice:—The salary of the Metropolitan Inspector of Weights and Measures is £300 per annum. The other information required, so far as can correctly be given, will be supplied in the form of a Return as soon as possible.

- (10.) Land Valuator at Bourke:—*Mr. Langwell* asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that one of the officials of the Lands Office, Bourke, has been appointed valuator by the Municipal Council of that town?
 - (2.) Is it customary for Government officials to compete with private individuals in this manner?
 - (3.) Does he consider it advisable that Government officials should be restrained from so competing?
- Mr. Copeland* answered,—
- (1.) Inquiry is being made, and, if found to be the case, the officer in question will be called upon to retire from either one position or the other.
 - (2.) Not in the Lands Department.
 - (3.) No.
- (11.) Electric Light for Darling Harbour and Pyrmont Bridge:—*Mr. Kelly* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he take steps to have the electric light extended to the Government wharfs in Darling Harbour and Pyrmont Bridge?
- Mr. Lyne* answered,—If the Treasury or the Railway Commissioners decide to use the electric light on the wharves at Darling Harbour, it could, I think, be made available for Pyrmont Bridge.
- (12.) Boycotting of certain Shopkeepers by the Police:—*Mr. G. D. Clark*, for *Mr. Johnston*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the police at No. 4 Station are trying to boycott certain shopkeepers who were compelled to give evidence before the late Royal Commission on the Chinese?
 - (2.) If so, will he cause inquiry to be made, with a view of having it stopped?
- Mr. Dibbs* answered.—The Inspector-General of Police has received no complaint, and is unable to discover any ground for the allegation; but if any representation be made, giving particulars, the matter will be investigated.
- (13.) Sunday Trading:—*Mr. Houghton* asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that in several country towns persons are being prosecuted and mulcted in money penalties, under section 10 of the Towns Police Act, for selling fruit and light refreshments on Sunday?
 - (2.) Will he introduce a short Bill to amend the Act referred to during the present Session?
 - (3.) If not, will he give instructions to the police to refrain from prosecuting for the offences referred to pending the passage of a Bill dealing with the subject?
- Mr. Dibbs* answered,—
- (1.) I am informed by the Inspector-General of Police that a few such prosecutions have been instituted, and light penalties have been imposed. The police are instructed not to enforce the law oppressively.
 - (2 and 3.) The matter shall receive the early consideration of the Government.
- (14.) Railway Employees:—*Mr. Neild* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that a considerable number of men, hitherto employed permanently in the railway workshops, have been denied work, without being either suspended or discharged?
 - (2.) What is the reason for such denial of employment?
 - (3.) Will an early opportunity be afforded the men in question to resume their employment?
- Mr. See* answered,—I am informed it is a fact that a number of hands in the Railway Department have been dispensed with—proper intimation being given them that their services were no longer required. The Commissioners regret, owing to the completion of works and the necessity for economy, this action had to be taken. The railway earnings for some weeks past have been showing a serious decline as compared with previous periods; and if this state of things continues a very considerable further reduction in the staff will necessarily follow.
- (15.) Redfern Post Office Clock:—*Mr. Wright* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Did *Mr. Weisener* write a letter to his Department, complaining of defects in the Redfern Post Office clock?
 - (2.) Was an inquiry held?
 - (3.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House a copy of *Mr. Weisener's* letter, and the result of the inquiry?
- Mr. Lyne* answered,—
- (1.) No; but *Mr. Winsor* did.
 - (2.) A report was obtained from the Government Astronomer.
 - (3.) I have no objection.
- (16.) Leave of Absence to Captain Boam:—*Mr. Wright* asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will he answer Question 4, in reference to leave of absence to Captain Boam, which he was unable to answer on Monday, the 29th February?
- Mr. Dibbs* answered,—Captain Boam will be afforded leave of absence, and allowed the same privileges as other officers.
- (17.) *Mr. Fitzgerald*, Department of Agriculture:—*Mr. Morton* asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Is there a *Mr. Fitzgerald* employed in the Department of Agriculture?
 - (2.) If so, when was he appointed?
 - (3.) What are his duties?
 - (4.) What pay and travelling expenses (if any) does he receive?

Mr.

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) 19th January last.

(3.) His aim will be to bring the Agricultural Societies and the Department into closer touch, and, by cordial co-operation and interchange of ideas in conference with the Committees, to promote the interests of the societies and exhibitors. He will furnish full reports to the Department of the shows visited, and record each society's history and work.

(4.) 10s. per day, and a similar amount for travelling expenses when absent from head-quarters on duty.

(18.) Wages of Railway Employees:—*Mr. G. D. Clark* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the wages of a number of employees in the Government Service have recently been reduced?

(2.) If so, will he instruct the chiefs of the various branches of his Department that where men are employed in the Service this year in the same capacity that they were employed in last year, and have suffered a reduction in their wages, such reduction be discontinued, and the pay they formerly received be allowed them?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I have caused inquiries to be made throughout my Department, but cannot find that any wages have been reduced. Perhaps the Honorable Member will kindly give me further particulars.

(19.) *Mr. Bloxham*, Secretary to the Labour Bureau:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for *Mr. Vaughn*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is the *Mr. Bloxham* lately appointed Secretary to the Labour Bureau the same gentleman who was appointed Secretary to the Water and Sewerage Board?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The gentleman who holds the position of Secretary to the Labour Bureau is not the same person that holds the position of Secretary to the Water and Sewerage Board.

(20.) Baldwin Locomotives:—*Mr. Schey*, for *Mr. Hoyle*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Have any further steps been taken by the Government with a view to holding an inquiry into the alleged defects in the recently imported Baldwin engines?

Mr. See answered,—As a reply to this Question I may state, for the information of the Honorable Member, and Honorable Members generally, that the following letter was addressed by me, this day, to the Chief Commissioner for Railways, namely:—"Dear Sir,—Referring to the letter of 20th ultimo, signed by yourself and colleagues, requesting that steps be taken to appoint a Board to inquire into the allegations made that the recently-supplied Baldwin engines are unsuitable for our lines, and are not rendering that effective service which was expected of them, I have the honour to state that the Government intends to appoint a Board, in terms of your expressed wish."

4. ROAD FROM NUMBA TO COMERONG (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for *Mr. Morton*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a copy of the surveyor's report (with plan) on the proposed change in the road from Numba to Comerong.
Question put and passed.

5. THE CIVIL SERVICE (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Houghton* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing the names of all men employed in the Civil Service whose wives or children are also employed in the Civil Service, specifying the positions held and salaries received by each of such men and their wives or children, as the case may be.
Question put and passed.

6. PAPERS:—

Mr. Copeland laid upon the Table,—

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

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

(3.) 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.

(4.) 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. Lyne laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return showing contracts let by the Department of Public Works since the 23rd October, 1891.

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Return to an Order made on 13th January, 1892:—Contracts on the Jenolan Caves Road, entered into by *Thomas Martin*.

Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—Return respecting Partially-paid Infantry.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Suttor laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 10th February, 1892,—“Women's College.”

Ordered to be printed.

7. SYDNEY HOSPITAL COMPLETION BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of *Mr. Lyne*, *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 sanction the completion of the Sydney Hospital.

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

Ordered,

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to sanction the completion of the Sydney Hospital.

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

(2.) Mr. Lyne then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the completion of the Sydney Hospital*,"—which was read a first time.

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

8. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Watkins-Wallis Trust Estate Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to confer certain powers and authorities upon Stephen John Pearson and the Reverend John Douse Langley, as trustees of two several indentures dated the twenty-second day of June, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five, and the seventeenth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight, under which certain lands and moneys were vested in the said Stephen John Pearson and Reverend John Douse Langley, on certain trusts in the said indentures mentioned*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 2nd March, 1892.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

(2.) City of Sydney Paving Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Sydney Corporation Act of 1879, and to authorise and empower the Municipal Council of Sydney to pave, amend, and repair all footways, including gateways, crossings, or other entrances from the street to any premises in the city of Sydney, and to defray the cost and the expense thereof out of the City Fund*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 2nd March, 1892.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

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

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

9. KING TO OCEAN-STREET CABLE TRAMWAY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Lyne 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. Lyne, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

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

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

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

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

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 3 MARCH, 1892, A.M.

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

11. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Marriages Validation and Marriage Law Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to declare certain Marriages valid, and to amend the Law relating to Marriage and the registration of Marriages*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 3rd March, 1892.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

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

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

(2.)

(2.) Colonial Sugar Refining Company Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to abolish a certain blind roadway leading from Chownc-street, Ultimo, to the lands of the Colonial Sugar Refining Company (Limited), and all rights-of-way connected therewith; and to vest the fee simple thereof in the said Company,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence; accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 3rd March, 1892.*

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

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

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

12. PAPER:—MR. LYNE laid upon the Table,—Schedules A to F, Public Works Department, Estimates for 1892, including Schedules for Subordinate Roads.

Ordered to be printed.

The House adjourned, at six minutes after Eight o'clock p.m., until Monday next at Four o'clock.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 96.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, 7 MARCH, 1892.

There being only seventeen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely:—Mr. Cullen, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Gornly, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Kidd, Mr. Lyne, Mr. Martin, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Scobie, Mr. See, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Slattery, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Toohy, Mr. Waddell, Mr. John Wilkinson, and Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at half-past Four o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 97.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 8 MARCH, 1892.

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

SAINT JOHN'S COLLEGE RELIEVING AND ENABLING BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

JERSEY,

Message No. 55.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to relieve the Rector and Fellows of Saint John's College of the trusts of a devise by will of the late John McEncroe, in regard to certain land near Jamberoo; and to enable them to convey the said land to Trustees; and to enable such Trustees to lease the said land; and also to sell the same, and deal with the proceeds thereof*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 3rd March, 1892.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Marrickville to Burwood Road Railway:—Mr. Eve asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What is the reason of the delay in dealing with the tenders for the Marrickville to Burwood Road Railway?

(2.) When were tenders received?

(3.) What was the amount of the same, and the names of the tenderers?

(4.) Is this work authorised by Act of Parliament?

(5.) Has any money been voted for the work; if so, how much, and when voted?

(6.) Have the land-owners complied with the provisions of the Act in regard to giving the land necessary for the line?

(7.) If so, when were the deeds finally executed and given to the Government?

(8.) Have tenders for any railways been accepted by the Government since it came into office; if so, when, for what line, and for what amount?

(9.) Is it a fact that 3,000 men have been registered at the Labour Bureau in Sydney as unemployed?

(10.) In view of the circumstances of the case, will he take into consideration the Act which authorises the work, the compliance of the land-owners with the Act, and the large number of unemployed workmen to whom this work would be likely to afford employment, and state to this House whether he will accept a tender for the construction of the line?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) The reply to this will be found in the answer to No. 10.

(2.) On 13th January, 1892.

(3.) Messrs. Proudfoot & Co. were the lowest tenderers at £70,941. The other tenderers were as follows:—Gilliver and Curtis, £71,788 5s.; Willecocks and Firth, £74,819 5s. 2d.; Justin M'Sweeney, £75,528 5s. 10d.; M'Dermott and Sons, £77,730 19s. 8d.; N. Johnstone, £78,984 13s. 4d.; John Ahearn, £79,469 17s. 6d.; Angus & Co., £81,175 9s. 10d.; J. Falkingham and Sons, £81,904 17s. 8d.; Gummow and Gillan, £82,714 4s. 2d.; Willmot and Morgan, £83,265 19s. 10d.; Kerle and Kerle, £83,303; J. Stewart & Co., £85,208 9s. 2d.; Daniel Sheehy, £86,606 9s.; W. Rowe, £86,624 10s. 10d.; J. and H. Owen, £89,426 2s. 6d.; Kerr and Cronin, £86,313 9s. 10d.; G. Blunt, £91,680 12s. 4d.; Murphy & Co., £93,335 10s. 2d.; Flanagan and Bladen, £91,181 10s.

(4.) Yes.

(5.) Yes; £90,250 voted on 20th December, 1890.

(6.)

- (6.) The following land-owners, whose names are mentioned in the Act, have complied with the provisions thereof, in regard to giving the land necessary for the line:—F. Clissold, C. F. D. Priddle, Miss Campbell, John Mooney, Anglo-Australian Finance and Land Company, Charles Moyes, C. F. D. Priddle and another, and W. G. Warburton. The lands belonging to the under-mentioned land-owners, whose names are mentioned in the Act, are not affected by the railway, viz., Louis Phillips, Moritz Gotthelf, M. Hamberger, E. M. Stephen, and E. A. Macpherson.
- (7.) F. Clissold, 1st June, 1891; C. F. D. Priddle, 1st June, 1891; Miss Campbell, 1st June, 1891; Charles Moyes, 15th June, 1891; W. G. Warburton, 25th June, 1891; C. F. D. Priddle and another, 27th July, 1891; John Mooney, 11th September, 1891; Anglo-Australian Finance and Land Company, 3rd October, 1891.
- (8.) Yes. On 12th December, 1891, a tender was accepted for the second section of the Molong to Parkes and Forbes Railway, for reasons of economy already stated.
- (9.) Yes.
- (10.) The circumstances of the case are well known to the Government. The question of accepting a tender will be considered when the financial position of the Colony will justify it.
- (2.) Proposed Visit of the Colonial Secretary to England:—*Mr. Kelly*, for *Mr. Toohey*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—In the event of his visiting England in his capacity as Premier during the coming recess, will he, ere the closing of this Session, intimate to the House the object of his visit in his official capacity?
- Mr. Dibbs* answered,—I think the Honorable Member, *Mr. Toohey*, has gone far enough with his inquiries—but it may satisfy him to know that, in the event of my being able to leave the Colony, as contemplated, I shall embark upon no enterprise to commit the Colony without the approval of Parliament to any financial obligation, but it is thought that the presence of the head of the Government for a short time in London may be of essential service in many ways to advance the Colony's interests.
- (3.) Southern Express Train:—*Mr. McGowen* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Does the Sydney to Melbourne express stop at Burradoo platform every Friday night; and, if so, is not the Bowral station, a regular stopping place, only one mile distant?
- (2.) Is a similar privilege granted to people wishing to alight at places of like importance to Burradoo?
- (3.) Will he supply the names of the people who usually leave the express at Burradoo on Friday?
- (4.) Is it a fact that the railway authorities have declined to stop the express at places not timed in the time-table, for the convenience of invalids who are too weak to bear the journey in slower trains?
- Mr. See* answered,—
- (1.) The train is publicly announced in the time-tables to call at Burradoo on Friday nights to set down passengers.
- (2.) The Commissioners are endeavouring to create a summer residential traffic to this as well as other cool districts, and facilities of this kind are required.
- (3.) It is not usual to record the names of passengers using the trains at the various stations.
- (4.) Express trains are not stopped at places at which they are not publicly advertised to call for general traffic, unless most exceptional circumstances are represented.
- (4.) Importation of Tea:—*Mr. Reid* asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the abolition of the duty on tea, will he state what precautions can or will be taken to prevent the importation of adulterated or exhausted tea?
- Mr. Dibbs* answered,—It is not thought likely by the Collector of Customs, who is a very good judge in such matters, that the abolition of the duty on tea will be the means of bringing into the market tea of an inferior quality; but, on the contrary, it is thought that the abolition of the duty will in all probability be the means of bringing here tea of a better quality than has hitherto been imported. With regard to the question of inspection, there is no law at present providing for the inspection of any article; and one of the many good things the Government intend to do next Session is to introduce a Bill dealing with the inspection and adulteration of food generally.
- (5.) Land for Public School at South Wagga Wagga:—*Mr. Gornly* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—When will payment be made for the land resumed as a site for a public school at South Wagga Wagga?
- Mr. Suttor* answered,—This matter is in the hands of the Crown Solicitor for preparation of the necessary deed, and I have received information that it will shortly be completed. It is therefore expected that payment will be made in the course of this week.
- (6.) Forfeiture of Pastoral Leases and Occupation Licenses in the Western and Central Divisions:—*Mr. R. B. Wilkinson* asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) How many pastoral leases and occupation licenses in the Western and Central Divisions have, since December, 1889, been forfeited, or become liable to forfeiture, for non-payment of rent or license fee?
- (2.) The names, numbers, and areas of such leases or occupation licenses?
- Mr. Lyne* answered,—The information sought by the Honorable Member will be furnished in the form of a Return if moved for in the usual manner.
- (7.) Coogee Road:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. Neild*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Have representations been made on several occasions by the Borough Council of Randwick as to the necessity for widening the Coogee Road, in the interests of the public safety?
- (2.) Have similar representations been made to the effect that the Council cannot carry out the work, consequent upon the decrease of revenue from tolls, owing to the opening of roads through the Centennial Park?
- (3.) Have applications been made for a grant to widen the said road?
- (4.) Is it his intention to place a sum on the Supplementary Estimates to enable the carrying out of the said work?
- Mr.*

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) The officers of my Department report this is purely a municipal work, but I find from an examination of the papers that it is clear the municipality has lost a considerable sum of money in the shape of tolls, by reason of the traffic, which used to be compelled to pass the toll-bar, now passing through the Centennial Park and emerging therefrom some distance beyond the toll-bar, thus escaping the toll altogether. I further find that Mr. Bruce Smith, when Minister for Works, stated that he was prepared to deal equitably with this matter, and was only awaiting a report on the subject from his officers. This has now been received, and it shows that the Council have been suffering a loss of revenue of something like £1,000 per annum, and I can promise the Honorable Member that, if the funds at my disposal will admit of it, I shall probably grant some small sum to enable the Council to meet the difficulty complained of. It must be understood, however, that the Government are not legally liable in the matter.

(8.) Labour Bureau :—Mr. Langwell asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it his intention to establish agencies in connection with the Labour Bureau in different parts of the Colony?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—No.

(9.) American Patent Tap-filters :—Mr. Darnley asked the Colonial Secretary,—Referring to Question asked by Mr. Darnley on 16th February last, will he kindly afford specific replies to the following :—

(1.) When were the American patent tap-filters (not patent taps for filters) purchased, from whom, and at what price?

(2.) Was it Mr. Carson Woods, the patentee of the dump cars, who negotiated the sale of the tap-filters to the Government while the Jennings-Dibbs Government were in office?

(3.) How many were purchased, and how many of them were ever used, and for what purpose and by whose directions were they sold?

(4.) Is it a fact that immediately after delivery to the Government the tap-filters were condemned as useless?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I am informed the articles referred to were purchased from Mr. Carson Woods in 1884. Two hundred were purchased, at a cost of £175. About fifty-three of them were used for the purpose for which they were said to be effective; but as the responsible officers reported they were not satisfactory, and no other use could be made of them, they remained in store until they were disposed of with other articles as obsolete stores.

(10.) Travelling Expenses of Officers attending Quarter Sessions :—Mr. Rose asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) What allowance per day is granted for travelling expenses to the Clerk of the Peace and officers attending Quarter Sessions?

(2.) Are they allowed free railway passes?

Mr. See answered,—This Question refers to matters within the Attorney-General's Department.

(1.) The Crown Prosecutors (other than the Crown Prosecutor for the North-western District) and the Clerk of the Peace are each allowed 30s. per diem when travelling on public duty. The Crown Prosecutor for the North-western District receives 40s. per diem.

(2.) Orders for railway passes are given to these officers when travelling on official business.

3. KING TO OCEAN-STREET CABLE TRAMWAY BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Lyne, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Lyne then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the construction of a Cable Tramway from King-street, via William-street, in the city of Sydney, to Ocean-street, in the borough of Woollahra.*"

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 sanction the construction of a Cable Tramway from King-street, via William-street, in the city of Sydney, to Ocean-street, in the borough of Woollahra.*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 5th March, 1892.

4. HOSPITALS FOR THE INSANE (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Frank Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—

(1.) The number of patients,—

(2.) The number of officers,—

(3.) The number of attendants, nurses, and servants,—

(4.) The proportion of officers, attendants, nurses, and servants to patients,—

In all the Hospitals for Insane on the 31st December, 1891.

Question put and passed.

5. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—

(1.) Australian Gaslight Company Electric Lighting and Supply Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading ;—until Monday next.

(2.) Colonial Sugar Refining Company Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading ;—until Monday next.

(3.) Married Women's Property Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading ;—until Monday next.

(4.) Willoughby and Gordon Tramways Acts Amending Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading ;—until Monday next.

(5.)

- (5.) Municipal Wharves Bill ; second reading ;—until Monday next.
- (6.) Metropolitan Municipalities Cattle and Sheep Driving Bill ; second reading ;—until Monday, 21st March.
- (7.) Special Grant to Municipalities ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor ;—until Monday, 21st March.
6. SUNDAY LABOUR :—Mr. Fegan presented a Petition from certain Householders and Citizens of the City of Newcastle, stating that they are firmly persuaded that the preservation of Sunday as a day of rest from labour is essential for the highest well-being of this and of every community ; and praying the House to withhold its assent to any measure which will interfere with the sacredness of the Sunday and legalize Sunday labour.
Petition received.
7. PAPER :—Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—Further Return to an Order, made on 20th August, 1891,—“ Proposed resumption of Chinese Gardens, Rushcutters’ Bay.”
Ordered to be printed.
8. SYDNEY HOSPITAL COMPLETION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Lyne 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. Lyne, 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. Lyne (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
9. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

10. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Dibbs moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at five minutes after Two o’clock a.m., until Four o’clock p.m. This Day.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 98.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 9 MARCH, 1892.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Mr. Fitzgerald, Department of Agriculture:—Mr. Morton asked the Secretary for Mines,—What is the nature of the qualifications and the former experience of Mr. Fitzgerald, lately appointed as Inspector of Agricultural Societies?

Mr. Kidd answered,—Mr. Fitzgerald was employed in South Australia for many years as Inspector of Lands (conditional purchase) and Agriculture, valuator of all species of station and agricultural improvements, and assisting in inspection of stock. He also had experience in the same Colony as manager of station property. For years past he has been a resident in the northern part of this Colony.

(2.) Light Railway, Parramatta to Dural:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary [for Public Works,—Will he consider the question of laying before the Public Works Committee the report of the Government examiners, and the whole of the evidence taken with reference to the construction of a light line of railway, to be worked under the suburban traffic from Parramatta, *via* Toongabbie, Seven Hills, Baulkham Hills, Windsor Road, Kellyville, Castle Hill, to Dural?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I will bring this matter before the Cabinet when the next batch of Public Works proposals are being dealt with, but this cannot be during the present Session.

(3.) Report on Bridge over the Bogan River, near Narramine:—Mr. York asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he lay upon the table of this House Mr. District Surveyor Smith's report to the Commissioner for Roads, with all minutes, on bridge over the Bogan River, near Narramine, lately constructed by contractor Fitzgerald?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I have no objection to show the papers to the Honorable Member at any time convenient to himself. There are certain charges in connection with these papers which I do not think it is advisable to lay before the House until I have investigated them.

(4.) Dredging of Parramatta River:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When is it the intention of the Government to cause the silt to be removed from the Parramatta River, from Duck River Creek to the Queen's Wharf, which is now so impeding the traffic that boats have to unload their goods 3 miles from the said wharf?

Mr. Lyne answered,—There is no dredge at present available for this work; whenever it is undertaken it is proposed to utilise the silt lifted for reclaiming the sewerage farm, now enclosed at the mouth of Duck Creek; but this will require a sand-pump dredge, which is not now available.

(5.) Special Areas at Conjola, Milton Land District:—Mr. Morton asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has he come to any decision in regard to the application of residents to reduce the price of special areas at Conjola, in the Milton Land District?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The only special area in the Milton Land District is No. 8,789, formerly containing 2,210 acres, of which 1,520 acres were made available to ordinary conditional purchase on the 5th December last, to which effect the Honorable Member was informed on the 17th of that month. Of the 690 acres remaining in the special area 550 acres have already been selected.

(6.) Duty on Tea:—*Mr. Lees*, for Mr. Martin, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Have the Customs exports for the month of February, 1892, been made up?

(2.) If so, what quantity of tea has been shipped to Melbourne and Brisbane under drawback during the month of February, 1892?

(3.) What amount of duty to be refunded is represented by the quantity of tea that has been shipped to Melbourne and Brisbane under drawback during the month of February, 1892?

Mr. Sec answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) About 19,000 packages.

(3.) About £9,300.

(7.)

(7.) Railway Employees:—Mr. Neild asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Referring to his reply to Mr. Neild on the 2nd instant, in reference to the refusal of work to men hitherto employed in the railway workshops, is it a fact—(a) that the men referred to were not dismissed, as alleged; and (b) that upon the date in question numbers of men were working overtime in the workshops?

(2.) Will he see that the work is more evenly divided amongst the employees?

Mr. See answered,—As previously intimated, owing to the completion of works and slackness of traffic, it is necessary to reduce the staff of Railway employees, but it is difficult to give definite information in view of the general nature of the questions asked. If the Honorable Member will write, giving definite cases, the Railway Commissioners will be glad to give the matter full consideration.

(8.) Rents fixed by Local Land Boards in Hay, Hillston, and other back Districts:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a large number of notices have been served upon conditional lessees in the Hay, Hillston, and other back districts, to the effect that the Minister for Lands intends to appeal against the rents fixed for their leases by the Local Land Board?

(2.) In view of the statements recently made by the Minister for Lands with regard to the condition of the pastoral lessees and other leaseholders in the rabbit-infested districts, will he cause these notices to be withdrawn until he decides upon what course he will take with regard to the pastoral lessees and the properties leased by financial institutions in districts which, like Hay and Hillston, are infested with rabbits?

Mr. Lync answered,—

(1.) I am not aware that any such notices have been served, but out of 551 conditional leases in the Hay and Hillston Land Districts appraised up to the 31st December last, thirty-two have been referred to the Land Court to determine the rent, in accordance with the provisions of the 6th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1889.

(2.) I would ask the Honorable Member to be so good as to repeat this portion of his Question on the return of Mr. Copeland from the country, as a question of principle is involved.

(9.) Rabbit Pest—Light Railways:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In view of the steps about to be taken by the Government with the object of abating the rabbit pest, will he take into consideration the desirableness of running light railways into the infested districts, with a view,—firstly, that settlement may be established along these lines, the population of which might materially aid in the destruction of the rabbits, and create a profitable traffic in the skins; secondly, that these light railway lines may prove of service in saving starving stock in times of drought?

Mr. Lync answered,—This is a matter that would entail a very large expenditure, and cannot be entertained at present. Though personally in favour of projecting light railways, care must be taken not to do so in such a promiscuous manner as indicated by the Honorable Member; nor can such be done solely to aid in the destruction of rabbits or carriage of their skins.

(10.) Proposed Short Session:—Mr. Cullen, for Sir Henry Parkes, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Whether it is still the intention of Ministers to hold a short Session to pass measures for the reconstruction of the Legislative Assembly, having in view these unavoidable conditions:—First,—That any such course would precipitate the business proper to the year to an inordinately late period. Second,—That in the event of the reconstruction measures becoming law, this Assembly would be constitutionally incompetent to deal with the Federation of the Colonies, or any other important question, inasmuch as it would by its own action stand condemned, and doomed to a speedy dissolution?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—In consequence of the protracted proceedings of the present Session, and the very great consumption of time still going on with regard to all matters, however trivial, Ministers feel some difficulty in giving a definite answer to the first part of the Honorable Member's Question, while they must not be taken to admit the matters of opinion contained in the latter part of it. While freely conceding that the undue protraction of the present Session is calculated to interfere seriously with any plan whatever for the prompt or early dispatch of business, I cannot say that there is at present in view any alteration of the course already laid down; but Ministers, I may say, are anxious to avoid any undue postponement of the Session proper to the year, and they cannot but be aware how severe the work of the Session must be to Honorable Members, for it has become painfully exhausting to Ministers themselves.

(11.) Minister for Industry:—Mr. Langwell, for Mr. Morgan, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to appoint a Minister for Industry during the present Session or during the recess?

(2.) Has any inquiry under the Census and Industrial Returns Act been yet directed to the mining industries of the Colony—coal, gold, silver, manganese, &c.?

(3.) Is it intended to carry out the industrial inquiry outside the municipal area to the larger inland towns, such as Dubbo, Nyngan, Coonamble, Peak Hill, Bathurst, Goulburn, Orange, Young, Wollongong, Penrith, Kiama, Newcastle, Broken Hill, &c.?

(4.) If not, will he direct that such inquiry shall be commenced at an early date?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) The matter will be considered during the recess.

(2, 3, and 4.) Information is collected every year for the Annual Report of the Department of Mines and Agriculture, and the information so collected is always at the disposal of the Government Statistician.

(12.) Loading of Steam Collier "Currajong" on Sunday:—Mr. Johnston asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the steam collier "Currajong" left Sydney at 1 a.m. on Sunday, the 6th March, and loaded coal at South Bulli, returning to Sydney at 4 p.m. same date?

(2.) If so, will he take steps to stop the loading of colliers on Sunday?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—Nothing is officially known on the subject, but directions will be sent to the police to take proceedings in cases of the sort when breaches of the law are committed.

- (13.) Loading of "Egmont" on Sunday:—Mr. Johnston asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the steam collier "Egmont" left Sydney at 1 a.m. on Sunday, 6th March, and loaded coal at Bellambi, and arrived at Sydney again at 4 p.m. same date?
 - (2.) If so, will he take steps to stop the loading of colliers on Sunday?
- Mr. Dibbs answered,—No information has been received on the subject, but directions will be sent to the police to take proceedings in cases of the sort when breaches of the law are committed.
- (14.) Rust in Wheat:—Mr. Gillies asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) In view of the probable increase in the area of land to be placed under wheat this year, is the Department of Agriculture in a position to make public any means for the prevention of rust in wheat?
 - (2.) If so, will he take the necessary steps to give the fullest publicity to those means having for their object the prevention of rust in wheat?
- Mr. Kidd answered,—A conference of delegates from the several colonies is now sitting at Adelaide, with the object of making further inquiry into this important subject, and the recommendations of that conference will be published as early and as fully as possible.
- (15.) Pupils at the Agricultural College:—Mr. Kelly, for Mr. J. D. FitzGerald, asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) How many pupils, other than New South Wales youths, have been admitted to the Agricultural College?
 - (2.) If any, are they charged higher fees, or do their Governments contribute to the expenses of the college?
 - (3.) Were any New South Wales candidates passed over to make room for youths from other Colonies?
 - (4.) Will the Government consider the expediency of instituting special scholarships open to pupils in the public schools, upon passing a special examination?
- Mr. Kidd answered,—
- (1.) Two.
 - (2.) No.
 - (3.) No; these two were selected because, having regard to the rules respecting the minimum age of pupils, they were the prior applicants for admission.
 - (4.) Yes.
- (16.) Transfer of Engine-drivers:—Mr. Lees asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that certain engine-drivers at Penrith have received intimation that they will be removed to Nyngan and Wellington if they wish to retain their present position in the Railway Department?
 - (2.) Is it also a fact that this said intimation makes an alternative that unless they will remove accordingly drivers will be reduced to the position of firemen?
 - (3.) Are senior and long-service drivers being sent away west, and junior drivers employed running trains from Bathurst to Penrith and Eskbank to Penrith, which trains were formerly run by the seniors referred to?
 - (4.) Is it a fact that men who have served from fourteen to twenty years in the Department are now being reduced in their daily wages, contrary to the terms of the Railway Act?
- Mr. See answered,—I am informed that in the internal and economical working of the Railway Department it is found desirable to make certain changes, but as little inconvenience as possible is given to the men in making transfers. With regard to the reduction in wages, no wages have been reduced where the same class of work is being performed; but if, as is necessary at times owing to slackness of traffic, men are transferred to other positions in order that they may be kept in employment, their pay is reduced in accordance with the regulation scale appertaining to the class of work to which they have been transferred. So far as the general rate of pay of the working staff of the Railways is concerned, it has been largely augmented since the Commissioners took office.
- (17.) Port Jackson Steamship Company's steamer "Brightside":—Mr. Kelly, for Mr. J. D. FitzGerald, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House a copy of the last Marine Board report of the inspection of the s.s. "Emu," now known as the "Brightside," and used as a passenger-boat to Manly by the Port Jackson Steamship Company, with the name of the surveyor?
 - (2.) Was the survey taken whilst the boat was alongside, or during a trip?
 - (3.) Will he cause a special survey to be made more especially as to the state of the steering-gear, the engines, and the roof?
 - (4.) Is it a fact that during the noon trip on the 28th February, whilst crossing the Heads, a heavy sea was shipped, nearly extinguishing the fires, and causing great alarm to passengers?
 - (5.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House a copy of the lease to the Port Jackson Steamship Company of the exclusive use of the Manly wharf?
- Mr. See answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) The survey was taken both while the vessel was alongside the wharf and also when she was underweigh.
 - (3.) This matter will be referred to the Marine Board.
 - (4.) The captain of the vessel made no report on this subject, either to the Chairman of the company or to the Marine Board.
 - (5.) No objection will be raised to laying a copy of the papers relating to this matter before the House, if moved for in the usual manner.
- (18.) Proposed visit of the Colonial Secretary to England:—Mr. Toohy asked the Colonial Secretary,—How the presence of the head of the Government in London may be of essential service to the state of New South Wales, and what course does the Ministry propose to pursue to provide for the absence of the Premier and his official work during his absence?

Mr.

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I have already told my honorable friend that I consider he has pushed his questions sufficiently far already, and I must now ask him to exercise a moderate amount of patience, and he will realise in due time the value of the essential services to which he has referred. In regard to the last part of the Honorable Member's Question, as to what course the Ministry propose to take—to provide for the absence of the Premier and his official work during his absence—I would remind him of a well-known Scotch proverb, which says that no man—from Julius Cæsar down to Joe Pipes—ever left a position of importance without some good man being found to fill it, and probably I may yet have to ask the co-operation of the Honorable Member himself to assist the Government during my absence.

2. **TREASURY INDEMNITY BILL (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. See moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to indemnify the Colonial Treasurer, the officers of the Treasury, and other public officers, in respect of certain unauthorised advances from the Public Account of the Colonial Treasurer in the various banks.
Question put and passed.

3. **SYDNEY HOSPITAL COMPLETION BILL (Formal Order of the Day)**,—on motion of Mr. Lyne, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Lyne then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the completion of the Sydney Hospital.*"

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 sanction the Completion of the Sydney Hospital,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 9th March, 1892.*

4. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
(1.) Jamberoo and Kiama Boroughs Naming Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Legislative Council's amendments;—until Monday next.
(2.) Albury Racecourse Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—until Monday, 21st March.
(3.) Polling Day Liquor Prohibition Bill: consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in Bill;—until Monday, 21st March.

5. **PAPERS**:—

Mr. Barton laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Particulars respecting George-street Fruit Market.
(2.) Return to an Order made on 9th February, 1892,—"*Children in the Charitable Institutions of the Colony.*"
(3.) Return to an Order made on 3rd December, 1891,—"*Closing of parts of Lake Illawarra.*"
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Correspondence respecting Redfern Post-office Clock.
Ordered to be printed.
(2.) Return to an Order made on 2nd December, 1891,—"*Reserve, Parish of Terangan, Bogan River.*"

6. **PRIVILEGE**:—*Toohy v. Melville*:—Mr. Melville, Chairman of Committees, informed the House that personal service upon him of a Writ of Summons in an action brought against him by Mr. J. M. Toohy, a Member for the Electoral District of South Sydney, had this day been effected,—

And the same was read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, as follows:—

Toohy }
v. } Summons.
Melville. }

VICTORIA by the grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c.

To Ninian Melville, of Sydney, Member of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales,—

WE command you that within eight days after the service of this Writ on you, inclusive of the day of such service, you do cause an appearance to be entered for you in our Supreme Court at Sydney, in an action at the suit of James Matthew Toohy, of Sydney, Member of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales. And take notice that in default of your so doing the said James Matthew Toohy may proceed therein to judgment and execution.

Witness—The Honorable Sir Frederick Darley, Knight, Chief Justice of our said Court, at Sydney, this second day of March, in the fifty-fifth year of our reign, and A.D. 1892.

For the Prothonotary,
(L.S.) J. MURPHY,
4th Clerk of the said Supreme Court.

N.B.—This writ is to be served within three calendar months from the date thereof, or, if renewed, from the date of such renewal, including the day of such date, and not afterwards.

This writ was issued by Joseph Augustus Doyle, of number 58, Elizabeth-street, Sydney, Attorney for the said Plaintiff.

The Plaintiff claims £2,000 for damages, and £3 3s. (besides mileage) for costs, and if those sums be paid to the Plaintiff or to his Attorney within the time limited for your appearance further proceedings will be stayed.

Mr. Dibbs moved, That leave be given to Ninian Melville, Esquire, to appear and plead in the action, and that the Attorney-General be directed to defend.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

7. **TREASURY INDEMNITY BILL**:—Mr. See presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to indemnify the Colonial Treasurer, the officers of the Treasury, and other public officers, in respect of certain unauthorised advances from the Public Account of the Colonial Treasurer in the various banks,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
8. **SUPPLY**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

9. **MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) **Government Railways (Contracts) Amendment Bill**:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having taken into consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated the 11th-February, 1892, in reference to the Government Railways (Contracts) Amendment Bill,—

Insists upon its amendments in page 1, clause 1, line 15,—Because no sufficient reason has been shown that the power conferred on the Commissioners by the Railway Act of 1888 has operated prejudicially to the public interest, and in fixing the limit of £20,000 the Council believes that that sum is absolutely necessary to place in the discretion of the Commissioners for the efficient management of the Railways.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 9th March, 1892.*

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

Ordered, that this Message be taken into consideration on Tuesday next.

(2.) **Petty Sessions Jurisdiction Extension Bill**:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having taken into consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated the 23rd February, 1892, in reference to the Petty Sessions Jurisdiction Extension Bill,—

Agrees to the Assembly's amendment upon the Council's amendment in new clause 1, which proposes to omit the words "except in the county of Cumberland," but proposes to further amend the clause by the insertion, in lieu of the words omitted, of the words "except within the boundaries for the time being of the several Petty Sessions Districts of Sydney and the suburbs thereof,"—in which further amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 9th March, 1892.*

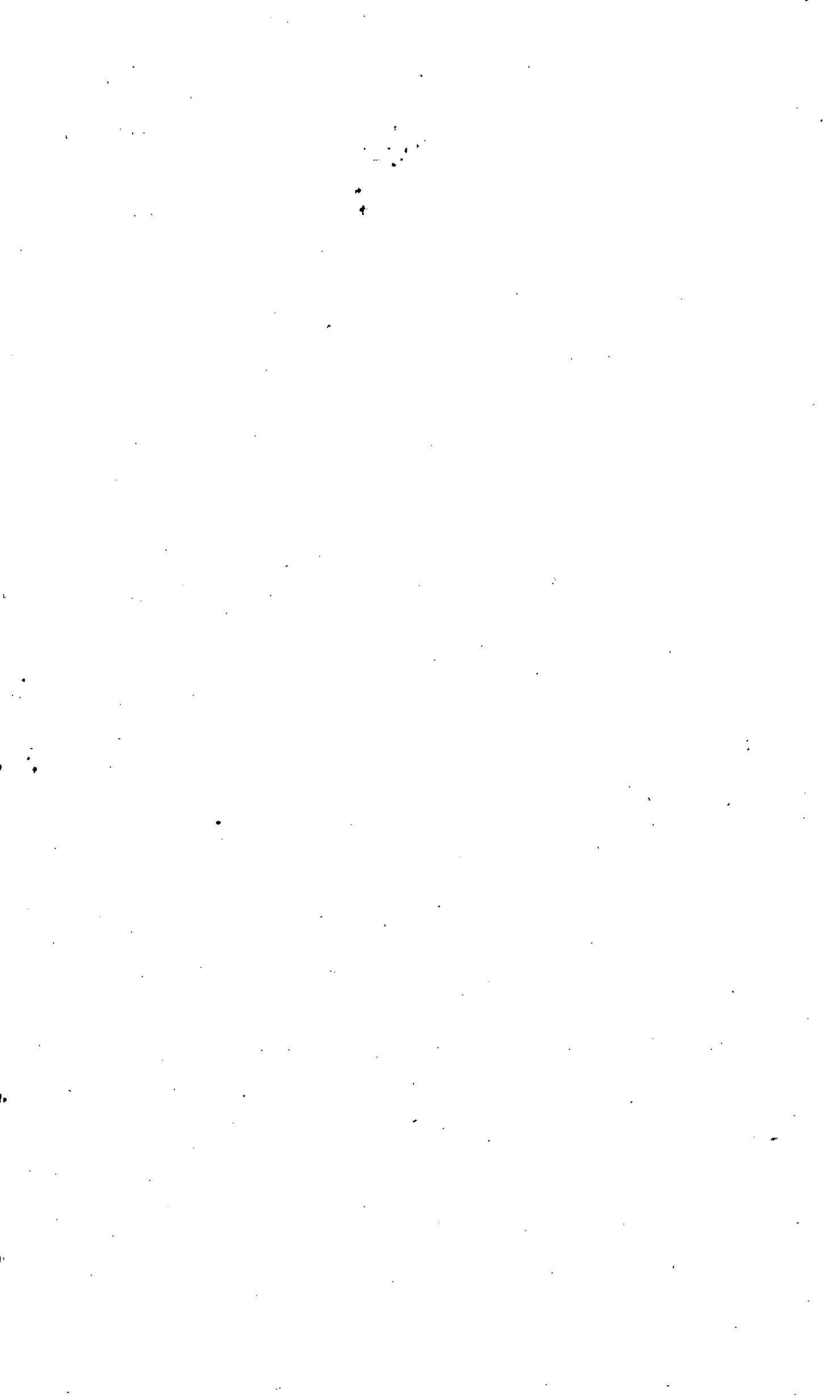
JOHN LACKEY,
President.

Ordered, that this Message be taken into consideration on Monday next.

10. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Dibbs, for the second reading of the Diseases in Sheep Acts Amendment Bill,—postponed until To-morrow.
11. **CITY OF SYDNEY PAVING BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Dibbs moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Dibbs, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

The House adjourned, at four minutes before Five o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 99.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 10 MARCH, 1892.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Appointments to the Railway Service:—Mr. Nicoll asked the Colonial Treasurer,—When will the Return moved for by Mr. Nicoll in reference to the appointments made by the Commissioners to the Railway Service of this Colony be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Sec answered,—I am informed that it is not usual to keep records or details of the histories of railway employees prior to their engagement, their suitability for the work and respectability being only inquired into; consequently the information sought by the Honorable Member is not available.

- (2.) Weir on the Lachlan River at Willandra Creek:—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Has the weir on the Lachlan River, at the source of the Willandra Creek, been completed?
 (2.) If completed, have the works shown signs of giving way?
 (3.) Will inquiry be made and steps taken, if found necessary, to have repairs made and the weir strengthened before the coming winter?

Mr. Sec answered,—

- (1.) The weir has been completed, but not the work in connection with it.
 (2.) So far from showing any signs of giving way, the weir stood admirably the test of having a flood equal to that of 1870 passing over it for a considerable time directly after it was completed. On inspection after the flood subsided it was found that no repairs whatever were required.
 (3.) The earthwork, for which tenders have been called, will be completed as soon as possible, but, as stated above, no repairs are necessary.

- (3.) Application to mine under Little Redhead Lagoon, parish of Kahibah:—Mr. Edden asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that Mr. E. C. Merewether made application on 3rd February, 1892, for permission to mine under land known as Little Redhead Lagoon, between portion No. 25 and Mitchell's 950 acres, parish of Kahibah, county of Northumberland, extent about 30 acres?
 (2.) Is it a fact that a large portion of the coal has already been got from under the said land; if so, by whom?

Mr. Sec answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 (2.) Some of the coal is reported to have been extracted from under the lagoon by the Burwood Coal Company. A survey is being made to ascertain the quantity of coal taken.

- (4.) Sanitary Science Classes, Technical College:—Mr. Nicoll, for Mr. Ewing, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Will he have the work in connection with the Sanitary Science Classes (Laboratory), Technical College, pushed on as soon as possible?

Mr. Sutter answered,—Yes; tenders have this day been received for the necessary fittings for the class-rooms.

- (5.) Parliamentary Trains and Trams:—Mr. Bavister asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What was the cost incurred for special trams and trains in connection with the sitting of the House, Wednesday, 24th February, the House adjourning at 12:1 a.m.?
 (2.) The same information as to the sitting commencing Thursday, 25th February, continuing till the following day at 8:11 a.m.; also stating if either special train or trams were used on this occasion?
 (3.) Are any employees in the Railway Service, in addition to driver, fireman, and guard for each train, required to remain on special duty in connection with these special trains; if so, how many, of what grade, and do they get extra pay?
 (4.) Are the Government in favour of continuing these special services?

Mr. Sec answered,—This information will be laid upon the Table of the House in the form of a Return.

(6.)

- (6.) Land, corner of Bent and Loftus Streets:—Mr. Joseph Abbott asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) For what purpose was the vacant land at the intersection of Bent and Loftus Streets, and opposite the old Australian Club, dedicated?
 - (2.) Who are the trustees for same?
 - (3.) Will he insist upon the terms and purposes of such dedication being fully observed?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) For public recreation.
 - (2.) The Municipal Council of Sydney.
 - (3.) The Municipal Council have been called on to state whether it is their intention, as reported in the public Press, to curtail the park (which was dedicated for public recreation on the 21st December, 1866), for road purposes, and if so, under what enactment is power conferred upon the Council, as trustees, so to act.
- (7.) Tenders for Cast-iron Pipes:—Mr. Molesworth asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) How many tenders have been received this week by the Water Supply and Sewerage Board for 15,000 cast-iron pipes, 4 inches diameter?
 - (2.) What are the names of the tenderers, with the respective amounts of the tenders?
 - (3.) Were any of the tenders treated as informal; if so, on what account?
 - (4.) Did the specifications or tender forms stipulate for the manufacture of said pipes in the Colony?
 - (5.) What is the name of lowest tenderer, and the amount of his tender?
 - (6.) Is this rate an advance upon pipes imported heretofore for similar purposes?
 - (7.) What is the difference between the amount of the lowest tender now received for Colonial-made pipes and that for imported pipes?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The Water and Sewerage Board appear to have given some information on this subject to the Press, but as yet the tenders have not reached me.

- (8.) Removal of Engine-sheds from Murrurundi:—Mr. Williams asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the Commissioners intend removing the engine-sheds or repairing shop from Murrurundi to Singleton or Newcastle?
 - (2.) If so, for what reason?

Mr. See answered,—I am informed no such proposal is under consideration.

- (9.) Labour Bureau:—*Mr. Lees*, for Mr. Tonkin, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Have the various officials of the Labour Bureau been paid their salaries; if so, when, and what amounts?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The salaries have all been paid for February, amounting to £59 6s. 7d.

- (10.) Case of Samuel and Mary Lemon:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has he yet considered the case of Sam. Lemon and his daughter, compensation for land taken for railway purposes, viz., Orange to Molong, such claim having been in abeyance for five or six years?
- (2.) When is the matter likely to be settled, and adequate compensation paid to the parties?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I cannot reopen this case. The decision of the Minister on the subject was conveyed to the Honorable Member in a letter addressed to him by the Under Secretary for Public Works, on the 9th May, 1889, a copy of which will be found with the papers laid upon the Table of this House on the 12th September, 1889.

- (11.) Water Supply, Molong:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has he yet received any report from his officers relative to providing a suitable water supply for the town of Molong, owing to the railway line having completely cut off the inhabitants and stock from the use of the water in the creek; if so, are the works in connection with the water supply likely to be proceeded with at an early date?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Yes, but the report shows that the railway has not cut off the water supply from the people of the town, as that portion of the creek generally used, and of easy access, has not been interfered with in any way.

- (12.) Conditional Purchase, parish of Cumborah, Walgett District:—Mr. Langwell asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) What amount of money has been paid on the conditional purchase No. 8,146, containing 40 acres, county Finch, parish Cumborah, Walgett District?
- (2.) What is the amount still to be paid on the above conditional purchase?
- (3.) Who is responsible for the annual instalment?
- (4.) If the purchase is completed at once, will the selector be allowed to take possession?

Mr. Lyne answered,—It is presumed that conditional purchase 81/46, Walgett, by John Callan, is referred to.

- (1.) £26 have been paid on the conditional purchase, being £10 deposit and £16 for instalment and interest.
- (2.) £23 3s. 5d.
- (3.) The holder of the conditional purchase.
- (4.) I am not aware of any objection to the selector taking possession of the land subject, however, to the Decree in Equity, made on the 22nd November, 1883.

- (13.) Overtime to Railway Employés:—Mr. Neild asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Were any workmen employed overtime in the railway workshops on the 2nd instant, or any other date during March?

Mr. See answered,—I am informed that sixteen out of a total of 1,439 worked overtime on the 2nd March, averaging 5 hours each, on general locomotive repairs at Eveleigh, and seven men worked overtime averaging under 2 hours each, in the shunting yards of the carriage and waggon works at Eveleigh. Men have worked overtime on other dates in March—in fact, the exigencies of the Service necessitates overtime occasionally.

(14.) Proposed visit of the Colonial Secretary to England:—Mr. Reid asked the Colonial Secretary,—Referring to a Question asked by the Honorable Member for South Sydney, Mr. Toohey, to which the Colonial Secretary replied:—"It is thought that the presence of the head of the Government for a short time in London may be of essential service in many ways to advance the Colony's interests," did he mean to convey to the House and the public that the subject had been considered by the Cabinet before that answer was given, and that the answer represents the views of the Government?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The answer which the Honorable Member quotes in his Question answers the Question which he now asks.

2. JAMES BAKER'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE, TWEED RIVER (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Nicoll, for Mr. Ewing, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers in connection with forfeiture of James Baker's conditional purchase, Tweed River. Question put and passed.
3. REMOVAL OF C. T. BAGOT FROM THE MAGISTERIAL BENCH (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Nicoll, for Mr. Ewing, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers in connection with the removal of C. T. Bagot from the Magisterial Bench. Question put and passed.
4. COLONIAL SUGAR REFINING COMPANY BILL:—Mr. Lees presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of Sydney submitting reasons for their opposition to this Bill, and praying the House not to pass it into law. At the request of Mr. Lees, the Petition was read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker. Petition received.
5. TREASURY INDEMNITY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See 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. See, 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 Mr. See, the report was adopted. Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

6. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) King to Ocean-street Cable Tramway Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a Cable Tramway from King-street, via William-street, in the city of Sydney, to Ocean-street, in the borough of Woollahra,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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Sydney, 10th March, 1892.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

(2.) Balacclava Tramway Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the construction and maintenance of a tramway from the mines and quarries on mineral lease portion two, parish Sebastopol, in the Colony of New South Wales, to a point to be determined on mineral lease portion ten, parish Picton, in the said Colony, connecting with the tramway system of the Broken Hill Mines,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence; accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

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Sydney, 10th March, 1892.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

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

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

(3.) Nuisances Prevention Act Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having taken into consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated the 23rd February, 1892, in reference to the Nuisances Prevention Act Amendment Bill,—

Insists upon its amendment which proposes to insert new clause to follow clause 2 of the Bill:—

(1.) Because the sanitary arrangements of the public establishments being under the direct control of the central sanitary authorities, it is inconvenient to subordinate them to Municipal authorities.

(2.) Because such Municipal control would interfere with the discipline and privacy of gaols, lunatic asylums, hospitals, &c.

(3.) Because the cost to the public would be very largely increased by having the work done under Municipal regulations.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 10th March, 1892.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

Ordered, that this Message be taken into consideration on Monday next.

(4.)

(4.) Employers Liability Act Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having appointed a Select Committee on the Employers Liability Act Amendment Bill, and that Committee being desirous to examine William Alfred Murphy, Esquire, a Member of the Legislative Assembly, in reference thereto, requests that the Legislative Assembly will give leave to its said Member to attend and be examined by the said Committee, on such day and days as shall be arranged between him and the said Committee.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 10th March, 1892.*

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

Mr. Dibbs moved, That William Alfred Murphy, Esquire, have leave to attend and give evidence before the Select Committee of the Legislative Council on the "Employers Liability Act Amendment Bill," if he think fit.

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

In answer to the Message of the Legislative Council, dated this day, requesting leave for William Alfred Murphy, Esquire, a Member of the Legislative Assembly, to attend and be examined before a Select Committee of the Legislative Council on the "Employers Liability Act Amendment Bill," the Assembly acquaints the Council that leave has been granted to its said Member to attend and be examined by the said Committee, if he think fit.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney 10th March, 1892.*

7. DISEASES IN SHEEP ACTS AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Dibbs, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Mr. Houghton moved, That the Debate be now adjourned.

Debate ensued.

Question put,—That this Debate be now adjourned.

The House divided.

Ayes, 57.

Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Sec,	Mr. Scott,
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Eve,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Donnelly,	Mr. Cass,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Gough,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Bowes,	Mr. Traill,
Mr. Sheldon,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Daruley,
Mr. Hoyle,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Cotton,	Mr. G. D. Clark.
Mr. Rose,	
Mr. McCourt,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. McFarlane.
Mr. Want,	

Noes, 23.

Mr. Neild,
Mr. Lees,
Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Reid,
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Hart,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Donald,
Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Hindle,
Dr. Cullen,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Rae,
Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Newman,
Mr. Gardiner,
Dr. Hollis,
Mr. Williams.

Tellers,

Mr. Danshey,
Mr. Morton.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Wednesday next.

8. TRADE DISPUTES CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL (No. 2):—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Barton moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Carruthers moved, That this debate be now adjourned,

Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 11 MARCH, 1892, A.M.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

The House adjourned, at Three minutes after Twelve o'clock a.m., until Monday next at Four o'clock.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 100.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, 14 MARCH, 1892.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Agricultural College at Ham Common:—*Mr. McGowen*, for *Mr. Rose*, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) How many students are there at Ham Common?
- (2.) How many out of the total number are sons of men now engaged in agriculture?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) Fifty.
- (2.) Fourteen are the sons of persons engaged in agricultural pursuits.

(2.) Sale of Produce grown at Ham Common:—*Mr. McGowen*, for *Mr. Rose*, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that watermelons grown by the State at Ham Common have been sold in open competition against the farmers of the Colony?
- (2.) Is it proposed to further compete by offering maize for sale?
- (3.) Will he approve of extending the principle, so that the State may enter in competition with the production of clothing and boots?
- (4.) If he objects to the State competing in mechanical branches, will he consider the advisability of restricting State competition in agriculture?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) Watermelons grown at the Hawkesbury College have been sold at auction in Sydney, and some few have been sold at Richmond.
- (2.) Produce raised on the farm in excess of what can be used on the farm and in the college will be sold.
- (3.) No.
- (4.) Competition in agriculture is not intended beyond disposing of surplus produce, which it is thought is not likely to be large enough to effect the market price of agricultural produce.

(3.) Wages of Grave-diggers at the Necropolis:—*Mr. Garrard* asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) What wages do the grave-diggers in each denomination of the Necropolis receive per day?
- (2.) Do any of them work on Sundays; if so, what remuneration do they receive in each denomination?

Mr. Barton answered,—The following answers have been furnished by my honorable colleague, the Minister of Justice:—

- (1.) Church of England, General, and Roman Catholic Cemeteries, 7s. per day, but in the first named two special men receive 7s. 6d. per day each; Presbyterian, £9 2s. 7d. and £8 9s. 6d. per month; Wesleyan, a little over 6s. 6d. per day; Independent, 6s. 6d. per day; Jewish, £2 10s. per week.
- (2.) Sunday work is done in each cemetery, but is avoided as much as possible. The following rates are paid for Sunday work:—Church of England and General cemeteries, same rates as on week days; Roman Catholic, 6s. per day; Presbyterian and Wesleyan, 3s. 6d. for opening each grave; Jewish, included in weekly rate; Independent, I have not been able to ascertain the amount.

(4.) Railway Mail-vans:—*Mr. Willis*, for *Dr. Ross*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What is the cause of the delay in placing the new mail-vans on the Southern and Western lines?
- (2.) Will he state when the new mail-vans are likely to be ready for use, and the old ones dispensed with?

Mr.

Mr. See answered,—I am informed there are eight of these new mail-vans. Three of them have been running for some time on the three sets of trains which make up the Northern Mail. The other five are in the shops undergoing slight modifications, and so soon as completed, which will be very shortly, the vans will be used on the Western and Southern Mail trains.

(5.) Tenders for School Books :—Mr. Traill asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Have any tenders been called for the supply of school books for the Department of Public Instruction ?
- (2.) Were tenders invited to close on 31st December, 1891 ; and, if so, was the time extended to 31st March, 1892, and why ?
- (3.) Is it the case that only three days' notice prior to 31st December, 1891, was given of the extension of time ?
- (4.) If so, what was the reason for so short a notice ?
- (5.) Is it a fact that the Under Secretary for Public Instruction expressed a wish to close a contract with an English firm, and opposed open competition ?
- (6.) Will he endeavour to have books for the public schools written and printed in Australia ?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Yes. The time was extended three months on the representation of a local publisher that the original time fixed was insufficient.
- (3.) Yes.
- (4.) No request was made for an extension of time until late in December.
- (5.) No.
- (6.) Every encouragement will be given to local publishers.

(6.) Sequestration of Estates by Magistrates :—Mr. Willis, for Dr. Ross, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Are there any rules prohibiting persons who have sequestered their estates, or become insolvent, from retaining their positions as magistrates of the Territory, and what course is usually adopted in such cases ?
- (2.) Is it the duty of the Prothonotary to report such cases to the Colonial Secretary ; and in how many instances has this been done, or to whose Department does the matter belong ?

Mr. Barton answered,—

- (1.) They are usually called upon to resign their positions before the extreme step is taken of issuing a supersedeas removing their names from the Commission of the Peace.
- (2.) Yes, it has been the uniform practice for the Prothonotary to report all such cases to the Colonial Secretary, but the duty is now performed by the Registrar in Bankruptcy.

(7.) Water Reserve No. 1,317, Bore Creek, Molong and Peabody Road :—Mr. Willis, for Dr. Ross, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that water reserve 1,317, Bore Creek, Molong and Peabody Road, county of Ashburnham, is still fenced in, and completely shut off from the use of the public ?
- (2.) Will he see that steps are taken to have the fence removed without further delay, and the reserve made available for the use of the public ?

Mr. Copeland answered,—On the 5th instant the Honorable Mr. Smith's attention was directed, by registered letter, to a previous communication on this subject, and he was informed that unless the obstruction be removed within fourteen days legal proceedings will be taken ; and the Crown Lands Bailiff at Cudal was directed to report, at the expiration of that period, whether the obstruction had been removed.

(8.) Compensation to John Munro, for land resumed for Waterworks at Orange :—Mr. Willis, for Dr. Ross, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that one John Munro, of Orange, obtained a verdict in the Circuit Court at Bathurst, in May last, for £1,800, as compensation for land taken from him for the waterworks at Orange ?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the money has not been paid ; and, if so, when will it be paid ?
- (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to pay Munro interest for the time he has been kept out of his money ?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) Yes ; the defendant afterwards obtained a *rule nisi* for a new trial, but a compromise was effected on the 5th August, 1891, the plaintiff agreeing to reduce the amount of compensation to £1,000.
- (2.) The money has not yet been paid, as the taxation of plaintiff's costs was not completed until last month. The amount of reduced verdict, interest, and costs will be paid together as soon as the figures are adjusted and voucher signed.
- (3.) It is the intention of the Government to pay Munro the interest to which he is entitled by statute on the reduced verdict from the date of such verdict.

2. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—

- (1.) Land Company of Australasia (Limited) Railway Bill (*Council Bill*) reported ; adoption of report ;—until To-morrow.
- (2.) Marine Board Reconstruction Bill ; second reading ;—until Monday, 28th March.

3. DISBURSEMENT OF THE PUBLIC REVENUE :—Mr. O'Sullivan presented a Petition from certain Farmers residing in the North Coast District, drawing attention to certain expenditure for the Military and Public Services, and contrasting it with the small amount spent upon main road works, necessary to give pioneer settlers access to markets ; and praying the House to take such steps as will insure a more just and satisfactory disbursement of the Public Revenue.
Petition received.

4. **LAND BOILERS INSPECTION BILL**:—Mr. Barton presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the Inspection and Regulation of Steam-boilers on land; the examination of persons in charge of same, and the granting of certificates to such persons; to define the duties and liabilities of the owners of such boilers; to make provision for the holding of inquiries into accidents caused by the explosion of such boilers; and for other purposes incidental to the objects aforesaid,*"—which was read a first time.

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

5. **PAPERS**:—

Mr. Barton laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 11th February, 1892,—“Floggings in the gaols of the Colony.”

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Suttor laid upon the Table,—

(1.) New and Amended By-laws of the University of Sydney.

(2.) Return to an Order made on 10th February, 1892,—“Free Education in Public Schools.”

Ordered to be printed.

(3.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land for Public School Purposes at Toothdale and Mangoplah.

Mr. Slattery laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Notification of reduction in rates for telegrams.

(2.) Regulations respecting “Local Message” System, in connection with Electric Telegraphs.

(3.) Statement of Accounts of the Government Savings Bank for the year 1891.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—Report by Mr. Harry Gilliatt, Examiner of Public Works Proposals, on the proposed Upper Murray Railway.

Ordered to be printed.

6. **KIAMA AND EAST KIAMA BOROUGHS RENAMING BILL** (*changed from*) **JAMBEROO AND KIAMA BOROUGHS NAMING BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

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

On motion of Mr. Frank Farnell, the report was adopted.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled “*An Act to alter the names of the Boroughs of Kiama and East Kiama.*”

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Sydney, 14th March, 1892.

7. **PETTY SESSIONS JURISDICTION EXTENSION BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Torpy, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Legislative Council's Message, of 9th March, in reference to the amendments made in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's proposed further amendment in new clause 1.

Mr. Torpy then moved, That the report be now adopted.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Willis,
Mr. Waddell,	Dr. Cullen,
Mr. Bowes,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Rac,
Mr. Jeanneret,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. See,	Mr. Hutkinson,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Newton.
Mr. Suttor,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Perry.
Mr. Collins,	
Mr. Cann,	

Noes, 19.

Mr. Crick,	Mr. Black.
Mr. Vaughn,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. G. D. Clark,	Mr. Sharp.
Mr. Kelly,	
Mr. Johnston,	
Mr. Nobbs,	
Mr. Hart,	
Mr. Hogan,	
Mr. Henry Clarke,	
Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. Newman,	
Mr. Hoyle,	
Mr. Hindle,	
Mr. Lonsdale,	
Mr. Darnley,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon Mr. Torpy moved, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 9th March, in reference to the Petty Sessions Jurisdiction Extension Bill, agrees to the Council's further amendment in new clause 1, which proposes to insert in lieu of the words “except in the County of Cumberland” omitted, the words “except within the boundaries, for the time being, of the several Petty Sessions Districts of Sydney and the suburbs thereof.”

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Sydney, 14th March, 1892.

Mr.

Mr. Crick moved, That the Question be amended by the insertion after the word "Council" of the words "this day four weeks."

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

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

Ayes, 15.
Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Newman,
Mr. Rae,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Hart,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Hoyle.
Tellers,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. J. D. FitzGerald.

Noes, 34.
Mr. Neild,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Want,
Mr. Gould,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Sec,
Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Jeanneret,
Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Collins,
Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Gardiner,
Dr. Cullen,
Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Lees,
Mr. Newton,
Mr. Mcville.
Tellers,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Waddell.

And so it passed in the negative.

Original Question,—That the Message be carried to the Legislative Council,—then put and passed.

8. NUISANCES PREVENTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Legislative Council's Message of 10th March, in reference to the amendments made in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee did not insist upon its disagreement from the Council's amendment, inserting new clause to follow clause 2.

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

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 10th March, in reference to the Nuisances Prevention Act Amendment Bill, does not insist upon its disagreement from the Council's amendment, inserting new clause to follow clause 2.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 14th March, 1892.*

9. BROKEN HILL WATER SUPPLY ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—

Mr. Cann moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 28.
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Want,
Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Danabey,
Mr. Newton,
Mr. Lees,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Newman,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Rae,
Mr. Eve,
Mr. Stevenson.
Tellers,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Sharp.

Noes, 23.
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Neild,
Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Barton,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Gould,
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Hart,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. Sec,
Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Collins,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Bowes.
Tellers,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. G. D. Clark.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Cann, passed.

Mr. Cann then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Broken Hill Water Supply Act, and to make better provision for the supply of water within the District of Broken Hill and Silverton.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Broken Hill Water Supply Act, and to make better provision for the supply of water within the District of Broken Hill and Silverton,*"—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.

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Sydney, 14th March, 1892.*

10. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Barton moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

J. P. ABBOTT
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 101.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 15 MARCH, 1892.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Magistrate's Court, Mount M'Donald:—Mr. Willis asked the Minister of Justice,—Has his attention been called to the manner in which the Magistrate's Court at Mount M'Donald was conducted by Police Magistrate Smith (from Trunkey) on the occasion when a Mr. Smith, J.P., was allowed to interrupt the proceedings from the body of the Court?

Mr. Barton answered,—I am informed by my honorable colleague, the Minister of Justice, that his attention has not been drawn to the matter referred to, but inquiry will be made into the subject.

- (2.) Travelling Expenses of Chairman of Bourke Land Board and District Surveyor:—Mr. Houghton asked the Secretary for Lands,—What amount of travelling expenses was drawn during the last three years by the Chairman of the Bourke Land Board (Mr. G. C. Tompson) and the District Surveyor for Bourke (Mr. E. MacFarlane) respectively?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The amount of travelling expenses drawn was as follows:—(1.) By Mr. G. C. Tompson, Chairman of the Local Land Board, £709 15s. 11d.; (2.) By Mr. E. MacFarlane, District Surveyor, £467 18s. 9d.

- (3.) Mail Contracts—New Hebrides Group and New Caledonia:—Mr. Stevenson asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In view of the answer to Questions asked by Mr. Stevenson, on the 2nd March, in reference to the mail subsidy paid to the A.U.S.N. Company for the conveyance of mails to the New Hebrides and the inter-island steam communication with the New Hebrides, will he cause the necessary steps to be taken to terminate the existing contracts between the Government and the A.U.S.N. Company at the end of the present year?

Mr. See answered,—Yes.

- (4.) Suspension of a Tramway Employee:—Mr. G. D. Clark asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a man employed in the Tramway Department was recently suspended for attending the races at a time that he should have been on duty?

(2.) Was this same man, after only two or three days suspension, promoted to a position of foreman over a number of hands?

Mr. See answered,—I am informed it is not a fact.

- (5.) Manly Pier:—Mr. J. D. FitzGerald asked the Colonial Treasurer,—To whom is the pier at Manly leased at the present moment?

Mr. See answered,—The land upon which the pier is erected is leased by the Municipal Council of Manly to the Port Jackson Steamship Company, who erected the wharf.

2. CITY OF SYDNEY PAVING BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Barton, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Barton then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the 'Sydney Corporation Act of 1879,' and to authorise and empower the Municipal Council of Sydney to pave, amend, and repair all footways, including gateways, crossings, or other entrances from the street to any premises in the city of Sydney, and to defray the cost and the expense thereof out of the City Fund.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered,

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Sydney Corporation Act of 1879,' and to authorise and empower the Municipal Council of Sydney to pave, amend, and repair all footways, including gateways, crossings, or other entrances from the street to any premises in the city of Sydney, and to defray the cost and the expense thereof out of the City Fund,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 15th March, 1892.*

3. TREASURY INDEMNITY BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Sec, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Sec then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to indemnify the Colonial Treasurer, the officers of the Treasury, and other public officers, in respect of certain unauthorised advances from the Public Account of the Colonial Treasurer in the various banks.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to indemnify the Colonial Treasurer, the officers of the Treasury, and other public officers, in respect of certain unauthorised advances from the Public Account of the Colonial Treasurer in the various banks,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 15th March, 1892.*

4. APPRAISEMENT OF BULLANAMANG RUN, MONARO DISTRICT (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Dawson moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers in connection with the appraisement of Bullanamang Run, Monaro District, Eastern Division, for the years 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, and 1890.

Question put and passed.

5. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

- (1.) Land Company of Australasia (Limited) Railway Bill (*Council Bill*) reported; adoption of report;—until Monday next.
- (2.) Balaclava Tramway Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—until Monday next.
- (3.) Australian Gaslight Company Electric Lighting and Supply Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—until Monday next.
- (4.) Broken Hill and District Water Supply Act Amendment Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—until To-morrow.
- (5.) Municipal Wharves Bill; second reading;—until Monday next.
- (6.) Municipalities Act of 1867 Amendment Bill (No. 2); second reading;—until Monday next.

6. CONDITIONAL PURCHASE MADE BY ANNE NASH O'BRIEN, AT COROWA:—Mr. Barbour, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 16th September, 1891, a.m., together with Appendix.

Ordered to be printed.

7. PAPERS:—

Mr. Sec laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Statement of receipts and expenditure of the Corporation of the City of Sydney for 1891.
- (2.) By-laws of the Borough of Wagga Wagga, under the Municipalities Act of 1867, Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875, and Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880.
- (3.) Report on Coast Hospital, Little Bay, for 1891.
- (4.) Report on Vaccination for 1891.
- (5.) Annual Report of the working of the Government Laboratory for 1891.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Barton laid upon the Table,—Report by Mr. H. A. Gilliat, Examiner of Public Works proposals, on the proposed erection of a bridge across the Murray, at Gold Creek Crossing.

Ordered to be printed.

8. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

- (1.) Borough of Newcastle Electric Lighting Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to give powers to the Council of the Borough of Newcastle to light the streets and public places of the said Borough with the Electric Light, and to supply Electricity within or without the limits of the said Borough; and to levy rates and make charges in respect of such lighting and supply; and for the purposes aforesaid to acquire land, and the right to use patents, and acquire or construct works, and break open streets, remove obstructions, and lay down electric lines; and to borrow money, enter into contracts, sell or lease fittings, and do other matters incidental to such lighting and supply; and to enable Boroughs and Municipal Districts without the limits of the said Borough of Newcastle to participate in the benefits of such supply; and to empower the Municipal Councils of such Boroughs and Municipal Districts to give consents, enter into contracts, and levy rates in respect of such supply; and to amend the one hundred and fifty-third, one hundred and sixty-fifth,*"

fifth, and one hundred and ninctieth, and other sections of the 'Municipalities Act of 1867,' so far as may be necessary for the purposes aforesaid; and to impose certain penalties, and otherwise protect the Council from being defrauded, impeded, or harassed in the exercise of the aforesaid powers; and to make provision for the safety of the public; and to amend the law in other respects,"—

with the amendments indicated in the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 15th March, 1892.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

BOROUGH OF NEWCASTLE ELECTRIC LIGHTING BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 15th March, 1892.

JOHN J. CALVERT,

Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 5, clause 15. At end of clause *add* "and the amount of every such contract shall be recoverable by the said Council in the same manner as is provided in section thirty-five of this Act for the recovery of any rate, fine, penalty, or forfeiture."

Page 8, clause 35, line 12. *After* "made" *insert* "or becomes"

Page 8, clause 35, line 13. *Before* "fine" *insert* "rate,"

Page 8, clause 35, line 14. *After* "such" *insert* "rate."

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Monday next.

(2.) Silkstone Coal-mine Railway Act Amending Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Silkstone Coal-mine Railway Act of 1889,'*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 15th March, 1892.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

SILKSTONE COAL-MINE RAILWAY ACT AMENDING BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 15th March, 1892.

JOHN J. CALVERT,

Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 2, line 27. *Omit* "That"

Page 2, clause 2. At end of clause *add* "Provided that, on failing to comply with the conditions of this Act as to the time allowed for the construction of two miles in length or the whole of the said railway, the promoters, their heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns shall not, except in so far as by this Act provided, be entitled to any of the rights and privileges conferred upon them by this Act, but the said rights and privileges shall thereupon cease and determine."

Page 2, clause 3, line 38. *Omit* "That"

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Monday next.

9. TRADE DISPUTES CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL (No. 2):—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Barton, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Question,—That this Bill be now read a second time,—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 16 MARCH, 1892, A.M.

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

10. RECORDS OF THE HOUSE (*Privilege—Toohey v. Melville*):—Mr. Barton (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Clerk have leave to send to the Crown Solicitor the Writ of Summons which had been served upon Nimian Melville, Esquire, Chairman of Committees, in the case "*Toohey v. Melville.*"

Question put and passed.

11. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Barton moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at sixteen minutes before One o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 102.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 16 MARCH, 1892.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Amount Paid to Railway Contractors:—Mr. Hoyle asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What is the total amount of money paid to date by the Railway Commissioners to the following contractors:—Angus & Co., J. M'Sweeney, Proudfoot & Co., John Ahearn?

Mr. See answered,—I must ask the Honorable Member to move for this information in the form of a Return, to which no objection will be offered.

(2.) Manufacture of Goods in the Colony:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Is it a fact that during the present Parliament this House has expressed itself in favour of the principle of having articles required by the Government manufactured in the Colony

(2.) Is it also a fact that under railway contracts, schedule 34, tenders were invited by the Railway Commissioners for the supply of valves, fittings, and cocks, and that the contract has been let to a firm which intends to import the articles?

(3.) What was the difference between the tender of Milne Brothers (a Colonial firm) and the importing firm which obtained the tender in question?

(4.) Does he, in view of the fact that the Colonial article is generally alleged to be a better one than the imported article, consider that difference sufficient to justify the Railway Commissioners in rejecting the tender of Milne Brothers?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3 and 4.) The difference between the tender of Milne Bros. and the lowest tender received was 22½ per cent., and in view of the great disparity in prices the Commissioners, while anxious to have all work, consistent with reasonable prices being obtained, done locally, could not do otherwise than accept the lowest tender in the case in point. The value of the contract estimated at £1,008.

(3.) Pilot at Bellinger Heads:—Mr. Johnston asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In reference to the Questions asked by Mr. Johnston on 15th February,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the pilot at the Bellinger Heads refused to accept assistance from able oarsmen when leaving the first time for the "Venus"?

(2.) Is it a fact that the pilot's crew returned to breakfast, leaving the perishing men in the rigging of their sunken vessel?

(3.) Is it a fact that one of the pilot crew at the time of the wreck has since been asked to resign; if so, why?

(4.) Is it a fact that the person who resigned was as capable of efficient duty as the pilot or some others of the present crew?

(5.) How old is the pilot at Bellinger Heads?

Mr. See answered,—

(1 and 2.) No information regarding these matters was elicited during the inquiry which was held to investigate the circumstances under which the "Venus" was wrecked.

(3.) Yes; because the man was suffering from a bad rupture.

(4.) The person who resigned was not capable of duty. A substitute acted for him at the time. The remainder of the crew went.

(5.) Sixty-three.

(4.)

(4.) Tenders for Cast-iron Pipes:—Mr. Molesworth asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) How many tenders were received last week by the Water Supply and Sewerage Board for 15,000 cast-iron pipes, 4 inches diameter?
- (2.) What are the names of the tenderers, with the respective amounts of the tenders?
- (3.) Were any of the tenders treated as informal; if so, on what account?
- (4.) Did the specifications or tender forms stipulate for the manufacture of said pipes in the Colony?
- (5.) What is the name of lowest tenderer, and the amount of his tender?
- (6.) Is this rate an advance upon pipes imported heretofore for similar purposes?
- (7.) What is the difference between the amount of the lowest tender now received for Colonial-made pipes and that for imported pipes?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) Seven.
- (2.) The following formal tenders were received:—G. & C. Hoskins, £9,254 1s. 7d., cast on end; G. & C. Hoskins, £9,039 15s. 7d., cast on bank; Atlas Engineering Co., £8,572, cast on angle; Pope, Maher, & Co., £9,362 4s. 7½d.; Hudson Bros., £9,509 11s. 3d. But the following informal tenders were sent in for imported pipes—I am informed without duty—D. Y. Stewart & Co., £6,375 8s. 6d.; Hudson Bros., £6,759 7s. 7d.; J. B. Johnston & Co., £6,924 11s. 4½d., with duty; J. B. Johnston & Co., £6,466 13s. 6½d., without duty; Burns, Philp, & Co., £7,915 14s., without duty; Burns, Philp, & Co., £8,705 19s. 7d., with duty.
- (3.) The matter has not yet been dealt with.
- (4.) The advertisement stipulated for the manufacture of the pipes in the Colony, and the form of tender was in accordance therewith. The specification did not definitely provide for this, but of course it had to be read with the form of tender and the notice inviting same, which made this point perfectly clear.
- (5.) See answer to Question No. 2.
- (6.) Yes.
- (7.) See answer to No. 2.

(5.) Temporary Post and Telegraph Offices at Newtown:—Mr. Molesworth asked the Postmaster-General,—

- (1.) What rental is the Government paying for the temporary premises now used as post and telegraph offices at Newtown?
- (2.) What special allowance has to be made to the postmaster in lieu of quarters, pending the erection of the proposed new premises?
- (3.) How long are these additional expenses likely to be incurred?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) £275 per annum.
- (2.) £78 per annum is allowed.
- (3.) I am informed by the Works Department that it is impossible to answer this Question definitely at the present moment, and until further financial arrangements are made this work will not be proceeded with.

(6.) Railway Charges on Wire-netting:—Mr. Morgan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government, taking into consideration the spread of rabbits in the Central and Western Divisions of the Colony, to reduce the carriage by rail of wire-netting to produce rates?
- (2.) If not, will the Government consider the advisability of doing so to enable the owners of land to compete with this pest?

Mr. See answered,—I am informed that the Railway Commissioners have only recently reduced the rates for the carriage of wire-netting by one-third, the reduction taking effect from the 1st instant.

(7.) Prisoner Bertrand:—Mr. Willis asked the Minister of Justice,—When will the Government decide the case of prisoner Bertrand, who has been incarcerated for twenty-five years, and let him out?

Mr. Barton answered,—I am informed by my honorable colleague, the Minister of Justice, that this matter is now receiving his careful consideration.

(8.) Appointment of Magistrates as Coroners for Nyngan and Warren:—Mr. Willis asked the Minister of Justice,—Will he consider the advisability of appointing magistrates in the towns of Nyngan and Warren to act as coroners?

Mr. Barton answered,—I am informed by my honorable colleague, the Minister of Justice, that Mr. A. Lyne, a magistrate residing at Nyngan, was appointed coroner for that place in July last, and there does not appear to be any necessity for the appointment of a coroner at Warren also.

(9.) Court of Quarter Sessions at Brewarrina:—Mr. Willis asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Has he considered the advisability of establishing a Court of Quarter Sessions at Brewarrina?
- (2.) Does not the importance and geographical position of the town named, with the big district population, entitle it to a Court of Sessions?

Mr. Barton answered,—I am informed by my honorable colleague, the Minister of Justice, that no representations have been made to him as to the advisableness of establishing a Court of Quarter Session at Brewarrina.

(10.) Statues, Pictures, and Ornaments for Postal Department:—Mr. Willis asked the Postmaster-General,—

- (1.) What amount has been spent by the late Postmaster-General, Mr. Daniel O'Connor, for statues, pictures, and ornaments for the Postal Department during his term of office?
- (2.) Was the chalk bust of that gentleman now being exhibited in Post Office paid for by the late Government?

Mr.

Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) £5 5s. only, that sum having been spent for a large framed picture of the General Post Office.
- (2.) The bust referred to is the private property of the Honorable D. O'Connor, M.L.C.

- (11.) Amendment of the Patents Act:—*Mr. Willis* asked the Minister of Justice,—Does the Government intend during the recess to consider the advisability of amending the law relating to patents, and reorganising the present system?

Mr. Barton answered,—My honorable colleague, the Minister of Justice, informs me that on 2nd February last he furnished to the Legislative Assembly a reply to a similar Question asked by *Mr. Houghton*, to the effect that he had not considered the matter as yet, but would be glad to receive any suggestions the Honorable Member might make with reference to amending the Patent Laws, and he trusts that that reply will sufficiently answer the Question of the Honorable Member, *Mr. Willis*.

- (12.) Suppression of Totalisators:—*Mr. Willis* asked the Minister of Justice,—Does his Department intend to take steps to suppress the totalisators now actively working in the city?

Mr. Barton answered,—I am informed by my honorable colleague, the Minister of Justice, that the question of suppressing, or checking the use of, totalisators is not one which comes within the scope of his administration, but properly belongs to the Colonial Secretary, who has control of the police.

- (13.) Construction of Bridges in Bourke Electorate:—*Mr. Willis* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What is causing the delay in the construction of the authorised bridges in the Bourke electorate, especially in the Brewarrina district?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I have directed that a report be obtained on the present position of each of the matters referred to, and shall take what steps are possible to prevent delay in carrying out any works which are authorised.

- (14.) Locking the Darling River:—*Mr. Willis* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to consider the advisability of locking the Darling River?
- (2.) Will he give this House an assurance that this national work of progression will be considered during the recess?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Yes.

- (15.) Proposed Railway from Byrock to Brewarrina:—*Mr. Willis* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Will he, with a view of carrying out the promises made by various Governments for the last ten years, send on to the Public Works Committee for report the proposed railway line between Byrock and Brewarrina?

(2.) Is it a fact that the line will be a paying one, and that the people have offered to guarantee the Government interest at the rate of 4 per cent. on the outlay, and that the construction of such is a national work?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) As I have already told the deputation which waited upon me on this subject, I am unable to bring the matter forward during the present Session.

(2.) A statement has been made that the people interested are prepared to guarantee to the Government 4 per cent. interest upon the outlay.

- (16.) Road, Cobar to Wilcannia:—*Mr. Willis* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Now that the railway is at Cobar, will he take steps to clear and repair the road between that town and Wilcannia?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I have called for an immediate report on this subject, and will deal with it as soon as it is received; but, in view of the prospect of railway extension to that place, I do not propose, under any circumstances, to make more than a bush driving road.

- (17.) Pastoral, Occupation, and Homestead Leases in the Western Division:—*Mr. Willis* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) What is the total area of land formerly held under pastoral, occupation, or homestead leases, in the Western Division, thrown up?

(2.) What is the area under the above heading liable to forfeiture now, through the non-payment of rent and fees demanded?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The information sought by the Honorable Member will be laid upon the Table of the House in the form of a Return, if moved for in the usual manner. I would, however, point out that the Honorable Member for Balranald, *Mr. R. B. Wilkinson*, has a notice of motion on the Business Paper for to-day, which will supply practically the same information.

- (18.) New Court-house at Bourke:—*Mr. Willis* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has any tender been accepted for the court-house at Bourke?
- (2.) Will he state the name of such successful tenderer (if any), and amount of tender?
- (3.) When will the work be commenced and finished?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Tenders have been received for this work, but, in common with a large number of others, are being held over pending arrangements being made as to our future loan expenditure.

(19.) Rents of Homestead Leases in the Bourke Electorate:—Mr. Willis asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) On how many homestead leases in the Bourke electorate has the rental been increased?
- (2.) To what extent in each case?
- (3.) What is the aggregate amount of money now called for under these increases?
- (4.) What time is allowed the settler to pay up?
- (5.) How many (if any) have paid up?
- (6.) How many homestead lessees have appealed?
- (7.) How many received notice of the increased rentals; in what way (if any) was such notice given?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The information sought by the Honorable Member will be laid upon the Table of the House in the form of a Return, if moved for in the usual manner.

(20.) Associated Banks:—Mr. Willis asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What amount of money is held by the associated banks on fixed deposit in open account or at call?
- (2.) What is the amount of assets sworn to by the said banks in gold, silver, copper, notes, bills of exchange, and landed property?
- (3.) What amount of money does the Government owe the associated banks?
- (4.) Will he take early steps to put the various Government accounts in credit with the said banks, so as to facilitate private borrowing and enterprise?

Mr. See answered,—In reply to clauses 1 and 2 of the Honorable Member's Question, I may state the information required will be found in the last quarterly return of bank liabilities and assets, laid upon the Table of this House on 16th ultimo. In regard to clauses 3 and 4, I can only state that the Public Account of the Government is not, at this date, overdrawn.

(21.) Gravel Contracts at Coolabah:—Mr. Willis asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) How many contracts are let for gravel-getting at Coolabah?
- (2.) What is the name of each contractor?
- (3.) Has any complaint reached him about the men who do the work not being paid by some of the contractors?
- (4.) Will he in future, when letting contracts, give them to men of substance, who will give some guarantee to pay the men?

Mr. See answered,—

(1 and 2.) I am informed that at present no railway contracts are current for gravel at Coolabah. (3 and 4.) I understand some of the men employed under a late contractor complained to the Commissioners as to difficulty in getting payment from the contractor. As far as possible contracts are only accepted from men of standing, and it would not be desirable for the Commissioners to make conditions as between the contractors and their men.

(22.) Overtime to Tramway Employees:—Mr. Willis asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) How many men in the tramway service work overtime, and to what extent per man?
- (2.) Seeing the number of labourers out of employment, would it not be advisable to employ more men, so as not to allow any one man to work over eight hours per day?

Mr. See answered,—It is presumed the Tramway Traffic Branch is referred to, and during the three months ending the 31st December, 1891, 1,202 hours of overtime were worked, equal to less than two days per month per man. It is impossible to altogether avoid overtime, a number of men having to come on for one additional trip daily in the afternoons to meet the press of traffic between the hours of 5 and 6, and on exceptional occasions, such as public holidays, race meetings, and for Parliamentary special trams, overtime must occasionally be worked. The requirements could not profitably be met by the employment of additional hands for the irregular services that are required.

(23.) Prospecting Claims in the Bourke Electorate:—Mr. Willis asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) How many prospecting claims in the Bourke electorate have been promised assistance from the Prospecting Vote?
- (2.) How many have received such assistance, and in what amount?
- (3.) How many have portion of the Vote named due to them, and in what amount?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) Eight.
- (2.) Amount granted, £1,143; amount actually paid for work performed up to date, £245 13s.
- (3.) A sum of £20 5s. is still due to one party, which is now in course of payment. The delay is due to the fact that the person signing the voucher had no written authority from the person to whom the aid was granted.

(24.) Women's College:—Mr. Alfred Allen, for Mr. Carruthers, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Referring to the papers laid upon the Table of the House, and relating to the Women's College Fund, will he ascertain, and state whether the Supplementary Estimates, upon which the item of £5,000 for the Women's College appeared, were prepared by the officers of the Education Department, or the officers of the Treasury Department?
- (2.) Is there any Ministerial minute or authority on record in his Department by which the amount is authorised to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1891; if so, will he lay a copy of it upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

- (1.) Some of the items were put on by the officers of the Treasury, and some at the request of this Department.
- (2.) All papers in connection with this matter have already been laid upon the Table of the House.

(25.) Inspectors of Agriculture :—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for *Mr. Carruthers*, asked the Secretary for Mines,—When will the Return to Order, relating to the appointment of Inspectors of Agriculture, be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Slattery answered,—The Return is being prepared, and will be laid upon the Table as soon as possible.

(26.) Labour Bureau :—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for *Mr. Carruthers*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—From what vote and under what Act of Parliament has the payment been made to the officers of the Labour Bureau?

Mr. See answered,—Provision for this service will be submitted for the approval of Parliament with the Additional Estimates for 1892, pending the passing of which the necessary payments are being made from the Treasurer's Advance Vote.

2. MESSRS. ANGUS AND COMPANY'S RAILWAY CONTRACT, RYDE TO HORNSBY (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. McCourt* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—

(1.) How many cube yards of brickwork in cement Angus & Co. have done at the tender price of £1 per cube yard—contract, Ryde to Hornsby.

(2.) The number of cube yards of cement concrete done at the tender price.

(3.) How many feet of platform coping, 3 feet wide, has been done at the contract price of 2s. per foot run.

(4.) How many of the 300 cesspits and grids complete have been supplied at the contract price of 5s. each.

Question put and passed.

3. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Broken Hill and District Water Supply Act Amendment Bill ;—postponed until To-morrow.

4. PAPERS :—

Mr. See laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 23rd February, 1892,—“Pensions, Gratuities, &c., paid out of Consolidated Revenue.”

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—Return respecting cost of maintaining Trial Bay Prison.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Copeland laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 18th August, 1891,—“Companies holding leases from the Crown of Pastoral Holdings.”

5. TRADE DISPUTES CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL (No. 2) :—The Order of the Day having been read,—*Mr. Speaker* left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

6. ADJOURNMENT :—*Mr. Barton* moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at eighteen minutes before One o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 103.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 17 MARCH, 1892.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Post and Telegraph Offices at Newtown and Enmore:—Mr. Molesworth asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) When was the money voted for the new post and telegraph offices at Newtown and Enmore?
- (2.) When were tenders called for the erection of same?
- (3.) What is the cause of the delay in accepting tenders?
- (4.) Will he take into consideration the urgency of these matters, and authorise the works to be proceeded with immediately?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) On the Loan Estimates of 1891.
- (2.) Tenders were called for the former on the 5th of December, 1891; and for the latter on the 28th of July, 1891.
- (3 and 4.) In reply to these Questions, I can only refer the Honorable Member to an answer given by the Postmaster-General yesterday on the same subject.

(2.) Noxious Weeds:—Mr. Hutchinson asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the Bathurst burrs, Chinese thistles, and other noxious weeds are spreading to an alarming extent on stock routes and other Crown Lands in the western districts?
- (2.) Are there any funds available for the destruction of such weeds on the reserves mentioned; if not, will the Government introduce next Session a measure providing in a practical way for the extirpation of all noxious weeds which are injurious to travelling stock and detrimental to good husbandry?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) No funds available; provision has been made in the Stock and Pastures Bill which has been framed, and will be introduced as early next Session as the state of Government business will allow.

(3.) Burrawang Pastoral Holding:—Mr. Hutchinson asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Has the matter of surrender and exchange of lands on the Burrawang Pastoral Holding been finally dealt with?
- (2.) Was such case referred back to the Local Land Board at Forbes for further inquiry as to what portions of land should be surrendered?
- (3.) What are the numbers of the portions and the acreage respectively of each block which, under section 46 of the Act of 1889, it is considered advisable to be surrendered; and what are the numbers and acreage of the portions and reserves to be exchanged for the lands surrendered?
- (4.) What is the total number of acres approved for surrender and exchange?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

- (1.) No; the original application has been refused.
- (2.) A modified proposal has been referred to the Board.
- (3.) The papers being at the Local Land Board Office, the details cannot be given.
- (4.) The matter is only now under inquiry, and has not yet been finally dealt with in any way.

(4.) Imprisonment of John Chapman:—Mr. Hutchinson asked the Minister of Justice,—Has an inquiry been held at any time relative to the alleged innocence of the man John Chapman, who, on 11th October, 1887, was sentenced to twelve years' imprisonment with hard labour on a charge of attempting to choke John Francis Kelly, with intent to rob; if so, has he any objection to laying upon the Table of this House the full report of such inquiry?

Mr.

Mr. Barton answered,—I am informed by my honorable colleague, the Minister of Justice, that an inquiry, under section 383 of "The Criminal Law Amendment Act of 1883," into this case was held in July, 1889, by Mr. G. O'Malley Clarke, S.M., who furnished a report upon the evidence taken by him therein. The sentence was not interfered with. For obvious reasons it is inadvisable to publish the reports of magistrates holding such inquiries.

- (5.) City and Eastern Suburbs Railway Extension:—*Mr. Neild* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to take any action in respect of the report of the Commission appointed to consider the extension of the railway into the city and to the eastern suburbs?

Mr. Lyne answered,—This matter is of very great importance, but it is found impossible to deal with it during the present Session.

- (6.) Crown Lands in the Berry Estate:—*Mr. G. D. Clark* asked the Secretary for Lands,—In view of the fact that the Hay-Berry Estate, in the Shoalhaven District, is to be sold on the 29th instant, and considering that there is an estimated "excess" of several thousand acres in the estate, as is indicated by the Minister's order for a second survey some six years ago, when Carl Martin applied for a selection of 500 acres on this estate, is it the intention of the Government to take any action to prevent the sale of such "excess" land?

Mr. Copeland answered,—No.

- (7.) Crown Lands in the Berry Estate:—*Mr. G. D. Clark* asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) Is it a fact the caveat lodged by the Government in respect to bringing a portion of the Hay-Berry Estate, in the Shoalhaven District, including "excess" land under Torrens' Act, has been withdrawn?

(2.) If so, on what grounds has his action been based, in view of his previous decision with respect to the application made by Carl Martin for a selection on the same estate?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) Yes. It was withdrawn in October last by my predecessor.

(2.) Under the opinions of Attorney-General Want and the present Attorney-General, as well as those of Sir Julian Salomons, Q.C., and of Messrs. A. H. Simpson and A. P. Canaway, barristers-at-law.

- (8.) Special Areas, Uardry Run:—*Mr. Gormly* asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) Who recommended that a price of £3 an acre be placed on land proclaimed special areas, county of Sturt, parish of Tom's Point, Uardry Run?
(2.) Was a price of £4 an acre placed on part of this land?
(3.) Was part of the land on which a price of £4 an acre was fixed taken up by the lessees of Uardry Run in virtue of a volunteer land order?
(4.) Was the remaining part selected at a price of £3 an acre?
(5.) On what date or dates did Mr. Gormly write to the Lands Department, requesting that the price be reduced?
(6.) Has Mr. Gormly communicated with the Minister or any officer of the Lands Department by letter or otherwise since the date or dates referred to?
(7.) On whose recommendation was the land made available as an ordinary conditional purchase at £1 an acre, with the right of holding three times the area selected as a conditional lease?
(8.) Is it the practice of officers of the Lands Department to make known to the Press the names of persons corresponding with the Lands Department, and the contents of such communications?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) The District Surveyor.

(2.) Yes; on 345½ acres.

(3.) Yes; 150 acres were taken up by volunteer land orders.

(4.) No.

(5.) On 29th October, 1891.

(6.) No.

(7.) The land having been open for selection as a special area for some eighteen months, and it having been reported to possess no special natural advantages above the adjoining country, the prices and conditions were revised, the river frontage was reserved, a portion retained as a special area at a reduced price, and the remainder thrown open for ordinary conditional purchase.

(8.) No. Officers are expressly forbidden by the 24th Regulation under the Civil Service Act to give any such information without the permission of the Minister, and in this case no such permission was given.

- (9.) Officers in Land Department:—*Mr. Edden*, for *Mr. Fegan*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) Is he aware that there are officials in his Department employed as paid reporters on the public Press?
(2.) Will he cause inquiries to be made how many times such officials have been absent from their official duties during the past twelve months?

Mr. Copeland answered,—Not that I am aware of, but inquiry shall be made.

- (10.) Issue of Railway Passes to Tramway Employees:—*Mr. G. D. Clark* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that when drivers and firemen in the Tramway Department take their holidays they frequently have to wait two or three days before getting their railway pass?

(2.) Would it inconvenience the Department to grant each man his pass the day before he goes off work?

(3.) Is it a fact that if a driver or fireman is off duty through sickness, even for one day, he is compelled, even if he has complied with the rules of the Department by sending in a note, to obtain a medical certificate before being allowed to resume duty?

(4.) Is it not provided for that in the concessions granted by the Commissioners nine hours should constitute a day's work, with time and a quarter on Sunday; if so, how is it that the rule is not observed?

Mr.

Mr. See answered,—I am informed that the Honorable Member has not been properly informed as to the practice referred to; but the whole subject is such a purely detail one in connection with the management of the trams that it is not desirable to deal with it in Parliament. I may say, the Railway Commissioners would be glad to afford any information on the subject to the Honorable Member.

- (11.) Offices of Water and Sewerage Board :—Mr. Cullen asked the Secretary for Public Works,— Will he state the area and price of land resumed in Pitt-street for the offices of Water and Sewerage Board?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The area is 22 perches, and the price £21,250, together with interest thereon from the date of resumption to the date of payment, at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum, as provided by law.

- (12.) Assistant Engineer, Water and Sewerage Department :—Mr. Cruickshank asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has his attention been called to an advertisement in the *Sydney Morning Herald*, inviting applications for the position of Assistant Engineer for Water Supply under the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage, at a salary of £500 per annum?

(2.) Is it a fact that in considering the fifty-eight applications the number was reduced to five eligible applicants by the Water and Sewerage Board?

(3.) Is it a fact that of the five two were from engineers engaged in the Colony?

(4.) Is it a fact that the position has been given to Mr. C. W. Smith, assistant engineer of water supply under the Victorian Government?

(5.) Is it a fact that one of the New South Wales applicants was quite capable of filling the position?

(6.) If Mr. C. W. Smith has not been informed of the appointment, will the Minister ask the Water and Sewerage Board to reconsider their decision, with the view to giving the appointment to one of the eligible engineers at present in the New South Wales service?

(7.) Will he inform the Civil Service Board that when eligible applicants apply from the New South Wales service it is the wish of the Government that preference should be given to our own officers?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) I am informed by the Board that they have selected this gentleman, but the matter has not yet been brought before me.

(5.) Yes.

(6.) I do not wish to unduly interfere with the action of the Board in a matter of this kind, but have no doubt that the fact of this Question being asked will delay the sending of a notification of appointment to the gentleman referred to.

(7.) The officers of the Water and Sewerage Board do not come within the operation of the Civil Service Act.

2. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR :—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Suttor, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

- (1.) Diseased Animals and Meat Bill (No. 3) :—

JERSEY,

Governor.

Message No. 56.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act for prohibiting the sale, consignment, or exposure for sale of Diseased Animals, and for amending the law relating to the sale or exposure for sale of meat which is diseased, or unsound, or unwholesome, or unfit for the food of man; and for empowering the Governor to make Regulations, enforceable by penalties, for the inspection of animals in sale-yards, in transit, or upon slaughtering premises; and for the seizure, condemnation, and destruction of Diseased Animals and of the Meat of Diseased Animals,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 16th March, 1892.

- (2.) Watkins-Wallis Trust Estate Bill :—

JERSEY,

Governor.

Message No. 57.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to confer certain powers and authorities upon Stephen John Pearson and the Reverend John Douse Langley, as trustees of two several indentures, dated the twenty-second day of June, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five, and the seventeenth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight, under which certain lands and moneys were vested in the said Stephen John Pearson and Reverend John Douse Langley, on certain trusts in the said indentures mentioned,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 16th March, 1892.

(3.) Petty Sessions Jurisdiction Extension Bill:—

JERSEY,
Governor.

Message No. 58.

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

Government House,
Sydney, 16th March, 1892.

(4.) Nuisances Prevention Act Amendment Bill:—

JERSEY,
Governor.

Message No. 59.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Nuisances Prevention Act,' 39 Victoria No. 14, in certain respects*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 16th March, 1892.

(5.) King to Ocean-street Cable Tramway Bill:—

JERSEY,
Governor.

Message No. 60.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a Cable Tramway from King-street, via William-street, in the city of Sydney, to Ocean-street, in the borough of Woollahra*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 16th March, 1892.

(6.) Kiama and East Kiama Boroughs Re-naming Bill:—

JERSEY,
Governor.

Message No. 61.

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

Government House,
Sydney, 16th March, 1892.

3. PAYMENTS MADE TO RAILWAY CONTRACTORS ANGUS & Co., J. McSWEENEY, PROUDFOOT & Co., AND JOHN AHEARN (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Hoyle moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing the amount of money paid by the Railway Commissioners up to date to the following railway contractors:—Angus and Co., J. McSweeney, Proudfoot and Co., and John Ahearn.
Question put and passed.
4. PASTORAL LEASES AND OCCUPATION LICENSES IN THE WESTERN OR CENTRAL DIVISIONS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Kelly, for Mr. R. B. Wilkinson, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—
(1.) The number of pastoral leases and occupation licenses in the Western and Central Divisions which have, since December, 1889, been forfeited, or become liable to forfeiture, for non-payment of rent or license fee.
(2.) The names, numbers, and areas of such leases or occupation licenses.
Question put and passed.
5. CONVICTIONS UNDER THE LICENSING ACT (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Alfred Allen, for Mr. Garrard, moved, pursuant to Notice, That in place of the Returns ordered by this House on the 15th February, 1884, and the 12th June, 1888, there be annually laid upon the Table of this House Returns giving the following particulars for each Police Court of the Colony, classed in electorates:—
(a) The number of convictions for drunkenness only.
(b) Other convictions, in which drunkenness formed part of the charge (drunkenness with disorderly conduct).
(c) Women convicted of foregoing offences.
(d) Foregoing offences committed between 8 a.m. on Saturday and 8 a.m. on Sunday.
(e) Foregoing offences committed between 8 a.m. on Sunday and 8 a.m. on Monday.
(f) Convictions for selling on Sundays.
(g) Convictions for selling during prohibited hours other than on Sundays.
(h) Convictions for selling liquor without a license.
(i) Convictions for selling adulterated liquor.
(j) Publicans', Colonial wine, brewers', spirit, and distillers' licenses, respectively in each electorate.

The total numbers to be also shown in each case for the whole Colony, such Returns in future to be laid upon the Table of this House and printed, as soon after the close of the year as possible.

Question put and passed.

6. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Divorce Amendment and Extension Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend and extend the Law of Divorce*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 16th March, 1892, a.m.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

(2.) Sydney Hospital Completion Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the completion of the Sydney Hospital*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 17th March, 1892.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

7. WHALING ROAD, NORTH SYDNEY:—Mr. E. M. Clark, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 21st December, 1891; together with Appendices.
Ordered to be printed.

8. PAPERS:—

Mr. See laid upon the Table,—Despatch respecting Sydney Branch of Royal Mint.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Suttor laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Further correspondence respecting condition of school premises at Byrock.
- (2.) Report of the Trustees of the Sydney Free Public Library for 1891.
- (3.) Annual Report of the Sydney Grammar School for 1890.

Ordered to be printed.

9. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Jeanneret 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 "to direct attention to a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "the proposed Government land sale advertised to take place in Sydney on Wednesday next." And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—
Mr. Jeanneret moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.

10. TRADE DISPUTES CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL (No. 2):—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

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

On motion of Mr. Barton (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time at a later hour of the day.

11. LAND BOILERS INSPECTION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See 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. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

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

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

12. HUNTER DISTRICT WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Lyne 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. Lyne, 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. Lyne (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.

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

13. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The remaining Orders of the Day of Government Business postponed (after Debate) until Monday next.
14. **BROKEN HILL AND DISTRICT WATER SUPPLY ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Neild moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Barton moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Monday next.
15. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Barton moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
- The House adjourned accordingly, at six minutes before Four o'clock a.m., until Monday next at Four o'clock.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 104.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, 21 MARCH, 1892.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Travelling expenses of the Warden at Cooma:—Mr. Houghton asked the Secretary for Mines,—What amount has been paid to the Warden at Cooma for travelling expenses during the last three years?

Mr. Slattery answered,—The amount paid to the Warden at Cooma for travelling expenses during the last three years is £467 10s.

- (2.) Travelling expenses of Chairman of Cooma Land Board and District Surveyor:—Mr. Houghton asked the Secretary for Lands,—What amount has been paid for travelling expenses to the Chairman of the Land Board, Cooma Land District, and the District Surveyor of the same district, for the last three years?

Mr. Copeland answered,—During the last three years the sum of £556 1s. 1d. has been paid for travelling expenses to Mr. Betts, who held the dual position of District Surveyor and Acting Chairman of the Cooma Land Board, from 1st January, 1889, to 26th August, 1890, but since that date has held the appointment of Chairman only. Since the 27th August, 1890, to the 31st December, 1891, the District Surveyor has received £59 10s. 6d. for travelling expenses.

2. TRADE DISPUTES CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL (No. 2) (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Barton, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Barton then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to provide for the establishment of Councils of Conciliation and of Arbitration for the settlement of Industrial Disputes.*"

Question put and *passed*.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the establishment of Councils of Conciliation and of Arbitration for the settlement of Industrial Disputes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 21st March, 1892.*

3. LAND BOILERS INSPECTION BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. See, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to provide for the inspection and regulation of steam-boilers on land; the examination of persons in charge of the same, and the granting of certificates to such persons; to define the duties and liabilities of the owners of such boilers; to make provision for the holding of inquiries into accidents caused by the explosion of such boilers; and for other purposes incidental to the objects aforesaid.*"

Question put and *passed*.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the inspection and regulation of steam-boilers on land; the examination of persons in charge of the same, and the granting of certificates to such persons; to define the duties and liabilities of the owners of such boilers; to make provision for the holding of inquiries into accidents caused by the explosion of such boilers; and for other purposes incidental to the objects aforesaid,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 21st March, 1892.*

4. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Australian Gaslight Company Electric Lighting and Supply Bill (*Council Bill*) postponed until Monday next.
5. **DEEPWATER AND MOUNT GALENA TRAMWAY BILL**:—Mr. Dowel presented a Petition from William Bragg, of Sydney, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise William Bragg, of Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, gentleman, his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, or any company duly registered for that purpose by agreement with the said William Bragg, his executors, administrators, or assigns, to construct and maintain a tramway from a point to be determined on, near the Deepwater Railway Station, and connecting with the Great Northern Railway Line, parish of Deepwater, in the said Colony, to Mount Galena Silver-mines, in the parish of Gordon, county of Gough, *via* Tent Hill and Emmaville, at a point to be determined on in mineral lease application number two thousand one hundred and seventy-five, in the parish and county last aforesaid, and to use steam or other motive power upon the said tramway, and to carry passengers, goods, live stock, ore, and other things over the said tramway, for hire, for the public generally, as well as for persons engaged in mining operations.
And Mr. Dowel having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Australian Star* and *Deepwater Miner*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.
6. **APPLICATION BY W. SULLY AND OTHERS FOR PORTIONS OF LAND, THACKARINGA**:—Mr. Slattery (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Clerk have leave to return to the custody of the Mines Department the papers respecting applications by W. Sully and others for portions of land, Thackaringa, laid upon the Table of the Legislative Assembly on the 7th May, 1890, in compliance with an Order made on 9th August, 1889.
Question put and passed.
7. **PAPERS**:—Mr. See laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Return showing particulars of the advertising contracts in connection with the Railway and Tramway Departments.
(2.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Menangle, county of Cumberland, for and in connection with improvement of grades near Glen Lee platform.
(3.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Southend, county of Cumberland, for and in connection with works required for the prevention of slips on the Illawarra line.
(4.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Camden, county of Camden, for and in connection with the improvements of grades and curves at or near Spaniard's Hill, on the Great Southern Railway.
Ordered to be printed.
8. **BOROUGH OF NEWCASTLE ELECTRIC LIGHTING BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Cann, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had amended one, and agreed to the remainder of the Council's amendments.
On motion of Mr. Cann, the report was adopted.
9. **SILKSTONE COAL-MINE RAILWAY ACT AMENDING BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Bowes, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.
On motion of Mr. Bowes, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—
MR. PRESIDENT,—
The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Silkstone Coal-mine Railway Act of 1889.'*"
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney 21st March, 1892.
10. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the adoption of the report from the Committee of the Whole on the Land Company of Australasia (Limited) Railway Bill (*Council Bill*) postponed until Monday next.
11. **ALBURY RACECOURSE BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. John Wilkinson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Wilkinson, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Wilkinson, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
12. **BALACLAVA TRAMWAY BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Waddell 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. Waddell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Waddell, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

13. APPLICATION FOR A FREE PASS MADE BY MR. BLACK, M.P.:—Mr. Crick, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 17th December, 1891; together with Appendices.
Ordered to be printed.
14. BROKEN HILL AND DISTRICT WATER SUPPLY ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Neild, "That this Bill be 'now' read a second time,"—
And the Question being again proposed,—
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word "now" with a view to the addition of the words "this day six months."
Question proposed,—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
Debate continued.
Question,—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and passed.
Original Question then put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Neild, 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. Neild (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
15. BOROUGH OF NEWCASTLE ELECTRIC LIGHTING BILL:—Ordered, on motion of Mr. Cann, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—
MR. PRESIDENT,—
The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 15th March, 1892, requesting its concurrence in certain amendments made by the Council in the Borough of Newcastle Electric Lighting Bill,—
Agrees to the amendment in clause 15, which adds to the end of the clause the words "And the amount 'of every' such 'contract' shall be recoverable by the said Council, in the same manner as is provided in section thirty-five of this Act for the recovery of any rate, fine, penalty, or forfeiture," but proposes to amend it by omitting the words "of every" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "due on any," and further by inserting after the word "contract" the words "not exceeding thirty pounds,"—in which amendments the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.
Agrees to the remaining amendments made by the Council in the Bill.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 21st March, 1892.*
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- And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—
TUESDAY, 22 MARCH, 1892, A.M.
16. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
(1.) Colonial Sugar Refining Company Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—until To-morrow.
(2.) Married Women's Property Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—until Monday next.
17. TARRAWINGEE TRAMWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Cann moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Cann, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with an amendment.
On motion of Mr. Cann (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
18. BROKEN HILL TRAMWAYS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Cann moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Cann, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Monday next.
19. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the Segenhoe Estate Irrigation Bill postponed until Monday next.
20. HAY IRRIGATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. R. B. Wilkinson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Wilkinson, 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. Wilkinson (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

21. METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITIES CATTLE AND SHEEP DRIVING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Bavister moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Bavister, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Bavister, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

The House adjourned, at nineteen minutes before Two o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 105.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 22 MARCH, 1892.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Rabbit Destruction in the Bourke Electorate:—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. Willis*, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) How many Government tanks are there in the Bourke electorate?
- (2.) How many of them are fenced with rabbit-proof wire-netting?
- (3.) Seeing the great results in the matter of rabbit-destruction to be gained by fencing tanks and using poisoned water, will he help the settler out west to destroy the pest, by at once fencing all the Government tanks and placing a poisoner at each, whose duty it will be to poison and burn off the rabbits?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) Thirty-seven tanks, ten artesian bores.
 - (2.) Several are so fenced, and the netting is on the ground or in transit for the others; but pending reply from the local officer, I am unable to say definitely how many have been completed.
 - (3.) It is hardly considered necessary to fence in all the tanks with rabbit-proof netting. Those to the east of the railway line and the Bourke-Barrington rabbit-proof fence it is proposed to leave to a later date; those in the Cobar and Paroo districts are being fenced as rapidly as circumstances permit. It is considered that the tenants and caretakers will be in a position to do all that is required in poisoning and burning off the dead animals.
- (2.) Appointment of Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:—*Mr. Reid* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Referring to the provision in the law relating to the appointment of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, to the effect that such Committee should be appointed as soon as practicable after the commencement of the Session, has the delay which has occurred been owing to any difficulty in obtaining the services of a sufficient number of Honorable Members willing and eligible to serve on the said Committee?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I have not interrogated Honorable Members to ascertain whether any Member is willing to act upon this Committee, but I am fully aware that there are many eligible.

- (3.) Land open to Conditional Purchase in the Central Division:—*Mr. Morgan* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is any land open to conditional purchase in the Central Division at the present time?
- (2.) If so, what is the area?
- (3.) If half the leasehold area is thrown open at the expiration of present lease, what will be the area available for free selection and conditional lease?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) Approximately, about 7½ millions of acres.
 - (3.) It cannot be stated with any degree of accuracy, but the area under pastoral lease in the Central Division at the present time is about 18½ millions of acres, including reservations of all descriptions.
- (4.) President of the Water and Sewerage Board:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for *Mr. Carruthers*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it true that *Mr. C. Darley*, the Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers, has been appointed to the position of President of the Water and Sewerage Board, vice *Mr. Rowe*?
 - (2.) Is it proposed to continue *Mr. Darley* in his position as Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers?
 - (3.) What salary is it proposed to pay *Mr. Darley* as President of the Water and Sewerage Board?
 - (4.) Is there not sufficient work in the Harbours and Rivers Department to fully engross his time and attention?
 - (5.) What time is *Mr. Darley* expected to devote to the performance of the many duties attaching under statute law to the position of President of the Water and Sewerage Board?

(6.)

- (6.) What officer will attend to the control and management of the Department of Harbours and Rivers in the time when Mr. Darley is attending to the Department of Water Supply and Sewerage?
- (7.) Does Mr. Darley hold any other offices or positions under the Government; if so what are they?
- (8.) What salaries are attached to the various positions now held by Mr. Darley?
- Mr. Lyne answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) Yes.
 - (3.) £250 per annum more than he was previously in receipt of.
 - (4.) Mr. Darley has been an active member of the Water and Sewerage Board for some years, and the extra work imposed will not unduly interfere with his duties as Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers.
 - (5.) It is impossible to answer this Question definitely, but he will give whatever time may be necessary.
 - (6.) As heretofore, the Principal Assistant Engineer, who is an officer of great experience.
 - (7.) Mr. Darley holds no other positions under Government to which any salary or emolument is attached.
 - (8.) A total of £1,700 per annum.
- (5.) List's Automatic Air-brake:—*Mr. Eve*, for Mr. Darnley, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the Railway Commissioners have refused to grant the use of a train on which it was intended to make a trial of "List's Automatic Air-brake," when the proprietors were willing to fit it up at their own cost?
 - (2.) Seeing that the said brake is a Colonial invention, will he obtain a fair opportunity for a public trial of it on our railways?
 - (3.) Is it a fact that the proprietors of the said brake claim that it is simpler, more effective, and can be used in connection with the appliances of the brake now in use, and that the cost would be only two-thirds of the cost of the brake now in use?
- Mr. See answered,—With regard to the List brake, as intimated previously, the whole brake question has had very careful consideration at the hands of the Railway Commissioners, who, having all the facts before them, decided as to the form of brake which it is most desirable in the interests of the Colony to adopt, and no practical good can be derived by testing other brakes. It may be added that the experimental working of a brake is altogether different from the continuous daily and practical working of a brake on long trains under all kinds of conditions.
- (6.) Lennox Bridge, Parramatta:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he cause an officer from his Department to be sent to Parramatta to inspect and report upon the necessity for widening Lennox bridge, and for another arch to be made in same, to allow the flood waters which occur once or twice each year to escape, the one arch now there not being sufficiently large to allow the water to escape, and thus avoid the danger during every flood of a number of stores and houses being washed away, and a great destruction of property and perhaps lives sacrificed for want of same?
- Mr. Lyne answered,—Yes.
- (7.) Electric Tram between Waverley and Randwick:—*Mr. Neild* asked The Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What was the original cost of the whole of the workings in connection with the electric tram system, Randwick to Waverley?
 - (2.) What amount has been expended on repairs during the time that the system has been in vogue on this line?
 - (3.) What would be the relative cost of working, as compared with the locomotive system, if the latter were adopted on this line?
 - (4.) What speed can the electric tram be regulated to travel at with safety to the passengers?
 - (5.) How many men are now engaged in connection with the present system, and what quantity of fuel is consumed per day?
 - (6.) How many men would be required to work the locomotive system, and what quantity of fuel would be consumed?
- Mr. See answered,—I must ask the Honorable Member to move for this information in the form of a Return, to which no objection will be offered.
- (8.) Real Property Licenses to Surveyors:—*Mr. Neild* asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it the intention of the Government to appoint a Board to report upon and regulate the issue of surveyors' certificates under the Real Property Act, as promised by the Colonial Secretary about two months ago?
- Mr. Copeland answered,—I am not aware that the Colonial Secretary made any such promise, but in any case there is no need for such a Board, as the practice of issuing special licenses is perfectly simple, and entirely within the control and regulations of the Department of Lands. I may further state that a large proportion of the specially-licensed surveyors have now taken out licenses under existing arrangements.
- (9.) Duty on Imported Raw Material and Live Stock:—*Mr. Rose* asked The Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it his intention to amend the tariff next Session in the direction of repealing certain duties now levied on raw materials of manufactures which cannot be produced in the Colony?
 - (2.) Is it his intention to impose a duty on imported live stock?
- Mr. See answered,—
- (1.) This matter will be considered during the recess.
 - (2.) Yes; a toll, as indicated in the Bill recently brought before the House.
- (10.) St. James' Road, Centennial Park:—*Mr. Neild* asked The Secretary for Lands,—Is it intended to provide, in connection with the sub-division of the Centennial Park building lands, for the widening of the street known as St. James' Road, as promised by the late Colonial Secretary?
- Mr. Copeland answered,—I am not aware that any such promise was made, but, on consulting the District Surveyor, it appears that the width of the road might with advantage be increased to one chain, and this will probably be effected when the survey, which is at present in abeyance, is being completed.

- (11.) New Post Offices at Burwood and Petersham:—Mr. Eve asked the Postmaster-General,—
- (1.) Have tenders been called for the Burwood Post-office; if so, when will the work be commenced?
 - (2.) Has a site been selected for the Petersham Post-office?
- Mr. Slattery answered,—
- (1.) Tenders were received on the 11th November last, but the acceptance of an offer is being held over, in common with a large number of others, pending arrangements being made as to our future loan expenditure.
 - (2.) The Postmaster-General will settle the question of site for the Petersham Post Office as soon as possible after his return from the Postal Conference at Hobart.

- (12.) Training Ships "Vernon" and "Sobraon":—Mr. Eve asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) Has the very unsafe condition of the Training Ship "Vernon" been brought under his notice, and can he inform the House of the cost of the punt which is alongside for the purpose of keeping the vessel afloat?
 - (2.) Can he state when the Ship "Sobraon" will be in readiness to receive the boys from the "Vernon"?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

- (1.) Yes, and attention is being paid to keep the defective parts safe. The punt alongside was purchased some years ago, at a cost of £130, for a landing stage at Circular Quay, but not being required lately was made use of to carry the steam pump and boiler.
- (2.) In about two and a-half to three months. I may add that I gave this information in full to the public some time ago.

2. HUNTER DISTRICT WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Lyne, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Lyne then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to establish a Board of Water Supply and Sewerage for the district of the Lower Hunter; to transfer certain portions of land and works for water supply constructed by the Government within such district and vest the same in the said Board; to transfer to the said Board certain reticulation works in connection with water supply and certain works for sewerage constructed by certain Municipal Councils; to provide for the licensing and certificating of persons to perform work in connection with water supply and sewerage; to confer on such Board all requisite powers for the administration of all matters relating to the water supply and sewerage of such district, and in certain cases of places outside such district; to provide for the repayment of cost of works for water supply and sewerage for the said district and of certain loans made to the Council of the Borough of Newcastle; to confer certain powers and impose certain duties in respect to the construction of works for water supply and sewerage within such district on the Minister; to provide for the acquisition and occupation of lands required for purposes of water supply or sewerage, and for the payment of compensation in respect of such lands, and for the sale and lease of superfluous lands; and to make other provisions incidental to such purposes.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to establish a Board of Water Supply and Sewerage for the district of the Lower Hunter; to transfer certain portions of land and works for water supply constructed by the Government within such district, and vest the same in the said Board; to transfer to the said Board certain reticulation works in connection with water supply and certain works for sewerage constructed by certain Municipal Councils; to provide for the licensing and certificating of persons to perform work in connection with water supply and sewerage; to confer on such Board all requisite powers for the administration of all matters relating to the water supply and sewerage of such district, and in certain cases of places outside such district; to provide for the repayment of cost of works for water supply and sewerage for the said district, and of certain loans made to the Council of the Borough of Newcastle; to confer certain powers and impose certain duties in respect to the construction of works for water supply and sewerage within such district on the Minister; to provide for the acquisition and occupation of lands required for purposes of water supply or sewerage, and for the payment of compensation in respect of such lands, and for the sale and lease of superfluous lands; and to make other provisions incidental to such purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 22nd March, 1892.

3. ALBURY RACECOURSE BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. John Wilkinson, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Wilkinson then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act for the purpose of enabling the Trustees of the Albury Racecourse to grant leases thereof to any Club; and to enable the Members of the Club to sue and be sued in the name of the Chairman of the Committee for the time being of the Club; and for other purposes.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act for the purpose of enabling the Trustees of the Albury Racecourse to grant leases thereof to any Club; and to enable the Members of the Club to sue and be sued in the name of the Chairman of the Committee for the time being of the Club; and for other purposes,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 22nd March, 1892.

4. BALACLAVA TRAMWAY BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Waddell, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Waddell then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to authorise the construction and maintenance of a tramway from the mines and quarries on mineral lease portion two, parish Sebastopol, in the Colony of New South Wales, to a point to be determined on mineral lease portion ten, parish Picton, in the said Colony, connecting with the tramway system of the Broken Hill mines.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the construction and maintenance of a tramway from the mines and quarries on mineral lease portion two, parish Sebastopol, in the Colony of New South Wales, to a point to be determined on mineral lease portion ten, parish Picton, in the said Colony, connecting with the tramway system of the Broken Hill mines,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 22nd March, 1892.*

5. TARRAWINGEE TRAMWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Cann, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Cann then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the 'Tarrawingee Tramway Act of 1890.'*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Tarrawingee Tramway Act of 1890,'*"—with the amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendment the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 22nd March, 1892.*

TARRAWINGEE TRAMWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

Schedule of Amendment referred to in Message of 22nd March, 1892.

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of Legislative Assembly.

Page 2, clause 3. *Add* to clause, "Provided that this scale of charges except for passengers shall "only apply for distances above ten miles."

Examined,—

NINIAN MELVILLE,
Chairman of Committees.

6. HAY IRRIGATION BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. R. B. Wilkinson, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Wilkinson then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to vest certain lands in the Council of the Municipal District of Hay; to enable the said Council to establish works thereon and elsewhere for Conserving and Utilising Water for Irrigation, and to lease such lands; and for other purposes incidental thereto.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to vest certain lands in the Council of the Municipal District of Hay; to enable the said Council to establish works thereon and elsewhere for Conserving and Utilising Water for Irrigation, and to lease such lands; and for other purposes incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 22nd March, 1892.*

7. METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITIES CATTLE AND SHEEP DRIVING BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Bavister, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Bavister then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to empower the Council of any Municipality in the Metropolitan District of Sydney to make by-laws for regulating the driving of cattle and sheep, and to repeal an Act passed in the sixteenth year of Her present Majesty's reign, numbered twenty-three, to prevent cattle being driven through populous towns and places, except within certain hours, as far as the same relates to the Municipalities in the Metropolitan District of Sydney.*"

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 empower the Council of any Municipality in the Metropolitan District of Sydney to make by-laws for regulating the driving of cattle and sheep, and to repeal an Act passed in the sixteenth year of Her present Majesty's reign, numbered twenty-three, to prevent cattle being driven through populous towns and places, except within certain hours, as far as the same relates to the Municipalities in the Metropolitan District of Sydney,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 22nd March, 1892.*

8. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
 (1.) Public Instruction Act Amendment Bill ; second reading ;—until Monday next.
 (2.) Liquor Licenses Amendment Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill ;—until Tuesday next.

9. **TREASURY INDEMNITY BILL** :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to indemnify the Colonial Treasurer, the officers of the Treasury, and other public officers, in respect of certain unauthorised advances from the Public Account of the Colonial Treasurer in the various banks,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
 Sydney, 22nd March, 1892.

JOHN LACKEY,
 President.

10. **PAPERS** :—

Mr. See laid upon the Table,—Return showing the cost to the Department of the special trains and trams run in connection with the late sittings of the House on the 24th and 25th ultimo.
 Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Barton laid upon the Table,—Minutes of Comptroller-General of Prisons and the late Minister of Justice respecting the treatment of juvenile offenders in gaols.
 Ordered to be printed.

11. **JUDICIAL OFFICES BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Barton moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.

Interruption.

12. **LOAN ESTIMATE FOR 1892** :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. See, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

JERSEY,
 Governor.

Message No. 62.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the accompanying Estimate of Expenditure on account of Public Works and other Services for the year 1892, proposed to be provided for by Loan.

Government House,
 Sydney, 15th March, 1892.

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

13. **JUDICIAL OFFICES BILL** :—The Debate on the motion for the second reading of this Bill,—interrupted by the proceedings recorded in entry 12 above,—resumed.
 Question put,—That this Bill be now read a second time.
 The House divided.

Ayes, 60.

Mr. See,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Bruncker,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Scott,	Mr. Newton,
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. Sehey,
Mr. Want,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Colls,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Dowel,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Jeanneret,	Mr. Cass,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Murphy,
Dr. Cullen,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Cruickshank,	Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Sheldon,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Wall,	Mr. Suttou,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Fuller,
Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,	Mr. Sydney Smith.
Mr. Tonkin,	
Mr. O'Sullivan,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Bowes.
Mr. Lees,	Mr. Hassall.

Noes, 21.

Mr. Melville,
Mr. Collins,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Rae,
Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Haynes.

Tellers,

Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. McCourt.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

And

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 23 MARCH, 1892, A.M.

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

14. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Barton moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at five minutes after One o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m.
This Day.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 106.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 23 MARCH, 1892.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Classes of Modelling at the Technical College:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for *Mr. Garrard*, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Has permission been given for a day class of modelling to be formed at the Technical College, and is it a condition of the teacher's pay that he shall maintain a daily attendance of twelve?
- (2.) What is the reason of the alteration from the old rule of eight years' standing—that a class will be formed on the enrolment of twelve students?
- (3.) Has any necessity arisen to warrant such alteration?
- (4.) On whose recommendation was the alteration made?
- (5.) Will not the proposal to raise the standard for a class at the Technical College higher than the attendance of many public schools throughout the country be a great block to technical education?
- (6.) Is it not a fact that most of the students at the Technical College have to earn their own living, and that it is impossible for them to attend regularly?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

- (1.) Yes; but it is not proposed to withhold the teacher's pay, if, from causes beyond his control, the attendance should temporarily fall below twelve.
- (2, 3, and 4.) No fixed Departmental rule or regulation has been in force dealing with this matter; but it is not too much to expect an average attendance of twelve students when establishing a new class. This is required as evidence of the existence of a demand for instruction in the particular branch proposed, and to afford a reasonable return for the increasing expenditure from public funds on Technical education.
- (5.) No proposal has been made to raise the standard for a class at the Technical College higher than the attendance necessary for the establishment and maintenance of a Public School.
- (6.) This Department is not aware of any reason why students at the Technical College should not be required to attend classes with reasonable regularity. Unless they do so the instruction given to them can only be partial and unsatisfactory.

(2.) Construction of Public Works by Private Companies:—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. Dangar*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has the Government received any offers from private individuals, companies, or syndicates to construct any extensive works, or supply large quantities of material for public works, such as bricks, stone, metal, railway sleepers, &c.?
- (2.) Would there be any objection to particulars of such offers being laid upon the Table of this House?
- (3.) Have the Executive taken any action with regard to such offers, with a view to affording profitable occupation for the unemployed?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1 and 2.) It would take a considerable time to obtain a complete reply to this Question, but if the Honorable Member can direct it more particularly to any stated case I shall be glad to give him all the information possible.

(3.) The Government have taken no action with regard to such offers, as public works are dealt with by open tender in the usual way.

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- (3.) Noxious Plants:—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. Dangar*, asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Has the attention of the Minister been drawn to the serious injury threatened the agricultural and pastoral lands of the Colony through the spread of plants such as West Indian bramble (*Lantana*), Paddy's lucerne (*Sida retusa*), and sweet-briar (*Rosa Rubiginosa*)?
 - (2.) What course of action does he propose to take in order to check the spread, and ultimately effect the eradication of these plants?
- Mr. Slattery* answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) Provision has been made in the Stock and Pastures Bill to deal with noxious weeds generally, and it will be introduced as soon as the state of the Government business will permit.
- (4.) Police at Mount M'Donald :—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. Willis*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Have any complaints been made against the police stationed at Mount M'Donald; if so, by whom, and of what nature?
 - (2.) Have any complaints been made by the police stationed at Mount M'Donald concerning the interference with their duties by one of the local J's.P.?
- Mr. Barton* answered,—I am informed by the Inspector-General of Police that he has received no such complaint, but certain allegations have been made, and an officer has been despatched to investigate.
- (5.) Free Passes issued by the Labour Bureau :—*Mr. Langwell* asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) What is the number of free passes issued from the Labour Bureau for the Bourke district?
 - (2.) What are the names of those recommending the issue of such passes, and the number recommended by each person?
- Mr. Barton* answered,—
- (1.) Forty-four railway passes have been issued to the Bourke district.
 - (2.) Seventeen have been recommended, by the following gentlemen, as having obtained work in the Bourke district, viz.:—*Mr. R. Barbour*, M.P., 1; *Mr. W. H. Sharp*, M.P., 1; *Mr. J. Gormly*, M.P., 1; *Mr. H. Lovien*, M.P., 1; *Mr. T. Waddell*, M.P., 2; *Mr. W. N. Willis*, M.P., 10; *Mr. H. Langwell*, M.P., 1. Total, 17. The twenty-seven remaining have produced letters or telegrams showing that they have been engaged by residents of the district, and employment awaits their arrival.
- (6.) Civil Service Superannuation Fund :—*Mr. Waddell* asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it true that the actuary who was asked to report on the Civil Service Superannuation Fund has, in his report, stated that "to carry on in the present condition would not only lead to certain disaster, but the disaster would be unequally distributed—those now receiving pensions and those shortly entitled thereto, are, and will be, enjoying their advantages at the expense of the younger contributors. Funds in hand (31st December, 1888) little more than suffice to meet claims already matured, and it is positive cruelty to compel contributions from the younger members, it being certain that no funds will exist to liquidate their claims when their time to retire arrives"?
 - (2.) If so, will the Government take steps, as soon as possible, to amend the law which compels the great majority of the Civil Servants to pay into a fund (from which they may never derive any benefit) large portions of their annual salary?
- Mr. Barton* answered,—This matter, the importance of which is admitted, shall receive attention during the recess.
- (7.) Inspector of Scaffolding :—*Mr. Houghton* asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Have any regulations been framed for the guidance of the Inspector of Scaffolding?
 - (2.) If so, what is the nature of such regulations?
 - (3.) Where is the Inspector of Scaffolding to be found during the day, and at what hours?
 - (4.) Is it his intention to introduce a Bill giving legal powers to the inspector?
- Mr. Barton* answered,—
- (1 and 2.) Not yet; but general instructions were given him upon his appointment.
 - (3.) His time is mostly occupied inspecting scaffolding in and around the city, but he is to be seen at his office, 6, Napier-street, Paddington, at any time by appointment.
 - (4.) This matter will be considered.
- (8.) Military Works Office :—*Mr. Hoyle*, for *Mr. McGowen*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) The number of persons employed in the Military Works Office since its formation?
 - (2.) The nature of work each is required to perform?
 - (3.) The salary of each at starting; also the salary received by each at present time?
 - (4.) If any persons have been dismissed from the service, the names of such persons, and for what reason?
- Mr. Barton* answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table a Return in answer to this Question.
- (9.) Quack Doctors :—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. Willis*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has his attention been called to the number of quack doctors who are at present practising in the Colony,—will he take steps to prosecute them?
- Mr. Barton* answered,—The matter has not been officially brought under my notice beyond the case known as the "Hood" prosecution now pending.
- (10.) Doorkeepers at the Colonial Secretary's Office :—*Mr. Barbour*, *Mr. Willis*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) What salaries do the two able-bodied men get, who sit at the door of the Colonial Secretary's Office in Phillip and Bridge Streets respectively, and what are their duties?
 - (2.) What Minister appointed these men?

Mr. Barton answered,—The porter at the Phillip-street entrance is paid at the rate of £75 per annum, and he receives a pension of £75 from the Police Department. His duties are those which appertain to a hall porter. The appointment was made in February, 1891, under the authority of the then Secretary for Public Works. The porter at the Bridge-street entrance receives £175 per annum, and was appointed in January, 1891, under the authority of the then Colonial Secretary. His duties are similar to those of the porter at the Phillip-street entrance. He was also employed in the Police Force, but receives no pension.

(11.) Amounts paid by the late Government for Royal Commissions, Ornaments, and Books :—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. Willis, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What amounts were actually paid away on contracts or agreements entered into by the late Government for—(1.) Royal Commissions. (2.) Statues, or works of art, or figures in stone, wood, or alabaster of our deceased public men. (3.) Pictures. (4.) Books, curios, &c. ?

(2.) What benefit do the general public derive from such expenditure ?

Mr. See answered,—The information asked for will take some time to prepare, and will be furnished to the House in the shape of a Return if moved for.

(12.) Banking Institutions :—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. Willis, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Considering the manner in which the public have been robbed by a large number of bogus banks in the city, will he take steps to bring in a Bill next Session dealing with banks and fraudulent bankers ?

Mr. See answered,—A Bill in connection with banks and banking institutions has been prepared, and is now under consideration. It is hoped the course of business will permit of its introduction early next Session.

(13.) Insurance Companies :—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. Willis, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that there are at present a number of big insurance companies in the Colony in which unsuspecting people are cheated without having proper redress ?

(2.) Do the Government contemplate introducing a Bill into Parliament dealing with insurance companies—fire, life, and marine ?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) I am not aware.

(2.) A Bill dealing with insurance companies has been prepared and is now being considered. It is expected that the course of business will admit of its early introduction next Session.

(14.) Close of Session :—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. Willis, asked the Colonial Secretary,—On what date does he contemplate closing the present Session ?

Mr. See answered,—At the earliest possible moment.

(15.) Inquiries under Census and Industrial Returns Act :—*Mr. Morgan* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has any inquiry under the Census and Industrial Returns Act, 1891, been instituted into the coal and other miners of the Colony ?

(2.) Has any industrial inquiry been instituted in the large centres of population in the Colony, such as Newcastle, Maitland, Goulburn, Bathurst, Orange, Young, Broken Hill, &c. ?

(3.) If not, when will such inquiry be commenced ?

(4.) Does the information obtainable at the Mines Department (as stated by the Colonial Secretary in answer to a previous Question on this subject) embrace the result of any inquiry into the working condition of the mining population ?

(5.) Is it intended to confine the inquiries under this Act to the Metropolitan area alone ?

(6.) Will the reports of the industrial condition of the people of the city and suburbs be considered to give a just representation of the condition of the whole of the working population of the Colony ?

Mr. See answered,—The Statistician reports to me that the inquiries under the Census and Industrial Returns Act into the condition of the various industries of the Colony have for the most part been confined to the Metropolitan District. It is intended to extend the inquiry to the principal industries in the country districts, and the condition of coal and other miners will be reported on. The annual returns of the Mines Department do not give this information.

(16.) Military Encampment :—*Mr. Nicholson* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Easter Encampment has been dispensed with ?

(2.) If so, has such decision been arrived at in consequence of any vote given by this House ?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(17.) Rewards for Apprehension of Criminals :—*Mr. Hutchinson* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Are members of the Police Force of New South Wales entitled to the rewards offered from time to time by the Government of the Colony for the apprehension of criminals ; and, if not, is any exception made in the case of deserters from Her Majesty's Navy being arrested ?

Mr. See answered,—Ycs ; and no exception is made in case of deserters from Her Majesty's Navy

(18.) Afghan and other Foreign Hawkers :—*Dr. Ross* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is he aware that respectable settlers in the interior have become of late pestered and intimidated by itinerant Afghan hawkers and other foreigners, and will he see that steps are taken to protect the public, and put a stop to this alleged increasing evil and nuisance ?

Mr. See answered,—Yes ; and the matter will be considered during the recess, as I stated upon a former occasion, in answer to a Question put by the Honorable Member for Argyle.

(19.)

- (19.) Dr. Ashburton Thompson :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) What position does Dr. Ashburton Thompson occupy on the Health Board in Sydney, and under what Act, or by whose authority, is he so frequently despatched to places in the interior to report on the sanitary state of public health?
 - (2.) Is he Deputy Health Officer for Sydney, or for the whole Colony; and if for the whole Colony, under what Act is he so appointed?
 - (3.) Is it not a fact that the Government have appointed medical officers in nearly every centre of population in the interior; and why are these gentlemen not called upon to report on such matters, in place of trotting Dr. Thompson all over the interior, and burdening the Colony with his travelling expenses?

Mr. See answered,—The Medical Adviser informs me that:—

- (1.) Dr. Ashburton Thompson is Chief Medical Inspector to the Board of Health; he is despatched to places in the interior under the authority of the Colonial Secretary or the Board of Health.
 - (2.) Dr. Thompson is not Deputy Health Officer for any place.
 - (3.) Government medical officers are appointed in the chief centres of the Colony, and these gentlemen are called upon to report on the occurrence of disease in such localities, but Dr. Thompson being a specially trained sanitary expert is called upon to investigate and report in special cases.
- (20.) Mr. W. R. Harrison, Manager of Brewarrina Aboriginal Mission Station :—Mr. Colls asked the Colonial Secretary,—If he has not already done so, will he, at the very earliest date, make inquiries as to the truth of the statements made by Messrs. Crick and Willis, Ms.P., against Mr. W. R. Harrison, manager, Brewarrina Aboriginal Mission Station?

Mr. See answered,—This matter is now being inquired into.

- (21.) Expenditure of Post Office Petty Cash :—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. Willis, asked the Postmaster-General,—
- (1.) What amount was expended from Post Office petty cash by the late Postmaster-General (Mr. D. O'Connor) during his term of office?
 - (2.) What was the average expenditure per month?
 - (3.) Similar information with regard to expenditure from this source by the three Postmasters-General previous to Mr. O'Connor?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) £167 14s. 6d. for the period from 8th March, 1889, to 22nd October, 1891.
- (2.) £5 6s. 6d., largely occasioned by Mr. O'Connor's comparatively numerous visits to the suburbs, &c.
- (3.) Mr. H. Clarke :—From 17th January to 7th March, 1889—expenditure from petty cash, nil. Mr. C. J. Roberts :—From 20th January, 1887, to 16th January, 1889—expenditure from petty cash, £1 5s.; average expenditure per month, 1s. 0½d. Mr. F. B. Suttor :—From 26th February, 1886, to 19th January, 1887—expenditure from petty cash, £13 8s.; average expenditure per month, £1 5s. 1½d.

- (22.) Contractors for Supplies for Military Encampment :—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for Mr. E. M. Clark, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Who were the successful tenderers for supplies of meat, groceries, wood, and produce to the Volunteer Force during the Easter encampment of 1892, at the Heads, Middle Harbour, and Campbelltown?
 - (2.) Were the specifications divided into sections, and under what headings?
 - (3.) Is it a fact that the tender form provided for the deposit of a marked cheque for £500 in respect to the whole or any section of the specifications?
 - (4.) Will he in future take steps to reduce the amount of deposit in respect to separate sections of such supplies?

Mr. See answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Officer Commanding the Military Forces :—

- (1.) For meat and groceries at Campbelltown and the Heads, and wood at the latter place, Mr. J. Kidman, Sydney; for wood at Campbelltown, Mr. Herbert Etchells, Campbelltown; for forage at Campbelltown, Messrs. Graham Bros., Campbelltown; for forage at the Heads, Messrs. W. Phillips & Sons, Sydney.
- (2.) Yes, as follows :—Section 1, meat; 2, groceries; 3, wood; 4, forage.
- (3.) Yes.
- (4.) Yes; deposits will be calculated in proportion to amount of tender.

- (23.) Totalisators :—Mr. Johnston asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that Senior-constable Henderson employed a person named McKenzie to back a horse with one William Slowgrove, and then got the latter convicted at Redfern Police Court on the 17th instant for running a "tote"?
 - (2.) If so, will he stop the police from employing such persons in future?
 - (3.) From what fund is the money found for the police to back these horses in the hope of getting a conviction, and, in the event of the horse which they have backed winning, what becomes of the money won, and having so won do the police prosecute?

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

- (1 and 2.) Prosecutions for such gambling transactions cannot be instituted except upon evidence proving that the accused has broken the law.
- (3.) The tickets are paid for from the vote for "Police Contingencies." As far as the Inspector-General is aware the police have not won.

(24.) Military Encampment:—Mr. Campbell asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Have the Government decided that a military encampment shall not take place this year as usual?
- (2.) If so, was that decision arrived at by the Government in compliance with advice tendered to them on the subject?
- (3.) By whom was such advice tendered (if any)?
- (4.) Will not the doing away with the encampment (if so resolved upon) deprive the Volunteer Force of military training and pay to a greater and more serious extent relatively than it will affect any other part of the military organisation of the Colony?
- (5.) Could not the necessary saving of £50,000 in accordance with the Vote of this House on the Military Estimates, be effected without disadvantage to the Colony, by making reductions to that extent, mainly in connection with the sections of the Military Department other than the Volunteer Force, and altogether apart from dispensing with the encampment?
- (6.) Is it not a fact that the Premier stated in the House repeatedly before the Estimates were dealt with that the encampment would take place this year, the locality where it would be held being also mentioned by him?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2 and 3.) No advice was tendered, but after careful consideration by the Cabinet.
- (4.) Yes.
- (5.) No.
- (6.) Yes.

(25.) Hydro-pneumatic gun at Wollongong:—Mr. Campbell asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) How long since was a hydro-pneumatic gun placed in position at Wollongong by the military authorities?
- (2.) Is the said gun ready for use; and, if not, when will it be so?
- (3.) At what distance is the said gun likely to be effective against a hostile vessel coming within its range?
- (4.) Is it intended that the members of the Volunteer Artillery companies at Wollongong and Bulli shall be afforded drill practice with the said gun that will render them efficient in the use thereof?

Mr. See answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Officer Commanding the Military Forces:—

- (1.) 23rd October, 1891.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) 8,800 yards.
- (4.) Yes, as regards Wollongong; Bulli will be arranged for later, if considered necessary.

(26.) Contract for Railway Work on the Zig Zag:—Mr. Barbour asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Have the Commissioners for Railways accepted a private tender for a large amount (said to be for £70,000) for work at the second Zig Zag from Sydney?
- (2.) Has the work to be executed been submitted to and approved by the Public Works Committee?
- (3.) Why was the work not done by public competition?

Mr. See answered,—I am informed the Railway Commissioners have not accepted any such tender as referred to, nor in fact have plans been prepared for extensive works for improving or doing away with the second Zig Zag.

(27.) Approaches to Bridge over Murrumbidgee River, at Narrandera:—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Have representations been made to the Public Works Department that it is necessary to fence the raised approaches to the Bridge over the Murrumbidgee River, at Narrandera, in order to avoid accidents?
- (2.) Have any steps been taken in order to have such works carried out?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Yes, and instructions have been given for the work to be carried out.

(28.) Appointment of Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:—Mr. Reid asked the Secretary for Public Works:—With reference to his reply yesterday to a Question asked by Mr. Reid, as to the delay in nominating members of the Public Works Committee, will he be good enough to say,—

- (1.) Whether any steps have been taken by other Ministers to ascertain the willingness of Honorable Members to serve on the Committee?
- (2.) If not, when will the Government take steps towards putting themselves in a position to nominate the Committee?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) The Honorable Member's anxiety in this matter would probably be satisfied if he asked "other Ministers" referred to. I am certainly not in a position to answer for what they may have done.
- (2.) Before the close of the Session.

(29.) Charges made against Chief Commissioner for Railways:—Mr. Reid asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Do the Government intend to comply with the alleged repeated request of the Chief Commissioner for Railways for an inquiry as to the charges made against him in reference to the circumstances under which he was appointed to his high position?
- (2.) If the Government have not yet come to a decision, is there any specific reason for further delay in connection with this important matter?

Mr.

Mr. See answered,—The information sought by the Honorable and learned Member was furnished to the House last night by the Attorney-General, in answer to a Question put during the debate on the adjournment of the House.

(30.) Prudential and Benefit Assurance Society:—Mr. Barbour asked the Attorney-General,—
(1.) Has his attention been directed to an article in the *Sunday Times*, of the 20th instant, in reference to an assurance society, styled the "Prudential and Benefit," carrying on business at 69, Elizabeth-street?

(2.) If not, will he take steps to inquire into the allegations therein made, and also to take such steps as he may consider necessary in reference thereto?

Mr. Barton answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) I have not had time to look into the matter, but will read and consider the article.

(31.) Public Works:—Mr. Darnley asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) For what number of works have tenders been called, and none accepted?

(2.) What is the reason that a number of works, for which the money has been voted, are not being proceeded with?

(3.) Will he push forward all the works sanctioned by Parliament, and for which the money has been voted?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) A Return will be prepared giving the information asked for by the Honorable Member.

(2.) I have frequently informed the House, in answer to somewhat similar Questions, that until further arrangements are made in regard to our Loan expenditure, it is impossible to accept many of the tenders which have been received for works chargeable to Loans.

(3.) I am doing my best to push forward all public works for which funds are available.

(32.) Road, Nowra to Milton:—*Mr. Neild*, for Mr. Morton, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
In view of the opening of the extension of the South Coast railway at the end of the present year, and the increase of traffic which will take place on the Main South Coast Road between Nowra and Milton, is it his intention to have a new bridge at Broer's Creek constructed, and a deviation made at Parnell's Hill, Tomerong?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I am obtaining a report on this subject, and, until that is before me, I cannot give a definite reply to the Honorable Member.

2. ELECTRIC TRAMWAY, RANDWICK TO WAVERLEY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Neild moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—

(1.) The original cost of the whole of the workings in connection with the electric tram system, Randwick to Waverley.

(2.) The amount expended on repairs during the time that the system has been in vogue on this line.

(3.) The relative cost of working, as compared with the locomotive system, if the latter were adopted on this line.

(4.) What speed the electric tram can be regulated to travel at with safety to the passengers.

(5.) How many men are now engaged in connection with the present system, and what quantity of fuel is consumed per day.

(6.) How many men would be required to work the locomotive system, and what quantity of fuel would be consumed.

Question put and passed.

3. DEEPWATER AND MOUNT GALENA TRAMWAY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Dowel moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorise William Bragg, of Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, gentleman, his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, or any company duly registered for that purpose by agreement with the said William Bragg, his executors, administrators, or assigns, to construct and maintain a Tramway from a point to be determined on, near the Deepwater Railway Station, and connecting with the Great Northern Railway Line, parish of Deepwater, in the said Colony, to Mount Galena Silver-mines, in the parish of Gordon, county of Gough, *via* Tent Hill and Emmaville, at a point to be determined on in mineral lease application number two thousand one hundred and seventy-five, in the parish and county last aforesaid, and to use steam or other motive power upon the said Tramway, and to carry passengers, goods, live stock, ore, and other things over the said Tramway, for hire, for the public generally, as well as for persons engaged in mining operations.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Dowel 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 authorise William Bragg, of Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, gentleman, his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, or any company duly registered for that purpose by agreement with the said William Bragg, his executors, administrators, or assigns, to construct and maintain a Tramway from a point to be determined on, near the Deepwater Railway Station, and connecting with the Great Northern Railway Line, parish of Deepwater, in the said Colony, to Mount Galena Silver-mines, in the parish of Gordon, county of Gough, via Tent Hill and Emmaville, at a point to be determined on in mineral lease application number two thousand one hundred and seventy-five, in the parish and county last aforesaid, and to use steam or other motive power upon the said Tramway, and to carry passengers, goods, live stock, ore, and other things over the said Tramway, for hire, for the public generally, as well as for persons engaged in mining operations.*"—read a first time.

4. AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE AT THE HAWKESBURY (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Neild*, for Mr. Carruthers, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers relating to appointments made, or proposed to be made, in connection with the Agricultural College at the Hawkesbury.

Question put and passed.

5. APPLICATION FOR A FREE PASS MADE BY MR. BLACK, M.P. :—Mr. Neild laid upon the Table copy of a Protest, signed by him and Mr. Bavister, in reference to a division taken in the Select Committee appointed to inquire into this subject,—
And moved, That the Document be printed.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

6. PAPERS :—

Mr. Barton laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Particulars respecting Military Works Office.
 - (2.) Return to an Order, made on 4th February, 1892,—“ Nowra Court-house Site.”
- Ordered to be printed.

Mr. See laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return of the population of New South Wales.
 - (2.) Information respecting Census and Industrial Returns Act of 1891.
 - (3.) Return respecting Typhoid Fever and other Infectious Diseases in Sydney and Suburbs from 1876 to 1891.
 - (4.) Return to an Order, made on 8th March, 1892,—“ Hospitals for the Insane.”
- Ordered to be printed.

7. DEEPWATER AND MOUNT GALENA TRAMWAY :—Mr. Lee presented a Petition from Richard Coulston, as Chairman of a Public Meeting, and other Inhabitants of the Town and District of Deepwater, representing that the said meeting passed unanimously resolutions in favour of the construction of a Tram Line from Deepwater, *via* Tent Hill and Emmaville, to Mount Galena, which Petitioners consider would be advantageous to that district, and tend very materially to develop its agricultural and mineral resources; and praying the House to take the resolutions into favourable consideration. At the request of Mr. Lee, the Petition was read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker.
Petition received.

8. JUDICIAL OFFICES BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

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

Mr. Suttor (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, “That” the report be now adopted.

Mr. Barton moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word “That,” with a view to the insertion in their place of the words “the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clause 3.”

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 Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clause 3,—put and passed.

Interruption.

9. ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR 1892 :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. See, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

JERSEY,
Governor.

Message No. 63.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the accompanying Additional Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1892.

Government House,

Sydney, 15th March, 1892.

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

10. JUDICIAL OFFICES BILL :—The proceedings on this Bill,—interrupted by the Message from the Governor recorded in entry 9 above,—resumed.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill 2^o with a further amendment.

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

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time at a later hour of the day.

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

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

The 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.

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

LOAN ESTIMATES FOR 1892.

No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

(5.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1892, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £18,600, for Military Works: being £2,500, for erection of Submarine Mining Establishment; £3,000, for Gun Pit at Bradley's Heights; £3,000, for Gun Pit at Steel Point; £2,100, for erection of Battery at Wollongong; £12,000, for Gun Pit at Henry's Heights; £2,000, for emplacements for Quick-firing and Machine Guns; and £3,000, for Battery at Stockton. *Less*—Balance on Loan Vote for Fortifications and Defence Works generally, £125,000, 52 Vic. No. 17—£9,000.

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

(6.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1892, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £545,000, for Railways: being £200,000, for Additional Rolling Stock, Existing Lines, and towards fitting continuous automatic brakes to Goods Rolling Stock; £200,000, for additions, alterations, and improvements to Roads, Stations, and Buildings, and for other purposes, including purchase of land required for extending works, also for providing safety appliances; £35,000, to complete improvement of grades and curves already in hand, and Lapstone Hill deviation; £60,000, for completing Suburban Duplication Works, including Strathfield to Ryde; £30,000, for deviations, Mudge Line; and £20,000, for raising line above flood level, Maitland.

No. VII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

(7.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1892, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £362,389, for Railway Construction Branch: being £30,000, for Railway Trial Surveys—further sum; £41,048, for Nyngan to Cobar Railway—further sum; £24,348, for Culcairn to Corowa Railway—further sum; £120,500, for Milson's Point Railway—further sum; £26,993, for Kiama to Nowra Railway—further sum; £44,500, for Lismore to The Tweed Railway—further sum; and £75,000, for Construction and Extension of Tramways—further sum.

(8.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1892, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £82,000, for Harbours and Rivers Branch: being £7,000, for Trial Bay Harbour Works—further sum; £19,000, for appliances for reclaiming lands by Sand-pump Dredges—further sum; £30,000, for Newcastle Harbour Improvements—further sum; £4,000, for Long Cove Reclamation and Dredging—further sum—including cost of resumption of land, &c.; £10,000, for Cook's River and Shea's Creek, Reclamation and Dredging—further sum—including cost of resumption of land, &c.; and £12,000, for new Jetty and Shed, Circular Quay, and extending old A.S.N. Co.'s berth.

(9.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1892, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £65,987, for Government Architect's Branch: being £19,987, for erection of New Public Offices, including cost of land—further sum; £5,000, for new Public Offices—Lift, &c.; £8,000, for erection of Treasury New Strong Room; £4,000, for construction and re-arrangement of Lifts, Public Offices; £8,000, for Gladesville Hospital for the Insane—New Ward for fifty females; £2,000, for Newcastle Hospital for the Insane—New Ward for twenty-five females; £8,000, for erection of Central Police Court—further sum; £5,000, for additions to Hospital for Insane, Parramatta; and £6,000, for Newcastle Hospital—erection of Isolated Wards for Contagious Diseases, and an Accident Ward, with further accommodation for Nursing Staff.

(10.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1892, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £40,900, for Roads and Bridges: being £27,000, for erection of Cowra Bridge; £5,900, for moiety of cost of widening Corowa Bridge from 18 ft. to 36 ft.; and £8,000, for moiety of cost of Swan Hill Bridge.

(11.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1892, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £109,692, for Sewerage Branch: being £4,422, for completion of Main Sewer between George-street West and Bondi Main Sewer—further sum; £10,000, for extension of Sewer from Waverley and Woollahra to Randwick—further sum; £2,500, for Potts' Point and Elizabeth Bay Sewer—further sum; and for Stormwater Sewers,—£6,000, for Rookwood Necropolis Drainage—further sum; £10,000, towards Randwick Stormwater Drainage, east and west sides; £9,270, for Stormwater Sewer from Point Piper Road, along Valley, to Rushcutter's Bay; £9,000, for Muni-street to Shea's Creek Stormwater Sewer—further sum; £1,000, for extension of Leichhardt Branch of Long Cove Creek Stormwater Sewer—further sum; £1,600, for Smith-street Branch of Long Cove Creek Stormwater Sewer; £2,520, for Petersham Park Branch Long Cove Creek Stormwater Sewer; £29,680, for Johnstone's Creek Stormwater Sewers; £2,600, for Newtown Branch of Johnstone's Creek Stormwater Sewer; towards Stormwater Channels, North Sydney,—£6,000 for Neutral Bay Stormwater Channel; and £1,200, for Careening Cove Stormwater Channel; £1,200, for Beattie-street to White Bay, Balmain Stormwater channel—further sum; £2,700 for Kent-street Sewer—further sum; and £10,000 towards stormwater sewer, White Creek.

(12.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1892, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £50,000, for Water Supply and Sewerage being for extension of the Sydney Water Supply and other works in connection therewith, including cast-iron pipes, tanks, reservoirs, resumption of land, &c.

No. IX.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

(13.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1892, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £50,000, for Public Instruction being for erection of New Public School Buildings.

No. X.—SECRETARY FOR MINES.

(14.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1892, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £40,000, for Water Conservation and Irrigation being for Surveys, Gauging of Rivers, and construction of various works in connection with Water Conservation and Distribution for agricultural, pastoral, and mining industries, and for domestic use, and for the resumption of land in connection therewith—further sum.

No. XI.—POSTMASTER GENERAL.

(15.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1892, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £50,000, for Electric Telegraph Department being for Construction and Extension of Lines generally.

On motion of Mr. Sec, the Resolutions were read a second time, and agreed to.

12. **WAYS AND MEANS** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Sec, 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 :—

(11.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty during the present Session, a sum not exceeding £1,414,568 be raised by the sale of Debentures or the issue of Inscribed Stock, secured upon the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, and bearing interest at a rate not exceeding 4 per centum per annum, to defray the expenses of certain Public Works and Services of the Colony, for the Repayment of Loans, and for other purposes.

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

13. **LOAN BILL** :—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Sec, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 11), to authorise the raising of a Loan for the Public Service; to repeal section three of the fifty-fourth Victoria number thirty-three; to apply certain unexpended balances for Public Works Services; for repayment of certain Loans; and for other purposes.

(2.) Mr. Sec then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to authorise the raising of a Loan for the Public Service; to repeal section three of the fifty-fourth Victoria number thirty-three; to apply certain unexpended balances for Public Works Services; for repayment of certain Loans; and for other purposes*,”—which was read a first time.

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

(3.) Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

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

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

Mr. Sec then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to authorise the raising of a Loan for the Public Service; to repeal section three of the Act fifty-fourth Victoria number thirty-three; to apply certain unexpended balances for Public Works Services; for repayment of certain Loans; and for other purposes*.”

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to authorise the raising of a Loan for the Public Service; to repeal section three of the Act fifty-fourth Victoria number thirty-three; to apply certain unexpended balances for Public Works Services; for repayment of certain Loans; and for other purposes*,”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 24th March, 1892, a.m.

14. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The remaining Orders of the Day (except the last) of Government Business postponed until To-morrow.

15. **JUDICIAL OFFICES BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Barton moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Barton, *passed*.

Mr. Barton then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to amend the Law relating to certain Judicial Offices and to certain Courts and the administration of Justice therein*.”

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to amend the Law relating to certain Judicial Offices and to certain Courts and the administration of Justice therein*,”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 24th March, 1892, a.m.

16. BROKEN HILL AND DISTRICT WATER SUPPLY ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Neild moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Question put and passed.

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Neild, *passed*.

Mr. Neild then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to extend the time for completing the Broken Hill and District Water Supply Company's (Limited) Works, and to amend the 'Broken Hill and District Water Supply Act of 1888.'*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to extend the time for completing the Broken Hill and District Water Supply Company's (Limited) Works, and to amend the 'Broken Hill and District Water Supply Act of 1888.'*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 24th March, 1892, a.m.

BROKEN HILL AND DISTRICT WATER SUPPLY ACT AMENDMENT BILL.
Schedule of Amendments referred to in Message of 24th March, 1892, a.m.

F. W. WEBB,

Clerk of Legislative Assembly.

Page 1, clause 1, line 16. *Omit "two years" insert "eighteen months"*

Page 2, clause 1, lines 1 to 8. *Omit "and no rights or privileges conferred upon the said Company by the said recited Act shall be deemed to have become forfeited, or shall become forfeited, by reason of the said Company not having completed the said projected works within the time limited by the said seventy-ninth section. And the rights, powers, and privileges contained in the said recited Act are hereby re-enacted so as to be in force in favour of the said Company during the said extended term of two years."*

Page 2. *Omit clause 2, insert the following new clauses:—*

2. From and after the passing of this Act the Company registered as "Broken Hill and District Water Supply Company (Limited)" may, subject to the approval of the Governor, take and conduct water from the Darling River, from a point to be approved by the Governor, to the said Company's reservoir and works at Broken Hill, and also, subject to the like approval, to take and conduct water from Lake Speculation to the said reservoir and works, and to take land within the area described in Part I of the Schedule to this Act, with power to deviate, subject to such approval as aforesaid, and to use the said land or any part thereof for a pipe-track or pipe-tracks and other works necessary or expedient for the better supply of water by the said Company within the said District of Broken Hill, and for the construction and maintenance of works, tanks, reservoirs, machinery, depôts, and buildings required by the said Company; and all the provisions of the "Broken Hill and District Water Supply Company's Act," except the fourth subsection of the third section, the ninth, forty-third, forty-sixth, sixty-first, and seventy-ninth sections, and the Third Schedule of the Principal Act thereof shall, *mutatis mutandis*, be applicable to the purposes of this Act and in connection with the lands mentioned in the Schedule hereto. Provided always that the Company shall not have exclusive rights to draw water from the lake and river aforesaid, and in the exercise of any of the powers hereby conferred the Company shall inflict as little damage as may be, and in all cases where it can be done shall provide other watering-places, drains, and channels for the use of adjoining lands in place of any taken away or interrupted by them, and shall make full compensation to all parties interested for all damage sustained by them through the exercise of such powers. Provided nevertheless that the Company shall not be liable to make compensation in respect of any damage sustained by reason of the taking of water from the said river or lakes or either of them.

3. The "Broken Hill and District Water Supply Company (Limited)" shall within four months after the passing of this Act, commence, and within eighteen months after the said passing complete, to the satisfaction of an officer to be appointed by the Governor, the following works, viz:—The extension of a pipe-track from the Broken Hill reservoir or reservoirs to Lake Speculation, and its continuation, if necessary in the opinion of the Governor, to the River Darling; and the construction of all necessary pumping appliances and work connected therewith. And the said Company shall, as a guarantee of good faith, within one month from the passing of this Act, deposit with the Colonial Treasurer the sum of ten thousand pounds, which sum shall be held by him as a Trust Fund. And in the event of the works not being so commenced or completed as herein provided it shall be lawful for the Governor in either case to order such sum to be forfeited to Her Majesty, and to become part of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, and that all rights and concessions granted by this Act or the Principal Act shall be void and of no effect, and thereupon the said sum shall be so forfeited, and the said rights and concessions shall be void and of no effect. But after the completion of the said works, to the approval of an officer to be appointed as aforesaid, the said sum of ten thousand pounds shall be returned to the said Company with interest at the rate of four pounds per centum per annum. And in the event of such deposit not being made as herein provided this Act and the Principal Act shall be void and of no effect.

4. The maximum charge to be made by the Company for the supply of water by meter shall not exceed the sum of five shillings per thousand gallons.

5. All the works of the Company, together with all the rights, powers, and authorities conveyed by this Act, with all their hereditaments and appurtenances, shall at the expiration of twenty-eight years from the date of this Act, become and remain the absolute property of the Government, freed and discharged from all claims and liabilities whatsoever, anything in section forty-seven of the Principal Act notwithstanding.

Powers of
Company and
extent of works
areas.

Commencement
of the work of
the Company.

Penalty.

Rating powers

Works to become
the property of
Government.

6. Nothing in this Act or the Principal Act shall be construed to limit or in any way interfere with the rights of the Crown to the general control of the natural supplies of water, nor with the right of the Governor from time to time to resume and dedicate any portion of the Crown lands comprised in the Schedule to this Act for a common, park, or other public purposes of a like nature, subject to such regulations as the Governor may approve; nor in any way interfere with any right conferred before the passing of this Act; nor in any way interfere with, abridge, or encroach upon any rights, powers, privileges, or concessions conferred upon the Broken Hill Water Supply (Limited) by the "Broken Hill Water Supply Act of 1890." And the provisions of this Act or the Principal Act shall be subject to the provisions of any Act dealing generally with water conservation throughout the Colony.

Rights of the Crown not to be interfered with.

Page 2. After clause 3, insert the following Schedule :—

SCHEDULE.

PART I.

Description of land required by the "Broken Hill and District Water Supply Company (Limited)," for conserving water near the Darling River, and for pipe-track between Lake Speculation and the Company's pumping station and works near Broken Hill, and between the Darling River and Lake Speculation.

A width of three chains for pipe-track from the River Darling to Lake Speculation, starting from a point to be approved by the Governor-in-Council, and extending to Lake Speculation.

A width of three chains from Lake Speculation, commencing at the Company's proposed pumping station on that Lake, and terminating at the Company's works at Broken Hill.

Whatever land for pumping stations, reservoirs, and other works may be deemed by the Governor-in-Council to be necessary and sufficient.

PART II.

Rights conferred.

The right to pump water from Lake Speculation and from the River Darling. The right of easement for water from the River Darling, through Lake Menindie to Lake Speculation, including the right to improve the connecting channels.

Examined,—

NINIAN MELVILLE,
Chairman of Committees.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 107.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 24 MARCH, 1892.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Lecturers on Agriculture:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) How have the Lecturers on Agriculture been occupied since the date of their appointment?
- (2.) Have any lectures been delivered; by whom were they delivered; where; and what were the subjects treated upon?
- (3.) Have any efforts been put forth to educate the farming community how to treat the disease in cane, rust in wheat, blight in maize, or the destruction of the last-named cereal by weevil?
- (4.) What course of procedure is it intended the Lecturers on Agriculture shall follow in order to practical benefit being realised by the agriculturists of New South Wales through their appointment?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) Inspectors of Agriculture have been occupied since appointment in inspecting and reporting upon diseases, making arrangements in connection with exports, or inquiring into certain comparatively new branches, and each one has been making himself thoroughly acquainted with the conditions of agriculture in regard to the subjects with which he is best acquainted.
- (2.) No lectures have as yet been delivered to the public.
- (3.) Inquiries and investigations have been made into the supposed disease in cane, rust in wheat, blight in maize, and destruction of maize by weevil; these matters will all be treated in a short time.
- (4.) The Inspectors of Agriculture are expected to do more good by meeting individual farmers and small numbers of them in conference than by public lecturing.

- (2.) Proposed Road, Maclean to Coraki—Road Harwood to Chatsworth:—Mr. McFarlane asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) When will the proposed road between Maclean and Coraki be surveyed and rendered fit for traffic?
- (2.) When will the Harwood-Chatsworth Road, *via* New Serpentine Creek bridge, be placed in an efficient state of repair?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) This Department is waiting for the completion of the survey which is necessary before the road can be made, and the Lands Department have been communicated with on the subject.
- (2.) I have called for a report, and when it is received will lose no time in dealing with the matter.

- (3.) Government Supporters' Room, Parliament House:—Mr. Rac asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What is the total cost of the new room built for the accommodation of Members of the Legislative Assembly, including furniture and fittings?
- (2.) By whose authority was the above expenditure incurred?
- (3.) Will the above expenditure be provided for in the Additional Estimates?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) All the accounts have not yet been received, but the cost will be about £1,000.
- (2.) By the authority of the Cabinet, and with the concurrence of the Honorable the Speaker.
- (3.) It will be chargeable to the General Vote provided for repairs, alterations, additions, &c., to public buildings generally.

(4.)

(4.) Superintending Engineer, Military Works Department :—*Mr. Hoyle*, for *Mr. McGowen*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that Lieutenant-Colonel Boddam was dismissed from the position of Superintending Engineer in the Military Works Department on account of there being no work available for him, and that *Mr. Owens*, Clerk of Works, of Wollongong, was appointed in his place?
- (2.) If so, by whose authority was he appointed, and whether applications were invited from persons competent to fill the position, or why was Lieutenant-Colonel Boddam not reappointed?

Mr. Barton answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Officer Commanding the Military Forces :—

- (1.) Lieutenant-Colonel Boddam's services being no longer required, he was so informed by letter from the Public Works Department. *Mr. Owen*, who was previously acting as Assistant Engineer, was appointed as a junior officer at a very reduced salary.
- (2.) Under the sanction of the Ministerial Head of the Department. Applications were not invited, as *Mr. Owen* was competent to fill the position required. Lieutenant-Colonel Boddam was not re-appointed, as the necessary work could be performed for about one-third of the previous salary.

(5.) Gardeners employed in the Botanical Gardens :—*Mr. Stevenson*, for *Mr. E. M. Clark*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the men employed in the Botanical Gardens are allowed to lay out gardens for private individuals during their working hours?
- (2.) Is it a fact that they are paid their wages while absent doing work for private individuals?

Mr. Barton answered,—The following answers have been supplied by the Director of the Botanic Gardens :—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) Whenever absent pay is not allowed, except in cases of medically certified illness.

(6.) Annual Military Encampment :—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact, as reported in the daily papers, that the Government intend to abandon the annual encampment?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the regulations under which the volunteers serve make it compulsory that they shall attend an annual encampment for nine days?
- (3.) What steps do the Government intend to take so that the volunteers may qualify as efficient, and thereby become entitled to the amount voted by Parliament, viz., £12 per annum?

Mr. Barton answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2 and 3.) Yes; but as these regulations are issued under the authority of the Governor in Council, they can be amended so as to meet the case.

(7.) Drill-pay to Volunteers at Molong :—*Dr. Ross* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the volunteers at Molong belonging to the 3rd Division or Regiment have not yet received any pay for drill service and efficiency money for the quarter ending December, 1891; if so, whose fault is it?
- (2.) Is he aware that the Molong volunteers were paid by cheque a few weeks back, but that the cheques when presented at the bank were refused payment, and the men in consequence have been kept waiting for their money?
- (3.) Is it a fact that the other companies in the 3rd Division have been paid, and why has Molong been omitted?
- (4.) Was any charge made for storage for volunteer accoutrements at Molong; if so, by whom, how much, in what building was the storage kept, and what became of the money?

Mr. Barton answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Officer Commanding the Military Forces :—

- (1.) No; except Sergeant Hamey.
- (2.) Volunteers were paid by cheque 19th January, 1892. Sergeant Hamey, who received a cheque, resigned on the 1st January, 1892, and his cheque only was stopped pending any claim there might be against him for clothing, &c., being adjusted. Other men have not been kept waiting.
- (3.) Molong was paid at the same time as other companies of the 3rd Regiment (or Division).
- (4.) Charge for storage of volunteer accoutrements at Molong has been made since 1889; covered by the annual grant of £15 made to Corps in the country districts, for which receipts have been obtained. The rent for 1891 is yet unpaid. Charge made by officer commanding the Corps. In a wooden building up to 1891, since then in a brick one; money paid to officer commanding, and receipts obtained for same.

(8.) Constable Quayle, Bulladelah :—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has any complaint been lodged against Constable Quayle, of Bulladelah, for interference in matters outside of his province as constable?
- (2.) Was the conduct of the constable the subject of a prior investigation?
- (3.) If no inquiry has been made into the conduct of Constable Quayle on the grounds stated, will he cause such inquiry to be made?

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

- (1.) No; but inquiries will be made.
- (2.) Yes; the charges were trivial, and the constable was exonerated.
- (3.) Yes.

(9.) Rent paid by Mr. J. Abbott for Church and School Lands, Dungog District :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Minister of Public Instruction :—

- (1.) What rental is paid by Mr. J. Abbott for church and school lands in the Dungog district?
- (2.) Is he aware that Mr. Abbott recently received £900 from a merchant in Newcastle for timber taken from the lease of church and school lands referred to?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

(1.) Mr. J. Abbott, in his own name, pays a rental of £6 a year for church and school lands in the Dungog district; but, in conjunction with William Abbott, and Abbott Brothers and Hook, he pays a rental of £72 12s. a year.

(2.) I am not aware that Mr. Abbott received £900 for the timber taken from the leases referred to.

(10.) Efficiency of the Partially-paid Forces :—Mr. Darnley asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will the whole of the members of the Partially-paid Forces be able to make themselves efficient without a course of continuous training as usually afforded at the Easter Encampment?

Mr. Barton answered,—The Governor has power under clause 20 of the Volunteer Act, from time to time, to make regulations declaring what is requisite to entitle a volunteer to be deemed an efficient volunteer, and the matter shall receive due attention.

(11.) Tank on Road from Coolaman to Broken Dam :—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Have repeated representations been made to the Water Conservation Department that a tank was needed on the road from Coolaman to Broken Dam, on a site recommended by the Progress Committee, Coolaman?

(2.) Is it intended to have this work carried out; and, if so, when?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) Representations have been made by the Coolaman Progress Committee and by Mr. Gormly, M.P., that a tank was required on travelling stock reserve 1,577, road Coolaman to Broken Dam. The application was referred to the local officer, who recommended the work. Application was made to the Lands Department for the necessary area to be set apart for the purpose, and this Department was informed that the land referred to was not available for the purposes of a public watering-place, having been alienated to the Union Bank under confirmed conditional purchase.

(2.) Steps are being taken to ascertain if another site is available.

(12.) Water Supply for Junee :—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What steps are being taken to have a report of the proposed scheme for a water supply for Junee submitted to Parliament?

(2.) Will the report be laid upon the table of the House during the present Session?

(3.) Is it intended to have the matter submitted to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, so that the subject may be dealt with during the coming recess?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) Two surveyors are, and have been for some time, on the field making surveys and taking levels for various possible schemes for supplying Junee with water.

(2.) It is not likely that the surveys can be completed and the report prepared before the House adjourns.

(3.) I intended to have done so if the surveys had been complete, but I regret I am compelled to allow the matter to stand over until next Session. In the meanwhile, no time will be lost in completing the surveys, and obtaining all other necessary information, so that the question can be submitted to the Committee next Session.

(13.) Railway Employees :—Mr. Houghton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In view of the fact that the great body of men employed on weekly wages in the Railway Department have agreed to sacrifice a day's pay in each week owing to the present slackness of work, is it intended by the Commissioners that the foremen in the different workshops shall enjoy the extra holiday; if so, will the foremen be compelled to sacrifice a day's pay in each week, as the weekly wage-earners have agreed to do, or in some other way to assist the Commissioners in curtailing the expenses of the Department?

Mr. See answered,—Those foremen and officers who are not required to be on duty on Saturdays in the Government workshops, consequent on the works being closed on Saturdays, will have deducted from their pay a corresponding proportion thereof as will be lost by the men themselves. It may be pointed out that the time lost by the staff will be four hours and a quarter out of a total of 48 hours per week.

(14.) New Bridge over Murrumbidgee River at Wagga Wagga :—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What provisions are being made to have a new bridge erected over the Murrumbidgee River at Wagga Wagga?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Surveys are now being made, with a view to the erection of a new bridge.

(15.) Improved Gauges for Floods in the Upper Murrumbidgee :—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Have requests been made to the Chief Engineer of Water Conservation that, in order to afford the residents of Wagga Wagga and the Lower Murrumbidgee an opportunity of receiving accurate information as to the height of approaching floods, improved gauges be placed at Gundagai, Jugiong, and the Teamas Bridge, on Murrumbidgee?

(2.) What steps (if any) have been taken to have such works carried out?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Instructions were issued, on the 3rd instant, to the officer in charge of river-gauging, which includes the work referred to in the Question. The officer is at Hay, and on completion of his work there, and at Balranald and Narrandera, he will proceed to Wagga Wagga, Gundagai, and Yass.

- (16.) Closing of Workshops at Eveleigh on Saturdays:—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the Railway workshops at Eveleigh are to be closed on Saturday next and each succeeding Saturday, and that the men are to suffer a proportionate reduction in the amount of their weekly wages?
 - (2.) Will any corresponding reduction be made in the salaries of the salaried staff and officers generally?
 - (3.) If so, to what extent, and when will such reductions come into force?

Mr. See answered,—Information in reply to a similar Question (No. 13) has already been given.

- (17.) Floods in the Hunter River District:—Mr. Gillies asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Has he had brought under his notice the report of Mr. Geo. Gordon, C.E., on the best means of mitigating the evils arising from floods in the Hunter River district?
 - (2.) If so, will he without delay take the necessary steps for carrying out the recommendations of such report?
 - (3.) Will he cause to be furnished to the Borough Council of West Maitland the terms and conditions upon which the Government are prepared to carry out Mr. Gordon's scheme of flood prevention, so far as it relates to the town of West Maitland?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I have not yet had time to consider the report referred to, which deals with a very large subject indeed, but I will promise the Honorable Member that I will do so during the recess. It is impossible to give a more definite answer at present.

- (18.) Site for Town Hall at Cudal:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has application been made by the Mayor of Cudal for a suitable site on which to erect a town hall in the town of Cudal; if so, when is the land likely to be dedicated for that purpose?

Mr. Copeland answered,—Yes, allotment 9 of section 8, containing an area of 2 roods, was dedicated for town hall site at Cudal, on the 2nd February last. Executive approval has been obtained for appointment of the Council as Trustees, and the appointment will be gazetted to-morrow, the 25th instant.

- (19.) Mr. Abraham Haynes, Government Printing Office:—Mr. Kelly asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that a compositor named Abraham Haynes is employed in the Government Printing Office; and, if so, is he a brother of the Honorable Member for Mudgee?
 - (2.) How long was he so employed before being appointed to the permanent or salaried staff?
 - (3.) How long has he held a position on such staff?
 - (4.) What amount of time has he lost since his appointment to such staff?
 - (5.) At what rate has he been paid for the time so lost?
 - (6.) Is it a fact that many other equally qualified and temperate men have been employed in the Government Printing Office for a much longer period than Mr. Haynes, and are not yet appointed to the salaried staff?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) 1 year 8 months 25 days. Mr. Haynes was appointed to the permanent salaried staff, with twenty other compositors, from the temporary staff, on 1st November, 1889.
- (3.) 2 years 4 months 24 days, up to date.
- (4.) 58 days, including time for Volunteer Encampment, parades, sickness, and death in family.
- (5.) At £150 and £156 per annum, in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Department.
- (6.) Of those compositors now employed in the Government Printing Office, whose temporary services date back further than those of Mr. Haynes, none are considered equally eligible.

2. DEEPWATER AND MOUNT GALENA TRAMWAY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Dowel moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That the Deepwater and Mount Galena Tramway 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. Lyne, Mr. Wright, Mr. Lee, Mr. Scobie, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Cass, Mr. Jones, Mr. Tonkin, Mr. Perry, and the Mover.
- Question put and passed.
3. RICHMOND WATERWORKS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Schey moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence, reports, minutes, contracts, agreements, estimates of cost, papers, and other documents relating to the Richmond waterworks, and to the purchase of land for the site thereof; also relating to any other scheme suggested for the same locality.
- Question put and passed.
4. FREE RAILWAY PASSES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Kelly, for Mr. Black, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return of all the free railway passes, other than departmental, issued during the existence of the last Parliament, with the dates of issue.
- Question put and passed.
5. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—
- (1.) Tarrawingee Tramway Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the amendment made by the Legislative Assembly in the Bill, intitled "An Act to amend the 'Tarrawingee Trarway Act of 1890.'"

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd March, 1892.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.
(2).

(2.) Infants Protection Bill:—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to provide for the Protection of Infants*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, including an amendment in the Title, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 24th March, 1892.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

INFANTS PROTECTION BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 24th March, 1892.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 1, Title. *Omit "Infants" insert "Children"*
- Page 1, Preamble, line 1. *Omit "infants" insert "children"*
- Page 1, clause 1, line 7. *After "Peace" insert "specifying the terms on which the child is to be received, and such Justice shall"*
- Page 1, clause 1, line 7. *After "case" insert "report having given the same to the Chief Officer"*
- Page 1, clause 1, lines 9 and 10. *Omit "or guardian the same"*
- Page 1, clause 1, line 11. *Omit "or sums"*
- Page 1, clause 1, line 13. *After "paid" insert "for more than four weeks"*
- Page 2, clause 1, line 4. *After "charity" insert "open to State inspection"*
- Page 2, clause 1, line 5. *Omit "or open to public inspection"*
- Page 2, clause 1, line 6. *After "Minister" omit remainder of clause insert "Provided also that it shall be the duty of the Chief Officer to receive if required from any one wishing to place a child in the care of such person, a sum of money from which he shall make to the caretaker of such child such payments as are permitted under this Act"*
- Page 2, clause 2, line 9. *After "Every" insert "such"*
- Page 2, clause 2, line 9. *Omit "retaining in or receiving" insert "having received or who shall receive"*
- Page 2, clause 2, line 11. *After "same" insert "for payment"*
- Page 2, clause 2, line 11. *Omit "one week" insert "four weeks"*
- Page 2, clause 2, line 12. *After "or" insert "in the case of a child received after the passing of this Act"*
- Page 2, clause 2, line 14. *Omit "of this Act"*
- Page 2, clause 2, line 16. *Before "Act" insert "the"*
- Page 2, clause 2, line 17. *Before "person" omit "the," insert "such"*
- Page 2, clause 2, lines 17 and 18. *Omit "having the care, charge, or custody of the said child"*
- Page 2, clause 2, line 20. *After "miles" insert "and such Registrar shall furnish such particulars to the Chief Officer"*
- Page 2, clause 3, line 30. *Omit "change of abode" insert "same"*
- Page 2, clause 3, lines 30 and 31. *Omit "of this Act and" insert "and at once report such particulars to the Chief Officer"*
- Page 2, clause 3, line 31. *After "made" insert "to a place"*
- Page 2, clause 3, line 31. *Omit "his" insert "the"*
- Page 2, clause 3, line 31. *After "district" insert "of such Registrar"*
- Page 2, clause 4. *Omit clause 4, insert the following new clause:—*
4. Any child registered under this Act, and the abode and premises of any person having the care, charge, or custody thereof, may be inspected at any time by any officer, who, if he thinks fit, may be accompanied by a registered medical practitioner or by a police officer or by both; and any person refusing such inspection or obstructing such officer shall be guilty of a misdemeanour, and on conviction thereof be subject to a fine not exceeding fifty pounds, with or without imprisonment with hard labour for any term not exceeding six months.
- Page 2, clause 5, line 52. *Add "s" to "neglect"*
- Page 2, clause 5, line 55. *Add "s" to "illtreat"*
- Page 2, clause 5, line 55. *Add "s" to "expose"*
- Page 2, clause 5, line 55. *Add "s" to "cause"*
- Page 2, clause 5, line 55. *Add "s" to "procure"*
- Page 2, clause 5, lines 56 to 58. *Omit "then if such child being a boy be under the age of twelve years or being a girl be under the age of fourteen years"*
- Page 2, clause 5, line 58. *Omit "have" insert "has"*
- Page 2, clause 5, line 59. *Add "s" to "appear"*
- Page 2, clause 5, line 59. *Omit "causing"*
- Page 3, clause 5, line 2. *Omit "be guilty of an offence against this Act and shall"*
- Page 3, clause 5, line 4. *Omit "penalty" insert "fine"*
- Page 3, clause 6. *Omit clause 6, insert the following new clauses:—*
6. Every person having charge of a child registered under this Act shall, immediately after the death of any such child, give or cause to be given notice thereof to the Officer-in-charge of the nearest Police Station, who shall make inquiry and report to the Coroner for the district, or, if the exigencies of the case so require, to a Justice of the Peace, whether an inquest or magisterial inquiry respecting the cause of death is necessary. Provided that when the death occurs in the city of Sydney, or any municipality included in the suburbs thereof, such notice shall be given to the Chief Officer, who may cause an inquest to be held. In all cases outside the city of Sydney and the municipalities aforesaid the death of such child shall be reported to the Chief Officer

Inspection of
registered
children

Notice to be
given of death
of child.

Officer by registered letter, in addition to the notice given to the Officer-in-charge of the nearest Police Station as hereinbefore provided. The body of no child registered under this Act shall be buried without the production of a certificate under the hand of the Coroner or the Justice who held the inquiry, or of a Stipendiary or Police Magistrate, authorising such burial, or of a duly qualified medical practitioner, who has attended such child during its last illness, certifying the cause of death, and also that such cause was in no way consequent on the neglect or ill-treatment of such child. If any person having charge of a child registered as aforesaid neglects, refuses, or omits to give notice of the death of such child in accordance with the provisions of this section, such person shall, on conviction thereof before a Court of Petty Sessions, be liable to imprisonment for a period not exceeding six months, or to a fine not exceeding twenty-five pounds. Provided that when the death occurs at a greater distance than 15 miles from the nearest Police Station, or from the residence of either of the persons whose certificate is required by this section, satisfactory evidence that the omission to procure such certificate was not the result of wilful neglect on the part of the person in charge of such registered child shall entitle such person to the dismissal of the charge.

Register of persons and houses to be kept.

7. Every person before receiving into his or her care, charge, or custody two or more children under the age of three years to adopt, rear, nurse, or otherwise maintain the same for payment, shall apply to be registered as hereinafter provided. The Chief Officer shall, subject to regulations made under this Act, cause a register or registers to be kept, in which shall be entered the name of any person who, being the occupier of any house, applies to have the same registered for the purposes of this Act, and the situation of such house, and such other particulars with respect to such person and such house, the calling or occupation of such person, and, if she is a married woman, the calling or occupation of her husband, as may be directed by such regulations. Every such registration shall, unless cancelled under the provisions of this Act, remain in force until the thirty-first day of the month of December next following such registration and no longer, unless the same be renewed. Registrations may be renewed during the month of December in which the same shall expire, and all such renewed registrations shall, unless cancelled under the provisions of this Act, remain in force for one year from the expiration of such month of December in which the same are made. No fee shall be charged or taken for the making of any registration or renewed registration under this section. The person in whose charge such register shall be kept shall give to the person so registering a certificate under his hand of such registration or renewal, which shall in all matters be *prima facie* evidence of such registration or renewal. Every person failing to comply with the provisions of this section shall, on conviction thereof before a Court of Petty Sessions, be liable to imprisonment for a period not exceeding six months, or to a fine not exceeding twenty-five pounds.

When registration to be renewed.

Page 3, clause 7, line 24. *Omit* "Colonial Secretary or other"

Page 3, clause 7, lines 24 and 25. *Omit* "Administering this Act"

Page 3, clause 7, lines 25 and 26. *Omit* "the preceding sections of"

Page 3, clause 7, lines 27 to 29. *Omit* "an infant is a near relative of the person in whose care or charge it is retained or received or where for any other reason he is satisfied"

Page 3, clause 7, lines 29 and 30. *Omit* "the provisions of this Act" *insert* "it"

Page 3, clause 7. At end of clause *add* "Nothing in this Act shall apply to any public institution."

Pages 3 and 4, clauses 8, 9 and 10. *Omit* clauses 8, 9 and 10, *insert* the following new clauses:—

Power to make regulations.

9. The Governor may at any time and from time to time make regulations for all or any of the following purposes under this Act (that is to say):—

For prescribing how many registers shall be kept, and where the same shall respectively be kept;

For prescribing the mode in which applications for registration shall be made, and in which registration shall be effected, and entries made in registers;

For directing what particulars as to the persons and houses registered, in addition to those hereinbefore required, shall be inserted in such registers;

For persons registered under section seven to keep register of particulars relating to children in their charge, and to provide as to the particulars to be entered and for the production for inspection of such register;

For arranging houses registered into classes in such manner as to the Governor seems fit, and for fixing the maximum number of children to be retained in or received into houses of any particular class;

For regulating the inspection from time to time of such houses and children;

Generally for giving effect to and carrying out the provisions of this Act.

And any such regulations may impose a fine not exceeding twenty-five pounds for any breach of the same, and any such penalty may be recovered before a Court of Petty Sessions on the information of the Chief Officer or any Officer or of any member of the police force. All such regulations shall, within two weeks of the making thereof, be published in the *Gazette*, and after such publication shall come into force; and copies of such regulations shall be furnished to persons registered under section seven or having the care of a child registered under this Act, who shall, upon their receipt, be required to sign an acknowledgement for them in an official record kept for that purpose.

Chief Officer may refuse to register.

10. The Chief Officer may refuse to register any person applying for registration under this Act, or to renew any registration, unless he is satisfied by the production of certificates, or if he thinks fit to dispense with certificates by the production of any other evidence, that the person applying to be registered or for a renewal of registration is of good character and able to properly nurse and maintain any child retained in or received into his or her care or charge; and the Chief Officer may refuse to register or renew the registration of any house unless he is satisfied that such house is suitable for the purpose for which it is to be registered.

Forgery of certificate, &c.

11. If any person makes any false representation, or forges any certificate, or makes use of any forged certificate knowing it to be forged, with intent to obtain the registration either of such person or of any other person under this Act, or falsifies any roll kept in pursuance of the provisions

provisions of the last preceding section, or furnishes false particulars of any matter which is required to be entered in such roll, such person shall, on conviction thereof before a Court of Petty Sessions, be liable to imprisonment for a period not exceeding six months, or to a fine not exceeding twenty-five pounds.

12. If at any time it be made to appear to the Chief Officer that any person registered as aforesaid has been guilty of neglect to provide, or is incapable of providing, the children received into the care or charge of such person with proper food or attention, or that the registered house of such person has become unfit for the reception of children, or if for any other reason it appears to the Chief Officer desirable in the public interest so to do, he may strike the name of such person and such house off the register, and the registration thereof shall be thereby cancelled. Ten days' previous notice in writing of his intention so to do shall be given by the Chief Officer to any such person whose name is about to be struck off the register, and such notice may be given by leaving the same at the registered house of any such person, who shall be entitled to show cause why the registration should not be cancelled. But the Chief Officer may at the time of giving such notice order the immediate removal of such children from such registered house to the care of an officer in charge for the time being of any department or institution for the relief of State or neglected children, or, in default of such an institution within a convenient distance, to the care of the police who shall then be charged with the care of such children until their removal by their respective parents, or the return of such children to such first-mentioned registered house; and such Chief Officer may recover the cost of the removal, maintenance, and clothing of and medical attendance on such children from their respective parents, or (in case of the removal being confirmed) from the registered person from whose house the children have been so removed: Provided that in the meantime no other child shall be received into such registered house until after the result of such notice is determined.

Names may be removed from register.

13. Every person in charge of a lying-in home shall furnish records as provided in Schedule C of this Act, and forward the same to the Registrar for the district in which such person resides, within a period of two weeks from the occurrence of each birth in such home; and should such person fail to comply with the provisions herein contained, or wilfully falsify such records, he or she shall be guilty of a misdemeanour, and shall upon conviction thereof be subject to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds, with or without imprisonment with hard labour for any term not exceeding twelve months.

Keepers of lying-in homes to furnish records.

14. No person in charge of a lying-in home shall permit any child to be taken from such home unless in the charge of the mother of such child, without first obtaining the written consent of the Chief Officer or a person authorised by him. Any such person who shall violate the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanour, and on conviction thereof shall be subject to a fine not exceeding fifty pounds, with or without imprisonment with hard labour for any term not exceeding six months.

Removal of child from lying-in home forbidden in certain cases.

15. Any person in charge of a lying-in home shall be responsible for the registration, in accordance with the provisions of the Act nineteenth Victoria number thirty-four, of all births occurring in such house; and if any such person omits, neglects, or refuses to register the birth of any such child, he or she shall be subject to the penalties provided by the Act tenth Victoria number thirty-four.

Householder responsible for registration of births.

16. When a woman is delivered in a lying-in home of a still-born child no interment of such child shall take place without its being authorised by the certificate of a duly qualified medical practitioner, or of a Stipendiary or Police Magistrate or officer of police not under the rank of Sergeant, who has made personal inquiry into the circumstances, and any person interring any such still-born child without first obtaining such certificate as aforesaid shall be guilty of a misdemeanour, and on conviction thereof shall be subject to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds, with or without imprisonment with hard labour for any term not exceeding twelve months: Provided that any such still-born child, born in a lying-in home situated more than fifteen miles from the nearest such practitioner, magistrate, or officer of police, may be interred without such authority, but the birth of the child so buried shall be reported within seven days from the date of the burial, by the person who interred the body, to the nearest police officer, who shall make a full inquiry into the circumstances of the case, with the view of taking further action if necessary; and if the person who so buried the body shall fail to report as required he shall on conviction thereof be liable as aforesaid.

Still-born child not to be interred without a certificate.

17. If it be made to appear to any Stipendiary or Police Magistrate, on information laid before him on oath, that there is reason to believe that any person is offending against the provisions of this Act in any house or place, or that any of the provisions of this Act are being infringed in any house or place, such Magistrate may issue his warrant authorising an officer to search any house or place therein named, at any hour of the day, or at any hour of the night not later than ten of the clock, for the purpose of ascertaining whether there is or has been therein or thereon an infringement of the provisions of this Act, such officer may, if he thinks it necessary, be accompanied by a registered medical practitioner or by a police officer, or by both.

When information on oath, warrant may be issued to search premises for infringement of this Act.

18. Any person who causes any child under the age of fourteen years to take part in any public exhibition or performance whereby, in the opinion of any Court of Petty Sessions, the life or limbs of such child is or are endangered, and the parent or any person having the custody of such child who aids or abets such first-mentioned person therein shall severally be guilty of an offence against this Act, and shall on conviction thereof before any such Court be liable to imprisonment for a period not exceeding twelve months, or to a fine not exceeding fifty pounds. Where in the course of a public exhibition or performance which in its nature is dangerous to the life or limb of a child under such age as aforesaid taking part therein, any accident causing actual bodily harm occurs to such child, the employer of such child, whether its parent or not, shall on conviction thereof be liable to be imprisoned for a period not exceeding twelve months, or to a fine not exceeding fifty pounds, and if such employer is not the parent of such child the Court before which such employer is convicted may award as compensation a sum not exceeding one hundred pounds, to be paid by such employer to the child or to some person named by the Court on behalf of the child for the bodily harm so occasioned.

Penalty for employment of any child in dangerous performances. 42 & 43 Vict. c. 34 s. 3
Compensation for accident to any child.

Taking of
offender into
custody, and
protection of
child

19. (i) Any constable may take into custody without warrant any person who within view of such constable commits an offence under this Act, where the name and residence of such person are unknown to such constable and cannot be ascertained by him, and any constable having reported the facts in writing to a Justice of the Peace and obtained his written authority in that behalf may take to a place of safety any child in respect of whom an offence under section five of this Act has been committed, and the child may there be detained until it can be brought before a Court of Petty Sessions, and such Court may cause the child to be dealt with as circumstances may admit and require until the charge made against any person in respect of the said offence has been determined by the committal for trial, or conviction or discharge of such person, but upon the conviction of such person such child may be disposed of as the Court so convicting may direct.

(ii) Where a constable arrests any person without warrant in pursuance of this section the inspector or constable in charge of the station to which such person is conveyed shall, unless in his belief the release of such person on bail would tend to defeat the ends of justice, or to cause injury or danger to the child in respect of whom the offence is alleged to have been committed, release the person arrested on his entering into such a recognizance, with or without sureties, as may in his judgment be required to secure the attendance of such person upon the hearing of the charge.

Disposal of child
by order of
Court.

20. (i) Where a person having the custody or control of a child, being a boy under the age of fourteen or a girl under the age of sixteen years, has been

(a) convicted of committing in respect of such child an offence under section five of this Act, or any offence involving bodily injury to the child and punishable with penal servitude.

or

(b) committed for trial for any such offence; or

(c) bound over to keep the peace towards such child,

any person may bring such child before a Court of Petty Sessions, and the Court, if satisfied on inquiry that it is expedient so to deal with the child, may order that it be taken out of the custody of such person and committed to the charge of a relation or some other fit person named by the Court, such relation or other person being willing to undertake such charge until it attains the age of fourteen years, or in the case of a girl sixteen years, or in either case for any shorter period, and may of its own motion, or on the application of any person, from time to time renew, vary, and revoke any such order: Provided that no such order shall be made under this section unless a parent of the child is under committal for trial for having been, or has been proved to have been, party or privy to the offence, or has been bound over to keep the peace towards such child.

(ii) Any person to whom a child is so committed shall, whilst the order is in force, have the like control over the child as if he were its parent, and shall be responsible for its maintenance, and the child shall continue under the control of such person, notwithstanding that it is claimed by its parent; and any Court having power so to commit a child shall have power to order the parent of the child to contribute to its maintenance during such period as aforesaid, and to enforce such order in like manner as any order of a Court of Petty Sessions is enforceable under the Acts relating to summary convictions and orders made by Justices of the Peace, and such orders may be made on the complaint or application of the person to whom the child is for the time being committed, and the sums contributed by the parent shall be paid to such person as the Court may name, and be applied for the maintenance of the child. In determining on the person to whom the child shall be so committed, the Court shall endeavour to ascertain the religious persuasion to which the child belongs, and shall, if possible, select a person of the same religious persuasion, and such religious persuasion shall be specified in the order; and in any case where the child has been placed pursuant to any such order with a person not of the same religious persuasion as that to which the child belongs, the Court shall, on the application of any person in that behalf, and on its appearing that a fit person of the same religious persuasion is willing to undertake the charge, make an order to secure his being placed with a person of the same religious persuasion: Provided that if the order to commit the child to the charge of some relation or other person is made in respect of any person having been committed for trial for an offence, as specified in subsection (i) (b) of this section, the Court shall not be empowered to order the parent of the child to contribute to its maintenance prior to the trial of such person; and if he is acquitted of such charge, or if such charge is dismissed for want of prosecution, then any order that may have been made under this section shall forthwith be void, except with regard to anything which may have been lawfully done under it.

(iii) The Minister may at any time in his discretion discharge a child from the custody of any person to whom it is committed, in pursuance of this section, either absolutely or on such condition as he approves, and may, if he shall think fit, from time to time make, alter, or revoke rules in relation to children so committed to any person, and to the duties of such persons with respect to such children.

Magistrate may
order child to
be delivered to
Home or Insti-
tution.

21. Any Stipendiary or Police Magistrate, in lieu of committing to prison any child under the age of fourteen years convicted before him of any offence, may hand over such child to the charge of any Home for destitute and neglected children, or Industrial Institution; and the managers of such Home or Institution may permit its adoption by a suitable person, or may apprentice it to any suitable trade, calling, or service, and the transfer shall be valid as if the managers were the parents of such child. The parents of such child shall have no right to remove or interfere with the said child so adopted or apprenticed except by the express permission in writing of the Minister.

Power of search

22. (i) If it appears to any Stipendiary or Police Magistrate, on information made before him on oath by any person who, in the opinion of the Magistrate, is *bona fide* acting in the interest of any child, that there is reasonable cause to suspect that such child, being a boy under the age of fourteen years, or a girl under the age of sixteen years, has been or is being ill-treated or neglected in any place within the jurisdiction of such Magistrate in a manner likely to cause the child unnecessary suffering, or to be injurious to its health, such Magistrate may issue a warrant authorising

authorising any officer or police officer named therein to search for such child, and if it is found to have been or is then being ill-treated or neglected in manner aforesaid, to take it to and detain it in a place of safety until it can be brought before a Court of Petty Sessions; and the Court before whom the child is brought may cause it to be dealt with in the manner provided by section twenty.

(II) The Magistrate issuing such warrant may by the same warrant cause any person accused of any offence in respect of the child to be apprehended, and proceedings to be taken for punishing such person according to law.

(III) Any person authorised by warrant under this section to search for any child, and to take it to and detain it in a place of safety, may enter (if need be by force) any house, building, or other place specified in the warrant, and may remove the child therefrom.

(IV) Provided always, that every warrant issued under this section shall be addressed to and executed by some superintendent, inspector, or other superior officer of police, or to an officer who shall be accompanied by the person giving the information, if such person so desire, unless the Magistrate otherwise direct; and the person to whom the warrant is addressed may be accompanied by a legally qualified medical practitioner.

23. In any proceeding against any person for an offence under this Act, such person and the wife or husband of such person shall be competent but not compellable to give evidence.

Evidence of accused person.

24. Where, in any proceeding against any person for an offence under this Act, the child in respect of whom the offence is charged to have been committed, or any other child of tender years who is tendered as a witness, does not in the opinion of the Court understand the nature of an oath, the evidence of such child may be received, though not given upon oath, if, in the opinion of the Court, such child is possessed of sufficient intelligence to justify the reception of the evidence, and understands the duty of speaking the truth. And the evidence of such child, though not given on oath or affirmation, but otherwise taken and reduced into writing as a deposition shall be deemed to be a deposition to all intents and purposes. A person shall not be convicted of the offence charged unless the testimony admitted by virtue of this section, and given on behalf of the prosecution, is corroborated by some other material evidence in support thereof implicating the accused. Any child whose evidence is received as aforesaid, and who shall wilfully give false evidence shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanour: Provided that no prosecution shall be instituted under or by virtue of this section without the leave of the Court before which such evidence was given.

Evidence of child of tender years.

25. Where a person is charged with an offence under this Act in respect of a child who is alleged in the charge or indictment to be under any specified age, and the child appears to the Court to be under that age, such child shall for the purposes of this Act be deemed to be under that age, unless the contrary is proved.

Presumption of age of child.

26. Nothing in this Act contained shall be construed to take away or affect the right of any parent, teacher, or other person having the lawful control or charge of a child to administer punishment to such child.

Act not to take away right of parent, &c. to administer punishment.

27. Where a person is charged with an offence under this Act, for which he is also punishable under any other Act, or at common law, he may be prosecuted and punished either under this Act, or under any other Act, or at common law, but no person shall be punished twice for the same offence.

Not to be punished twice for same offence.

28. In this Act the following words shall have the meaning set against them—

Interpretation.

“Governor”—Governor with the advice of the Executive Council.

“Minister”—The responsible Minister of the Crown administering this Act.

“Chief Officer”—The head of the Department appointed by the Minister to administer this Act.

“Officer”—Any person acting under the instructions of the “Chief Officer.”

“Lying-in-Home”—A house in which more than one woman is received for confinement for payment of money either at the same time or within a period of two months.

“Still-born child”—Born dead after the commencement of the sixth month of pregnancy.

“Parent”—When used in relation to a child includes guardian and every person who is by law liable to maintain the child.

“Street”—Includes any highway or other public place whether a thoroughfare or not.

“Court of Petty Sessions”—Such Court held before a Stipendiary or Police Magistrate, and not otherwise.”

29. This Act shall come into force in such part or parts of the Colony only as shall be proclaimed from time to time by the Governor in the *Gazette*, and shall come into force in such part or parts one calendar month after such proclamation.

Page	4, Clause 11, line 6.	Omit “Infants” insert “Children’s”
”	Schedule A, line 15.	Omit “Name of mother”
”	”	16. Omit “Address and occupation”
”	”	18. After “custodian” insert “receiving child”
”	”	20. Omit “If married name of husband or wife”
”	”	21. Omit “If living apart, state fact”
”	”	26. Omit “full particulars” insert “names”
”	”	28. Omit “Name and address of person registering”
”	5, Schedule C.	Omit Schedule C, insert the following new Schedule:—

"SCHEDULE C.

No.	District	Date
Address of Lying-in-Home—		
Name of keeper of Lying-in-Home—		
Name of woman—		
Age—		
Date of woman's admission—		
Date of confinement—		
Name of medical attendant or midwife—		
		(Signature of Registrar for District of)"
Examined,—		
ARCHD. H. JACOB, Chairman of Committees.		

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Monday next.

6. **ADJOURNMENT:**—Mr. Schey 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 "to draw attention to a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the demand made by the Chief Railway Commissioner for a certain form of inquiry into certain charges made against the Railway administration."
And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—
Mr. Schey moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
7. **BOROUGH OF NEWCASTLE ELECTRIC LIGHTING BILL:**—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—
MR. SPEAKER,—
The Legislative Council having had under consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated 21st March, 1892, in reference to the "Borough of Newcastle Electric Lighting Bill,"— agrees to the Assembly's amendments upon the Council's amendments in this Bill.
Legislative Council Chamber, JOHN LACKEY,
Sydney, 24th March, 1892. President.
8. **PAPERS:**—Mr. Copeland laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorised to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
(2.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 101st and 109th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
(3.) Abstract of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the 107th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
(4.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages declared under the 101st section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
(5.) Return to an Order, made on 21st January, 1892,—“Experiments on Rabbits.”
(6.) Return to an Order, made on 13th January, 1892,—“Sale of Reserve at Little Billabong to Messrs. Ross Brothers.”
Ordered to be printed.
9. **SUPPLY:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after midnight,—

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

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

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

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

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1891 AND PREVIOUS YEARS.

Services of 1889 and Previous Years.

(16.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £971 3s. 1d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Services of 1889 and previous years."

Services of 1890.

(17.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £69,492 14s. 10d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Services of 1890."

Services of 1891.

(18.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £641,930 11s. 5d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Services of 1891."

ESTIMATES

ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE—1892.

No. I.—SCHEDULES.

(19.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1892, a sum not exceeding £739, 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.

(20.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,210, for Executive Council, for the year 1892.

(21.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,105, for Legislative Council, for the year 1892.

(22.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,165, for Legislative Assembly, for the year 1892.

(23.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,422, for Legislative Council and Assembly, for the year 1892.

(24.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,985, for Parliamentary Library, for the year 1892.

(25.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,380, for Parliamentary Reporting Staff, for the year 1892.

No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

(26.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,520, for Department of Colonial Secretary, for the year 1892.

(27.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £12,034 10s., for Department of Audit, for the year 1892.

(28.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £28,513, for Department of Registrar-General, for the year 1892.

(29.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £25,272, for Forests, for the year 1892.

(30.) 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 1892.

(31.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £11,490, for Aborigines Protection Board, for the year 1892.

(32.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £223,892, for Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces, General Staff, Military Instructors, Artillery Force, Commanding Engineer, Permanent Submarine Miners, Permanent Medical Staff Corps, Volunteer Force and Works of Defence, Ordnance and Barrack Department, Naval Brigade, Volunteer Naval Artillery, Training Ship "Wolverene," and Torpedo Defence, for the year 1892.

(33.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £310,315, for Police, for the year 1892.

(34.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £98,958, for Lunacy, for the year 1892.

(35.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,760, for Department of Master in Lunacy, for the year 1892.

(36.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £120, for Medical Board, for the year 1892.

(37.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £34,978, for Department of Medical Adviser to the Government, for the year 1892.

(38.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £13,810, for Department of Government Statistician, for the year 1892.

(39.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,936, for Department of Agent-General for the Colony, for the year 1892.

(40.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,000, for Immigration, for the year 1892.

(41.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £865, for City of Sydney Improvement Board, for the year 1892.

(42.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £67,831, for Charitable Institutions, for the year 1892.

(43.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,862, for Fisheries Commission, for the year 1892.

(44.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,860, for Fire Brigades, for the year 1892.

(45.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,170, for Civil Service Board, for the year 1892.

(46.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,355, for Botanic Gardens, for the year 1892.

(47.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £860, for Nursery Garden, Campbelltown, for the year 1892.

(48.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,263, for Government Domains, for the year 1892.

(49.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,150, for Garden Palace Grounds, for the year 1892.

(50.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,303, for Centennial Park, for the year 1892.

(51.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £81,700, for Charitable Allowances, for the year 1892.

(52.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £154,665, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1892.

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

- (53.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £26,985, for the Department of the Treasury, for the year 1892.
- (54.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,875, for Stamp Duties Department, for the year 1892.
- (55.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £63,267, for Customs Department, for the year 1892.
- (56.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £205, for Gold Receivers, for the year 1892.
- (57.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,500, for Gold and Escort, for the year 1892.
- (58.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £73,179, for Government Printer's Department, for the year 1892.
- (59.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £117,195, for Stores and Stationery, for the year 1892.
- (60.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,618, for Board of Health, for the year 1892.
- (61.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £120, for Board of Pharmacy, for the year 1892.
- (62.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,477, for Shipping Masters, for the year 1892.
- (63.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,010, for Glebe Island Abattoirs, for the year 1892.
- (64.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £51,485, for Marine Board of New South Wales, for the year 1892.
- (65.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,300, for Lifeboats, for the year 1892.
- (66.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,086, for Public Wharfs, for the year 1892.
- (67.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £162,912, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1892.
- (68.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £200,000, for Advance to Treasurer.

IV.—RAILWAYS.

- (69.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,140,795, for Railways and Tramways, Existing Lines—Working Expenses, for the year 1892.
- (70.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £18,000, for Railways and Tramways—Miscellaneous, for the year 1892.

NO. V.—THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

- (71.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,709, for Department of the Attorney-General, for the year 1892.
- (72.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,950, for Department of Parliamentary Draftsman, for the year 1892.
- (73.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,887, for Department of Crown Solicitor, for the year 1892.
- (74.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £26,625, for Quarter Sessions, for the year 1892.

NO. VI.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

- (75.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £97,111, for Department of Lands, for the year 1892.
- (76.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,400, for Minor Roads, for the year 1892.
- (77.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £56,935, for Land Agents, Appraisers, and others, for the year 1892.
- (78.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,655, for Land Court, for the year 1892.
- (79.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £33,375, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1892.
- (80.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £231,210, for Survey of Lands, for the year 1892.
- (81.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,694, for Triangulation Survey of the Colony, for the year 1892.
- (82.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £11,217, for Special Service—Detailed Survey of City and Suburbs for continuation of Water Supply and Sewerage Schemes, for the year 1892.

NO. VII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

- (83.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £96,032, for Department of Public Works—Establishment, for the year 1892.
- (84.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,223, for Dock Establishment, for the year 1892.
- (85.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £82,746, for Harbours and Rivers Navigation and Water Supply, for the year 1892.
- (86.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £118,000, for Dredge Service, for the year 1892.
- (87.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £128,623, for Architect, for the year 1892.
- (88.)

- (88.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £782,333, for Roads and Bridges, for the year 1892.
- (89.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,805, for Sewerage, for the year 1892.
- (90.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £15,040, for Military Works, for the year 1892.
- (91.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,750, for Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, for the year 1892.
- (92.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £70,732, for Water Supply and Sewerage Board, for the year 1892.
- (93.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,461, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1892.

NO. VIII.—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

- (94.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,870, for Department of Justice, for the year 1892.
- (95.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,729, for Department of Master-in-Equity, for the year 1892.
- (96.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £13,817, for Department of Prothonotary, for the year 1892.
- (97.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £200, for Divorce Court, for the year 1892.
- (98.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,600, for Department of Curator, for the year 1892.
- (99.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £24,188, for Department of Sheriff, for the year 1892.
- (100.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,800, for Bankruptcy Court, for the year 1892.
- (101.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,550, for Probate Office, for the year 1892.
- (102.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,892, for District Courts, for the year 1892.
- (103.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,770, for Coroners, for the year 1892.
- (104.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £90,579, for Petty Sessions, for the year 1892.
- (105.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £115,445, for Prisons, for the year 1892.
- (106.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,015, for the Shaftesbury Reformatory for Girls, for the year 1892.
- (107.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,910, for Patents and Copyright, for the year 1892.
- (108.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,094, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1892.

NO. IX.—PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

- (109.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £799,916, for Public Instruction, under the Act 43 Vic. No. 23, for the year 1892.
- (110.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,098, for Industrial Schools, for the year 1892.
- (111.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,550, for Observatory, for the year 1892.
- (112.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,201, for Museum, for the year 1892.
- (113.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,008, for Free Public Library, for the year 1892.
- (114.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,290, for Church and School Lands, for the year 1892.
- (115.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £41,780, for Grants in aid of Public Institutions, for the year 1892.
- (116.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £509, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1892.

NO. X.—SECRETARY FOR MINES.

- (117.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £112,030, for Department of Mines, for the year 1892.
- (118.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £20,375, for Prevention of Scab in Sheep, for the year 1892.
- (119.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,820, for Imported Stock, for the year 1892.
- (120.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,015, for Registration of Brands, for the year 1892.
- (121.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £350, for Management of Pounds and Commons, for the year 1892.
- (122.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £20,940, for Water Conservation and Irrigation, for the year 1892.
- (123.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £69,775, for Agricultural Department, for the year 1892.
- (124.)

- (124.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,000, for School of Mines and Assay Works, for the year 1892.
 (125.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £13,750, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1892.

NO. XI.—THE POSTMASTER GENERAL.

- (126.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £492,956, for Post Office, for the year 1892.
 (127.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £15,401, for Money Order and Savings Bank Branch, for the year 1892.
 (128.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £216,273, for Electric Telegraphs, for the year 1892.
 (129.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £12,072, for Telephones, for the year 1892.
 (130.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,922, for Electric Lights, for the year 1892.
 (131.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £13,772, for British and Australian Cable Subsidy, for the year 1892.

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR 1892.

NO. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

- (132.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £200, to defray additional charge under the head "Auditor-General."
 (133.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,465 4s. 5d., to defray additional charge under the head "Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces."
 (134.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £293, to defray additional charge under the head "Naval Brigade."
 (135.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,943, to defray additional charge under the head "Police."
 (136.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,065, to defray additional charge under the head "Lunacy."
 (137.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £29, to defray additional charge under the head "Fisheries."
 (138.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,800, to defray additional charge under the head "Charitable Allowances."
 (139.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £13,564, to defray additional charge under the head "Miscellaneous Services."

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

- (140.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £303 4s. 3d., to defray additional charge under the head "Treasury."
 (141.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,884, to defray additional charge under the head "Customs."
 (142.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £132 5s. 10d., to defray additional charge under the head "Public Wharfs."
 (143.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3, to defray additional charge under the head "Miscellaneous Services."

NO. IV.—RAILWAYS.

- (144.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £500, to defray additional charge under the head "Miscellaneous Services."

NO. VI.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

- (145.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £13,000, to defray additional charge under the head "Department of Lands."
 (146.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £800, to defray additional charge under the head "Survey of Lands."

NO. VII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

- (147.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,357, to defray additional charge under the head "Miscellaneous Services."
 (148.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £28,350, to defray additional charge under the head "Harbours and Rivers and Water Supply."
 (149.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £46,000, to defray additional charge under the head "Government Architect."
 (150.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £112,000, to defray additional charge under the head "Roads and Bridges."

NO. VIII.—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

- (151.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £650, to defray additional charge under the head "Petty Sessions."
 (152.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,417 19s. 6d., to defray additional charge under the head "Prisons."

NO. IX.—PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

- (153.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,250, to defray additional charge under the head "Grants in Aid of Public Institutions."
 (154.)

No. X.—SECRETARY FOR MINES.

- (154.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £75, to defray additional charge under the head "Department of Mines."
 (155.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £150, to defray additional charge under the head "Imported Stock."
 (156.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £325, to defray additional charge under the head "Water Conservation and Irrigation."
 (157.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £325, to defray additional charge under the head "Agricultural Department."

No. XI.—POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

- (158.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,000, to defray additional charge under the head "Conveyance of Mails."
 (159.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £350, to defray additional charge under the head "Money Order and Savings Bank Branch."
 (160.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £340, to defray additional charge under the head "Electric Telegraph Department."
 (161.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £111 4s. 3d., to defray additional charge under the head "British and Australian Cable Subsidy."
 (162.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,000, to defray additional charge under the head "Miscellaneous Services."

On motion of Mr. Sec, the Resolutions were read a second time, and agreed to.

10. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Sec, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again. The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to certain Resolutions. Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*) that the report be now received.

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

(12.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Supplementary Service of the year 1891 and previous years, the sum of £712,394 9s. 4d. be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

(13.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year 1892, the sum of £8,267,672 8s. 3d. be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

On motion of Mr. Sec the Resolutions were read a second time and agreed to.

11. APPROPRIATION BILL:—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Sec, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolutions of Ways and Means (Nos. 12 and 13), 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 1892, and for the year 1891 and previous years.

(2.) Mr. Sec then presented a Bill, intitled "*A Bill to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain sums to make good the supplies granted for the service of the year 1892, and for the year 1891, and previous years*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Monday next, and (*by unanimous concurrence*) that the Order of the Day to take precedence of all other Business.

12. MARRIAGES VALIDATION AND MARRIAGE LAW AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Suttor 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. Suttor, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

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

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

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

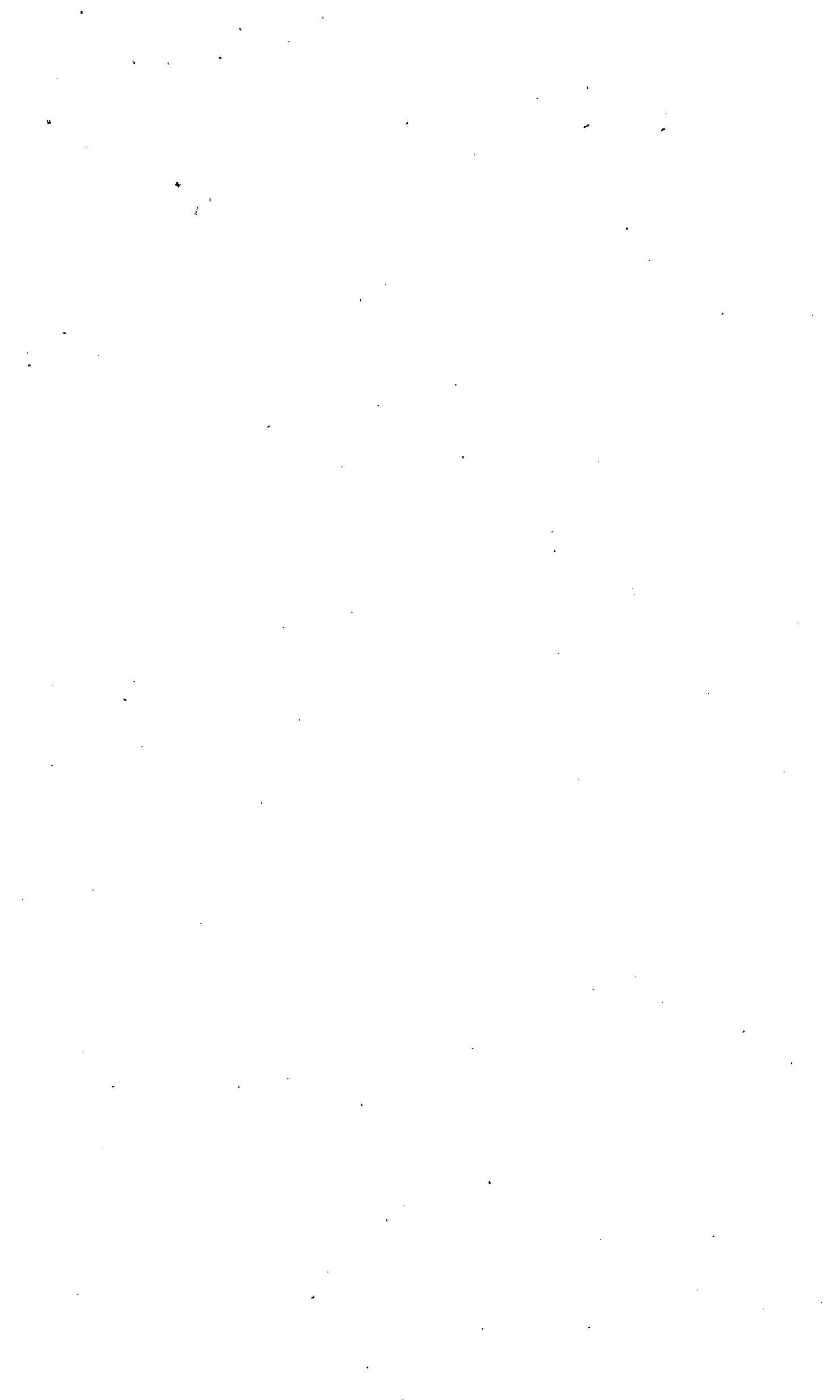
13. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Sec moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at five minutes before Eleven o'clock, a.m., until Monday next, at Four o'clock.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 108.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, 28 MARCH, 1892.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Overtime to attendants at Gladesville and Callan Park Asylums:—Mr. Houghton asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What was the average number of hours per week (including "dog watch," and attendance at entertainments, dances, &c.) during which the attendants at the Gladesville and Callan Park Lunatic Asylums were on duty for the year 1891?

(2.) What amount of salary per month did such attendants receive during the same period, specifying the number of attendants in receipt of each particular salary?

(3.) Is it intended to reduce the number of hours during which such attendants are required to be on duty by the engagement of additional hands?

(4.) If not, will he give instructions that such attendants shall receive extra remuneration for their attendance during other than ordinary hours?

Mr. Barton answered,—

(1.) The average number of hours on duty is between twelve and thirteen.

(2.) The salary of the attendants ranges from £72 to £108 a year, together with board, lodging, or an allowance in lieu thereof, fuel, light, uniform, clothing, and washing.

(3.) The matter will receive consideration.

(4.) No.

(2.) Lock-up at Molong:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Minister of Justice,—Since the escape of a prisoner from the lock-up at Molong, owing to the dilapidated state of the fence, when is the erection of the new brick wall likely to be proceeded with?

Mr. Barton answered,—The following answer has been supplied by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice:—"I am informed by the Inspector-General of Police that the question of making the necessary repairs is under consideration, but that no funds will be available for the work until the Appropriation Act is passed."

(3.) Railway Bridge at Lewisham:—*Mr. Johnston* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the riveting up of the railway bridge at Lewisham is being done in a very unworkmanlike manner?

(2.) Is it a fact that there are some two or three thousand loose rivets in its construction?

(3.) Is it a fact that the workmen are allowed to put $\frac{5}{8}$ -inch rivets in $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch holes for the purpose of getting the work done quickly?

(4.) Is it a fact that the workmen are allowed to put $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch rivets in $\frac{5}{8}$ -inch holes for the purpose of getting the work done quickly?

(5.) In view of the danger to the travelling public through the above defects (if such exist), will he cause Mr. W. Walker, boiler inspector of the locomotive works, Eveleigh, to make an inspection of the abovenamed bridge as early as possible?

(6.) What is the name of the inspector on this job; what are his qualifications; how long has he been an inspector; what is his salary; what is his age?

Mr.

Mr. See answered,—The Railway Commissioners are informed that no such defects exist, and that the Inspector referred to has been employed in the Construction Department for many years, and also with the Commissioners for some months. He is looked upon as a thoroughly competent officer. The Commissioners propose to have special inquiry made into the question.

- (4.) Navigation Act:—Mr. Murphy asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he, during the recess, consider the advisability of bringing in a Bill to amend the Navigation Act, so as to increase the power of the Marine Board in dealing with unseaworthy vessels?

Mr. See answered,—This is a matter which must be approached with the greatest possible caution, as it is advisable that uniformity of action should prevail throughout the British Empire on the subject. The laws of the Colonies at the present time are identical with those of the United Kingdom in the matter of dealing with unseaworthy vessels; and reciprocity is established between the Board of Trade and the Marine Boards of the different dependencies of Great Britain in maritime subjects. The matter will, however, receive the careful consideration of the Government during the recess.

- (5.) Hornsby to St. Leonards Railway:—Mr. Vaughn asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it a fact that the plan approved of by this House, on 26th August, 1884, of railway line, Pearce's Corner to North Shore, has been altered without reference to this House, by change of position of road through Lamb's grant, near St. Leonards Railway Station?

Mr. Lyne answered,—No alteration has been made. A proposition has, however, been submitted to the Department, which has not yet been determined, but which I shall agree to, unless some good reason is at once shown to the contrary.

- (6.) Police Magistrate for Orange:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Police Magistrate from Orange who sat in the Police Office at Cudal on the 17th instant, in the case *Webb v. Webb*, for maintenance, insulted in open Court a respectable person who was present in Court, viz., Robert Scott (the father of the complainant), and who has been a resident in the district for upwards of twenty years, by calling him a murderer?

(2.) If so, is the use of such language upon respectable and defenceless citizens by a Stipendiary Magistrate not calculated to lower the status and dignity of the administration of justice?

(3.) Is not the said Police Magistrate in his seniority, and a long way over the age at which he may be called upon to retire from the Bench and the Civil Service?

(4.) Will he see that the Police Magistrate is called upon to furnish some explanation of his conduct on the occasion referred to?

Mr. Barton answered,—The following answers have been supplied by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice:—

(1, 2, and 4.) Reports have been obtained in reference to the matter, from which it appears that the Police Magistrate did not use the language attributed to him, or any words which could be construed as offensive.

(3.) Mr. Lane is entitled to retire under section 43 of the Civil Service Act, 1884, but no cause has been shown why he should be called upon to retire under section 45 of that Act.

- (7.) Solicitors for the Railway Commissioners:—Mr. Crick asked the Attorney-General,—

(1.) What amount for costs and expenses has been paid by the Railway Commissioners to Mr. R. Smith, solicitor?

(2.) What amount is now due to Mr. Smith for costs and expenses?

(3.) What amount (if any) has been paid to Norton & Co., solicitors, by the Railway Commissioners, or on their account?

(4.) Does Mr. Smith attend to the work of the Railway Commissioners?

(5.) Is it a fact that other members of the firm of Norton & Co. have control of the legal work of the Commissioners?

(6.) Who was acting Crown Solicitor when Darling Island was purchased?

(7.) Is it a fact that since Mr. Smith has been acting for the Commissioners, the firm of which he is a member has acted against the Commissioners?

(8.) Who is acting for the Commissioners in the matter of Proudfoot's claims?

(9.) Will he inform the House what are the grounds on which this claim is resisted?

(10.) Is it a fact that since Mr. Smith has been acting for the Commissioners the amount of litigation has greatly increased?

(11.) On what date will he insist on his promise to terminate Mr. Smith's association with the Commissioners?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) The arrangement with Mr. R. Smith was to pay him a fixed monthly salary at the rate of £1,000 per annum, and £500 a year to cover all clerical assistance, rent, stationery, &c.

(2.) No costs or expenses are due to Mr. Smith, and none are payable to him.

(3.) No moneys have been paid to Messrs. Norton & Co., solicitors, by the Railway Commissioners, or on their account.

(4.) Yes.

(5.) No, but Mr. Smith is at liberty to employ, and has to pay, his own staff.

(6.) The late Mr. John Williams was the Crown Solicitor, and did the necessary legal work in connection with the purchase of Darling Island, in 1889, and so continued till the 9th October, 1890, nearly eighteen months afterwards.

(7.) No. It was a term of Mr. Smith's employment that his firm should not so act, and they have not done so.

(8.) Mr. Robert Smith.

(9.) The claim is the subject of threatened litigation, on which the Commissioners have been advised by their standing Counsel. It is not considered desirable to state the reasons on which the claim may be resisted, in view of the threatened litigation.

(10.)

(10.) No. Since Mr. Smith's employment the Commissioners have successfully resisted several claims, but as Mr. Smith is paid by salary, and not by fees, the Commissioners fail to see how he can have any interest in the increase of litigation.

(11.) Mr. Smith is desirous of being relieved from the office he holds, but at the request of the Commissioners will continue to act, pending the settlement of several important claims with which he is conversant.

(8.) Telegram to John Ackerman, Hill End:—Mr. Crick asked the Postmaster-General,—Did John Haynes, M.P., send a telegram on the 12th November, 1891, to John Ackerman, Hill End, in the following words, or words to the following effect:—"To-morrow, 2.30 p.m."?

Mr. Kidd answered,—The ninth clause of the Electric Telegraph Act 20 Victoria, No. 41, forbids the disclosure of any private or secret despatch, or other communication by telegraph.

(9.) Gold Lease 51, at Hill End, formerly John Ackerman's:—Mr. Crick asked the Secretary for Mines,—Was a beforehand notice sent to one Knight, relative to G.L. 51, at Hill End (formerly John Ackerman's), and forfeited for failure of labour conditions, that land would be available for taking up after 2.30 p.m. on the 13th November, 1891?

Mr. Slattery answered,—Yes, and also to his partners, W. Charman and G. Humphreys, known to the Department as Knight and party.

(10.) Connection of Sewers at Forest Lodge:—Mr. Houghton asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the sewers in Forest Lodge, Glebe, be ready to connect with the houses?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The main sewers will be finished in July, when they will be handed over to the Water and Sewerage Board. I am informed that the Board are making arrangements for the laying of reticulation sewers in order that the house connections may be commenced as soon as the main sewers are finished. No delay will occur in throwing the various sections open for public use as they are completed.

(11.) Site for School and Recreation Purposes, Pymont Bridge Road:—Mr. Houghton asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the ground purchased for school and recreation purposes adjoining the public school situated on the Pymont Bridge Road, Forest Lodge, has been occupied by the owners of a laundry as a drying ground, and that fine shade trees and shrubbery have been cut down and removed, and that on ground adjoining, animals, including goats, have been run, causing the destruction of the trees not already cut down and removed?

(2.) On whose authority (if any) has this valuable ground been let for such purposes?

(3.) What consideration (if any) does the Government receive for the timber removed and the occupation of the land?

(4.) What steps does he intend taking in the matter?

(5.) Is he aware that the residents of the neighbourhood object to the occupation of this land as a drying ground for a laundry?

Mr. See answered,—

(1, 2, and 3.) The land has only during the last few days come into the possession of the Department, and the present tenant holds under lease from his landlord—the vendor.

(4.) The land is to be thrown into the existing play-ground, made level, and fenced.

(5.) No.

2. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

(1.) Land Company of Australasia (Limited) Railway Bill (*Council Bill*) reported; adoption of report;—until To-morrow.

(2.) Municipalities Act of 1867 Amendment Bill (No. 2); second reading;—until Monday next.

3. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Barton, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

(1.) Silkstone Coal-mine Railway Act Amending Bill:—

JERSEY,

Governor.

Message No. 64.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Silkstone Coal-mine Railway Act of 1889'*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 23rd March, 1892.

(2.) City of Sydney Paving Bill:—

JERSEY,

Governor.

Message No. 65.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Sydney Corporation Act of 1879,' and to authorise and empower the Municipal Council of Sydney to pave, amend, and repair all footways, including gateways, crossings, or other entrances from the street to any premises in the city of Sydney, and to defray the cost and the expense thereof out of the City Fund,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 24th March, 1892.

(3.)

(3.) Treasury Indemnity Bill :—

JERSEY,

Message No. 66.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to indemnify the Colonial Treasurer, the officers of the Treasury, and other public officers, in respect of certain unauthorised advances from the Public Account of the Colonial Treasurer in the various banks,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 24th March, 1892.

4. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—

(1.) Trade Disputes Conciliation and Arbitration Bill (No. 2) :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to provide for the establishment of Councils of Conciliation and of Arbitration for the settlement of Industrial Disputes,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 28th March, 1892.

JOHN LACKEY,

President.

TRADE DISPUTES CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL (No. 2).

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 28th March, 1892.

JOHN J. CALVERT,

Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 1, Preamble, line 3. Omit "workmen" insert "employees"
 Page 1, Preamble, line 5. Omit "workmen" insert "employees"
 Page 2, clause 3, line 20. Omit "workmen" insert "employees"
 Page 2, clause 4, line 42. Omit "workmen" insert "employees"
 Page 2, clause 4, line 54. Omit "one-half"
 Page 2, clause 4, line 55. After "two" insert "one-half"
 Page 2, clause 4, line 56. After "of" insert "each of"
 Page 2, clause 4, line 57. After "authorities" omit "one-half to be recommended by each."
 Page 3, clause 5, line 22. Omit "workmen" insert "employees"
 Page 3, clause 5, line 23. After "dealing" insert "specially"
 Page 3, clause 5, line 33. After "claim" insert "so"
 Page 3, clause 5, line 33. Omit "to refer the same to a Council of Conciliation" insert "the dispute or claim shall be referred to conciliators"
 Page 3, clause 5, line 34. Omit "to be" insert "and a Council of four conciliators"
 Page 3, clause 5, line 35. Omit "such Council"
 Page 3, clause 5. At end of clause add "Provided that any appointments under this section shall not take effect until after the approval thereof by the Governor."
 Page 3, clause 6, line 37. After "conciliation" insert "whilst engaged in the adjustment of any dispute"
 Page 3, clause 8, line 48. Omit "Upon"
 Page 3, clause 8, line 49. Omit "the vacancy"
 Page 5, clause 13, line 5. Omit "nominating authority" insert "Recommending Authority in the fourth section of this Act described"
 Page 5, clause 13, line 6. Omit "workmen" insert "employees"
 Page 5, clause 13, line 7. Omit "nominating authority" insert "Recommending Authority in the said fourth section described"
 Page 5, clause 13, line 18. Omit "workmen" insert "employees"
 Page 5, clause 16, line 41. Omit "Upon"
 Page 5, clause 16, lines 42 and 43. Omit "the vacancy"
 Page 6, clause 21, line 58. Omit "a"
 Page 7, clause 22, line 15. After "evidence" insert "on oath or affirmation, as may be necessary"
 Page 7, clause 22, line 22. After "claim" insert "provided reasonable travelling expenses have been tendered to such witness by the party at whose instance the summons is issued."
 Page 7, clause 22, line 36. Omit "shall" insert "may"
 Page 8, clause 23, line 3. Omit "workmen" insert "employees"
 Page 8, clause 23, line 8. Omit "with respect to"
 Page 8, clause 23, line 11. Omit "workmen" insert "employees"
 Page 8, clause 23, line 21. Omit "workmen" insert "employees"
 Page 8, clause 23. At end of clause add :—
 (viii) The dismissal or employment under agreement of any employee or number of employees.
 Page 8, clause 24, line 32. Omit "workmen or"
 Page 8, clause 26, line 49. After "for" insert "exclusive of the expenses of the parties and witnesses concerned in any dispute or matter referred either to a Council of Conciliation or the Council of Arbitration"
 Page 8, clause 28. At end of clause add "and shall continue in force for four years from the commencement thereof and no longer."

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,

Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

(2.)

(2.) Pine Ridge Tramway Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the construction and maintenance of a tramway from the mines, quarries, and lands, situate in the parish of Enmore, counties of Yancowinna and Menindee, Colony of New South Wales, comprised in applications for mineral leases numbered 4,716, 4,717, 4,718, 4,737, 4,738, 4,739, 4,740, 4,741, to a point to be determined on mineral lease, portion 2, parish Sebastopol, in the said Colony, connecting with the tramway system of the Broken Hill mines,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence; accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 28th March, 1892.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Waddell, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

(3.) Hay Irrigation Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to vest certain lands in the Council of the Municipal District of Hay; to enable the said Council to establish works thereon and elsewhere for Conserving and Utilising Water for Irrigation, and to lease such lands; and for other purposes incidental thereto,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 28th March, 1892.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

(4.) Municipalities Act Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Municipalities Act of 1867,'*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 28th March, 1892.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. See, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

(5.) Weston's Estate Mortgage Enabling Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the mortgage of certain lands and hereditaments devised by the will of Frederick Weston, deceased,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence; accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 28th March, 1892.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Barbour, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

5. PAPER:—Mr. Slattery laid upon the Table,—Annual Report of the Department of Mines and Agriculture for 1891.

Ordered to be printed.

6. DEEPWATER AND MOUNT GALENA TRAMWAY BILL:—Mr. Hutchison presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of the towns and districts of Deepwater, Tent Hill, Emmaville, and Mount Galena, in favour of the tramway proposed to be constructed under this Bill; and praying the House to take it into favourable consideration, with a view to it becoming law as early as possible. Petition received.

7. APPLICATION FOR A FREE PASS MADE BY MR. BLACK, M.P.:—Mr. Crick moved, as a matter of privilege, That leave be given to Mr. Crick, M.P., to move as a question of privilege, "That the Report from the Select Committee on 'Application for a Free Pass made by Mr. Black, M.P.,' brought up on the 21st March, 1892, be now adopted."

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Kidd,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. See,	Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Hutchinson.
Mr. Dowel,	
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Tellers,
Mr. Scott,	Mr. Willis,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Waddell.
Mr. Torpy,	
Mr. Vaughn,	
Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. Bowes,	
Mr. Nicoll,	
Mr. Sheldon,	
Mr. Sharp,	
Mr. Melville,	
Mr. Johnston,	
Mr. Murphy,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Noes, 42.

Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,
Dr. Cullen,	Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Inglis,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Want,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Jeannet,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Hart,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Rae,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Rose,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Danahey,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. McGowen.
Mr. Jones,	Tellers,
Mr. E. M. Clark,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Neild.
Mr. Newman,	

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8. APPROPRIATION BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

(2.) Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

Mr. See 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 1892, and for the year 1891 and previous years.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Service of the year 1892, and for the year 1891 and previous years,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 28th March, 1892.*

9. LEGAL PRACTITIONERS BILL (No. 2):—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 give Attorneys, Solicitors, and Proctors of the Supreme Court of the Colony of New South Wales right of audience in all Courts in the said Colony; and to extend the rights of Barristers, Attorneys, Solicitors, and Proctors, and the liabilities of Barristers; and for other purposes in connection therewith,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, including an amendment in the Title, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 28th March, 1892.*

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

LEGAL PRACTITIONERS BILL (No. 2).

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 28th March, 1892.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, Title. *Omit* "and the liabilities of Barristers"

Pages 1 and 2. *Omit* clauses 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, *insert* the following new clauses:—

Interpretatio

1. The word "Barrister" wherever used in this Act shall mean a Barrister admitted by the Supreme Court of New South Wales; and the word "Attorney" wherever so used shall mean an Attorney, Solicitor, and Proctor of the said Court.

Right of audience.

2. From and after the passing of this Act every Attorney shall be competent to appear, and shall have the right of audience, in all Courts in New South Wales in all matters and proceedings in which he acts as Attorney, Solicitor, or Proctor.

Right of Barristers to become Attorneys and Attorneys to become Barristers in certain cases without examination.

3. Every Barrister of five years standing upon being on his own application disbarred, shall be entitled without examination to be admitted to practise as an Attorney; and every Attorney of five years standing upon being on his own application struck off the roll of Attorneys, shall be entitled, without examination, to be admitted to practise as a Barrister.

Page 2, clause 7, line 24. *Omit* "1891" *insert* "1892."

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

10. DEEPWATER AND MOUNT GALENA TRAMWAY BILL:—Mr. Dowel, 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 24th March, 1892; together with a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dowel then moved, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Question put and passed.

11. PAPER:—Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—Supplementary Schedules to B, C, D4, and D5, Public Works Department—Additional Estimates for 1892.

Ordered to be printed.

12. **INFANTS PROTECTION BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Neild moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.
Debate ensued.
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And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

TUESDAY, 29 MARCH, 1892, A.M.

Question put and passed.

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

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

13. **BROKEN HILL TRAMWAYS BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

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

14. **ADJOURNMENT** :—Mr. See moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at three minutes after One o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

J. P. ABBOTT,

Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 109.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 29 MARCH, 1892.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Newspaper Postage:—Mr. Rae asked the Postmaster-General,—

- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to impose postage on New South Wales newspapers?
- (2.) If so, will it be necessary to introduce an Amending Act, or does this power rest in the hands of the Ministry?
- (3.) In the event of the Government proposing to charge for the carriage of newspapers through the post within the Colony will Parliament be first consulted?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

- (1.) The question has not yet been considered by the Government, but will receive attention during the recess in connection with an amending Postal Bill, which I hope to introduce next Session.
- (2 and 3.) An amendment of the law will be necessary before postage can be charged on newspapers posted in the Colony for delivery within the Colony.

- (2.) Rossiville Insane Asylum:—Mr. Schey asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Were competitive designs called for for the Rossiville Insane Asylum?
- (2.) How many designs were sent in?
- (3.) What amounts were given as prizes, and what was total amount of same?
- (4.) Who composed the Board which awarded the prizes?
- (5.) What amount has been drawn or has yet to be paid to each member of such Board; same to distinguish between salary and fees?
- (6.) What amount per day was allowed to each member of the Board?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Forty.
- (3.) No amount has yet been given, but the amounts of the prizes are as follows:—1st prize, £300; 2nd, £200; 3rd, £125; 4th, £75; 5th, £50.
- (4.) The Board consisted of Dr. Manning and Messrs. Vernon and Horbury Hunt, but the final determination rests with the Minister.
- (5.) None has been drawn, and no determination has been arrived at in regard to what remuneration shall be given.
- (6.) Nothing yet determined.

- (3.) Insolvency of Magistrates of the Colony:—Mr. McCourt asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it the invariable custom of the Colonial Secretary's Department when a magistrate of the Colony becomes insolvent if he does not resign his position to call upon him to do so?
- (2.) Is the same rule applied to stipendiary and police magistrates; if not, why not?

Mr. Barton answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Police Magistrates are in different positions to an ordinary magistrate, and are dealt with under the Civil Service Act.

(4.)

- (4.) Bowral and Moss Vale Water Supply:—Mr. McCourt asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will a commencement be made with the proposed works to supply Bowral and Moss Vale with water?
Mr. Lyne answered,—I cannot give an answer to this until the full report of the Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers is before me, which I hope to have shortly.
- (5.) Reserves in The Richmond and The Tweed Districts:—Mr. Nicoll asked the Secretary for Lands,—In view of the railway being constructed from Lismore to the Tweed, will he shortly offer for sale the reserves at present locked up in the Richmond and Tweed River Districts, to enable settlement to take place?
Mr. Lyne answered,—A report will be obtained from the District Surveyor as to the advisability of throwing these reserves open.
- (6.) Annual Military Encampment:—Mr. McCourt asked the Colonial Secretary,—Referring to his reply to Mr. O'Sullivan on Thursday last, will he say whether, in dealing with amended Volunteer Regulations, provision will be made to enable each member of the Force to earn the full capitation allowance provided by Parliament, of £12 for the current year, notwithstanding the abandonment of the encampment?
Mr. Barton answered,—This matter will engage the attention of the Government at the earliest possible date.
- (7.) Prisoner Bertrand:—Mr. Reid asked the Attorney-General,—
(1.) Is it a fact that some years ago the life-sentenced prisoner Bertrand received a notification through the gaol authorities that his case would be reconsidered at a future date, which was specified, and which has elapsed?
(2.) Does such a notification, according to unbroken precedent, amount to a conditional promise of favourable consideration?
(3.) Were not ordinary clothes provided and kept by the gaol authorities in readiness for his expected release about the date named?
Mr. Barton answered,—
(1.) In 1885 such a notification was made to the prisoner.
(2.) I am informed by the Comptroller-General of Prisons that the accepted meaning of resubmitting a prisoner's case at a date named is that with continued good conduct the prisoner will be liberated on or about that date. There cannot be said to be an unbroken precedent in regard to this matter, Mr. Clarke, when Minister of Justice in 1887, having declined to be bound by the decision of his predecessors in regard to this case of Bertrand, and to reconsider the determination which had previously been come to by him that the prisoner should not be discharged.
(3.) Bertrand applied to have a special suit of clothes made to wear on his discharge, and was informed his request would be granted.
- (8.) Alleged destruction of Infants in the Bondi Sewer:—Mr. Neild asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Is he aware that the bodies of a considerable number of infants have recently been seen issuing from the main sewer at Ben Buckler?
(2.) Is it a fact that it is possible for the man-holes connected with the sewers to be opened by persons desiring to place infants, or the bodies of infants, therein?
(3.) If so, will he cause such man-holes to be secured forthwith?
Mr. Barton answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Water and Sewerage Board:—
(1.) Since the sewerage from the city and suburbs has been discharging at Bondi outlet, maintenance men have been working in the main sewers and branches daily, and occasionally at night. The overseer states that no bodies of infants have ever been noticed in the sewers, but dead kittens, puppies, and paunches of sheep have been seen,—the latter when distended by gas and floating along, would give colour to the idea of infants being cast into the sewers.
(2.) It would be impossible for persons without proper appliances to lift the man-hole covers, as they are made heavy to prevent persons interfering with them.
(3.) Inquiries will be made with the view of giving effect to the suggestion.
- (9.) New Bridge for Forbes:—Mr. Rae, for Mr. Gormly, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) Has any advice been received of the shipment from England of the wrought-iron cylinders for the Forbes bridge?
(2.) By what date may the same be expected to be delivered on the works at Forbes?
Mr. Lyne answered,—
(1.) The wrought-iron cylinders were lost in the ship "Wallarah." The contractor at once cabled to replace them, and the duplicate shipment was expected to arrive in Sydney on 12th January last. Owing, however, to heavy pressure of work at the manufactory, the supply of the material has been much delayed, and, so far, no advice has yet been received of its shipment.
(2.) The contractors expect to have the ironwork delivered at Forbes about the middle of May.
- (10.) Land granted for Church Purposes at Bourke:—Mr. Alfred Allen, for Mr. Morton, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) Has any land been granted within the last three years for church purposes within the Bourke electorate?
(2.) If so, where, and to what church?
Mr. Lyne answered,—
(1.) Yes; two portions only.
(2.) The deeds have been issued to the authorities of the Roman Catholic Church for 1 acre for a church and 2 roods for a presbytery at Bourke, the land having been dedicated for these purposes on the 5th January, 1872, *vide Gazette* notice of that date.

- (11.) Management of City Parks :—Mr. Schey asked the Secretary for Lands,—
 (1.) Is it a fact that Hyde and Victoria Parks are under the management of Boards of Trustees?
 (2.) Is it his intention to place all city parks under the management of a Board of Trustees?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 (2.) There is no intention at present of altering the management of the city parks, which are under the control of Boards of Trustees or of the Municipal Council.

- (12.) Prevention of Floods in the Hunter River District :—Mr. Bowes asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he, during recess, when considering the report of Mr. G. Gordon, C.E., on the best means of lessening the evils from floods in the Hunter River District, also take into consideration the necessity for giving effect to Mr. Gordon's scheme, in order to afford relief to those places situated below West Maitland which suffer from the overflow of the Hunter River in times of flood?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Yes.

- (13.) Tolls on Ferries :—Mr. Bowes asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he, during recess, consider the question of abolishing the tolls on ferries, in order to give effect to a Resolution carried in a previous Parliament that such tolls be abolished?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I have already given a reply to a somewhat similar Question on this subject. It was to the effect that the Government at the present time could not afford to relinquish so large a sum as is involved in the abolition of ferry dues, amounting to nearly £30,000 per annum. I can only repeat the same answer now.

2. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS (*Normal Motions*):—

- (1.) *Improvements at Darling Island* :—Mr. Lyne moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of extending the railway to Darling Island; the construction of wharfage accommodation at that place; the reclamation of certain foreshores around Darling Island; and the resumption of land in connection therewith.
 Question put and passed.
- (2.) *Water Supply for Tamworth* :—Mr. Lyne moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing works of water supply for the town of Tamworth.
 Question put and passed.
- (3.) *Storm-water Sewers discharging into Johnstone's Bay* :—Mr. Lyne moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing certain storm-water sewers discharging into Johnstone's Bay, Port Jackson.
 Question put and passed.
- (4.) *Reservoir at Centennial Park for Sydney Water Supply* :—Mr. Lyne moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a reservoir at the Centennial Park in connection with the Sydney Water Supply.
 Question put and passed.
- (5.) *Water Supply for Wollongong* :—Mr. Lyne moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing works of water supply for Wollongong and the surrounding districts.
 Question put and passed.
- (6.) *Second Pipe-line from Walka to Buttai for Hunter River District Water Supply* :—Mr. Lyne moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of laying a second pipe-line from Walka to Buttai in connection with the Hunter River District Water Supply.
 Question put and passed.
- (7.) *Sewerage Works at Cottage Creek* :—Mr. Lyne moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of carrying out sewerage works at Cottage Creek, within the municipalities of Newcastle, Hamilton, and Wickham, in the county of Northumberland.
 Question put and passed.
- (8.) *Water Supply for Lithgow* :—Mr. Lyne moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing water supply works for the town of Lithgow, in the county of Cook.
 Question put and passed.
- (9.) *Sewerage Works for Parramatta* :—Mr. Lyne moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing sewerage works for the town of Parramatta.
 Question put and passed.
- (10.) *Water Supply for Armidale* :—Mr. Lyne moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing works of water supply for the town of Armidale.
 Question put and passed.

(11.)

- (11.) *Railway from Eden to Bega*:—Mr. Lyne moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a line of railway from Eden to Bega.
Question put and passed.
- (12.) *Railway from Grafton to Lismore*:—Mr. Lyne moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a line of railway from Grafton to Lismore.
Question put and passed.
3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave of absence for the remainder of the Session be given to Mr. William McMillan, one of the Honorable Members for East Sydney.
Question put and passed.
4. ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Barton, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

(1.) Sydney Hospital Completion Bill:—

JERSEY,

Message No. 67.

Governor.

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

Government House,

Sydney, 29th March, 1892.

(2.) Albury Racecourse Bill:—

JERSEY,

Message No. 68.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act for the purpose of enabling the Trustees of the Albury Racecourse to grant leases thereof to any Club; and to enable the Members of the Club to sue and be sued in the name of the Chairman of the Committee for the time being of the Club*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 29th March, 1892.

(3.) Balaclava Tramway Bill:—

JERSEY,

Message No. 69.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the construction and maintenance of a tramway from the mines and quarries on mineral lease portion 2, parish Sebastopol, in the Colony of New South Wales, to a point to be determined on mineral lease portion 10, parish Picton, in the said Colony, connecting with the tramway system of the Broken Hill mines*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 29th March, 1892.

5. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Loan Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the raising of a Loan for the Public Service; to repeal section three of the Act fifty-fourth Victoria number thirty-three; to apply certain unexpended balances for Public Works Services; for repayment of certain Loans; and for other purposes*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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Sydney, 29th March, 1892.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

(2.) Judicial Offices Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Law relating to certain Judicial Offices, and to certain Courts and the administration of Justice therein*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 29th March, 1892.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

(3.)

(3.) Broken Hill and District Water Supply Act Amendment Bill:—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having had under consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated 24th March, 1892, requesting its concurrence in certain amendments made by the Assembly in the "Broken Hill and District Water Supply Act Amendment Bill,"—

Agrees to the amendments in clause 1.

Agrees to the amendment which inserts new clause 2, but proposes to amend the same by the omission, in line 13 thereof, of the words "Principal Act," and the insertion in their place of the words "Broken Hill and District Water Supply Act of 1888," hereinafter referred to as the "Principal Act," in which amendment upon the Assembly's amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Agrees to the amendments which insert new clauses 3, 4, 5, and 6.

Agrees to the amendment which adds a Schedule, but proposes to amend the same by the omission of the third paragraph thereof and the words "Part II," and the insertion in their place of the words and figures,—“The following areas of land for timber supply, catchment area of “reservoirs, pumping stations, and other purposes:—

“ 1,000 acres on the River Darling	...	...	...	...	1st Station.
“ 1,000 „ at Lake Menindie	...	...	...	...	2nd „
“ 4,000 „ at Lake Speculation	...	...	...	...	3rd „
“ 1,000 „	...	...	...	...	4th „
“ 1,000 „	...	...	...	...	5th „
“ 1,500 „ near Mount Taylor for reservoirs.					
“ 50 „ at Broken Hill for works.					

“ 9,550 acres.”

In which amendments upon the Assembly's amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

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Sydney, 29th March, 1892.*

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

Ordered, that this Message be taken into consideration at a later hour of the day.

6. PAPERS:—

Mr. See laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return to an Order, made on 25th February, 1892,—“ Historical Records of the Colony.”
- (2.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Kogarah.
- (3.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Katoomba.
- (4.) By-laws of the Municipal District of St. Mary's.
- (5.) By-laws of the Borough of West Maitland.
- (6.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Coraki, under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.
- (7.) Return respecting use of Anæsthetics in Metropolitan Hospitals during 1891.
- (8.) Further Return (in part) to an Order made on 15th February, 1884,—“ Spirits, Wine, and Beer—Convictions under the Licensing Act.”

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Barton laid upon the Table,—Despatch respecting mutual Extradition of Fugitive Criminals.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Suttor laid upon the Table,—Amended Regulation under the Public Instruction Act of 1880 as to the provision of residences for Teachers.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—Regulation No. 273, under the Crown Lands Acts, substituted for that at present in force bearing the same number, and additional forms Nos. 74 and 75.

Ordered to be printed.

7. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:—Mr. Barton informed the House that it was not the intention of the Government to advise the convening of a short Session between this and the Session proper to the year.

8. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Willis 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 discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., “the failure of the Government to submit to Parliament the proposed railway line between “Byrock and Brewarrina.”

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

9. HUNTER DISTRICT WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE 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 establish a Board of Water Supply and Sewerage for the district of the Lower Hunter; to transfer certain portions of land and works for water supply constructed by the Government within such district, and vest the same in the said Board; to transfer to the said Board certain reticulation works in connection with water supply, and certain works for sewerage constructed by certain Municipal*”

Municipal Councils; to provide for the licensing and certificating of persons to perform work in connection with water supply and sewerage; to confer on such Board all requisite powers for the administration of all matters relating to the water supply and sewerage of such district, and in certain cases of places outside such district; to provide for the repayment of cost of works for water supply and sewerage for the said district, and of certain loans made to the Council of the Borough of Newcastle; to confer certain powers and impose certain duties in respect to the construction of works for water supply and sewerage within such district on the Minister; to provide for the acquisition and occupation of lands required for purposes of water supply or sewerage, and for the payment of compensation in respect of such lands, and for the sale and lease of superfluous lands; and to make other provisions incidental to such purposes,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 29th March, 1892.*

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

HUNTER DISTRICT WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 29th March, 1892.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 4, clause 9, lines 33 to 36. *Omit* "eighteenth section of the Act contained in Schedule (1) "to the Imperial Act eighteenth and nineteenth Victoria chapter fifty-four, and commonly "cited as the 'Constitution Act'" *insert* "Act forty-seven Victoria number five"
Page 24, clause 91, line 50. *Omit* "the said Acts" *insert* "this Act"
Page 25, clause 94, line 21. *Omit* "Acts or by-laws" *insert* "or any such amending Act"
Page 46, clause 165, line 48. *Omit* "section one hundred and seventy-two, or any other section of"
Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration at a later hour of the day.

10. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:—

(1.) *Railway from Inverell to Glen Innes*:—Mr. Lyne moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a line of railway from Inverell to Glen Innes.

Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

(2.) *Railway from Jerilderie to Deniliquin*:—Mr. Lyne moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a line of railway from Jerilderie to Deniliquin.

Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

11. MARRIAGES VALIDATION AND MARRIAGE LAW AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Suttor moved, "That" this Bill be now read a third time.

Mr. Carruthers moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "the Bill be recommitted "for the reconsideration of clause 2."

Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
Debate ensued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 39.

Mr. See,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Crickshank,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Willis,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Dowel,	Mr. York,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Crick.
Mr. Colls,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Sharp,	Mr. R. G. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Campbell.
Mr. Torpy,	
Mr. Scobie,	
Mr. Bowes,	
Mr. Sheldon,	
Mr. Cullen,	
Mr. McCourt,	
Mr. McGowen,	
Mr. Cann,	

Noes, 46.

Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Miller,	Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Rae,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Dale,	Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Harb,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Ewe,	Mr. Lees,
Dr. Hollis,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Holbrow.
Mr. Perry,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Donald,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Danahey,	Mr. Black.
Mr. Bavister,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Question put,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted be so inserted.
The

The House divided.

Ayes, 72.

Mr. See,	Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Neild,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. E. M. Clark,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. R. G. D. FitzGerald,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Dowel,	Mr. Edden,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Colls,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Bowes,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Sheldon,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Miller,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Newman,	Mr. Eve,
Mr. Garvan,	Dr. Hollis,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Donald,
Mr. G. D. Clark,	Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Collins,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Dale.
Mr. Rae,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Langwell,	
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. O'Sullivan.

Noes, 13.

Mr. Crick,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Cullen,
Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. York,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Hutobinson
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Cruickshank.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question then,—That the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clause 2,—put and passed. On motion of Mr. Barton, Mr. Speaker left the chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill 2° with an amendment.

Ordered, that the adoption of the report stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

12. TRADE DISPUTES CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL (No. 2):—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Barton, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

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

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

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the establishment of Councils of Conciliation and of Arbitration for the settlement of Industrial Disputes.*"

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Sydney, 29th March, 1892.*

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 30 MARCH, 1892, A.M.

13. HUNTER DISTRICT WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Lyne, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

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

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to establish a Board of Water Supply and Sewerage for the district of the Lower Hunter; to transfer certain portions of land and works for water supply constructed by the Government within such district, and vest the same in the said Board; to transfer to the said Board certain reticulation works in connection with water supply and certain works for sewerage constructed by certain Municipal Councils; to provide for the licensing and certificating of persons to perform work in connection with water supply and sewerage; to confer on such Board all requisite powers*"

powers for the administration of all matters relating to the water supply and sewerage of such district, and in certain cases of places outside such district; to provide for the repayment of cost of works for water supply and sewerage for the said district, and of certain loans made to the Council of the Borough of Newcastle; to confer certain powers and impose certain duties in respect to the construction of works for water supply and sewerage within such district on the Minister; to provide for the acquisition and occupation of lands required for purposes of water supply or sewerage, and for the payment of compensation in respect of such lands, and for the sale and lease of superfluous lands; and to make other provisions incidental to such purposes."

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Sydney, 30th March, 1892, a.m.

14. GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS (CONTRACTS) AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the day having been read, Mr. Barton moved,—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Legislative Council's Message of 9th March, in reference to the amendments made in this Bill.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee did not insist upon its disagreement from the Council's amendments in clause 1.

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

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 9th March, in reference to the Government Railways (Contracts) Amendment Bill,—does not insist upon its disagreement from the Council's amendments in clause 1.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 30th March, 1892, a.m.

16. POSTPONEMENTS:—The remaining Orders of the Day of Government Business postponed until To-morrow.

16. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Barton moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at a quarter before Three o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 110.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 30 MARCH, 1892.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Wages of Grave-diggers at the Necropolis:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for *Mr. Garrard*, asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the grave-diggers in some of the cemeteries of the Necropolis only receive 3s. 6d. for working on Sundays, whereas on week days they receive 6s. 6d. per day?
- (2.) Is it a fact that in these cemeteries the grave-diggers attend to funerals and fill in the graves on Sundays, and unless they dig the graves on Sunday receive no remuneration for those services?
- (3.) Is it a fact that the men working under the Improvement Committee of the Necropolis did not receive their month's wages for December until about the 9th or 10th of January; if so, who was to blame for this delay?

Mr. Barton answered,—The following answers have been supplied by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice :—

- (1.) I am informed that grave-digging at the Necropolis on Sundays is only undertaken in cases of great emergency. The duties of the men on Sundays are principally to attend funerals and fill in graves. In the Church of England and General Cemeteries the men are paid the usual daily rate for Sunday work; in the Roman Catholic Cemetery, 6s. a day; in the Presbyterian and Wesleyan Cemeteries, 3s. 6d. for opening each grave; in the Independent Cemetery, 6s. 6d. for opening an ordinary grave, and 3s. 3d. for a child's grave; and work done in the Jewish Cemetery is included in the weekly rate of wages.
- (2.) That is the case in the Presbyterian and Independent Cemeteries.
- (3.) It is not a fact; the men were paid on Monday, 4th January.

(2.) Equity Suits—*Stephen v. Erwin*, *F. T. Humphery v. Erwin*:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is it a fact in paragraph 12, statement of claim, *Stephen v. Erwin*, in equity, that the defendant denuded himself of all his real estate comprised therein?
- (2.) Is it a fact, equity suit, *F. T. Humphery v. Erwin*, in 1877, such suit was dismissed without cost, and was such settlement impeached for non-delivery by the donor?
- (3.) Is it a fact the donee operated on such settlement by sale of four houses to *W. Gardiner*; if so, what date?
- (4.) Is it a fact the donee sold another property comprised in such settlement; if so, what year, same purchaser?
- (5.) Is it a fact a decree was made in favour of plaintiff as prayed?
- (6.) After such decree did the plaintiff to same purchaser convey, under the same title as 3 and 4, properties comprised therein; if not, did the Court?
- (7.) Is it a fact the properties sold by the plaintiff formed no part directly or indirectly with No. 1?

Mr. Barton answered,—The following answer has been furnished by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice :—The case of *Stephen v. Erwin* formed the subject of Questions in 1888, 1889, and 1890, and the last answer given was that as the matter affected private interests only, and the information required is quite open to the parties concerned if asked for in the proper way, it did not appear to come within the scope of the Minister's duties to inquire into or answer the same, and that such answer is applicable to the Questions now asked.

(3.)

(3.) Contracts for Black Labour in the Colonies :—Mr. Rae asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has the Government made any representations to the Government of Queensland relative to the proposals to reintroduce black labour into that Colony under the contract system?
- (2.) If no remonstrances have been made, will he courteously protest against the Queensland Government proposals before the ensuing Session of the Parliament of that Colony has time to legalise the immigration of Kauaka labour?
- (3.) Has the Government of New South Wales had any correspondence with the Governments of any of the adjoining colonies *re* the rumoured inroads of Chinese into this Colony, which it is alleged have been smuggled into such other colonies?
- (4.) Has the Government made any protest against the proposed introduction of coolie labour into the Northern Territory of South Australia from India?
- (5.) Will the Government give immediate attention to any such alien labour matters not already dealt with?

Mr. Barton answered,—I say it with great regret that I have not been able to obtain an answer to this Question. In asking the Honorable Member to again postpone his Questions, I hope that I shall be able to answer them before the Session closes.

(4.) Underground Telegraph Wires :—Mr. Dawson asked the Postmaster-General,—

- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government, in the face of representations made to the Postmaster-General by deputation and otherwise, that the sewerage tunnels now in course of construction in the heart of the city are eminently available for the reception of underground telegraph wires, to adopt the route recommended by Mr. Cracknell, Superintendent of Telegraphs, by way of Martin-place, beneath Pitt-street and Moore-street, to Castlereagh-street; if so, will not such route involve much greater expense, and also fail to serve the most congested portion of the telegraphic system of the city?
- (2.) Is it not the case that, with the exception of Mr. Cracknell, every experienced officer of the department has reported in favour of the scheme recommended by the deputations aforesaid, and tentatively endorsed by the Postmaster-General?
- (3.) Will the Government place upon the Table of this House all the correspondence that has passed on the subject since the first deputation waited upon the Postmaster-General?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

- (1.) The report of the Engineer-in-Chief for Sewerage is to the effect that the sewers now being constructed by the Works Department are wholly unsuitable for the reception of underground telegraph wires. The tunnel which this Department contemplates constructing as an experimental measure along Moore-street was recommended, not by Mr. Cracknell, but by the Mayor, who urged that the work might be done concurrently with the formation of the new street.
- (2.) No.
- (3.) I will presently lay upon the Table the correspondence on the subject.

(5.) Railway Revenue from Military Encampment, 1891 :—Mr. McCourt asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) The total amount of revenue received last year by the Railway Commissioners through the holding of the annual encampment at Campbelltown?
- (2.) Will this amount of revenue be lost to the Department this year?

Mr. See answered,—The value of the purely military traffic was £4,550. With regard to the ordinary traffic, it would be difficult to give an exact account of the revenue received consequent on the encampment being held. It is not expected, however, that the revenue obtained will be wholly lost this year, as many of the people who were attracted to Campbelltown will doubtless travel to other places of interest on the railways in the coming Easter holidays.

(6.) Drill Pay to the Gerringong and Albion Park Cavalry Companies :—Mr. Campbell asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has the deferred pay to which the men of the Gerringong and Albion Park Cavalry Companies are entitled by Rule 127 of the Amended Volunteer Regulations been paid to them, or has it been withheld to cover deficiency in equipment?
- (2.) Was an opportunity to go through musketry ever afforded the Gerringong detachment?
- (3.) Is there an amount due to the members of the Albion Park Company for musketry; and, if so, why is it not paid?

Mr. Barton answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Major-General Commanding the Military Forces :—

- (1.) No; it has been withheld to in part cover the cost of unexpired value of uniforms.
- (2.) No; as when the dates for musketry of B troop were fixed the Gerringong detachment had ceased to exist.
- (3.) The amount due was retained in accordance with clause 145 of the Regulations, to assist in covering the cost of uniforms referred to in Question 1.

(7.) Sydney University Examination Fees :—Mr. Stevenson asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) What are the fees exacted by the University authorities from candidates for examination?
- (2.) What was the total amount of fees paid at the last University examination?
- (3.) Have these fees to be paid mostly by the very poor?
- (4.) To what purposes were the fees appropriated, and what amount (if any) was paid into the Consolidated Revenue?
- (5.) Does he consider that the present fees are necessary to secure effective examination?
- (6.) If not, is he prepared to devise any scheme for such a substantial reduction as will afford relief to candidates from the public and other schools of the Colony?

Mr.

Mr. Suttor answered,—

(1.) The fees required from candidates for the Public Examinations are—For the Junior Examination, £1 5s. ; and for the Senior Examination, £1 10s.

(2.) The total amount received in fees from Public Examinations is £2,379 5s.

(3.) No. The candidates for these examinations enter from Colleges, Grammar and other private schools, High Schools, Grammar Schools, and other Public State Schools throughout this Colony and that of Queensland. I may add to this answer that as a matter of fact a great number of candidates come from the Public Schools.

(4.) For the payment of all expenses in connection with the examinations and for allowances towards the expenses of the examinations held at local centres. These expenses absorb nearly the whole of the amount received.

(5 and 6.) I say now, as I have said before, that it does seem to me that those fees are very high indeed, and I hope some arrangement will be made by which they will be considerably reduced.

(8.) Alleged misconduct of the Police at Mount M'Donald :—Mr. Willis asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that Inspector Ford, of the Orange District, went to Mount M'Donald to hold an inquiry respecting some alleged charges made against the police by one Fox, J.P. ?

(2.) Have any complaints been made as to how that investigation was held; has any charge been made against Inspector Ford ?

(3.) Is it a fact that Inspector Ford, after holding the alleged inquiry, and hearing Fox's charges, was driven by the accuser to Cowra, and stayed as his guest at an hotel there ?

(4.) Is it usual for police officers to drink, drive, and dine with the accusers of subordinates, either before or after holding such inquiries ?

(5.) Will he inquire into Inspector Ford's conduct, and at the same time appoint some disinterested party to inquire into the alleged misconduct of the police at Mount M'Donald ?

Mr. Barton answered,—The subject is now under investigation. The whole matter will be thoroughly looked into and dealt with on its merits by competent authority. The advisability of holding the inquiry before a police magistrate will receive consideration.

(9.) Police District of Mount M'Donald :—Mr. Willis asked the Minister of Justice,—Could not the Mount M'Donald District be placed within the jurisdiction of the Carcoar Police Magistrate ?

Mr. Barton answered,—I am informed by my honorable colleague, the Minister of Justice, that no representations have been made as to the desirableness of altering the present arrangements, and that the matter cannot receive consideration until reasons have been furnished in support of making the alterations suggested.

(10.) Alleged Misconduct of the Police at Mount M'Donald :—Mr. Willis asked the Minister of Justice,—Could not some trustworthy and independent person (say the Carcoar Police Magistrate) investigate the charges made against the Mount M'Donald police by Mr. E. J. Fox, J.P., of Mount M'Donald ?

Mr. Barton answered,—The subject is now under investigation. The whole matter will be thoroughly looked into and dealt with on its merits by competent authority. The advisability of holding the inquiry before a police magistrate will receive consideration.

(11.) Police District of Mount M'Donald :—Mr. Willis asked the Secretary for Mines,—Could not the Mount M'Donald District be brought within the jurisdiction of the Warden at Carcoar ?

Mr. Slattery answered,—As Mr. Warden T. A. Smith visits Mount M'Donald as police magistrate, it would be an unnecessary expense to require Mr. Connolly to perform the duties of Warden there.

(12.) Mr. G. A. Gunning, Trustee of the Common at Mount M'Donald :—Mr. Willis asked the Secretary for Lands,—Was the name of G. A. Gunning (postmaster) substituted for that of Richard Eastley as trustee of the Common at Mount M'Donald ; and, if so, for what reason ?

Mr. Slattery answered,—Yes ; on the recommendation of the Progress Committee, supported by the Members for the district.

(13.) Hunter River Oyster Beds :—Mr. Edden, for Mr. Fegan, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What is the income from the Hunter River oyster-beds ?

(2.) What steps (if any) are being taken to eradicate the oyster disease ?

(3.) Have any experts visited and reported thereon ?

(4.) If not, will one be sent to report thereon ?

Mr. Barton answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Secretary of the Fisheries Commission,—

(1.) £207 per annum.

(2.) Yes. The lessees have used, and are using, every practicable means to eradicate the disease.

(3 and 4.) Yes. Mr. Thomas Whitelegge, F.R.M.S., of the Australian Museum, visited Newcastle, and spent some time in making researches.

(14.) Shorthand Reporters to Royal Commissions :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What is the method adopted when shorthand reporters are selected for Royal Commissions ?

(2.) Is there any reason why these positions should not be submitted to competition ?

(3.) Will he take into consideration the desirableness of inviting competition for the position of shorthand reporters to Royal Commissions, in order that all reporters may have a chance of obtaining the work ?

Mr. Barton answered,—The usual practice has been to obtain shorthand writers to Royal Commissions from the Hansard Staff, but when the House is in Session this is not always practicable. It is difficult to see how the matter can be efficiently dealt with by inviting competition, because in the majority of cases special qualifications are required.

(15.) Tenders for Cars for King to Ocean-street Cable Tramway:—Mr. Molesworth asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to call for public tenders for the construction of the cars for use on the Ocean-street cable tramway?
- (2.) Will an opportunity be afforded to carriage-builders within the Colony to tender for same?
- (3.) If so, about what date will the specifications be available for the public?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) The date cannot be fixed at present, but there will be no unnecessary delay.

(16.) Railway Employees at Eveleigh Workshops:—Mr. Houghton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the deputation from the locomotive workshops at Eveleigh, which recently waited upon the Railway Commissioners, complained of the treatment the workmen are receiving at present, and also of the manner in which the work is being turned out of the workshops?
- (2.) Is it a fact that one of the members of the deputation has since been before the works foreman for some offence; if so, what was the offence, and has he ever been before his superior officers on any charge before?
- (3.) Will he lay a copy of the statements made by the deputation upon the Table of this House?
- (4.) Is it a fact that a third foreman has been appointed in the fitting-shop; if so, what are his particular qualifications for the position, and for what purpose was he appointed?

Mr. See answered,—I would point out to the Honorable Member that this is *purely* a detail of Railway management.

(17.) Premises rented by the Government in Bent-street:—Mr. Perry asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What is the total cost per annum of premises rented by the Government in Bent-street, and known as the old Australian Club?
- (2.) What accommodation do the said premises possess?
- (3.) What is the net rental received from the six houses in the Domain known as Richmond-terrace?
- (4.) What accommodation do those premises possess?
- (5.) Will he consider the expediency of using the Domain-terrace for Government purposes, in lieu of renting premises at exorbitant rates from private owners?

Mr. Barton answered,—

- (1.) £650 per annum.
- (2.) Twenty-six rooms.
- (3.) £1,263 per annum.
- (4.) The average accommodation of each house may be taken as about nine rooms.

(18.) Mr. Warden Baker, Temora:—Mr. Rae asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Have any charges been made against Mr. Warden Baker, of Temora, of having used his official position to unfairly benefit himself?
- (2.) Has an inquiry been asked for the investigation of such charges; and has the request been refused?
- (3.) Will he have any objection to lay all the papers in connection with the above upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) No; because proceedings were taken in the Warden's Court, and subsequently carried on appeal into the higher Courts.
- (3.) The papers are with the Warden at present, but I will send for them and peruse them, and will then be in a position to say whether I will lay them upon the Table.

(19.) Holidays to Police:—Mr. Eve asked the Minister of Justice,—Is it a fact that the police of the western suburbs do not get their monthly holiday according to the provisions of the Police Act; and is it a fact that the police doing duty in the suburbs along the suburban line have not had their holiday for several years, unless they go through the routine of applying for a special holiday?

Mr. Barton answered,—I am informed by the Inspector-General of Police that the Act makes no provision for such leave, but it is never refused within reasonable limits, when asked for, unless the prevalence of crime, or other exceptional circumstances, renders it inadvisable.

(20.) Goods Traffic, Sydney to Glen Innes and Guyra to Inverell:—Mr. Cruickshank asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Will he cause to be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing the quantity of goods traffic carried on the Northern Railway Line from Sydney and stations north of Sydney to Glen Innes during the past twelve months?
- (2.) The same with regard to Guyra Station?
- (3.) The quantities of goods sent from these stations respectively to Inverell?

Mr. See answered,—I will endeavour to obtain the information asked for by the honorable gentleman.

(21.) Alleged destruction of Infants in the Bondi Sewer:—Mr. Neild asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Have not the police made inquiries into the alleged placing of infants, or bodies of infants, in the Bondi sewer?
- (2.) Is it not a fact that reliable information has been supplied to the police supporting such allegations?
- (3.) What report has been received from the police upon the matter?

Mr.

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

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) It has been reported to the police that bodies of infants have been seen floating from the sewer during the past two years, but in no instance has a body been secured, nor were reports made at the time.
- (3.) The inquiry is still in progress.

2. ROAD APPROACHING ST. LEONARDS STATION, THROUGH LAMB'S GRANT (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Vaughn* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence, papers, and documents referring to proposed alteration of road approaching St. Leonards Station, through Lamb's grant.
Question put and passed.

3. DISTRICT COURTS AND COURTS OF QUARTER SESSIONS AT BREWARRINA (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Willis*, for *Mr. Waddell*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence in connection with the establishment of District Courts and Courts of Quarter Sessions at Brewarrina.
Question put and passed.

4. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—*Mr. Speaker* reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Appropriation Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Service of the year 1892, and for the year 1891 and previous years*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 30th March, 1892.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

(2.) Arbitration Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to amend and consolidate the law relating to Arbitration*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 30th March, 1892.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

ARBITRATION BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 30th March, 1892.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 4. *After* clause 16 *insert* the following new clause:—

17. The Judges of the Supreme Court, or any two of them, may, from time to time, make general rules and orders for carrying the purposes of this Act into effect.

Page 5, clause 26, lines 10 to 12. *Omit* "and in the case of all sections from section twelve inclusive shall also include any Judge of a District Court."

Page 5, clause 26, lines 13 and 14. *Omit* "or a District Court Judge as provided"

Page 5, clause 27, line 16. *Omit* "1891" *insert* "1892"

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration at a later hour of the day.

5. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—*Mr. Barton* (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House at its rising this day do adjourn until half-past ten o'clock To-morrow.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

6. PAPERS:—*Mr. See* laid upon the Table,—Returns respecting Vessels Quarantined, &c., being,—

(a.) Return of vessels boarded and examined, under the provisions of the Quarantine Act, by the Health officers at Port Jackson and Newcastle during 1891. (b.) Return of vessels quarantined and specially dealt with at Port Jackson during 1891. (c.) Return of vessels quarantined and specially dealt with at Newcastle during 1891. (d.) Return of Proclamations in force under the Quarantine Acts during 1891. (e.) Return of Bills of Health issued to outward-bound vessels at Port Jackson and Newcastle during 1891. (f.) Return of Vessels cleared under the Imperial Passenger Acts during 1891.

Ordered to be printed.

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7. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Schey 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 discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., the action of the Government in appointing a Royal Commission to inquire into certain charges made against the Railway administration.”

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

8. **PAPERS**:—

Mr. Barton laid upon the Table,—Letter from Comptroller-General of Prisons in reply to communication from the President of the State Children's Relief Department, published in the *Sydney Morning Herald* and the *Daily Telegraph* of the 25th March, 1892.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Kidd laid upon the Table,—Correspondence, &c., respecting underground telegraph wires.

Ordered to be printed.

9. **MARRIAGES VALIDATION AND MARRIAGE LAW AMENDMENT BILL**:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read for the adoption of the report 2^o from the Committee of the Whole on this Bill,—on motion of Mr. Barton, the report was adopted.

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

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

Mr. Barton then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to declare certain marriages valid, and to amend the law relating to marriage and the registration of marriages.*”

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled “*An Act to declare certain marriages valid, and to amend the law relating to marriage and the registration of marriages,*”—with the amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendment the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney 30th March, 1892.

MARRIAGES VALIDATION AND MARRIAGE LAW AMENDMENT BILL.

Schedule of Amendment referred to in Message of 30th March, 1892.

F. W. WEBB,

Clerk of Legislative Assembly.

Page 2; clause 2, lines 26 to 28. *Omit* “and no marriage declared invalid by any competent Court before the passing of this Act shall be validated by anything herein contained.”

Examined,—

NINIAN MELVILLE,

Chairman of Committees.

10. **STANDING ORDERS RESPECTING THE INTERRUPTION AND RENEWAL OF PROCEEDINGS ON BILLS**:—

The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Barton, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Legislative Council's Message of 23rd February, 1892, inviting the Legislative Assembly to adopt a Standing Order on this subject.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to certain Standing Orders, which were read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, as follows:—

If any public Bill which shall have originally been introduced in the Assembly shall have passed any or all its stages therein, but shall have been interrupted before its completion by the close of the Session in which it was initiated, whether such interruption shall have been in the Assembly or in the Council, the same may be reintroduced by motion in the next Session of the same Parliament, but with such alterations as may have been made in the Assembly, and if the Bill shall not have been sent to the Council, it may be taken up at the stage it had reached in the previous Session, and thereafter dealt with in the usual way; but should the Bill have been transmitted to the Council, then the only procedure necessary after such reintroduction shall be the usual message to the Council forwarding the Bill again for concurrence; but should such motion be negatived, then the Bill may be proceeded with in the ordinary way.

On a message being received from the Legislative Council by the Assembly requesting that any public or private Bill which had been forwarded by the Council during the previous Session of the same Parliament, but not finally dealt with by the Assembly because of the prorogation of the Legislature, should be proceeded with by the Assembly, it shall be competent for the Assembly, upon a motion then put and carried to that effect, to determine that the stage which the Bill had reached in the former Session be an Order of the Day for a future day, and the Bill may thereafter be proceeded with in the ordinary way; but if such motion be negatived, a message shall be sent to the Council intimating the determination of the Assembly.

Mr. Barton then moved, That the Standing Orders, reported as agreed to in Committee of the Whole, be now adopted as Standing Orders of this House.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Barton moved, That the Standing Orders now adopted by this House be presented by the Speaker for the approval of His Excellency the Governor.

Question put and passed.

Ordered,

Public Bills initiated in Assembly and interrupted therein by close of Session may be taken up at stage previously reached.

If interrupted in Council may, in ensuing Session upon motion, be at once again forwarded for concurrence.

Public or private Bills from Council interrupted by prorogation may be taken up at stage reached in former Session.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

In answer to the Legislative Council's Message, dated 23rd February, 1892, inviting the Assembly to adopt a Standing Order, similar to that which had been adopted by the Council in relation to the renewal of proceedings on public and private Bills interrupted in their passage by the prorogation of the Legislature, the Assembly acquaints the Council that its suggestion has been accepted, and that two new Standing Orders dealing with the subject have been adopted.

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Standing Orders referred to in Message of 30th March, 1892.

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of Legislative Assembly.

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Public or private Bills from Council interrupted by prorogation may be taken up at stage reached in former Session.

11. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The remaining Orders of the Day of Government Business postponed until To-morrow.

12. **LEGAL PRACTITIONERS BILL (No. 2)** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Carruthers moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

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

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

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to give Attorneys, Solicitors, and Proctors of the Supreme Court of the Colony of New South Wales right of audience in all Courts in the said Colony; and to extend the rights of Barristers, Attorneys, Solicitors, and Proctors, and the liabilities of Barristers; and for other purposes in connection therewith,*"—including the amendment in the Title.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 30th March, 1892.*

13. **CHILDRENS PROTECTION BILL (changed from) INFANTS PROTECTION BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

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

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

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the Protection of Infants,*"—including the amendment in the Title.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 30th March, 1892.*

14. **ARBITRATION BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Gould, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.
- Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

On

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

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend and consolidate the law relating to Arbitration.*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 30th March, 1892.*

15. **BROKEN HILL AND DISTRICT WATER SUPPLY ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Neild moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Legislative Council's Message, dated 29th March, relative to the amendments made in this Bill.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to one, and disagreed to the other of the Council's amendments upon the Assembly's amendments in the Bill.

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

16. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the adoption of the report from the Committee of the Whole on the Land Company of Australasia (Limited) Railway Bill (*Council Bill*) postponed until To-morrow.
17. **BROKEN HILL TRAMWAYS BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and asked leave to sit again To-morrow.
Question put,—That leave be given to sit again To-morrow.
The House divided.

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Johnston.
Mr. Suttor,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Hassall.
Mr. Lyne,	
Mr. Sheldon,	
Mr. Davis,	
Mr. Cann,	
Mr. Kelly,	
Mr. See,	
Mr. Barbour,	
Mr. Schey,	

Noes, 23.

Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Willis,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. G. D. Clark,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Danahey,	Mr. Rose.
Mr. Edden,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Hart,	Mr. Dawson.
Dr. Hollis,	
Mr. Darnley,	

And so it passed in the negative.

18. **PINE RIDGE TRAMWAY BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Waddell moved That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 44.

Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Dowel,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Darnley,
Mr. See,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Sheldon,	Mr. Rae,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Willis,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Rose,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. J. D. FitzGerald.
Mr. Danahey,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Waddell.
Mr. Dawson,	

Noes, 2.

Tellers,
Mr. Kelly,
Dr. Hollis.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill

Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

19. MUNICIPALITIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having read,—Mr. Carruthers moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

20. WESTON'S ESTATE MORTGAGE ENABLING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Barbour moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

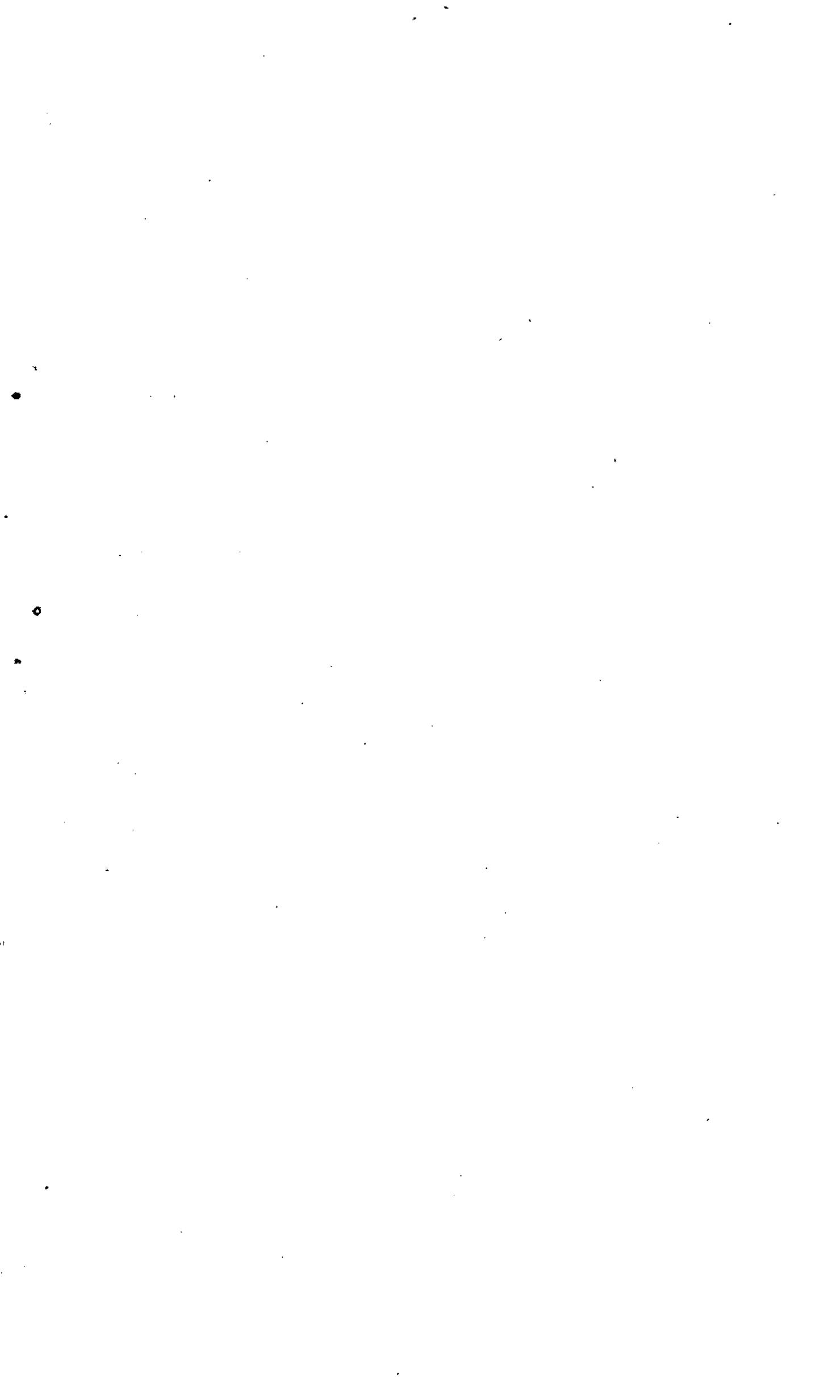
21. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Barton moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-four minutes after Two o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 111.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 31 MARCH, 1892.

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

ADDITIONAL STANDING ORDERS (*Interruption and Renewal of Proceedings on Bills*):—Mr. Speaker announced to the House that he had this day presented to His Excellency the Governor the Additional Standing Orders adopted by the House on the 30th instant, and that His Excellency had been pleased to approve of the same.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Wages of Grave-diggers at the Necropolis.—Mr. Bavister asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Referring to a reply to a Question of Mr. Garrard on the 14th instant, that in the Presbyterian and Wesleyan cemeteries at Rookwood 3s. 6d. is paid for opening each grave on Sunday—is it a fact that graves in the same portions opened during the week cost not less than 7s. each, and occasionally as much as 21s.?

(2.) Is it true that, on different occasions, instructions having been given for the opening of a grave on Sunday, the man receiving the order has had to get the assistance of one of his fellow-labourers, and the two of them, commencing at 4 a.m. Sunday, have had to work to the extent of their strength and ability till 4 p.m. to complete it, and that only 3s. 6d. has been paid for their combined labour, equal to 1½d. per hour?

(3.) Is it for the purpose of inducing the men to refrain from Sunday work that this small wage is paid?

(4.) Is a sum at fixed deposit (the amount not stated) included in disbursements?

Mr. Barton answered,—The following answers have been furnished by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice:—I am informed by the General Secretary to the Necropolis as follows:—

(1.) In the Presbyterian cemetery this is the case where rock is met with; in the Wesleyan cemetery it is not the case.

(2.) No.

(3.) No.

(4.) Yes.

(2.) Leprosy in the Colonies:—Mr. Rae asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has the attention of the Government been called to the spread of leprosy in New South Wales and in the adjoining colonies among the white population?

(2.) Is there not evidence in favour of the assumption that this loathsome disease is in some manner derived from the Chinese race?

(3.) In view of the above, and taking into account the character of the Chinese people, will the Government consider during the recess the advisability of totally excluding them from New South Wales?

Mr. Barton answered,—

(1.) Yes; a report dealing with the prevalence of leprosy in New South Wales was laid upon the Table of the House on the 15th ultimo.

(2.) No.

(3.) The matter shall have attention.

(3.) Contracts for Black Labour in the Colonies:—Mr. Rae asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has the Government made any representations to the Government of Queensland relative to the proposals to reintroduce black labour into that colony under the contract system?

(2.) If no remonstrances have been made, will he courteously protest against the Queensland Government proposals, before the ensuing Session of the Parliament of that colony has time to legalise the immigration of Kanaka labour?

(3.)

(3.) Has the Government of New South Wales had any correspondence with the Governments of any of the adjoining colonies re the rumoured inroads of Chinese into this Colony, which it is alleged have been smuggled into such other colonies?

(4.) Has the Government made any protest against the proposed introduction of coolie labour into the Northern Territory of South Australia from India?

(5.) Will the Government give immediate attention to any such alien labour matters not already dealt with?

Mr. Barton answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) The Government does not think it desirable to interfere in the affairs of a neighbouring colony, which enjoys the advantage of full representative institutions.

(3.) Not aware.

(4.) No, for similar reasons given to No. 2.

(5.) The Government is not neglectful of its duties in observing the progress of events in the neighbouring colonies.

(4.) Storage of Volunteer Accoutrements at Molong :—*Mr. Barbour*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the volunteer accoutrements are stored in a brick building belonging to the Post Office at Molong, the property of the Government; if so, for what period has the building been so used; by whom was authority granted; the name of the person who receives fees for the same, and the amount received for this purpose?

(2.) Why are fees or rent allowed to be charged for the use of a public building belonging to the Government, and already in use and occupied?

(3.) Has any voucher or application been sent in to the Department for payment for storage in such building; if so, by whom, and for what amount?

(4.) If no application has been made for rent, is it a fact that volunteers are charged 2s. 6d. for the use of such store-room; if so, who receives the money?

(5.) Will he see that the matter is fully inquired into?

Mr. Barton answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Major-General Commanding the Military Forces:—

(1.) No, not now.

(2.) Inquiry is being made.

(3.) Yes; vouchers for building at post office for two years were sent by Captain Evans as claimant for 1889, 1890; £30.

(4.) Inquiry is being made.

(5.) Yes.

(5.) Mining Leases of Yalwal Gold-field:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. Morton, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) In how many cases have the suspension of conditions under mining leases been granted in the gold-field of Yalwal during the past two years?

(2.) What are the total number of leases in respect of which at the present time the conditions have been suspended on the same field?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) Twenty-six suspensions since June, 1890.

(2.) Five.

(6.) Trustees for the Centennial Park:—*Mr. Rose* asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it his intention to place the Centennial Park under the management of a Board of Trustees similar to Victoria and Hyde Parks?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The Centennial Park is vested in the Chief Minister under the Act 51 Vic. No. 9.

(7.) New Court-house and Police Building at Parramatta:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor* asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government, during the recess, to utilise the ground purchased for the erection of court-house and police building at Parramatta?

(2.) Have not different Judges attending there on many occasions expressed their great objections to the holding of Sessions there through the unsuitability of the premises, the rain pouring in, and the ceilings falling?

Mr. Barton answered,—The following answer has been furnished by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice:—"The purchase of the new site referred to, the sale of the present site, and the occupation of the present court-house under a lease till November next, were all arranged by the late Colonial Secretary, and not by this Department. I have only recently been able to obtain the papers, and they are now engaging my attention. I am informed that representations have been made as to the unsuitability of the premises and their state of disrepair."

(8.) Reduction of the Military Vote:—*Mr. Lees*, for Mr. Gould, asked the Colonial Secretary,—In what items under the Military Vote is it intended to give effect to the £50,000 reduction made upon that Vote, and to what amount in each case?

Mr. Barton answered,—It is impossible to furnish the information desired by the Honorable Member until the Appropriation Act is passed, and the nature of the deductions finally determined.

(9.) Relatives of Collector of Customs in Customs Department:—*Dr. Hollis* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—How many relatives or connexions by marriage of the Collector of Customs are at present employed in the Department of Customs; how many of these have been appointed within the last six months?

Mr.

Mr. See answered,—The Collector of Customs' son was appointed a clerk in the Customs on 1st April, 1882, by Mr. James Watson, a late Colonial Treasurer. A gentleman recently employed as a temporary clerk is a connection of the Collector of Customs by marriage, and was appointed by me. I may add that the Collector's son was appointed by Mr. Watson against the request of Mr. Powell.

- (10.) Artificial Production of Rain :—Mr. Dickens asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the promise made by him some time since, will he take prompt action in order to test the efficiency or otherwise of artificial rain-making machines or inventions in those portions of the Colony which are now suffering to such a fearful extent from prolonged drought?

Mr. Barton answered,—The matter is still under consideration.

- (11.) Rabbit Pest :—Mr. Dickens asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to take any steps to deal with the rabbit pest?
- (2.) If so, when will the Government deal with the matter?
- (3.) Will he inform the House generally on what lines the Government purpose dealing with the question?

Mr. Copeland answered,—This question has been under the consideration of the Government, but no definite course of action has been decided on. I cannot, therefore, inform the Honorable Member on what lines the Government will deal with the matter, but it will probably be under a system of local administration similar to the provisions of the Pastures and Stock Protection Act.

- (12.) Proposed Railway from Cobar to Broken Hill :—Mr. Dickens asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to take early steps to carry out the proposed railway to Broken Hill from Cobar, *via* Wilcannia, which proposed extension has already been favourably reported upon by the Public Works Committee?
- (2.) Will the Government carry on such extension before constructing any other lines which have, or which may be, submitted to the Public Works Committee for their consideration and report?
- (3.) Is he aware, owing to certain reasons (amongst others named being the isolation of Broken Hill from the metropolis), that the expediency of separation from this Colony has been seriously entertained at Broken Hill, both by the press and the people of that town?

Mr. See answered,—It is the intention of the Government to recommend to Parliament the carrying out of this very important public work as soon as the state of the money market will permit of this being safely done.

- (13.) Scrub Fund under the Crown Lands Act :—Mr. Vaughn asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) How much money has been paid by pastoralists to the Scrub Fund under the Crown Lands Act?
- (2.) How much has been expended up to date?
- (3.) How has the same been expended?

Mr. Copeland answered,—I am not aware of there being any such fund under the Crown Lands Acts as the "Scrub Fund."

- (14.) Appointments to the Legislative Council :—Mr. G. D. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the rejection by the Legislative Council of Bills passed by this House, will he, during the recess, consider the wisdom, either of appointing to the Council a number of men of democratic instincts, or of moving in the direction of the abolition of that branch of the Legislature?

Mr. Barton answered,—The Government can give no further undertaking on this subject, except to say that if the necessity to make further appointments to the Legislature asserts itself steps will be taken to consider the composition of those appointed.

3. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Barton moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House at its rising this day do adjourn until To-morrow at Eleven o'clock.
Question put and passed.

4. PINE RIDGE TRAMWAY BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Waddell, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Waddell then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to authorise the construction and maintenance of a tramway from the mines, quarries, and lands, situate in the parish of Enmore, counties of Yancowinna and Menindee, Colony of New South Wales, comprised in applications for mineral leases numbered 4,716, 4,717, 4,718, 4,737, 4,738, 4,739, 4,740, 4,741, to a point to be determined on mineral lease portion 2, parish Sebastopol, in the said Colony, connecting with the tramway system of the Broken Hill mines.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the construction and maintenance of a tramway from the mines, quarries, and lands, situate in the parish of Enmore, counties of Yancowinna and Menindee, Colony of New South Wales, comprised in applications for mineral leases numbered 4,716, 4,717, 4,718, 4,737, 4,738, 4,739, 4,740, 4,741, to a point to be determined on mineral lease portion 2, parish Sebastopol, in the said Colony, connecting with the tramway system of the Broken Hill mines,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

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Sydney, 31st March, 1882.

5. MUNICIPALITIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Carruthers, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Carruthers then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the 'Municipalities Act of 1867.'*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Municipalities Act of 1867,'*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 31st March, 1892.*

6. WESTON'S ESTATE MORTGAGE ENABLING BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Barbour, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Barbour then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to authorise the mortgage of certain lands and hereditaments devised by the will of Frederick Weston, deceased.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the mortgage of certain lands and hereditaments devised by the will of Frederick Weston, deceased,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 31st March, 1892.*

7. ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Sec, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) Hay Irrigation Bill:—

JERSEY,
Governor.

Message No. 70.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to vest certain lands in the Council of the Municipal District of Hay; to enable the said Council to establish works thereon and elsewhere for Conserving and Utilising Water for Irrigation, and to lease such lands; and for other purposes incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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- (2.) Borough of Newcastle Electric Lighting Bill:—

JERSEY,
Governor.

Message No. 71.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to give powers to the Council of the Borough of Newcastle to light the streets and public places of the said Borough with the Electric Light, and to supply Electricity within or without the limits of the said Borough; and to levy rates and make charges in respect of such lighting and supply; and for the purposes aforesaid to acquire land, and the right to use patents, and acquire or construct works, and break open streets, remove obstructions, and lay down electric lines; and to borrow money, enter into contracts, sell or lease fittings, and do other matters incidental to such lighting and supply; and to enable Boroughs and Municipal Districts without the limits of the said Borough of Newcastle to participate in the benefits of such supply; and to empower the Municipal Councils of such Boroughs and Municipal Districts to give consents, enter into contracts, and levy rates in respect of such supply; and to amend the one hundred and fifty-third, one hundred and sixty-fifth, and one hundred and ninetieth, and other sections of the 'Municipalities Act of 1867,' so far as may be necessary for the purposes aforesaid; and to impose certain penalties, and otherwise protect the Council from being defrauded, impeded, or harassed in the exercise of the aforesaid powers; and to make provision for the safety of the public; and to amend the law in other respects,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*Government House,
Sydney, 31st March, 1892.*

8. PAPERS:—

Mr. Barton laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Rules of the Supreme Court (in Probate Jurisdiction) pursuant to Act 54 Vic. No. 25, section 112.

- (2.) Report on Vote for Maintenance of Sick Paupers for 1891.

- (3.) Report on administration of Dairies Supervision Act during year 1891.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Copeland laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return to an Order, made on 2nd March, 1892,—"*Road from Numba to Comerong.*"

- (2.) Return to an Order, made on 19th August, 1891,—"*Reserves in Land Districts of Forbes, Parkes, and Condobolin.*"

- (3.) Annual Report of the Department of Lands for 1891.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr.

Mr. See laid upon the Table,—Correspondence respecting the appointment of a Royal Commission to inquire into and report upon certain charges made by Mr. Schey, M.P., against the Chief Commissioner for Railways.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return (*in part*) to an Order, made on 27th May, 1891,—“Proposed Railway Extension, Eden to Bega.”

(2.) Return respecting expenditure on Railways and other Public Works authorised by last Parliament.

(3.) Report by Mr. Harry Gilliat, Examiner of Public Works Proposals, on the proposed Railway from Temora to Hillston.

Ordered to be printed.

9. **BROKEN HILL AND DISTRICT WATER SUPPLY ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—Ordered, on motion of Mr. Neild, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 29th March, in reference to the amendments made in the Broken Hill and District Water Supply Act Amendment Bill,—

Agrees to the Council's amendment in new clause 2 inserted by the Assembly.

Disagrees to the Council's amendment which omits the third paragraph and the words “Part II” of the Schedule added by the Assembly and inserts other words in their place,—because the Assembly deems the area of land described in the Council's amendment unnecessarily large.

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Sydney, 31st March, 1892.*

10. **CLAIM TO LAND AT DARLING HARBOUR**:—Mr. Carruthers presented a Petition from Asher Australia Day, one of the surviving trustees of the will of Thomas Day, formerly of Pyrmont, relating to a claim under such will to certain land in Sussex-street, fronting Darling Harbour, and to the decision of the Court of Equity thereon; and praying that a Select Committee may be appointed to inquire into the case, with a view to afford such relief as the merits demand, but which a Court of Law cannot for the reasons stated afford.
Petition received.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. G. D. Clark 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 “to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the abandonment of the Special Session proposed to be held for the purpose of dealing with subject of “Electoral reform.”

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

12. **MR. CHARLES BRADY'S SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH SERICULTURE**:—Mr. Rose, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 21st December, 1891; together with Appendices.
Ordered to be printed.

13. **PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS (*Lunatic Asylum at Kenmore, near Goulburn*)**:—Mr. Lyne moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a lunatic asylum at Kenmore, near Goulburn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

14. **PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS**:—Mr. Lyne moved, pursuant to Notice, That the undermentioned Members be appointed to constitute, in conjunction with five Members of the Legislative Council, the “Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works,” as provided for by the “Public Works Act of 1888,” the “Public Works Act Amendment Act,” and the “Public Works (Committees Remuneration) Act,” namely:—William Chandos Wall, Esquire; John George Gough, Esquire; James Torpy, Esquire; John Cash Neild, Esquire; Frank Farnell, Esquire; William McCourt, Esquire; Charles Collins, Esquire; and James Patrick Garvan, Esquire.

Debate ensued.

And Mr. Alfred Allen requiring that the Committee be appointed by Ballot,—

Question,—That the undermentioned Members be appointed to constitute, in conjunction with five Members of the Legislative Council, the “Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works,” as provided for by the “Public Works Act of 1888,” the “Public Works Act Amendment Act,” and the “Public Works (Committees Remuneration) Act,” namely,—put and passed.

Whereupon the House proceeded to Ballot; and Mr. Speaker declared the following to be the Committee duly appointed:—Thomas Thomson Ewing, Esquire; William Chandos Wall, Esquire; William McCourt, Esquire; Jacob Garrard, Esquire; John Cash Neild, Esquire; Edward William O'Sullivan, Esquire; Charles Collins, Esquire; and Henry Dawson, Esquire.

15. **ASSENT TO BILLS**:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Barton, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

(1.) Government Railways (Contracts) Amendment Bill:—

JERSEY,
Governor.

Message No. 72.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Government Railways Act of 1888' in respect to certain contracts to be made by the Commissioners appointed under that Act,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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Sydney, 31st March, 1892.

(2.) Judicial Offices Bill:—

JERSEY,
Governor.

Message No. 73.

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

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(3.) Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Bill:—

JERSEY,
Governor.

Message No. 74.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to establish a Board of Water Supply and Sewerage for the district of the Lower Hunter; to transfer certain portions of land and works for water supply constructed by the Government within such district, and vest the same in the said Board; to transfer to the said Board certain reticulation works in connection with water supply and certain works for sewerage constructed by certain Municipal Councils; to provide for the licensing and certificating of persons to perform work in connection with water supply and sewerage; to confer on such Board all requisite powers for the administration of all matters relating to the water supply and sewerage of such district, and in certain cases of places outside such district; to provide for the repayment of cost of works for water supply and sewerage for the said district, and of certain loans made to the Council of the Borough of Newcastle; to confer certain powers and impose certain duties in respect to the construction of works for water supply and sewerage within such district on the Minister; to provide for the acquisition and occupation of lands required for purposes of water supply or sewerage, and for the payment of compensation in respect of such lands, and for the sale and lease of superfluous lands; and to make other provisions incidental to such purposes,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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

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

18. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the adoption of the report from the Committee of the Whole on the Land Company of Australasia (Limited) Railway Bill (*Council Bill*) postponed until To-morrow.

19. **AUSTRALIAN GASLIGHT COMPANY ELECTRIC LIGHTING AND SUPPLY BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Gould moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

Debate continued.

Question put and passed.

Mr. Gould then moved, That the resumption of the Debate stand an Order of the Day for Monday next.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Kidd,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Barton,	
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Hassall.
Mr. Slattery,	
Mr. Fegan,	
Mr. Brunker,	
Mr. Gould,	
Mr. Torpy,	
Mr. Lyne,	
Mr. Sec,	
Mr. Collis,	
Mr. Sydney Smith,	
Mr. Scott,	
Mr. Cullen,	
Mr. Garrard,	
Mr. Cruickshank,	
Mr. E. M. Clark,	
Mr. Newton.	

Noes, 40.

Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Danahey,	Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Black,
Mr. G. D. Clark,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Miller,	Mr. Rae,
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Murphy,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Darnley,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Dawson,	Mr. Bavier,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,	Mr. York,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Donnelly,	Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Hindle,
Dr. Hollis,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Lees.
Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Grahame,	
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Houghton.

And so it passed in the negative.

20. BROKEN HILL AND DISTRICT WATER SUPPLY ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having taken into consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message dated this day, in reference to the Broken Hill and District Water Supply Act Amendment Bill,—Does not insist upon its amendment upon the Assembly's amendment disagreed to by the Assembly in this Bill.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 31st March, 1892.*

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

21. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until To-morrow:—

- (1.) Married Women's Property Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading.
- (2.) Colonial Sugar Refining Company Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading.
- (3.) Segenhoe Estate Irrigation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

22. DEEPWATER AND MOUNT GALENA TRAMWAY BILL:—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Dowel 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. Dowel, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 1 APRIL, 1892, A.M.

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

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

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

- (2.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Dowel, *passed*.

Mr. Dowel then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to authorise William Bragg, of Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, gentleman, his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, or any company duly registered for that purpose by agreement with the said William Bragg, his executors, administrators, or assigns, to construct and maintain a tramway from a point to be determined on, near the Deepwater Railway Station, and connecting with the Great Northern Railway Line, parish of Deepwater, in the said Colony, to Mount Galena Silver-mines, in the parish of Gordon, county of Gough, via Tent Hill and Emmaville, at a point to be determined on in mineral lease application number two thousand one hundred and seventy-five, in the parish and county last aforesaid, and to use steam or other motive power upon the said tramway, and to carry passengers, goods, live stock, ore, and other things over the said tramway, for hire, for the public generally, as well as for persons engaged in mining operations.*"

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 authorise William Bragg, of Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, gentleman, his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, or any company duly registered for that purpose by agreement with the said William Bragg, his executors, administrators, or assigns, to construct and maintain a tramway from a point to be determined on, near the Deepwater Railway Station, and connecting with the Great Northern Railway Line, parish of Deepwater, in the said Colony, to Mount Galena Silver-mines, in the parish of Gordon, county of Gough, via Tent Hill and Emmaville,*

Emmaville, at a point to be determined on in mineral lease application number two thousand one hundred and seventy-five, in the parish and county last aforesaid, and to use steam or other motive power upon the said tramway, and to carry passengers, goods, live stock, ore, and other things over the said tramway, for hire, for the public generally, as well as for persons engaged in mining operations,"—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, 1st April, 1892, a.m.*

23. MARRIAGES VALIDATION AND MARRIAGE LAW AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having taken into consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated the 30th March, 1892, in reference to the Marriages Validation and Marriage Law Amendment Bill,—

Disagrees to the Assembly's amendment in this Bill,—

(1.) Because the amendment will have the effect of validating a marriage which has been already declared invalid by the Supreme Court.

(2.) Because it is inexpedient and contrary to precedent for the Legislature, by retrospective enactment, to render null and void the decision of a Court of Law upon rights which were in issue before it.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 31st March, 1892.*

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

Ordered, that this Message from the Legislative Council be forthwith taken into consideration.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee did not insist upon its amendment disagreed to by the Council.

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

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

Mr. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 31st March, in reference to the Marriages Validation and Marriage Law Amendment Bill,—Does not insist upon its amendment disagreed to by the Council in the said Bill.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 1st April, 1892, a.m.*

24. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Barton moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at seventeen minutes after Two o'clock a.m., until *Eleven o'clock* a.m. This Day.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 112.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 1 APRIL, 1892.

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

ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Barton, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) Trades Disputes Conciliation and Arbitration Bill (No. 2):—

JERSEY,
Governor.

Message No. 75.

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

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- (2.) Arbitration Bill:—

JERSEY,
Governor.

Message No. 76.

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

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- (3.) Legal Practitioners Bill (No. 2):—

JERSEY,
Governor.

Message No. 77.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to give Attorneys, Solicitors, and Proctors of the Supreme Court of the Colony of New South Wales right of audience in all Courts in the said Colony; and to extend the rights of Barristers, Attorneys, Solicitors, and Proctors; and for other purposes in connection therewith*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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- (4.) Tarrawingee Tramway Act Amendment Bill:—

JERSEY,
Governor.

Message No. 78.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Tarrawingee Tramway Act of 1890*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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2. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Vine Diseases Act.—Mr. Scobie asked the Secretary for Mines,—Will he, early next Session, bring in an amended Act to deal with the disease known as “Phylloxera Vastatrix”?

Mr. Slattery answered,—Yes, if the state of the public business will permit.

(2.) Crown Lands near Randwick Race-course, leased by Mr. G. B. Rowley:—Mr. Stevenson, for Mr. McFarlane, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) What amount of rent is in arrear for Crown Lands near Randwick Race-course, leased by Mr. G. B. Rowley?

(2.) Has any arrangement been made for payment of same?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Nothing.

(3.) Proposed Railway from Wagga Wagga to Tumberumba:—Mr. Hayes asked The Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has he received from the Railway Examiners their report on the Wagga Wagga to Tumberumba railway?

(2.) If not, what is the reason for the delay in sending it?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I regret to say that it is not yet ready, owing to the continued indisposition of the Examiner to whom the question was referred.

(4.) Tenders for Roads :—Mr. Molesworth, for Mr. Tonkin, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he notify in the *Government Gazette* the amount of all tenders accepted for roads, together with the amounts of the unsuccessful tenders, so that the public may know particulars as to cost?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I hardly think there is any necessity for this, as a list showing all the tenders, successful and unsuccessful, is posted at the Court-house in the district in which the tenders are invited.

(5.) Safe stolen from Granville Post Office:—Mr. Molesworth, for Mr. Tonkin, asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) Was any reward given for the finding of the safe stolen from the Granville Post Office, 25th November, 1890?

(2.) What was the amount given as reward, and what was the name of the person to whom it was given?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) £4 4s., to J. Marlow.

(6.) Wilberforce and Pitt Town Commons :—Mr. Molesworth, for Mr. Tonkin, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has he obtained the opinion of the Attorney-General *re* the legality of resumption of the Wilberforce and Pitt Town Commons; if so, what is its nature?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Yes; the matter is still under consideration, and will be dealt with during the recess.

(7.) Brewarrina Aboriginal Mission Station:—Mr. Hoyle, for Mr. Schey, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has any officer in the Civil Service been sent to inquire into the allegations made respecting the Aboriginal Mission Station, near Brewarrina?

(2.) If so, what is his name, his salary, and the nature of his employment in the Civil Service?

(3.) If permanently employed in Sydney, what arrangements have been made for the performance of his duties during his absence, and what extra allowance (if any) will be made in connection therewith?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The gentleman sent to make the investigation is Mr. Palmer, Secretary to the Civil Service Board. His duties will be performed by other gentlemen in the office, and the salary which he receives is £600 per annum.

(8.) Brewarrina Aboriginal Mission Station:—Mr. Langwell, for Mr. Waddell, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Have the Government decided to appoint an officer to inquire into the working of the Brewarrina Aboriginal Mission Station?

(2.) If so, who is the gentleman appointed, and when will the inquiry take place?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The reply to the last question is almost an answer to this one. An officer named Mr. Palmer has been appointed, and he has proceeded to his work. The inquiry is now taking place.

3. PAPER :—Mr. Suttor laid upon the Table,—Correspondence, &c., respecting the Sydney Mechanics School of Arts being used for Theatrical Purposes.

Ordered to be printed.

4. ASSENT TO BILLS :—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

(1.) Children's Protection Bill (No. 2) :—

JERSEY,

Governor.

Message No. 79.

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

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(2.)

(2.) Broken Hill and District Water Supply Act Amendment Bill:—

JERSEY,

Message No. 80.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to extend the time for completing the Broken Hill and District Water Supply Company's (Limited) Works, and to amend the 'Broken Hill and District Water Supply Act of 1888,'*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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Sydney, 1st April, 1892.

(3.) Municipalities Act Amendment Bill:—

JERSEY,

Message No. 81.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Municipalities Act of 1867,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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(4.) Pine Ridge Tramway Bill:—

JERSEY,

Message No. 82.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the construction and maintenance of a Tramway from the mines, quarries, and lands, situate in the parish of Enmore, counties of Yancowinna and Menindee, Colony of New South Wales, comprised in applications for mineral leases numbered 4,716, 4,717, 4,718, 4,737, 4,738, 4,739, 4,740, 4,741, to a point to be determined on mineral lease, portion 2, parish Sebastopol, in the said Colony, connecting with the tramway system of the Broken Hill Mines,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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(5.) Weston's Estate Mortgage Enabling Bill:—

JERSEY,

Message No. 83.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the mortgage of certain lands and hereditaments devised by the will of Frederick Weston, deceased,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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Sydney, 1st April, 1892.

(6.) Marriages Validation and Marriage Law Amendment Bill:—

JERSEY,

Message No. 84.

Governor.

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

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Sydney, 1st April, 1892.

5. DEEPWATER AND MOUNT GALENA TRAMWAY 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 authorise William Bragg, of Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, gentleman, his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, or any company duly registered for that purpose by agreement with the said William Bragg, his executors, administrators, or assigns, to construct and maintain a Tramway from a point to be determined on, near the Deepwater Railway Station, and connecting with the Great Northern Railway Line, parish of Deepwater, in the said Colony, to Mount Galena Silver-mines, in the parish of Gordon, county of Gough, via Tent Hill and Emmaville, at a point to be determined on in mineral lease application number two thousand one hundred and seventy-five, in the parish and county last aforesaid, and to use steam or other motive power upon the said Tramway, and to carry passengers, goods, live stock, ore, and other things over the said Tramway, for hire, for the public generally, as well as for persons engaged in mining operations,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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Sydney, 1st April, 1892.

JOHN LACKEY,

President.

6. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR:—The Usher of the Black Rod was admitted, and delivered the following Message :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

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

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went to the Legislative Council, where Mr. Speaker addressed His Excellency as follows :—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

Her Majesty's faithful subjects in this Colony have, by their representatives, granted to Her Majesty the Supplies required for the current year, and for the Services of previous years not hitherto provided for. They have, in like manner, voted sums of money to be raised by Loan for the repayment of Loans, and for the purpose of effecting certain public works. I have now the honor to present to your Excellency for the Royal Assent two Bills passed to embody these Supplies, and intitled respectively,—

An Act to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Service of the year 1892, and for the year 1891 and previous years, and

An Act to authorise the raising of a Loan for the Public Service ; to repeal section three of the Act fifty-fourth Victoria number thirty-three ; to apply certain unexpended balances for Public Works Services ; for repayment of certain Loans ; and for other purposes.

Mr. Speaker also presented to His Excellency for the Royal Assent,—

An Act to authorise William Bragg, of Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, gentleman, his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, or any company duly registered for that purpose by agreement with the said William Bragg, his executors, administrators, or assigns, to construct and maintain a Tramway from a point to be determined on, near the Deepwater Railway Station, and connecting with the Great Northern Railway Line, parish of Deepwater, in the said Colony, to Mount Galena Silver-mines, in the parish of Gordon, county of Gough, *via* Tent Hill and Emmaville, at a point to be determined on in mineral lease application, number two thousand one hundred and seventy-five, in the parish and county last aforesaid, and to use steam or other motive power upon the said Tramway, and to carry passengers, goods, live stock, ore, and other things over the said Tramway, for hire, for the public generally, as well as for persons engaged in mining operations.

7. ASSENT TO BILLS :—His Excellency was then pleased to subscribe, and declare his Assent, in the name and on the behalf of Her Majesty, to the Bills presented by Mr. Speaker, *viz.* :—

(1.) “ *An Act to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain Sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Service of the year 1892 and for the Year 1891 and previous years.*”

(2.) “ *An Act to authorise the raising of a Loan for the Public Service ; to repeal section three of the Act fifty-fourth Victoria number thirty-three ; to apply certain unexpended balances for Public Works Services ; for repayment of certain Loans ; and for other purposes.*”

(3.) “ *An Act to authorise William Bragg, of Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, gentleman, his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, or any company duly registered for that purpose by agreement with the said William Bragg, his executors, administrators, or assigns, to construct and maintain a Tramway from a point to be determined on, near the Deepwater Railway Station, and connecting with the Great Northern Railway Line, parish of Deepwater, in the said Colony, to Mount Galena Silver-mines, in the parish of Gordon, county of Gough, via Tent Hill and Emmaville, at a point to be determined on in mineral lease application, number two thousand one hundred and seventy-five, in the parish and county last aforesaid, and to use steam or other motive power upon the said Tramway, and to carry passengers, goods, live stock, ore, and other things over the said Tramway, for hire, for the public generally, as well as for persons engaged in mining operations.*”

8. PROROGATION :—His Excellency then delivered to both Houses of Parliament the following Speech :—

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

It is with much satisfaction that I am at length able to release you, for a time, from your Parliamentary duties, and to congratulate you upon the number of important enactments which have resulted from your arduous and protracted exertions.

2. The condition of the Finances when my present Advisers accepted office was such as to demand an immediate and substantial addition to the Revenue. This demand has been successfully met by the introduction and passing of the Customs Duties Act. That measure, besides providing a large amount of additional Revenue, has afforded to our own products and manufactures a measure of protection and encouragement which cannot fail to result in largely increased employment for our people. In the English money market the effect of this policy has been to give increased confidence in our securities, and to it in a large measure is due the successful floating of Treasury Bills to the amount of one million and a quarter, which were issued for the purpose of raising money for the carrying on of existing Contracts and pressing Public Works.

3. The important measure of Electoral Reform, passed by the Legislative Assembly in accordance with the clearly expressed will of the people during the last General Election, failed to obtain the approval of the Legislative Council. My Advisers were desirous of reintroducing the measure in a comprehensive form calculated to ensure its passing into law, during a short Session to be held specially for that purpose immediately after the close of the present Session. They have reluctantly abandoned that intention in view of the length of time which the present Session has now occupied, and the confusion which would result to the public business by the further continuance of the sitting of Parliament without some reasonable recess.

4. My late Advisers passed into law a much needed measure for the amendment of the Crown Lands Act. They also introduced measures for the amendment of the Law of Evidence, and the Criminal Law, for admitting Bankers' Books in Evidence, for Regulating the Procedure of the Supreme Court in some particulars, and for limiting the power of the Railway Commissioners in the making of Contracts for the supply of rolling stock and materials from outside the Colony. All these useful measures have become law since the advent of my present Advisers.

5. A great deal of uneasiness in financial circles has been relieved by the passing of the Joint Stock Companies Arrangements Act, which enables Companies and Building Societies in difficulties to make arrangements with their creditors, without sacrificing their assets, and without going into liquidation.

6. The sale of meat and animals, cancerous or otherwise diseased, has been of late years a growing cause for alarm. The Diseased Animals and Meat Act has met the evil in a way which it is hoped will remove any cause for further anxiety on behalf of the public health.

7. The labours of the Royal Commission, which lately inquired into and reported on the great Strike of 1890, resulted in a valuable report, which brought into closer view the benefits to be expected from provision for the voluntary settlement of industrial disputes. Practical steps towards securing to New South Wales a participation in these advantages were taken by the Government, who, with your patriotic assistance, have carried the Trades Disputes Conciliation and Arbitration Act. I am strong in hope that its provisions will be availed of by employers and employees in such a spirit that disputes which hitherto have resulted in prolonged and disastrous interruption to production and employment, and in calamity to the country at large, will be settled by the peaceful and expeditious methods of Conciliation and Arbitration.

8. By the Act for the Validation of certain Marriages and the amendment of the Marriage Laws you have removed painful doubts which arose in many families in consequence of recent interpretations of the law, the amelioration of which will prevent the recurrence of such causes of alarm.

9. The Judicial Offices Act, defining the status of the President and Commissioners of the Land Appeal Court, and providing for the necessary reinforcement of the Bench of the Supreme Court, as occasion may require, will without doubt be found of large utility in the due administration of Justice.

10. In the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Act you have made provision for the sanitary advantage and comfort of a large and fast-growing population, by legislation which will ensure a substantial yearly return upon the outlay.

11. Without detailing the other measures introduced by Ministers, and now added to the Statute Book, it will be sufficient to mention the Treasury Bills Act, the City of Sydney Paving Act, and the Sydney Hospital Completion Act.

12. In addition to the above-mentioned work of my Advisers, Honorable Members generally have been laborious in the cause of legislation, and many useful measures have been passed at the instance of private Members.

GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

13. I thank you for the Supplies which you have so liberally granted, and which will be carefully used for the efficient conduct of the Public Service. Authority was asked for and given for the provision of Loan funds to a moderate amount for the carrying out of public works, and that authority will be exercised with sedulous regard to the public welfare.

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

14. During the recess steps will be taken for the reorganisation of the Defensive Forces of the Colony, and arrangements are in progress for constituting, without addition to the number of Ministers, a Department of Defence.

15. The recess will be utilised in the preparation of a number of measures of first importance, and in the advancement of the best interests of the country by just and humane administration.

16. Various unavoidable causes prevented both the late and the present Administrations from dealing with the great question of Australian Federation, but it is intended to afford you an opportunity of discussing it early in the Session of 1892, with a view to the perfecting of a plan of union under which all the Colonies may join in the regulation of affairs of general concernment to the inhabitants of Australia and Tasmania.

17. The depression which has recently afflicted Australia in common with the rest of the civilised world has, during the past year and more, manifested itself in the absence of employment for a considerable number of our people. The trouble so occasioned has caused me grave concern, which I know is shared by my Advisers and yourselves. Endeavours have been made to facilitate employment by the bringing together of employers and workmen, and with that end in view a Labour Bureau has been established. While the result has been substantially beneficial, it will be necessary to put in hand with all proper speed as many useful public works as the funds at disposal will admit, so that distress may be obviated by legitimate means pending the increase of investment, production, and employment which my Advisers feel assured will result from their policy within a reasonable time. Meanwhile, the Revenue returns and the progress of settlement show that the Colony is in a sound condition, and testify to the greatness of her material resources.

18. In closing this Session, I gratefully acknowledge the diligence and perseverance which you have brought to the performance of your duties in the service of the State. It is my confident belief that in the recess your influence will continue to be exercised for the common weal, and in the promotion of a spirit of order and goodwill amongst all classes of the community.

19. I now prorogue this Parliament until Tuesday, the tenth day of May next.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.



1891-2.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

BUSINESS UNDISPOSED OF AT THE CLOSE OF THE SESSION.

(PROROGUED 1 APRIL, 1892.)

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Level Crossings on Railways Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to enable the Railway Commissioners of New South Wales to close certain level crossings, and to substitute, where necessary, overhead bridges or subways, or other conveniences in lieu thereof.
2. Medical Bill (*Council Bill*) ; second reading.
3. Bankruptcy Acts Amendment Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
4. Diseases in Sheep Acts Amendment Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Dibbs, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
5. Goulburn to Crookwell Railway Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Goulburn to Crookwell.
6. Circular Quay Land Sale Bill ; further consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to authorise the sale of certain lands now vested in the Colonial Treasurer, and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds of such sale.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Land Company of Australasia (Limited) Railway Bill (*Council Bill*) reported ; adoption of report.
2. Married Women's Property Bill (*Council Bill*) ; second reading.
3. Colonial Sugar Refining Company Bill (*Council Bill*) ; second reading.
4. Segenhoe Estate Irrigation Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
5. Masters and Servants Bill (No. 2) ; second reading.
6. Marine Board Reconstruction Bill ; second reading.
7. Public Instruction Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
8. Municipal Wharves Bill ; second reading.
9. Bankruptcy Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
10. Law Vacations Abolition Bill ; second reading.
11. Distress for Rent Abolition Bill ; second reading.
12. Willoughby and Gordon Tramway Acts Amending Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading.
13. Illegal Benevolent Funds Bill ; second reading.
14. Goulburn Water Supply Charges Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading.
15. Childrens Protection Bill ; second reading.
16. Lessees Land Purchase Bill ; second reading.
17. Vice Suppression Bill ; second reading.
18. Australasian Mining Exchange of Sydney Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading.
19. Wentworth Electorate Subdivision Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
20. Public Works (Committees' Remuneration Reduction) Bill ; second reading.
21. Wagga Wagga School of Arts Enabling Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading.
22. Racing Association Bill ; second reading.
23. Agricultural Holdings Bill ; second reading.
24. Municipal Council of Sydney Electric Lighting Bill ; second reading.
25. Law Practice Extension Bill ; second reading.
26. Contractors Lien Bill (No. 2) ; second reading.
27. Camel Driving Restriction Bill ; second reading.
28. Diseases in Sheep Acts Further Amendment Bill ; second reading.

29. Maitland Electric Light Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
30. Dairies Supervision Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
31. Sydney Electric Lighting Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Dibbs, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
32. Trade Union Act Amendment Bill (No. 2); second reading.
33. Agreements Validating Act Repeal Bill; second reading.
34. Municipalities Act of 1867 Amendment Bill (No. 2); second reading.
35. Liquor Licenses Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to secure the more effective closing of public-houses on Sundays and during prohibited hours.
36. Special Grant to Municipalities; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause provision to be made on an Additional or Supplementary Estimate for 1891 for the payment to Country and Suburban Municipalities of a further additional grant of 5s. in the £ on the total amount of rates collected by such Municipalities for the Municipal year ended 3rd February, 1891.
37. Polling Day Liquor Prohibition Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill for the purpose of closing licensed public-houses; and for the prohibition of the sale and supply of intoxicating liquors on Parliamentary Election days; for making it illegal to hold committee meetings, or meetings of electors in licensed public-houses in connection with Parliamentary elections; and for other purposes connected therewith.
38. Labour Protection Bill (No. 2); consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to restrain the importation or immigration of aliens and certain other persons under contract or agreement to perform labour or service in New South Wales; and for purposes connected therewith.
39. Licensing Act Amendment Bill (No. 2); consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Act to consolidate and amend the Law relating to licensed publicans (25 Victoria No. 14), by restricting the number and situation of bars in each licensed house; the abolition of female labour in such bars, and for other purposes connected therewith.
40. Pawnbrokers Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend an Act for regulating the trade or business of pawnbrokers in New South Wales, 13 Victoria No. 37.
41. Prospecting for Minerals; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Estimates a sum not exceeding £100,000 as a prospecting vote to assist in developing the mineral wealth of this Colony.
42. Royal Commission to Report upon the Laws of the Country; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to appoint a Royal Commission—consisting partly of legal experts and partly of Members of this House—for the purpose of reporting upon the laws of the country, and notifying which of them are obsolete or undesirable, and what measures of a modern character should be substituted for them.
43. Timber Licenses Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the regulations in connection with timber licenses, and for the purpose of altering and re-adjusting the fees and charges in connection therewith.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. RAE to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the present expensive system of providing special trams and trains for the conveyance of Members to their homes at the termination of late sittings of the Assembly is not justified by results, and, in the interests of economy, should be at once abolished.
2. MR. CHAPMAN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that an income tax should be passed without delay, with a view of compelling the rich men of this Colony to contribute a fair proportion of the revenue.
3. MR. CHAPMAN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that an absentee tax should be passed without delay, so as to compel rich landlords residing outside the Colony to pay their fair share towards the Government of this country.
4. MR. ROSE to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the maximum amount received in Government Savings Banks from individual depositors should be increased from £200 to £200,000.
5. MR. HUTCHISON to move, That, in the opinion of this House, a second Legislative Chamber is an excrescence, and fraught with danger to the advancement and growth of the body politic; is inimical to progress, and opposed to the principles of democracy, and should therefore be abolished.
6. MR. BARBOUR to move,—
 - (1.) In the opinion of this House the practice that has grown up in the Lands Department during the last few years, of making all revoked reserves in the southern district special areas, is producing poverty amongst those selectors who have taken up such lands, is prejudicial to the best interests of the Colony, and should be discontinued.
 - (2.) That it was never intended by the Legislature that the special area clause should be made applicable to grazing lands, or to lands situated at a great distance from market or a railway; but it was rather intended to apply to lands of exceptional value, such as population areas, and to superior agricultural lands so situated that the labour of the selector when applied would produce tenfold in value what might otherwise be expected from grazing land.
 - (3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
7. MR. BARBOUR to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Conditional Purchases of Neil Gallagher, Orange," laid upon the Table of this House on the 25th November, 1891, be now adopted.

8. MR. CRICK to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Application for a Free Pass made by Mr. Black, M.P.," brought up on the 21st March, 1892, be now adopted.
9. MR. BARBOUR to move, That the Report from the Select Committee upon the "Conditional Purchase made by Anne Nash O'Brien, at Corowa," brought up on the 15th March, 1892, be now adopted.
10. MR. E. M. CLARK to move, That the Report of the Select Committee on the "Whaling Road, North Sydney," brought up on the 17th March, 1892, be now adopted.
11. MR. WADDELL to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the provisions of the Civil Service Act providing for a Superannuation Fund are inequitable and unsatisfactory to the great majority of the Civil Servants.
 - (2.) That the said fund should be abolished and the money returned with interest to the persons from whose salaries it has been deducted.
12. MR. REID to move, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to reduce to a nominal rate, for registration purposes, the charges for miners' rights and mining leases, substituting for the revenue derived from fees on miners' rights and rents on mining leases a system of royalties on the gold, silver, and other metals and minerals obtained from the public estate.
13. MR. G. D. CLARK to move, That this House is opposed to any further alienation of the public lands of the Colony.
14. MR. SCHEY to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, all existing contracts for the inspection of railway rolling stock, or other material, with Sir John Fowler, C.E., or any other person, should at once be cancelled, and in lieu of the present inspection in England, arrangements should at once be made for inspection of all such material on its delivery in the Colony; such inspection to be carried out by the Government officers here.
 - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
15. MR. WALL to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the present mode of disbursing the Prospecting Vote is unsatisfactory.
 - (2.) That it should be disbursed under the supervision and control of Boards locally appointed.
 - (3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
16. MR. WALL to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the rent on gold-mining leases should be reduced to five shillings per acre per annum, as in the case of mineral leases.
 - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
17. MR. WALL to move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill, to amend the Mining Act.
18. MR. WALL to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the fee for miners' rights should be reduced to 5s. per annum.
 - (2.) That such miners' rights should be in force for a period of twelve months from the date of issue.
 - (3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
19. MR. ROSE to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Civil Service Superannuation Act of 1884 should be superseded by a National Life Assurance Association.
 - (2.) That the £400,000 accumulated under the Act should be refunded to contributors with 5 per cent. interest added.
20. MR. WADDELL to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should appoint a Royal Commission of two practical men to proceed to England and other countries likely to afford markets for our products, with a view to obtain all the information possible to assist us to open up fresh markets for our wool, preserved meats, rabbit skins, preserved rabbits, and other Colonial produce.
21. MR. GRAHAME to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Conditional Purchase by Mrs. Ann Rouse, in the parish of Kahibab," brought up on 26th February, 1892, a.m., be now adopted.
22. MR. DARNLEY to move, That, in the opinion of this House, a Bill should at once be introduced to appoint and give certain powers to Inspectors of Scaffolding to provide for the proper supervision of scaffolding, machinery, gear, and tackle used in building operations; also for the appointment of practical men as inspectors, the same to be selected after examination.
23. MR. REID to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to abolish the system of paying fees to Members of Parliament serving on the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.
24. MR. WALL to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable, in order to promote settlement on the waste lands of the Colony, and bring about decentralisation of trade, that all Colonial produce should be carried on our railways at a fixed nominal rate where the distance exceeds 100 miles.
25. MR. REID to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill providing that Members of Parliament shall not be appointed to any office or place of profit under the Crown, certain offices being excepted; that they shall not be eligible for such appointments for a period of six months after ceasing to be members; and providing for certain penalties.

26. **MR. GORMLY** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—
- (1.) All applications made by lessees of runs situated in the Wagga Wagga and Hay Land Board Districts, to be allowed to exchange private lands on such runs for Crown Lands.
 - (2.) Copies of reports and minutes of evidence taken at inquiries in regard to such applications.
 - (3.) The cases (if any) decided by the present or previous Minister.
 - (4.) How such cases have been decided.
 - (5.) What applications are still under consideration.
27. **MR. MELVILLE** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, a Bill should at once be introduced making provision for stamping all furniture manufactured, or any part thereof manufactured, by Chinese; also to cause to be so marked any furniture manufactured, or any part of which has been manufactured by Chinese, and imported into this Colony.
28. **MR. NEILD** to move,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable, in the interests of the public health, that steps should be taken by the Government to resume the low-lying ground to the south of the South Head New Road at Rushcutter's Bay, and known as the Chinese gardens.
 - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
29. **MR. SCHEY** to move,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is highly desirable, from a commercial, a sanitary, and a military point of view, that a railway should be constructed from Eveleigh to La Perouse, near the fortifications on Bare Island, at the entrance to Botany Bay.
 - (2.) That, from the commercial point of view, and in order that it should be a financial success, and conserve the interests of the public to the fullest extent, the said railway ought to pass through the most populous part of Botany.
 - (3.) That, for sanitary purposes, the said railway ought to pass as near as practicable to the public parks and recreation grounds, and within a convenient distance of Botany Bay.
 - (4.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
30. **MR. E. M. CLARK** to move,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that a high-level bridge should be at once constructed to connect North Shore with Sydney as a work of national importance.
 - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
31. **MR. E. M. CLARK** to move,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, a bridge should be constructed to connect Manly with North Sydney, in lieu of the present punt service at the Spit.
 - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
32. **MR. GORMLY** to move, That Additional Standing Order No. 7, making provision for Limitation of Speeches, be amended.
33. **MR. NICOLL** to move,—
- (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 conditional purchase of J. Smith, J. M. D. Sullivan, and A. Campbell, in the Land District of Lismore.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Howe, Mr. Brunker, Mr. McFarlane, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Perry, Mr. Torpy, Mr. Hugh McKinnon, and the Mover.
34. **MR. NICOLL** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, all future appointments in the Public Service made by the Government should be from persons residing within this Colony or other of the Australian Colonies whenever practicable.
35. **MR. O'SULLIVAN** to move, That this House will, on Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following resolution:—That, inasmuch as the benefits of the Sydney University are not as accessible as they should be to the masses of the people, this House is of opinion that it is desirable that the sum of £3,000 per annum should be devoted to the purposes of University extension, in order that lectures upon political, social, literary, scientific, and historical subjects may be delivered gratuitously in the various centres of population.
36. **MR. REID** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, private Members should have the use of those facilities for the printing and revising of Public Bills in their charge which are afforded by the Government Printing Office in such cases to the Ministers of the Crown.
37. **MR. DOWEL** to move,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient that a line of railway should be surveyed from Tamworth to Barraba, *via* Manilla, and the necessary steps taken to submit the same for consideration and report to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.
 - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
38. **MR. FRANK FARNELL** to move, That the practice of delivering a bound copy of the Votes and Proceedings of this House to each Honorable Member be discontinued.
39. **MR. MURPHY** to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the authenticity of the case already stated in the petition of ex-Mounted Sergeant William Stafford, presented to and received by Parliament on the 2nd day of May, 1888, concerning his claim for superannuation allowance from the "Police Superannuation Fund," to which he contributed 3 per cent. of his salary for eighteen years as a provision for accident, infirmity, and old age, and whether the ex-Sergeant received such a wound and other injuries in the execution of his public duty as to render him now unfit to follow his occupation.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Sir Henry Parkes, Dr. Ross, Mr. Newman, Mr. Chapman, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Miller, Mr. Darnley, Mr. Johnston, and the Mover.
 - (3.) That the Minutes of Proceedings of, and evidence taken before, the Select Committee on this subject during the Session of 1890 be referred to such Committee.

40. MR. NEILD to move, That, in view of the large sums invested in, and annually expended on, the defences of the Colony, and having regard to the great public interests involved, it is the opinion of this House that the administration of all matters connected with the said defences should be placed under the control of a separate responsible Minister and Department of Government.
41. MR. MELVILLE to move, That, in the opinion of this House, a royalty of one half-penny per ton should be levied on all coal raised by any coal company or person in New South Wales; such royalty to be placed to a separate fund, vested in trustees; such trustees to be chosen by owners and employees of such mines; the fund so raised to be distributed by such trustees to the assistance of the widow and children of any employee who may be killed, or who may die through any cause connected with the work he may be employed at in any such mine.
42. MR. SCHEY to move,—
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, and having in view the sanitary, commercial, and other interests of the Electorate of Redfern, and its utility as a great national work, it is desirable that the Shea's Creek canal should be proceeded with and completed without unnecessary delay.
 (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
43. MR. WADDELL to move,—
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the rents now being charged on Crown leases in the Cobar and other districts of the Colony, where rabbits are numerous, are inequitable and oppressive.
 (2.) That legislation should, as soon as possible, be passed, providing means for reducing the rents of Crown leases, the stock-carrying capacity of which has been seriously impaired by the rabbit pest.
44. MR. NICOLL to move,—
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the collection of all public tolls throughout the Colony should be discontinued on and after the 1st January, 1892.
 (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
45. MR. CRICK to move, That the report from the Select Committee on "Mrs. Cunynghame, late Superintendent of Macquarie-street Asylum for Infirm and Destitute, Parramatta," be now adopted.
46. MR. O'SULLIVAN to move,—
 (1.) That, in view of the recent disgraceful disclosures concerning the so-called land banks and financial institutions, and the panic in connection with the Savings Bank, it is imperative that a Select Committee of this House should be at once appointed to inquire into the condition of similar institutions now carrying on business, and report upon the best means for protecting the public against imposition and fraud in this respect.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. See, Mr. Traill, Mr. Gould, Mr. J. D. FitzGerald, Mr. Cotton, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Garvan, Mr. Martin, Mr. Cann, and the Mover.
 (3.) That such Committee have power to send for persons and papers, to hold meetings wherever it may be considered desirable, and to sit during the recess.
47. MR. HUTCHINSON to move, That the Return to Order, "Appraisement of Rents and License Fees of Crown Lands," which was laid upon the Table of the House on the 13th October, 1891, be printed.
48. MR. DANAHEY to move,—
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the best interests of the people of this country will be served by having all locomotives, tram motors, passenger cars, tram-cars, cattle and sheep trucks, goods waggons, brake-vans, and all other rolling-stock required by the Railway Commissioners for the working of the Government railways and tramways, manufactured in the Government workshops.
 (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
49. MR. WALKER to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should take immediate steps to establish a National Bank.
50. MR. JOHN WILKINSON to move, That the Crown Solicitor be instructed to join in the defence in the appeal to the Privy Council of Henry Ricketson against the decision of the Supreme Court *in re* Robert Barbour and the Crown Lands Act of 1889.
51. MR. G. D. CLARK to move, That this House is of opinion,—
 (1.) That the existing system of Party Government, while enormously expensive to the country, manifestly fails to secure the best possible results in the shape of urgently required progressive legislation.
 (2.) That it would facilitate the passing into law of democratic measures if administrative and executive functions were performed by a Committee elected by Parliament.
 (3.) That all questions of great national importance should, before their final adoption, be submitted to a vote of the entire adult population of the country.
52. MR. MORTON to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the claim of James Guihen, of Broger's Creek, for compensation.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Copland, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Collins, Mr. Colls, Mr. Dangar, Mr. Donald, Mr. Ewing, Mr. McCourt, and the Mover.
 (3.) That the papers in connection with the said claim, laid upon the Table on the 14th December, 1891, be referred to such Committee.
53. MR. CARRUTHERS to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to alter the constitution and mode of appointment of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works; to abolish the payment of fees to Members of Parliament appointed to such Committee; and for these and other purposes to amend the Public Works Act of 1888 and the Public Works (Committees' Remuneration) Act of 1889.

54. **MR. CHAPMAN** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable to establish at once a penny postal system on letters throughout New South Wales.
55. **MR. TONKIN** to move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1891 a sum not exceeding £10,000 for the establishment of a School of Mines.
56. **MR. DICKENS** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the practice of hawking goods indulged in by captains and other employees of steamers trading on the Darling River is unfair to the local storekeepers and merchants, and should be so regulated by law, as to enable the said local storekeepers and merchants to compete with these river hawkers on more even terms.
57. **MR. HOLBOROW** to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon all the circumstances connected with Calaghan's conditional purchase, 81-51, Braidwood, and 83-246 and 84-30, Queanbeyan, recommended for forfeiture.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Copeland, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Colls, Mr. Joseph Abbott, Mr. McCourt, Dr. Ross, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Rose, and the Mover.
 (3.) That the report from the Select Committee on the same subject during the Session of 1890 be referred to such Committee.
58. **MR. RAE** to move, That the motion for the receipt of the Petition presented by Mr. R. B. Wilkinson on the 23rd November, 1891, be and is hereby rescinded.
59. **MR. HUTCHISON** to move,—
 (1.) That this House recognises as a self-evident fact that the land is the result of the will, pleasure, and creative power of an all-wise and beneficent Creator; that it is self-evident that it was not created for the particular benefit of any man or class of men, but as a home, and for the common benefit of all His creatures in all generations; that the land is by divine right, and every law of justice, the common property and heritage of all men, and equally so of future generations, as of the present; that as it was not created by any human instrumentality or effort of man, but through the will and power of the Creator, which He has constituted the source of all wealth, and from whence man is sustained in life through the operation of labour, all men have equal rights thereto; that, as the alienation of the lands of the Colony is a violation of all divine and natural law, and recognising that the acquisition and accumulation of land as private property is the foundation of monopoly, which is productive of enormous misery, this House is of opinion that because of such, and the great injustice inflicted, not only on the great mass of the people now living, but, if continued, on millions yet unborn, the time has arrived that the further alienation of the provincial lands of this Colony should for ever cease.
 (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
60. **MR. CHANTER** to move, That a preliminary inquiry held, by direction of the Minister for Works, into the merits of the proposed railway from Jerilderie to Deniliquin, having strongly demonstrated the necessity for its speedy construction, this House is of opinion that the matter should now be submitted to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report.
61. **MR. ROSE** to move,—
 (1.) That, with the view of protecting the taxpayer of New South Wales from being burdened with unprofitable railways, river dues should be charged on all merchandise exported and imported from the neighbouring Colonies.
 (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
62. **MR. DOWEL** to move,—
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient that a sum not less than £2,000,000 per annum be authorised for expenditure in the Colony for construction of railways and other works of a reproductive character.
 (2.) That the abovementioned sum of £2,000,000 be provided from the sale and lease of Crown Lands.
 (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
63. **MR. HUGH MCKINNON** to move; That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable to reduce the excise duty on Colonial tobacco, as follows:—
 (1.) For the manufacture of plug tobacco, 9d. per pound instead of 1s. 3d. as at present; and for the manufacture of cigars, 1s. 3d. instead of 2s. 6d. as at present.
 (2.) That the guarantee now required on granting a license for the manufacture of tobacco should be abolished, and the license fee increased.
64. **MR. DOWEL** to move,—
 (1.) That this House is of opinion that the branch of the Royal Mint which has been established in this Colony should, with the utmost possible expedition, receive unassayed silver, or silver in bars or ingots, which might be exchanged for the current silver coin of the realm.
 (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
65. **MR. WALKER** 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 a Return of all police warrants of arrest for murder in the Colony of New South Wales, with the names of the persons against whom they were issued; how many of these warrants have been executed; how many have not been executed; the names of those persons against whom warrants were not executed, and why they were not executed.
66. **MR. H. H. BROWN** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable in the interest of tobacco culture, and the manufacturing of colonial leaf, that the excise duty of 1s. 3d. per pound should be abolished.

67. **MR. O'SULLIVAN** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, any measure for the reform of the Liquor Laws should embody the following:—
- (1.) Compensation for hotels closed by the operation of local option.
 - (2.) The American system of high licensing upon a graduated plan.
 - (3.) The application of the Liquor Law to clubs.
 - (4.) Sunday trading between the hours of 1 and 2, and 6 and 7.
 - (5.) Prohibition of the sale of liquor to all persons under the age of 16.
 - (6.) Rigid supervision of liquors to prevent adulteration and the sale of dangerous compounds.
 - (7.) Appointment of Liquor Law inspectors, apart from the police.
 - (8.) Establishment of Liquor Laws Supervision Boards.
 - (9.) Prohibition of the sub-letting of private bars.
 - (10.) New licenses to be granted only on the following basis:—One for any number of inhabitants up to 300; after that, one hotel for every 500 inhabitants.
68. **MR. WALL** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, in all cases where applications for employment in the Civil Service of the Colony are accompanied by recommendations from Members of Parliament, such applications, together with the recommendations, should be printed and laid upon the Table of this House before such appointments are made.
69. **MR. JEANNERET** to move, That it is the opinion of this House that steps should be taken by Government to prevent the wholesale and wasteful destruction of fish in Port Jackson, by prohibiting net fishing of any kind in that port for a term of years.
70. **MR. O'SULLIVAN** to move, That, in view of the recent disclosures in the Press and elsewhere with regard to so-called racing consultations and totalisators, this House is of opinion that legislation should be introduced without delay for the achievement of the following objects:—
- (1.) The licensing, regulation, and limitation of racecourses and running-grounds.
 - (2.) The limitation of the number of horse and foot races.
 - (3.) The granting of authority to the principal racing institutions to conduct sweeps and totalisators, a fair percentage of the profits of which shall be devoted to charitable institutions.
 - (4.) The enactment of a penal provision for the punishment of all who conduct illegal sweeps and totalisators.
71. **MR. BARNES** to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon all circumstances connected with the forfeiture of Henry Crowe's conditional purchase No. 81-326, and additional conditional purchases, county Harden, parish Gobarrolong, forfeited for non-residence, 31st October, 1888.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Brunner, Mr. McCourt, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Gormly, Mr. Colls, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Rose, Mr. Scobie, and the Mover.
 - (3.) That the Report from the Select Committee of Session 1890 be referred to such Committee.
72. **MR. ROSE** to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the claims for compensation (if any) of Thomas Nelligen and others for loss caused through maladministration by the Goulburn Land Board or the Land Court.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Brunner, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Holborow, Dr. Hollis, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Grahame, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Alfred Allen, Mr. Miller, and the Mover.
73. **MR. MURPHY** to move,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that a railway should be constructed to the waters of Port Jackson, at Longnose Point, Balmain.
 - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
74. **MR. MORTON** to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the claim of Mr. John Bartholomew Casey, late Clerk of Petty Sessions, Agent for the sale of Crown Lands, &c., at Kempsey.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Barnes, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Fegan, Mr. J. D. FitzGerald, Mr. Gould, Mr. Perry, Mr. Scobie, Mr. Stevenson, and the Mover.
 - (3.) That the petition of Mr. J. B. Casey, received by this House on 18th December, 1890, be referred to the Committee.
75. **MR. DOWEL** to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the best means of developing the mining industry in New South Wales, mining on private lands, the working and administration of the Mining Act, amendments required thereto, and other matters in connection with mining.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Cann, Mr. Vaughn, Mr. Fegan, Mr. Wall, Mr. Lee, Mr. Newman, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Tonkin, and the Mover.
76. **MR. MOLESWORTH** to move,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient that the duties on all raw materials used in local manufactures should be removed forthwith.
 - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
77. **MR. GOULD** to move, That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Australian Gaslight Company Electric Lighting and Supply Bill, which lapsed on the 31st March, 1892, be restored to the Paper and stand an Order of the Day for Monday next.

78. **MR. PARKES** to move,—
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient, for simplifying the machinery of government, and for economy, that all the permanent professional branches of the service, such as engineering, surveying, architecture, law, and photography, shall be abolished, and the work performed by independent practising competitors, acting under instructions direct from the Minister under whose control the particular matter may be, and for whose advice a consulting officer alone shall be retained.
 (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
79. **MR. RAE** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, no form of Federation will prove acceptable to the people of New South Wales which does not provide for the complete political independence of the Australian Commonwealth under a Republican form of government.
80. **MR. FRANK FARNELL** to move, That, in view of the national importance of the proposal, a trial survey should be authorised to be made with the object of connecting Blacktown and Blayney or Liverpool and Blayney, by the construction of a line of railway.
81. **MR. CHAPMAN** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is essential that a progressive land tax (allowing a fair exemption for agricultural and pastoral holdings) should be passed without delay, with a view to prevent the aggregation of large estates, and compel the owners of same to pay a fair proportion of the revenue of the country.
82. **MR. FRANK FARNELL** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the proposed line of railway to Castle Hill and Dural should be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report.
83. **MR. FRANK FARNELL** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the proposed line of railway to the Field of Mars and Ryde should be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report.
84. **MR. FRANK FARNELL** to move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1891 a sum of money towards the purposes of fish acclimatisation.
85. **MR. FRANK FARNELL** to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed with power to send for persons and papers to inquire into and report upon the action of the Picturesque Atlas Company (Limited) in regard to the sale of a publication registered and known as the Picturesque Atlas of Australia, and their subsequent action in respect to their clients in the Law Courts of the Colony.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. J. D. FitzGerald, Mr. Houghton, Mr. Dale, Mr. Colls, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Alfred Allen, Mr. Neild, and the Mover.

F. W. WEBB,
 Clerk of Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Assembly Office,
 Sydney, 1 April, 1892.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

ATTENDANCES OF MEMBERS IN DIVISIONS AND COUNTS-OUT,
DURING THE SESSION OF 1891-2.

	Divisions in the House.	Divisions in Committee.	Counts-out.	Total.
Abbott, Joseph, Esq.	35	55	.....	90
Abbott, The Hon. Joseph Palmer, Esq. (<i>Speaker</i>) ... ..	.....	20	.....	20
Allen, Alfred, Esq.	42	100	.....	142
Barbour, Robert, Esq.	44	82	1	127
Barnes, John Frederick, Esq.	36	98	.....	134
Barton, The Hon. Edmund, Esq., Q.C.	41	77	.....	118
Bavister, Thomas, Esq.	63	145	.....	208
Black, George, Esq.	41	111	.....	152
Booth, Robert, Esq.	13	22	.....	35
Bowes, John Wesley, Esq.	46	102	.....	148
Bowman, Alexander, Esq.	26	76	.....	102
Brown, Edward George, Esq.	14	20	.....	34
Brown, Herbert Harrington, Esq.	23	51	.....	74
Brunker, James Nixon, Esq.	58	143	.....	201
Campbell, Archibald, Esq. (<i>From 13 October, 1891</i>)	29	81	.....	110
Cann, John Henry, Esq.	70	162	1	233
Carruthers, Joseph Hector, Esq.	45	119	.....	164
Cass, George Edwin, Esq.	27	72	.....	99
Chanter, John Moore, Esq.	16	96	.....	112
Chapman, Austin, Esq.	27	70	.....	97
Clark, Edward Mann, Esq.	34	96	.....	130
Clark, George Daniel, Esq.	71	185	.....	256
Clarke, Henry, Esq.	47	92	.....	139
Collins, Charles, Esq.	41	75	.....	116
Colls, Thomas, Esq.	26	58	.....	84
Cook, Joseph, Esq.	54	103	.....	157
Copeland, The Hon. Henry, Esq.	47	74	1	122
Cotton, Francis, Esq.	57	119	.....	176
Crick, William Patrick, Esq.	52	82	.....	134
Cruickshank, George Alexander, Esq.	34	85	.....	119
Cullen, Joseph Francis, Esq.	46	75	.....	121
Cullen, William Portus, Esq., LL.D.	49	70	.....	119
Dale, David, Esq.	31	64	.....	95
Danahey, Cornelius James, Esq.	52	114	.....	166
Dangar, Otho Orde, Esq.	37	107	.....	144
Darnley, Edward, Esq.	67	178	.....	245
Davis, Thomas Martin, Esq.	48	88	.....	136
Dawson, Henry, Esq.	44	93	.....	137
Dibbs, The Hon. George Richard, Esq.	52	87	.....	139
Dickens, Edward Bulwer Lytton, Esq.	43	116	1	160
Donald, George, Esq.	44	101	.....	145
Donnelly, Denis Cornelius Joseph, Esq.	16	32	.....	48
Dowel, William Springthorpe, Esq.	33	58	.....	91
Edden, Alfred, Esq.	63	168	.....	231
Eve, James, Esq. (<i>From 3 September, 1891</i>)	28	60	.....	88
Ewing, Thomas Thomson, Esq.	28	68	.....	96
Farnell, Frank, Esq.	35	52	.....	87
Fegan, John Lionel, Esq.	58	163	.....	221
FitzGerald, John Daniel, Esq.	52	130	.....	182
FitzGerald, Robert George Dundas, Esq.	15	9	.....	24
Fuller, George Warburton, Esq.	28	58	.....	86
Gardiner, Albert, Esq.	55	118	.....	173
Garrard, Jacob, Esq. (<i>From 1 September, 1891</i>)	27	90	1	118
Garvan, James Patrick, Esq.	32	60	.....	92
Gillics, John, Esq.	33	88	.....	121
Gormly, James, Esq.	52	99	.....	151
Gough, John George, Esq.	31	47	.....	78
Gould, Albert John, Esq.	53	122	.....	175
Gruhame, William, Esq.	34	113	.....	147
Hart, John Shadrach, Esq.	63	131	1	195
Hassall, Thomas Henry, Esq.	43	121	.....	164
Hayes, James, Esq.	16	59	.....	75
Haynes, John, Esq.	32	60	.....	92
Hindle, John, Esq.	54	94	.....	148

	Divisions in the House.	Divisions in Committee.	Count-out.	Total.
Hogan, Patrick, Esq. ...	29	84	.....	113
Holborow, William Hillier, Esq. ...	34	63	.....	97
Hollis, Leslie Thomas, Esq., M.B., Ch.M. ...	32	107	.....	139
Houghton, Thomas John, Esq. ...	51	141	.....	192
Howe, James Peter, Esq. (To 21 October, 1891, resigned) ...	16	9	.....	25
Hoyle, Henry Clement, Esq. ...	49	87	.....	136
Hutchinson, George Fairhurst, Esq. ...	46	111	1	158
Hutchison, Alexander, Esq. ...	46	78	1	125
Inglis, James, Esq. ...	22	39	.....	61
Jeanneret, Charles Edward, Esq. ...	29	43	.....	72
Johnston, James, Esq. ...	63	130	.....	193
Jones, Robert, Esq. ...	47	128	.....	175
Kelly, Andrew Joseph, Esq. ...	64	167	.....	231
Kidd, The Hon. John, Esq. ...	46	117	.....	163
Kirkpatrick, John, Esq. ...	33	69	.....	102
Langwell, Hugh, Esq. ...	46	133	.....	179
Lee, Charles Alfred, Esq. ...	26	55	.....	81
Lees, Samuel Edward, Esq. ...	50	112	.....	162
Levien, Robert Henry, Esq. ...	22	45	.....	67
Lonsdale, Edmund, Esq. ...	45	127	.....	172
Lyne, The Hon. William John, Esq. ...	52	103	1	156
Lysaght, Andrew, Esq. (To 16 September, 1891; unseated by Elections and Qualifications Committee).	20	18	.....	38
Mackinnon, James Archibald, Esq. ...	4	24	.....	28
Marks, James, Esq. ...	29	64	.....	93
Martin, James, Esq. ...	23	59	.....	82
McCourt, William, Esq. ...	30	121	.....	151
McFarlane, John, Esq. ...	37	97	.....	134
McGowen, James Sinclair Taylor, Esq. ...	61	152	.....	213
McKinnon, Hugh, Esq. ...	27	95	.....	122
McMillan, William, Esq. ...	24	3	.....	27
Melville, Ninian, Esq. (Chairman of Committees) ...	65	.....	.....	65
Miller, Gustave Thomas Carlisle, Esq. ...	40	132	.....	172
Molesworth, Edmund William, Esq. ...	37	69	.....	106
Morgan, James, Esq. ...	51	99	.....	150
Morton, Philip Henry, Esq. ...	31	69	.....	100
Murphy, William Alfred, Esq. ...	48	131	.....	179
Neild, John Cash, Esq. ...	54	117	1	172
Newman, Henry William, Esq. ...	62	166	.....	228
Newton, James, Esq. ...	39	121	.....	160
Nicholson John Barnes, Esq. (To 16 September, 1891; unseated by Elections and Qualifications Committee. Re-elected 19 October) ...	44	93	.....	142
Nicoll, Bruce Baird, Esq. ...	33	77	.....	110
Nobbs, John, Esq. ...	43	86	.....	129
O'Sullivan, Edward William, Esq. ...	59	157	.....	216
Parke, The Hon. Sir Henry, G.C.M.G. ...	32	42	.....	74
Parke, Varney, Esq. ...	38	64	1	103
Perry, John, Esq. ...	47	133	.....	180
Rae, Arthur, Esq. ...	51	100	.....	151
Reid, George Houstoun, Esq. ...	36	80	.....	116
Ritchie, Robert Adam, Esq. (To 16 August, 1891, deceased) ...	8	.....	.....	8
Rose, Thomas, Esq. ...	60	155	1	216
Ross, Andrew, Esq., M.D. ...	31	59	.....	90
Schey, William Francis, Esq. ...	54	124	1	179
Seobie, Robert, Esq. ...	55	115	.....	170
Scott, David, Esq. ...	45	129	.....	174
See, The Hon. John, Esq. ...	50	124	1	175
Sharp, William Henry, Esq. ...	67	179	.....	246
Sheldon, Job, Esq. ...	66	156	1	223
Slatery, The Hon. Thomas Michael, Esq. ...	51	103	1	155
Smith, Bruce, Esq. ...	33	56	.....	89
Smith, Sydney, Esq. ...	62	118	.....	180
Stevenson, Richard, Esq. ...	68	178	.....	246
Sutton, The Hon. Francis Bathurst, Esq. ...	58	124	1	183
Taylor, Hugh, Esq. ...	20	36	.....	56
Tonkin, James Ebenezer, Esq. ...	40	85	.....	125
Toohy, James Matthew, Esq. ...	13	24	.....	37
Torpy, James, Esq. ...	59	130	.....	189
Trall, William Henry, Esq. ...	40	87	.....	127
Vaughn, Robert Matteson, Esq. ...	54	138	.....	192
Waddell, Thomas, Esq. (From 16 December, 1891) ...	23	58	1	82
Walker, Thomas, Esq. ...	19	32	.....	51
Wall, William Chandos, Esq. ...	40	97	.....	137
Want, John Henry, Esq., Q.C. ...	15	23	.....	38
Wheeler, John, Esq. (To 2 September, 1891; unseated by Elections and Qualifications Committee) ...	11	3	.....	14
Wilkinson, John, Esq. ...	14	33	.....	47
Wilkinson, Robert Bliss, Esq. ...	15	24	.....	39
Williams, Thomas Henry, Esq. ...	36	80	.....	116
Willis, William Nicholas, Esq. ...	48	104	.....	152
Wise, Bernhard Ringrose, Esq. ...	13	20	.....	33
Wright, Francis Augustus, Esq. ...	29	69	98
York, Thomas Henry, Esq. ...	24	49	73
Young, James Henry, Esq. ...	44	94	138

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

BUSINESS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NEW SOUTH WALES
DURING THE SESSION OF 1891-2.

1. New Writs issued	12
2. Select Committees:—	
On Public Matters	14
On Private Bills	18
	32
3. Standing Committees	4
4. Public Bills:—	
Originated in the Assembly—	
Received the Royal Assent	27
Otherwise disposed of	73
	100
Brought from the Council—	
Received the Royal Assent	9
Otherwise disposed of	2
	11
5. Private Bills:—	
Originated in the Assembly—	
Received the Royal Assent	8
Otherwise disposed of	11
	19
Brought from the Council—	
Received the Royal Assent	8
Otherwise disposed of	4
	12
6. Petitions received:—	
Printed	74
Not Printed	19
	93
7. Divisions:—	
In the House	78
In Committee of the Whole	197
	275
8. Sittings:—	
Days of Meeting	112
Hours of Sitting	1,024 h. 46 m.
Hours of Sitting after Midnight	199 h. 11 m.
Daily Average	9 h. 9 m.
Adjourned for want of a Quorum—	
Before commencement of Business	1
After commencement of Business	1
	2
9. Votes and Proceedings	112
Entries in Votes and Proceedings—	
Of Business done	1,383
Of Notices of Motion	10,890
Of Orders of the Day	6,194
Of Questions	2,402
Of Contingent Notices	12
	20,881
Daily Average	186
10. Contingent Notice Papers	31
11. Orders for Papers	110
12. Addresses for Papers	7
13. Other Addresses	4
14. Papers laid upon the Table:—	
By Message	33
By Command	396
In Return to Orders	69
In Return to Addresses	7
Reports from Standing and Select Committees	34
	539
Ordered to be Printed	509
Not ordered to be Printed	30
	539

Legislative Assembly Offices,
Sydney, 1 April, 1892.F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of Legislative Assembly.

