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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER, 1893.

1. **OPENING OF THE SESSION:**—The House met at twelve o'clock at Noon, pursuant to a Proclamation of His Excellency the Governor, bearing date the fifth day of September, 1893.

Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

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

“ NEW SOUTH WALES, } Proclamation by His Excellency the Right Honourable Sir ROBERT
“ to wit. } WILLIAM DUFF, a Member of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy
“ (I.S.) } Council, a Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of
“ R. W. DUFF, } Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief
“ Governor. } of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies.

“ WHEREAS the Parliament of New South Wales now stands prorogued to Tuesday, the nineteenth day of September instant: Now, I, Sir ROBERT WILLIAM DUFF, in pursuance of the power and authority in me vested as Governor of the said Colony, do hereby further prorogue the said Parliament to Tuesday, the twenty-sixth day of September instant: And I do hereby further announce and proclaim that the said Parliament shall assemble for the despatch of business on the aforesaid twenty-sixth day of September instant, at twelve o'clock at noon, in the buildings known as the Council Chambers, situate in Macquarie-street, in the City of Sydney: And the Members of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly respectively are hereby required to give their attendance at the said time and place accordingly.

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

“ By His Excellency's Command,

“ GEORGE R. DIBBS.

“ GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!”

2. **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 George Dibbs, at nineteen minutes past Twelve o'clock, until Four o'clock This Day.

The House resumed, pursuant to adjournment.

3. **PAPERS:**—

(1.) 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 1892, 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.

(2.) Sir George Dibbs laid upon the Table, Report of the Electoral Districts Commissioners presented under the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893, together with authenticated maps of the Electoral Districts defined in such Report.

Ordered to be printed.

4. **ORDNANCE LANDS TRANSFER BILL:**—Sir George Dibbs 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 forma*.

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5. 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,—

1. After a short recess following the protracted labours of last Session, I have called you together for the consideration of matters of pressing importance.

2. The Report of the Electoral Districts Commissioners under the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893 will be at once laid before the Legislative Assembly, and on its adoption the preparation of the new rolls and the completion of the machinery of the reformed law will be at once proceeded with.

3. Urgent measures of finance will be laid before you, including a Bill for the special setting apart of certain revenues sufficient to provide for the payment of the annual interest on the public debt, and for the establishment in the hands of Commissioners of a Sinking Fund towards its ultimate extinction.

4. At an early period of the Session you will be invited to consider in detail the provisions of the draft Bill to constitute the Commonwealth of Australia, the main principles of which have already been accepted by both Chambers, with a view to submitting such Bill and desired amendments, with those of the Legislatures of the other Colonies, to a further Convention.

5. It is believed that a Bill of an equitable character, to provide for mining upon private lands, will be productive of great benefit to the country; such a Bill my advisers propose to submit to you without delay.

6. The Bill for the Suppression of Disorderly Conduct, and other measures which reached certain stages of progress during last Session, will be proceeded with if time allows.

GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

7. The Estimates for 1894 have been prepared with special regard to economy. They will be laid before you, together with a statement of the financial position of the Colony, at a date sufficiently early to enable you to make provision for the services of that year before its commencement. During the recess the finances have been administered with care, and considerable savings have been effected.

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

8. The monetary crisis which befell Australia in the early months of the year was checked by the legislative measures which you so wisely adopted to meet the difficulty. The Colony has passed through a period of unexampled depression which has not been without its effect on the productiveness of the revenue. Nevertheless I may now congratulate you on the marked improvement in financial confidence and on the prospects of a recovery in the revenue returns. The producing interests of the Colony are active and expanding, and there is reason to believe that a return of prosperity will soon be felt.

In leaving you to your responsible duties I trust that your endeavours may be guided to the lasting benefit of the country.

Mr. Henry Clarke then moved, and Mr. Francis Clarke 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. Barnes, Mr. Perry, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Sheldon, Mr. Bowes, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Waddell, Mr. Scott, Mr. Francis Clarke, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

And the Committee retired to prepare the Address.

And Mr. Henry Clarke 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 SIR ROBERT WILLIAM DUFF, 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 unfeigned attachment to Her Most Gracious Majesty's Throne and Person.

The measures indicated in Your Excellency's speech shall receive our earnest consideration. The necessary provision for the Public Service will be made in due course.

We join Your Excellency in the hope that our endeavours may be guided to the enduring benefit of the country.

Mr. Henry Clarke then moved, and Mr. Francis Clarke seconded, the Motion, That the Address in Reply to the Governor's Opening Speech, as read by the Clerk, be now adopted by this House. Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Sir George Dibbs informed the House that he had ascertained it to be the pleasure of the Governor to receive their Address in Reply to His Excellency's Opening Speech at half-past 3 o'clock p.m. To-morrow.

The House adjourned, on motion of Sir George Dibbs, at thirteen minutes before Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Three o'clock.

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WEDNESDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER, 1893.

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

ADDRESS IN REPLY TO GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH:—On motion of Sir George Dibbs, 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 my Speech at the opening of Parliament, and for your expressions of attachment to Her Most Gracious Majesty's Throne and Person therein contained.

Government House,
27th September, 1893.

R. W. DUFF.

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

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

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

“Thomas Bavister, Esquire,

“Henry Clarke, Esquire,

“William Portus Cullen, Esquire, LL.D.,

“Thomas Thomson Ewing, Esquire,

“Samuel Edward Lees, Esquire,

“Philip Henry Morton, Esquire,

“James Torpy, Esquire,

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

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

“J. P. ABBOTT,
“Speaker.”

3. PUBLIC DEBT AND SINKING FUND BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir George Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

R. W. DUFF,
Governor.

Message No. 1.

In accordance with the provisions of the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends, for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, that provision be made to defray the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill intituled “A Bill to make more effectual provision for the payment of the interest on the Public Debt and other public charges; to provide a Sinking Fund for the liquidation of the said Debt; to regulate the keeping of the Public Accounts; to amend the Audit Act of 1870; and for purposes incidental to, consequent upon, or connected with the abovenamed objects.”

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

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4. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Parcel Post:—Mr. R. G. D. FitzGerald asked the Postmaster-General,—Referring to the system of parcel post lately brought into operation, are mail contractors whose contracts were entered into prior to the new Postal Act required to carry all parcels up to maximum weight without remuneration?

Mr. Kidd answered,—It is a condition of the existing contracts that, in the event of the establishment of a parcels post, the parcels are to be considered as part of the mails, and carried without extra cost. If, however, the increased number of parcels to be carried under the parcels post system about to be introduced should be found to press heavily or unreasonably on any contractors, I propose to consider the question of either allowing them to give up their contracts, or of affording them relief in some other way.

- (2.) Depositors in Savings Banks of New South Wales:—Mr. G. D. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) How many depositors are there in the Savings Bank of New South Wales?
- (2.) The amount to their credit?
- (3.) How is the money invested, and to whom?
- (4.) If to public institutions, their names, and amount to each?
- (5.) Similar information in regard to the Post Office Savings Bank?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—A return giving the desired information is being prepared, and will be laid upon the Table as soon as possible.

- (3.) Newspaper called *Hard Cash*:—Mr. G. D. Clark asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) How is it that only five news-agents were proceeded against for selling *Hard Cash* when it was known that some fifty persons or more were selling that paper?
- (2.) Is the Government paying the cost of the prosecutions?
- (3.) What steps have been taken to discover the editor, printer, and proprietor of *Hard Cash*?
- (4.) Will the Government take immediate steps to prosecute all news-agents who sell unregistered newspapers?

Mr. Barton answered,—

- (1.) As far as I am aware, the Police were only in possession of evidence against the five persons who were committed for trial.
- (2.) The Police having laid the information, the Crown, as is usual in such cases, pay the costs of the prosecutions.
- (3.) The matter is in the hands of the Inspector-General of Police for investigation.
- (4.) The law will be enforced.

- (4.) Road Vote for 1893:—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Was a promise made to Mr. Gormly on 11th August that 80 per cent. of the road vote would be made available to be expended as soon as possible, and that the Under Secretary would be instructed to convey this information by letter to Mr. Gormly?
- (2.) Has the letter been sent; and, if not, what has been the cause of delay?
- (3.) Is the road vote for this year, as passed by Parliament, being used to put the roads of the Colony in repair?
- (4.) If not, when will the works be commenced?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Some such promise as that referred to by the Honorable Member was given by me, and arrangements are being made as quickly as possible to expend the available funds on the roads in the electorate of the Honorable Member. He is, however, I think, aware that owing to the large decrease in the revenue returns of the Colony, considerable care has had to be exercised in the expenditure of the grants placed at the disposal of the Department by Parliament.

- (5.) Crown Lands:—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Has a quantity of land been withdrawn from reserve and advertised to be sold by auction only?
- (2.) Have the large estates increased in size on the pastoral holdings in which those lands are situated?
- (3.) Does he intend to sell the lands as proposed?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

- (1.) Yes; in a few isolated cases, certain reserves which were reported to be unnecessary have been revoked and reserved from sale other than auction sale only.
- (2.) I cannot supply the Honorable Member with information on this question.
- (3.) Yes.

- (6.) Rabbit Infested Lands between the Murrumbidgee and Lachlan Rivers:—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it proposed to proclaim certain lands between the Murrumbidgee and Lachlan Rivers, extending to Wagga Wagga and Junee Junction, rabbit infested?
- (2.) What steps have been taken to ascertain if this is a desirable course?
- (3.) Is he aware that part of the land proposed to be proclaimed rabbit infested is occupied by a numerous agricultural population, and that rabbits have not increased in such places?
- (4.) Is he aware that many of the land-holders in the districts proposed to be proclaimed will not be able to procure the necessary funds to erect rabbit-proof fencing?
- (5.) Will sufficient time be given to those interested to place their views on this matter before him?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) That the action proposed to be taken is both desirable and necessary is known from the representations made by a deputation introduced by the Honorable Member for the Murrumbidgee (Mr. Gormly), and from petitions signed by numerous selectors resident in the area about to be proclaimed rabbit infested.

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(3.) I am aware that the land in question is to some extent occupied by an agricultural population who have, however, represented to me that the rabbits are largely increasing in the locality.

(4.) I am not aware whether this is the case, but I may point out for the information of the Honorable Member that the act of proclaiming the area rabbit infested does not necessarily entail the erection of rabbit-proof fencing.

(5.) The preliminary notification of the intention to proclaim the area rabbit infested appeared in the *Government Gazette* of the 12th instant, and as the proclamation cannot legally appear before the 12th proximo, there should be sufficient time for persons opposed to the extension to submit their views on the subject.

(7.) Lease of Crown Lands on Cowl Cowl Pastoral Holding :—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has an advertisement appeared in the *Government Gazette* of 18th August, in which it is proposed to lease, for a term of twenty years, about 143,000 acres of Crown lands on the abandoned area of Cowl Cowl Pastoral Holding in blocks of from 12,000 to 43,000 acres?

(2.) Is he aware that this land is fitted for agricultural settlement, and situated near the town of Hillston, where a flour-mill has been erected?

(3.) Is he aware that there is a strong probability that this land would be leased by resident holders, and a large part used for agriculture if submitted in blocks not exceeding 5,000 acres?

(4.) Will steps be taken to have the area of the blocks reduced to from 500 to 5,000 acres, and conditions framed providing that no holder can lease or hold more than one block?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) Yes; but was withdrawn and readvertised in *Gazette* of 5th September. It was again withdrawn on 8th September.

(2.) As the rainfall appears to be only about 15 inches, it is doubtful whether the land would be suitable for agricultural purposes even when cleared of the mallee and other scrubs with which it abounds.

(3.) No.

(4.) The matter is still under consideration, but I am doubtful whether, in the present state of the law, it is desirable to finally deal with these lands.

(8.) Applications for Extension of Leases in Central Division :—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) The number of applications made within the prescribed time, and in the prescribed manner, by the holders of pastoral leases in the Central Division for an extension of lease?

(2.) Has an opinion been given to the Lands Department by the Attorney-General (Mr. Barton) that no extension could be claimed if the necessary two years notice was served, as provided by section 78, subsection (iv), of the Land Act of 1884, and, if those notices have been sent out, is it intended to submit such applications to the Local Land Boards, under the provisions of the 43rd clause of the Land Act of 1889?

(3.) Have certain officers been instructed by the Lands Department to make inquiry as to improvements made by the lessees on pastoral holdings in the Central Division?

(4.) For what purpose are such inquiries being made?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) 581 applications have been tendered.

(2.) An opinion was obtained from the Attorney-General, and accordingly notice was given to pastoral lessees that their leases would not be renewed. The applications to come under the 43rd section of the Act of 1889 have been forwarded to the Boards for report as provided by law.

(3.) No; the matter is under consideration. I believe, however that the Wagga Wagga Land Board has instructed one of the conditional purchase inspectors to report on the character of improvements.

(4.) Pending definite legislation on the subject, it is deemed advisable to carry out the provisions of the Act with respect to the improvements.

(9.) Interest on Government Current Accounts :—Mr. Hugh McKinnon asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Will he have any objection to lay upon the Table of the House a copy of the various correspondence and agreements between the Treasury and the incorporated Banks of the Colony in reference to the custody, rate of interest, &c., of the Government current accounts?

(2.) What is the amount of paper money (issued under the "Bank Issue Act") now circulating in New South Wales?

(3.) What is the amount of Government money at present deposited in the incorporated Banks of the Colony?

(4.) To which of the Banks does the Government Statistician allude in "Wealth and Progress of New South Wales" for 1892, when he states on page 700 "that the returns of two of the leading local Banks are illegal and misleading"?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The bulk of the information asked for by the Honorable Member will be supplied on the delivery of the Financial Statement in the course of a few days.

(10.) Boundaries of the Manning Electorate :—Mr. Hugh McKinnon asked the Colonial Secretary,—At whose request have the Commissioners altered the proposed boundaries of the Manning Electorate?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The information sought cannot be given, as it would obviously be undesirable to make public such matters.

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(11.) Road from Bungwall Flat to Forster:—Mr. Hugh McKinnon asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) How much money has been granted for the road from Bungwall Flat to Forster during the last five years?
- (2.) How much has actually been spent on the said road for the last five years?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) £2,987 17s. 11d.
- (2.) £2,467 14s. 10d.

(12.) Cost of Bridge at Germanton:—Mr. Alfred Allen, for Mr. Lonsdale, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What has the new bridge lately erected at Germanton cost?
- (2.) When was the bridge it supersedes built?
- (3.) Is it intended to remove it?
- (4.) Was it condemned as unsafe or not sufficient for the traffic, or what other reason?
- (5.) From what Vote has the cost of the new bridge been defrayed?
- (6.) Who are the Members for the district in which Germanton is situated?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The Honorable Member is fully aware in whose electorate this bridge is, and he can obtain all necessary information from my reference to this matter last night.

(13.) Kenmore Asylum:—Mr. Rose asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that it is now nearly six months since the £10,000 was voted to commence the erection of Kenmore Asylum?
- (2.) When will tenders be called for the same?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) In the early part of November.

(14.) Reductions of School Teachers' Salaries:—Mr. Rose asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that during the recess reductions were enforced on school teachers in receipt of less than £200 per year?
- (2.) Did Parliament authorise such reductions?
- (3.) If not, what regulation in the Act permitted the Minister to make the reductions?
- (4.) Under the reduced scale of payment are the pupil-teachers and other young teachers to be compelled to contribute 4 per cent. of their earnings to the Superannuation Fund?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Regulations authorising such reductions were laid upon the Table of the House on 8th June, 1893.
- (3.) Answered by No. 2.
- (4.) Yes.

(15.) Maintenance Men on Public Roads of the Colony:—Mr. Kelly, for Mr. Black, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What sum of money does he expect to save by dismissing the maintenance men employed on the public roads of the Colony?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I cannot say at present.

(16.) Interest on Loans due in 1894:—Mr. Molesworth asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What loans fall due in the year 1894?
- (2.) What amount has to be provided for interest on loans during the same period?
- (3.) How are these engagements going to be provided for?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) Treasury Bills, due 1st January, 1894, £1,250,000.
- (2.) £2,249,136.
- (3.) Full information will be supplied on the delivery of the Financial Statement in the course of a few days.

(17.) Railway from Jerilderie to Berrigan:—Mr. Edden, for Mr. Chanter, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that an immense area is now under cultivation for wheat in the Berrigan district, and if railway facilities are not provided for next season something like 100,000 bags of wheat will be diverted to Victoria, instead of providing food for our own railways?
- (2.) Has he yet submitted to the Cabinet the advisability of constructing a tramway or light line of railway from Jerilderie to Berrigan?
- (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to submit this proposal to the Public Works Committee for their consideration and report; if so, when?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Want of funds will prevent this work being done at present.

(18.) Subletting of Government Contracts:—Mr. Darnley asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Have any steps been taken to stop the subletting of Government contracts, in accordance with the decision of the House on 23rd March, 1893?
- (2.) Are there any Government contracts at present proceeding at which subletting is allowed?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) Yes; no doubt there are.

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- (19.) **Agricultural Societies' Accounts**:—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for *Mr. Cruickshank*, asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that Government officials are to be sent to country districts to inspect the agricultural societies' accounts before paying the Government subsidies?
 - (2.) If so, will he take steps to have these accounts inspected in Sydney, with the object of saving expense and expediting the payment of subsidies?
- Mr. Slattery* answered,—
- (1.) No; all accounts are inspected in Sydney, except in a few cases where societies are unable to supply the required information regarding their receipts in terms of the appropriation.
 - (2.) In such cases payment of subsidy is expedited by the inspector visiting society and inspecting accounts with secretary.
- (20.) **Maintenance Men**:—*Mr. McCourt*, for *Mr. Tonkin*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that in many instances the maintenance men on the roads have been dismissed on account of retrenchment?
 - (2.) Is it also a fact that the district engineers and road superintendents are still kept in their positions?
- Mr. Lyne* answered,—
- (1.) It is a fact that I have been compelled to curtail the expenditure upon road works, and as a result the services of some of the maintenance men have had to be dispensed with, as I stated last night.
 - (2.) The suggestion contained in this Question is that while the maintenance men have been discharged, the officers have been retained; this, however, is not the fact, as the services of a corresponding number of road superintendents and others have been dispensed with. No less than 137 officers of the Works Department have been retired, from which I think it will be seen that a full proportion of officers have been discharged.
- (21.) **Reduction of Salaries in Education Department**:—*Mr. Bavister* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that salaries of £200 and under in his department are being reduced 10 per cent., in direct opposition to a distinct understanding made during discussion of Estimates that salaries of that amount were to be exempt?
 - (2.) Has it been decided to close any branch schools or classes in connection with technical education; if so, will he state which are to be closed; also stating the number of students attending each of such classes during the term previous to decision being arrived at?
- Mr. Suttor* answered,—
- (1.) No.
 - (2.) It has not yet been decided to close any branch school. The various classes in shorthand, book-keeping, caligraphy, and correspondence have been in operation this year, the teachers being paid by fees from students only. It is proposed to close these classes at the end of the year. The number of students attending such classes cannot be stated, inasmuch as the teachers, not being in the pay of the Department, are not required to furnish returns; but no doubt the information, if asked for, would be furnished. If it is shown to me that there are a number of pupils attending these schools, that the teachers are doing good work, and that the rooms in which the schools are held are not required for any other purpose, I shall only be too ready to reconsider the proposal to close them at the end of the year. As regards the number of students, I have no doubt the teachers would readily furnish this information, and, if the Honorable Member so desires, I shall cause it to be supplied.
- (22.) **Maintenance Men**:—*Mr. McCourt* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that road superintendents have been instructed to save 20 per cent. of the road vote as voted by Parliament?
 - (2.) Have the roads maintenance men throughout the Colony been dismissed; if so, for what reason?
 - (3.) Have the roads maintenance men been dismissed in opposition to reports from roads superintendents?
- Mr. Lyne* answered,—In reply to the Questions of the Honorable Member, I would refer him to the Answer which I have given to somewhat similar Questions by the Honorable Member for East Macquarie.
5. **MINING ON PRIVATE LANDS BILL**:—The following Petitions in favour of the passing of a Mining on Private Lands Bill were presented by the Members named,—
- (1.) By *Mr. Copeland*—From certain miners and residents depending upon mining in the Hillgrove mining district.
 - (2.) By *Mr. Edden*—From certain electors and residents of Dudley in the Northumberland electorate.
- Petitions received.
6. **LIQUOR TRAFFIC LOCAL OPTION BILL**:—*Mr. Lees* presented a Petition from *W. H. Williams*, Chairman of a public meeting of the residents of Penrith, expressing its emphatic approval of the principle of full Local Option without compensation as contained in the Bill now before Parliament, and praying that the measure may speedily be made the law of the land.
- Petition received.
7. **PAPERS**:—
- 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 provisions of the 105th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18 and the 41st section of the Act 53 Victoria No. 21.

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- (2.) Abstract of Crown lands authorised to be dedicated to Religious Purposes, in accordance with the 5th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.
 - (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 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.
 - (5.) Abstract of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the 107th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
 - (6.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th and 101st sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
 - (7.) Regulations under the Labour Settlements Act, for the Labour Settlement in the parish of Pitt Town.
 - (8.) Regulations and Forms under the Labour Settlements Act.
- Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Suttor laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Annual Report of the Nautical School-ship "Sobraon," for the year ended 30th April, 1893.
 - (2.) New and amended By-laws of the University of Sydney.
 - (3.) Annual Report of the Sydney Grammar School for 1892.
 - (4.) Report of the Trustees of the Australian Museum for 1892.
- Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Slattery laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Amended Regulation under the Mining Act of 1874, relating to mineral leases.
- Ordered to be printed.
- (2.) Return to an Order made on 2nd May, 1893,—“Mining property at Sebastopol, Temora.”

Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Proclamation and notification of transfer to the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage of the Beattie-street to White Bay Stormwater Sewer, Balmain.
 - (2.) Reports on proposed Sewerage Scheme for Parramatta.
 - (3.) Notification of resumption under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Riley, county of Richmond, in connection with a way of access to new Wharf at Broadwater.
 - (4.) Notification of resumption under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Tatham, county of Richmond, for the extension of the Wharf at Tatham.
 - (5.) Notification of resumption under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Illaroo, county of Camden, for the Nowra Water Supply.
 - (6.) Notification of resumption under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of North Colah, county of Cumberland, for an Approach Road to Pearce's Creek Bridge.
 - (7.) Notification of resumption under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Bimbella, county of Bland, for a Bridge over Back Creek at Marsden.
 - (8.) Notification of resumption under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Mogendoura, county of St. Vincent, for a Bridge over Moruya River at Kiora Crossing.
 - (9.) Notification of resumption under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Dalton, county of King, for a Public Road through portion 37.
 - (10.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Jerilderie South, county of Urana, for the Supply of Water to Jerilderie.
 - (11.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Corowa, county of Hume, for a Public Road from Sanger-street to Queen-street, Corowa.
 - (12.) Notification of resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land, parish of Ballallaba, county of Murray, for a Public Recreation Ground, at Captain's Flat.
 - (13.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Holywell, county of Durham, for a General Cemetery at Eccleston.
 - (14.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Buddawang, county of St. Vincent, for a Bridge over Little River at Mongarlowe.
 - (15.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Cabramatta, county of Cumberland, for the enlargement of the Dam for the Supply of Water to Liverpool.
 - (16.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Lett, county of Cook, for a Public Road at Lithgow.
 - (17.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Tamworth, county of Inglis, for an Approach Road to Bridge over Cockburn River.
 - (18.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parishes of Cavan and Umburra, county of Cowley, for the deviation of the Road from Taemas Bridge to Brindibella, at Cavan Gap.
 - (19.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Bendoura, county of St. Vincent, for a Public Road at Nithsdale.
 - (20.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Miandetta, county of Flinders, for the Supply of Water to Nyngan.
- Ordered to be printed.

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Sir George Dibbs laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Regulation under the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893.
 - (2.) Regulations under the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893.
 - (3.) Report of the Civil Service Board of New South Wales for 1892.
 - (4.) Report of the State Children's Relief Department for the year ended 5th April, 1893.
 - (5.) By-laws of the Borough of Paddington.
 - (6.) By-laws of the Borough of Newcastle.
 - (7.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Moss Vale.
 - (8.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Wallendbeen.
 - (9.) By-law of the Municipal District of Carrington.
 - (10.) Additional By-laws of the Municipal District of Deniliquin.
 - (11.) By-laws of the Borough of North Sydney under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.
 - (12.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Quirindi under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.
 - (13.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Condobolin under the Municipalities Act of 1867 and Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.
 - (14.) Amended By-laws of the Municipal District of Port Macquarie under the Municipalities Act of 1867 and Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.
 - (15.) By-laws of the Borough of Cootamundra under the Municipalities Act of 1867, Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875, and Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880.
 - (16.) By-laws under the Newcastle Paving and Public Vehicles Regulation Act.
 - (17.) Despatch respecting the use of the Colonial title of "Honorable."
 - (18.) Return respecting Civil Servants employed in electorates of The Hume and Albury whose salaries exceed £150 per annum.
 - (19.) Return showing number of persons employed in the Civil Service.
 - (20.) Return to an Order made on 26th April, 1893,—"Separation of Mossman's Ward from "Borough of North Sydney."
 - (21.) Seventh General Report, together with returns giving a record of the Committee's inquiries and Minutes of Proceedings of Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.
- Ordered to be printed.

8. AUSTRALASIAN RIGHTS PURCHASE BILL:—

- (1.) Mr. Dowel presented a Petition from the Australasian Rights Purchase Association (Limited), representing that the Australasian Rights Purchase Bill, which passed this House during the last Session, and was sent to the Legislative Council, was interrupted by the close of the Session; and praying that leave may be granted to proceed with the said Bill in this Session.

And the 75th Standing Order of this House permitting of the prayer of the said Petition being entertained,—

Petition received.

- (2.) Mr. Dowel presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorise 'The Australasian Rights Purchase Association (Limited), a Company registered in Melbourne, in the Colony of Victoria, under the 'Companies Acts,' or their licensees or assigns, to take and divert water for mechanical power from the Oolo River and the Grose River, by means of channels returning to the stream again; and also to construct and work the plant requisite for generating electricity and transmitting it to the City of Sydney and to any other places along the main cable line,'*"—which was read a first time.

- (3.) Mr. Dowel then moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 54.

Noes, 41.

Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. York,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. McCredie,
Mr. Hayca,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. R. G. D. FitzGerald,	Mr. McMillan,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Marks,	Mr. Booth,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Lees,	Mr. Donald,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Eve,	Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Sir Henry Purkes,	Mr. Holborow.
Mr. Garrard,	
Mr. H. H. Brown,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Rose,	Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Frank Farnell.

Mr. Gould,	Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Gough,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,	Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Lec,	Mr. Nicholson.
Mr. Campbell,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Houghton,	Mr. McCourt.
Mr. Kelly,	
Mr. Grahame,	
Mr. Miller,	
Mr. G. D. Clark,	
Mr. Schey,	
Mr. McGowen,	
Mr. Francis Clarke,	
Mr. Collins,	
Mr. Sheldon,	
Mr. Dawson,	
Mr. Hindle,	
Mr. Kirkpatrick,	
Mr. Scott,	
Mr. Hart,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.
Bill read a second time.

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(4.) Mr. Dowel then moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 50.

Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Newton,
Mr. Dowel,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. McCredie,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Booth,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Marks,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Donald,
Mr. Lees,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Morton.
Mr. Rose,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Hassall.
Mr. Gormly,	

Noes, 44.

Mr. Gould,	Mr. Francis Clarke,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Kirkpatrick,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Gough,
Mr. Eve,	Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. Lec,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Scott,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Hugh McKinnon.
Mr. Kelly,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Miller,	Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. G. D. Clark,	Mr. Houghton.
Mr. Schey,	
Mr. McGowen,	
Mr. Black,	
Mr. Collins,	
Mr. Sheldon,	
Sir Henry Parkes,	
Mr. Hindle,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a third time.

(5.) Mr. Dowel moved, That the Bill do now pass.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 50.

Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Inglis,
Mr. Dowel,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Booth,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Marks,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Lees,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Donald,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Holborow,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. McCredie,	Mr. Morton.
Mr. Garrard,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Gormly,	Mr. Rose.
Mr. Newman,	

Noes, 45.

Mr. Gould,	Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Francis Clarke,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Kirkpatrick,	Mr. Gough,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,	Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. Eve,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Scott,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Lec,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Chanter.
Mr. Jones,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Collins.
Mr. Miller,	
Mr. G. D. Clark,	
Mr. Schey,	
Mr. McGowen,	
Mr. Kelly,	
Sir Henry Parkes,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to authorise 'The Australasian Rights Purchase Association (Limited), a Company registered in Melbourne, in the Colony of Victoria, under the 'Companies Acts,' or their licensees or assigns, to take and divert water for mechanical power from the Colo River and the Grose River, by means of channels returning to the stream again; and also to construct and work the plant requisite for generating electricity and transmitting it to the City of Sydney and to any other places along the main cable line.'*"

Mr. Dowel moved, 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 Australasian Rights Purchase Association (Limited), a Company registered in Melbourne, in the Colony of Victoria, under the 'Companies Acts,' or their licensees or assigns, to take and divert water for mechanical power from the Colo River and the Grose River, by means of channels returning to the stream again; and also to construct and work the plant requisite for generating electricity and transmitting it to the City of Sydney and to any other places along the main cable line,'*"—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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Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 49.

Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Sutor,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Booth,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Marks,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Lees,	Mr. Donald,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Hassall,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Inglis,
Mr. Wuddell,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Donnelly,	Mr. Morton.

Tellers,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Dowel.

Noes, 39.

Mr. Gould,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Francis Clarke,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Gough,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Lees,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Dawson.

Tellers,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Gardiner.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

9. BUSINESS DAYS (*Sessional Order*):—Sir George Dibbs 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, pursuant to *Contingent Notice*, 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, 53.

Mr. Morton,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. McCredie,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Sutor,	Mr. Molesworth,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Young,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Dowel,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Marks,	Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Jeanneret,	Mr. Inglis,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Neild,
Mr. Francis Clarke,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Hoyle,	Mr. Eve,
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Sheldon,	Mr. York,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Fuller.

Tellers,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Hassall.

Noes, 42.

Mr. Schey,	Mr. Colls,
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Langwell,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Gough,
Mr. Kirkpatrick,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Nicholson,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Holborow,	Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Traill,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Bavister,	Mr. Black.

Tellers,
Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Chapman.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question then put and passed.

10. BELL TO BE RUNG BEFORE MEETING OF THE HOUSE (*Sessional Order*):—Sir George Dibbs 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.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Rae moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the words "twenty-eight minutes after."

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 62.		Noes, 35.
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Gould,	Dr. Ross,
Mr. Colls,	Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Gardiner,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. McCredie,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Evc,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,	Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Hart,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Chanter,	Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. York,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Lee,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Donnelly,	Mr. Chapman,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Jones,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Lees,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,	Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Wall,	Mr. Neild,	Mr. Booth,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Sheldon,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Collins,	Mr. Daruley,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Rae,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Marks,	Mr. Holborow,	Mr. Gough,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Cruickshank,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Dawson,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Hoyle,	Mr. Jeanneret.	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Alfred Allen,		Mr. Dabahey,
Mr. Traill,		Mr. Gormly,
Sir Henry Parkes,		Mr. Scott,
Mr. McCourt,		Mr. Hutchinson,

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

11. PRECEDENCE OF BUSINESS (*Sessional Order*):—Sir George Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That during the present Session, unless otherwise ordered, General Business shall take precedence of Government "Business" until Seven o'clock p.m. on every sitting day; General Orders of the Day to take precedence on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and General Notices of Motions on Wednesdays.

(2.) That, after Seven o'clock p.m. on every sitting day, Government Business only shall be dealt with.

Mr. Molesworth moved, That the Question be amended by the insertion after the word "Business," in the second line, of the words "on Tuesdays, and Government Business shall take precedence of "General Business on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

"(2.) That General Orders of the Day, and General Notices of Motions, shall take precedence "respectively on each alternate Tuesday."

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

Debate ensued.

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

Sir George Dibbs then moved, That the Question be further amended by the omission of all the words after the word "Business" in the second line of the original motion.

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

Question as amended,—
(1.) That during the present Session, unless otherwise ordered, General Business shall take precedence of Government Business on Tuesdays, and Government Business shall take precedence of General Business on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

(2.) That General Orders of the Day, and General Notices of Motions, shall take precedence respectively on each alternate Tuesday,—put and passed.

12. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS (*Sessional Order*):—Sir George Dibbs 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.
Question put and passed.

13. FORMAL BUSINESS (*Sessional Order*):—Sir George Dibbs 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 for 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.

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(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."

Mr. Carruthers moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of paragraph (5).

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. Original Question then put and passed.

14. **PLACING BUSINESS (Sessional Order)** :—Sir George Dibbs 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.
15. **TRANSMISSION OF MESSAGES BETWEEN THE TWO HOUSES (Sessional Order)** :—Sir George Dibbs 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.
16. **COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY (Sessional Order)** :—Sir George Dibbs 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 sitting day.
Question put and passed.
17. **COMMITTEE OF WAYS AND MEANS (Sessional Order)** :—Sir George Dibbs 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 sitting day.
Question put and passed.
18. **BALLOTING FOR SELECT COMMITTEES (Sessional Order)** :—Sir George Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That the following Rules shall be observed as a Sessional Order :—
(1.) Members balloting for a Select Committee shall place the balloting papers, after completion, in the hands of the Clerk of the House (or, in his absence, the officer acting in his stead), giving time for him to note one paper (as hereinafter mentioned) before another is presented.
(2.) The Clerk shall have before him a complete printed list of the Members of the House, and on the presentation of any balloting paper shall place his initials against the entry in such list of the name of the Member presenting such balloting paper, and the Clerk shall place such list, so initialled, on record with the other proceedings of the ballot.
Question put and passed.
19. **VOTE OF CHAIRMAN OF SELECT COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE BILLS (Sessional Order)** :—Sir George Dibbs 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.
20. **PRINTING PETITIONS (Sessional Order)** :—Sir George Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be a Sessional Order, that the Clerk of the House shall cause to be printed, as a matter of course, all Petitions received by this House (excepting Petitions for the introduction of Private Bills), unless it be otherwise ordered by the House: Provided that when several Petitions are presented, substantially to the same effect, he shall cause to be printed only the one first presented, to which he shall append a statement of the number of other Petitions, the general designation of the party or parties to each, and the number of signatures attached.
Question put and passed.
21. **EXCLUSION OF STRANGERS (Sessional Order)** :—Sir George Dibbs 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, *Hansard* Staff not being considered Strangers.
Mr. Molesworth 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 "nineteen."
Question proposed,—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Speaker stated that in his opinion the original Standing Order, passed by this House, and approved by the Governor in the year 1870, was still in force, and could not be superseded by a Sessional Order.
Proposed amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Original motion, by leave, withdrawn.

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22. **STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE (Sessional Order)** :—Sir George Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Standing Orders Committee for the present Session shall consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Melville, Mr. Reid, Mr. Garvan, Mr. Young, Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Crick, Mr. Want, Mr. Barton, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and authority and power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to examine witnesses, and to report in any matter or thing referred to or pending before the said Committee, and to confer upon subjects of mutual concernment with any Committee appointed for similar purposes by the Legislative Council.
Question put and passed.
23. **LIBRARY COMMITTEE (Sessional Order)** :—Sir George Dibbs moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice, That the Library Committee for the present Session shall consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Traill, Mr. Ewing, Mr. O'Sullivan, Sir Henry Parkes, Dr. Cullen, Mr. J. D. FitzGerald, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Dickens, 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.
24. **REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE (Sessional Order)** :—Sir George Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Refreshment Committee for the present Session shall consist of Mr. Barton, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Henry Clarke, Mr. Chapinan, Mr. Hayes, Mr. McGowen, Mr. Levien, Mr. Colls, Mr. McCourt, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and authority to act in matters of mutual concernment with any Committee appointed for similar purposes by the Legislative Council.
Question put and passed.
25. **COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY** :—Sir George Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.
Question put and passed.
26. **COMMITTEE OF WAYS AND MEANS** :—Sir George Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Question put and passed.
27. **MORTGAGES ACT AMENDMENT BILL** :—
(1.) Mr. Alfred Allen moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to render more simple and inexpensive the release of mortgages.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Allen then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to render more simple and inexpensive the release of mortgages,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 10th October.
28. **DISTRESS FOR RENT ABOLITION BILL** :—*Mr. McCourt*, 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.
29. **CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES** :—Mr. Hayes moved, pursuant to Notice, That "Ninian Melville," Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House for the present Session.
Mr. J. D. FitzGerald moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the words "Ninian Melville," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "William Chandos Wall."
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
Debate ensued.
Proposed amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Original Question then put and passed.
Whereupon Mr. Melville made his acknowledgments to the House.
30. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The Notices of Motions numbers 23 to 49 inclusive postponed (*by consent*) to follow after Notice No. 50.
31. **PUBLIC DEBT AND SINKING FUND BILL** :—Sir George 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 make more effectual provision for the payment of the interest on the Public Debt and other public charges; to provide a Sinking Fund for the liquidation of the said Debt; to regulate the keeping of the Public Accounts; to amend the Audit Act of 1870; and for purposes incidental to, consequent upon, or connected with the abovenamed objects.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
32. **FRIENDLY SOCIETIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL** :—Mr. Cullen moved, pursuant to Notice, That the "Friendly Societies Act Amendment Bill," which was introduced in the Assembly during last Session, but was interrupted before its completion by the close of the Session, be now reintroduced at the stage it had reached at the time of such interruption.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Bill be further considered in Committee on Tuesday, 10th October.
33. **CHILDREN'S PROTECTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL** :—
(1.) Mr. Neild moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the "Children's Protection Act, 1892."
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Neild then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Children's Protection Act, '1892,'*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 24th October.

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34. MUNICIPALITIES ACT OF 1867 AMENDMENT BILL:—
 (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, 24th October.
35. BANKRUPTCY ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—
 (1.) Mr. Neild moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the "Bankruptcy Act, 1887."
 Question put and passed.
 (2.) Mr. Neild then 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, 7th November.
36. CRIMINAL LAW AND EVIDENCE AMENDMENT BILL:—
 (1.) Mr. Neild moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the "Criminal Law and Evidence Amendment Act of 1891."
 Question put and passed.
 (2.) Mr. Neild then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Criminal Law and Evidence Amendment Act of 1891,'*"—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 7th November.
37. LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Sheldon 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 prevent the sale of liquor as defined by 45 Vic. No. 14, section 3, by retail grocers or storekeepers.
 Question put and passed.
38. PUBLIC INSTRUCTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Melville moved, pursuant to Notice, That the "Public Instruction Act Amendment Bill," which was introduced in the Assembly during last Session, but was interrupted before its completion by the close of the Session, be now reintroduced at the stage it had reached at the time of such interruption.
 Question put and passed.
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 7th November.
39. GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT OF THE FITZROY DOCK:—Mr. G. D. Clark moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all letters, documents, and other papers connected with the retirement of the General Superintendent of the Fitzroy Dock.
 Question put and passed.
40. OFFENDERS PROBATION BILL:—*Mr. Kelly*, for Mr. Crick, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the "Offenders Probation Bill," which was introduced in the Assembly during last Session, but was interrupted before its completion by the close of the Session, be now reintroduced at the stage it had reached at the time of such interruption.
 Question put and passed.
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.
41. LABOUR PROTECTION BILL:—Mr. Sheldon moved, pursuant to Notice, That the "Labour Protection Bill," which was introduced in the Assembly during last Session, but was interrupted before its completion by the close of the Session, be now reintroduced at the stage it had reached at the time of such interruption.
 Question put and passed.
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 21st November.
42. LIQUOR TRAFFIC LOCAL OPTION BILL:—Mr. Kidd moved, pursuant to Notice, That the "Liquor Traffic Local Option Bill," which was introduced in the Assembly during last Session, but was interrupted before its completion by the close of the Session, be now reintroduced at the stage it had reached at the time of such interruption.
 Question put and passed.
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday next.
43. ILLEGITIMACY DISABILITY REMOVAL BILL:—
 (1.) Mr. Neild moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to legitimatise the offspring born before marriage of parents subsequently intermarried.
 Question put and passed.
 (2.) Mr. Neild then presented a Bill intituled, "*A Bill to legitimatise the offspring born before marriage of parents subsequently intermarried,*"—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 21st November.
44. VICE SUPPRESSION BILL:—
 (1.) Mr. Neild moved, pursuant to Notice, That the "Vice Suppression Bill," which was introduced in the Assembly during last Session, but was interrupted before its completion by the close of the Session, be now reintroduced at the stage it had reached at the time of such interruption.
 Question put and passed.
 (2.) Mr. Neild then moved,—
 (1.) That the Vice Suppression Bill be referred to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, for inquiry and report.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Barton, Mr. Ewing, Dr. Cullen, Mr. Wall, Mr. Collins, Mr. Frank Faruell, Mr. McCourt, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Morton, and the Mover.
 (3.) That the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee of Session 1892-3, be referred to such Committee.
 Question put and passed.

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45. RACING ASSOCIATION BILL:—*Mr. Kelly*, for *Mr. Crick*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the "Racing Association Bill," which was introduced in the Assembly during last Session, but was interrupted before its completion by the close of the Session, be now reintroduced at the stage it had reached at the time of such interruption.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

46. PARLIAMENTARY REPRESENTATIVES ALLOWANCE ACT REPEAL BILL:—*Mr. Morton*, for *Mr. Want*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal the "Parliamentary Representatives Allowance Act."

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 7.

Mr. Morton,
Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Gould,
Mr. Neild,
Mr. McCourt.

Tellers,

Mr. Traill,
Mr. Hassall.

Nocs, 57.

Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Barton,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Williams,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Cotton,	Mr. J. A. Mackinnon,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Lees,	Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Donald,	Mr. Levis,
Mr. Newman,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Francis Clarke,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,	Mr. Gough,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. G. D. Clark,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Rae,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Bavister,	Mr. J. D. FitzGerald.
Mr. Danahy,	Tellers,
Mr. Darnley,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Gardiner.
Mr. Fogun,	
Mr. Vaughn,	

And so it passed in the negative.

47. REDUCTION OF COST OF LITIGATION BILL:—*Mr. Kelly*, 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.

48. LAW PRACTITIONERS BILL:—*Mr. Neild* moved, pursuant to Notice, That the "Law Practitioners Bill," forwarded to the Legislative Council during last Session, not having been finally dealt with, because of the prorogation of the Legislature, the following Message be sent to the Council:—*Mr. President*,—A Bill, intituled "An Act to regulate the admission of persons to practise in "Courts of Law,"—forwarded to the Legislative Council for concurrence during last Session of the present Parliament, not having been finally dealt with, because of the prorogation of the Legislature, the Legislative Assembly requests that the said Bill be proceeded with under the Council's Standing Order in that behalf.

Message sent to the Legislative Council accordingly.

49. ATTORNEYS ADMISSION BILL:—*Mr. Kelly*, for *Mr. Crick*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the "Attorneys Admission Bill," which was introduced in the Assembly during last Session, but was interrupted before its completion by the close of the Session, be now reintroduced at the stage it had reached at the time of such interruption.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be further considered in Committee To-morrow.

50. LAW VACATIONS ABOLITION BILL:—*Mr. Edden*, 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.

51. ADJOURNMENT:—*Sir George Dibbs* moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

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

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 3.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER, 1893.

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

DEPUTY SPEAKER'S COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER THE OATH OF ALLEGIANCE:—Mr. Speaker reported that he had received a Commission, under the Seal of the Colony, dated twenty-eighth September, 1893, 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, by direction of Mr. Speaker, was read by the Clerk, as follows:—

“ *By His Excellency the Right Honorable SIR ROBERT WILLIAM DUFF, a Member of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, a 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, Sir ROBERT WILLIAM DUFF, 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-eighth day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three, and in the fifty-seventh year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

“ R. W. DUFF.

“ *By His Excellency's Command,*

“ GEORGE R. DIBBS.”

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Arms purchased by Government during Maritime Strike:—Mr. Wright asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Were any arms purchased by the Government in New South Wales during the maritime strike of 1891?

(2.) If so, of what did they consist, and what price was paid for the same?

(3.) If such arms were bought, is it the intention of the Government to keep them in stock; if not, what do they purpose doing with them, and what is their estimated value at the present time?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—I find on inquiry that a number of weapons, principally revolvers, were purchased during the maritime strike by the late Government, at a cost of £2,500. I have called for a report from the Armourer, with a view to the adoption in the service of as many of them as are fit for use.

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- (2.) Ocean-street Cable Tramway :—Mr. Molesworth asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What is the total estimated cost of the Ocean-street Cable tramway ?
 - (2.) What will be the probable total cost of the following several items in connection therewith, viz. :—(a) Engine-house and machinery ; (b) rolling-stock and fittings ; (c) car-house and sheds ; (d) land resumption and compensation ?
 - (3.) When is it expected that the said line will be opened for traffic ?
- Mr. Kidd* answered,—The information will be prepared and laid upon the Table of the House in the shape of a return.
- (3.) Demise of the Crown :—Mr. Danahey asked the Attorney-General,—
- (1.) Has his attention been called to the provisions contained in an Act, passed by the New Zealand Parliament in the year 1888, 52 Vic. No. 3, the title of which is “An Act to make provision for certain matters in case of any demise of the Crown” ?
 - (2.) Will he ascertain whether there is any necessity for such an Act in this Colony in addition to the provisions contained in the Acts Shortening Act, clause 7 ?
 - (3.) If so, will he introduce a Bill containing the necessary provisions, as soon as possible, so as to save the Government and private persons the expense they would have to incur if such provisions are not made ?
- Mr. Barton* answered,—
- (1.) I am acquainted with the provisions of the Act in question.
 - (2 and 3.) I have this matter in mind.
- (4.) Banking Returns :—Mr. Hugh McKinnon asked the Colonial Treasurer,—To which of the Banks does the Government Statistician allude in “Wealth and Progress of New South Wales,” for 1892, when he states on page 700 “that the returns of two of the leading local Banks are “illegal and misleading” ?
- Sir George Dibbs* answered,—The banking returns are now quite satisfactory, and no good object would be served by stating the names of the institutions. The reference in the “Wealth and Progress” was to the years 1890 and 1891, and intended to explain the reason of certain blanks in the returns referring to those years.
- (5.) Timber and Iron Industries :—*Mr. Johnston*, for *Mr. Kelly*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the timber and iron industries are languishing for the want of judicious protection ?
 - (2.) What steps (if any) does he propose to take with a view to foster those industries ?
- Sir George Dibbs* answered,—It is true there is a depression in these industries just now, but not more so than in other branches of trade. Any steps taken would naturally be to encourage industries generally and not merely the two referred to by the Honorable Member.
- (6.) Separation of Mossman’s Ward from the Borough of North Sydney :—*Mr. E. M. Clark* asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will the papers in connection with the separation of Mossman’s Ward from the Borough of North Sydney, ordered on the 26th April last, be laid upon the Table of the House ?
- Sir George Dibbs* answered,—The return referred to was laid upon the Table yesterday.
- (7.) Reserve Corps :—*Mr. E. M. Clark* asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the late Reserve Corps have not yet been paid their capitation grant for last year, and for which receipted vouchers were forwarded to the proper authorities in January last ?
 - (2.) In view of the fact that several of these corps cannot settle up their affairs until the amount due to them is paid, will he cause the moneys due to be paid at once ?
- Sir George Dibbs* answered,—Yes ; and they will be paid as soon as the money is available.
- (8.) Road to Carlingford Railway Station :—*Mr. Frank Farnell* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is he aware of the fact that there is no approach road to the Carlingford Railway Station ?
 - (2.) Will he take such steps as are necessary to have access given to the station for the convenience of fruit-growers and others ?
 - (3.) Does not the responsibility of making the approach rest with the Government by their having removed the station from its original site to a position some chains to the south ?
- Mr. Kidd* answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2 and 3.) I propose to have something done in this matter as soon as the necessary funds are placed at the disposal of the Department.
- (9.) Public Oyster Reserve on Foreshores of the Manning River :—*Mr. Frank Farnell* asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) What is the date of the proclamation issued declaring the foreshores of the Manning River a Public Oyster Reserve ?
 - (2.) What is the date of the proclamation (if any) cancelling the above ?
 - (3.) How many leases have been issued for the purpose of oyster culture on the Manning River ?
 - (4.) How many lessees are in arrear with their rent, and what is the total amount owing on the above leases ?
- Sir George Dibbs* answered,—The following Answers have been supplied by the Chief Inspector of Fisheries :—
- (1.) 23rd April, 1883.
 - (2.) 10th July, 1891.
 - (3.) Eighty-nine.
 - (4.) Ten ; £101.

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- (10.) Intercolonial Medical Congress:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) What is the number of copies that were printed or published at the Government Printing Office of the Proceedings of the Intercolonial Medical Congress held in Sydney in 1892?
 (2.) The cost of the same?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Government Printer:—

- (1.) 1,100 copies have been printed, 783 of which have been bound.
 (2.) The cost to date is £585 1s. 8d., and the total cost, when the remaining 317 copies have been bound, will be £608 17s. 2d.

- (11.) Neil Gallagher's Conditional Purchase on the Cargo Gold-field Reserve:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he see that steps are taken to have Neil Gallagher's conditional purchase on the Cargo Gold-field Reserve, Molong District, and county of Ashburnham, validated during the present Session, especially as the case has been a long time pending?

Mr. Copeland answered,—A Bill to validate certain purchases of land, including among others, the conditional purchase of Neil Gallagher, is prepared, and will be proceeded with as soon as the state of public business will allow, and, if possible, during the present Session.

- (12.) Sale of Crown Lands:—Mr. Langwell, for Mr. Williams, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) What area of land has been sold since he took office?
 (2.) What is the amount of money derived from land sales during that period?
 (3.) What is the area of land sold during the present year?
 (4.) How many acres of land are at present gazetted for sale?

Mr. Copeland answered,—A return will be prepared giving the information sought by the Honorable Member, if moved for in the usual manner.

- (13.) Subsidy to French Cable between Queensland and New Caledonia:—Mr. McMillan asked the Colonial Secretary,—Have the Government committed this Colony to an expenditure of £2,000 per annum as subsidy to French cable between Queensland and New Caledonia?

Mr. Kidd answered,—I beg to draw the Honorable Member's attention to a document laid upon the Table of the Legislative Assembly, and ordered to be printed, on the 4th October, 1892, which conveys all information as to what has been done in the matter referred to. I may add that the reply I gave to a Question by the Honorable Member for The Murrumbidgee, Mr. Rae, on the 17th November, 1892, was as follows:—“(1 and 2.) No subsidy has been promised. The correspondence “ on the subject was laid upon the Table of this House and ordered to be printed on the 4th “ ultimo. A perusal of the papers will show that this Government has agreed to guarantee “ the payment to the Company for thirty years of the sum of £2,000 per annum, or such smaller “ sum as shall, together with one-sixth of the net sum received by the Company for messages “ passing over the cable during the year, after deducting working expenses (which are not to exceed “ £2,400 a year), amount to £2,000. The agreement, which is amongst the papers, further provides “ that the said cable shall form part of a main Pacific cable connecting Queensland with Vancouver, “ San Francisco, or some other place in North America as may hereafter be determined, and that so “ soon as the main Pacific cable connecting Queensland with North America as aforesaid shall be “ completed, the guarantee hereinbefore mentioned shall be rearranged, and shall form part of any “ joint guarantee which may be given by any other countries or colonies in consideration of the “ main Pacific cable. (3.) Any sum for which the Government may be liable under this guarantee “ will, of course, be provided for in the Estimates in the usual way.”

- (14.) Grapes imported to Broken Hill and District:—Mr. Cann asked the Secretary for Mines,—
 Is it a fact that his Department has taken steps to stop the importation of grapes into Broken Hill and District; if so, for what reason?

Mr. Slattery answered,—A proclamation has been issued prohibiting the introduction into this Colony of grapes or vines without inspection. Arrangements are being made for inspection at the South Australian Border, and it is thought that under these arrangements the importation of grapes to Broken Hill will not be affected.

- (15.) Customs Duty on Sugar:—Mr. Perry asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Customs Commissioners have decided that refined sugars and raw sugars are admissible on payment of £5 per ton duty, although the duty was fixed at £6 13s. 4d. per ton for refined sugar?
 (2.) Will he take steps to appoint gentlemen on the Commission who will draw a distinction between raw and refined sugar?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) The Commissioners of Customs have not so decided.
 (2.) The Commissioners have recommended that a defined distinction be adopted whenever a revision of the Customs tariff may be contemplated.

3. SPECIAL TRAMS AND TRAINS FOR USE OF MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Frank Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the practice of providing special trams and trains for the convenience of Honorable Members, after the ordinary service has ceased for the day, should be discontinued.
 Question put.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 46.

Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Houghton,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Dale,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Kve,	Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Donald,	Mr. Durnley,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Traill,	Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. McCredie,
Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Donnelly,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Newton,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Gormly,	Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Rose,
Mr. G. D. Clark,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Stevenson,	
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Frank Farnell.

Noes, 29.

Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Lonsdale.
Mr. Crick,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Copeland,	
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Fegan,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Perry.
Mr. Barton,	
Mr. Lee,	
Mr. Barbour,	
Mr. Dowel,	
Mr. Haynes,	
Mr. Sheldon,	
Mr. Grahame,	
Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. Booth,	
Mr. Cotton,	
Mr. Bowes,	
Mr. Scott,	
Mr. E. G. Brown,	
Mr. McMillan,	
Sir Henry Parkes,	
Mr. Ewing,	
Mr. Walker,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

4. **HOMESTEAD PROTECTION BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Donald moved, pursuant to Notice, That the "Homestead Protection Bill," which was introduced in the Assembly during last Session, but was interrupted before its completion by the close of the Session, be now reintroduced at the stage it had reached at the time of such interruption.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 10th October.
5. **FISHERIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Carruthers moved, pursuant to Notice, That the "Fisheries Act Amendment Bill," which was introduced in the Assembly during last Session, but was interrupted before its completion by the close of the Session, be now reintroduced at the stage it had reached at the time of such interruption.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 10th October.
6. **APPRENTICES BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Houghton moved, pursuant to Notice, That the "Apprentices Bill," forwarded to the Legislative Council during last Session, not having been finally dealt with because of the prorogation of the Legislature, the following Message be sent to the Council:—Mr. President,—A Bill, intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the "law relating to Apprentices,"—forwarded to the Legislative Council for concurrence during last Session of the present Parliament, not having been finally dealt with because of the prorogation of the Legislature, the Legislative Assembly requests that the said Bill be proceeded with under the Council's Standing Order in that behalf.
Question put and passed.
Message sent to the Legislative Council accordingly.
7. **JENOLAN CAVES ROAD** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Cook moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers, including correspondence, plans, specifications, &c., in reference to contracts Nos. 2 and 3 on the Jenolan Caves Road, entered on by Mr. Thomas Martin, and subsequently cancelled.
Question put and passed.
8. **PUBLIC WORKS ACT AMENDMENT BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—
(1.) Mr. Garrard moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the "Public Works Act of 1888"; the "Public Works Act Amendment Act of 1889"; and the "Public Works (Committee's Remuneration) Act of 1889," in respect of the number of members constituting the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, the mode of their appointment, their remuneration, and the limitation of the cost of the works considered by the Committee.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Garrard then presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to amend the 'Public Works Act of 1888'; the 'Public Works Act Amendment Act of 1889'; and the 'Public Works (Committee's Remuneration) Act of 1889,' in respect of the number of members constituting the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, the mode of their appointment, their remuneration, and the limitation of the cost of the works considered by the Committee,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 24th October.
9. **MINING ON PRIVATE LANDS BILL**:—The following Petitions in favour of the passing of a Mining on Private Lands Bill were presented by the Members named,—
(1.) By Mr. Morgan—From certain residents of Peak Hill and surrounding district.
(2.) By Mr. Morgan, for Mr. Gough—From certain electors and citizens of the town and district of the electorate of Young.
(3.) By Mr. Donnelly—From certain residents of Brown's Creek.
Petitions received.
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, 24th October.

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11. PAPERS:—

Sir George Dibbs laid upon the Table.—

- (1.) Report of the Government Labour Bureau for the half-year ended 18th August, 1893.
- (2.) Return respecting the Savings Banks of New South Wales.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Barton laid upon the Table,—Rules of the Supreme Court in Probate Jurisdiction.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Slattery laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Regulation under the Vine Diseases Act, 1893.
- (2.) Annual Report of the Department of Agriculture.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Kidd laid upon the Table,—Annual Report of the Postmaster-General for 1892.

Ordered to be printed.

12. 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, 21st November.

13. 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, 7th November.

14. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Gormly rising to move the adjournment of the House,—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice under Standing Order No. 15, 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, viz., the notice contained in the *Government Gazette* of the 12th September, to proclaim, under 12th section of the Rabbit Act "of 1890, certain lands situated between the Murrumbidgee and Lachlan Rivers rabbit infested."

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

15. PUBLIC DEBT AND SINKING FUND BILL:—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Sir George 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 make more effectual provision for the payment of the interest on the Public Debt and other public charges; to provide a Sinking Fund for the liquidation of the said Debt; to regulate the keeping of the Public Accounts; to amend the Audit Act of 1870; and for purposes incidental to, consequent upon, or connected with the abovenamed 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 make more effectual provision for the payment of the interest on the Public Debt and other public charges; to provide a Sinking Fund for the liquidation of the said Debt; to regulate the keeping of the Public Accounts; to amend the Audit Act of 1870; and for purposes incidental to, consequent upon, or connected with the abovenamed objects.

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

- (2.) Sir George Dibbs then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to make more effectual provision for the payment of the interest on the Public Debt and other public charges; to provide a Sinking Fund for the liquidation of the said Debt; to regulate the keeping of the Public Accounts; to amend the Audit Act of 1870; and for purposes incidental to, consequent upon, or connected with the abovenamed objects*,"—which was read a first time.

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

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

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

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 4.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 3 OCTOBER, 1893.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Village Settlements:—Mr. Sheldon asked the Colonial Secretary,—With reference to Question 9, of 7th June last, has he considered the advisability of making provision to enable an intending conditional purchaser, whose money may have been locked up in a “Reconstructed Bank” at fixed deposit, to take up land upon executing a transfer of the required amount from his own credit to the credit of the Government in the books of the Bank, by causing such Bank to issue a certificate to that effect, such certificate to be accepted by Crown Lands Agents as equivalent to cash?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—In reply to the Honorable Member’s Question, I may read him the answer I gave him on the 7th June last:—“The Question asked by the Honorable Member is rather more important than can be answered in the ordinary way. There is a great deal involved in any answer which may be given; but I promise the Honorable Member that I will give the matter my best consideration during the recess, and I anticipate that by the time the House meets again I shall see my way clear to give the relief asked for.” Since this answer was given I find that the Banks have been relieving the deposits they held, and that they are willing to make favourable arrangements with depositors. I do not, therefore, think that any further action on the part of the Government in that direction is required.

- (2.) Issue of Bank-notes:—Mr. Dowel asked the Colonial Treasurer,—The amount of legal tender bank-notes that each Bank respectively is empowered to issue under the proclamation made in accordance with the Bank Issue Act?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—I should like my honorable friend to let this Question stand over for a short time, in the public interest.

- (3.) Military Tournament:—*Mr. Murphy*, for Mr. Black, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) On what authority was the proposed military tournament arranged?
- (2.) Is it not a fact that this tournament will cost a considerable sum of money?
- (3.) From what fund will the expenses of this military tournament be defrayed?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) Major-General Hutton, which has since been approved.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) There are no funds available, but it is anticipated that the receipts will cover the outlay.

- (4.) Persons sent to work on abandoned Gold-fields:—Mr. Hutchinson asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) How many persons have there been sent by the Mines Department to work or fossick upon the abandoned gold-fields of the Colony?
- (2.) What are the names of the places, and the numbers of persons respectively, who have been sent out to work in such places?
- (3.) What is the cost incurred for rations, tools, passes, &c.?
- (4.) What is the amount expended by the Department in travelling expenses, reports, &c., by the officers of the Department?
- (5.) Has the Department received any reports as to the success or otherwise of the miners so assisted; if so, what are results?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) Nonc. 1,033 persons stated they knew where they could obtain a little gold if they were provided with a miner’s right and a pass to the railway station nearest to the locality named; and to these persons letters were given requesting the Superintendent of the Government Bureau to supply the miners’ rights and passes.

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- (2.) I will lay the list upon the Table.
 (3.) None by this Department.
 (4.) None.
 (5.) Two or three reports received by this Department, stated the writers had found a little gold, but nothing of importance.
- (5.) Prospecting Vote:—Mr. Hutchinson asked the Secretary for Mines,—
 (1.) What is the total amount of the prospecting vote of £20,000 expended to date?
 (2.) How much of such sum is yet available for prospecting purposes?
 (3.) What is the number of applications approved, and the amount of aid granted respectively for the North, South, and Western Districts during the present year?
 (4.) What is the total cost of the Prospecting Board for salaries, travelling expenses, inspections, reports, &c., for the present year?
 (5.) Is such cost or any proportion of same chargeable against the prospecting vote; if so, what are the amounts?
- Mr. Slattery answered,—
 (1.) £17,925 6s. 5d.
 (2.) £2,074 13s. 7d., but the amounts granted but not yet paid exceed that sum.
 (3.) North, 75 applications, £7,226 1s. 6d.; South, 59 applications, £4,732 17s. 6d.; West, 91 applications, £6,794 4s.
 (4.) No salaries are charged to this vote, but the expenses, including cost of measuring up the work done by prospectors, amount to £650 0s. 4d.
 (5.) Yes; to the amount stated above.
- (6.) Special Areas in The Bogan Electorate:—Mr. Murphy, for Mr. Morgan, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
 (1.) Is it a fact that a number of special areas in The Bogan Electorate are being, or about to be, cancelled, and submitted for sale by auction?
 (2.) Is it a fact that many of these special areas would have been selected under ordinary free selection conditions, if they had been made available?
 (3.) Is he aware that the selling of these lands by auction means the further aggregation of large estates?
- Mr. Copeland answered,—
 (1.) Some special areas, chiefly remnants, have been cancelled with a view to the land being submitted to public auction. As "The Bogan Electorate" is not recognised by the Crown Lands Acts, it is impossible to state, without great labour, how many of such cancellations refer to special areas within that Electorate. If, however, the information is required with respect to land districts it can be supplied if moved for in the form of a return.
 (2 and 3.) I am not aware.
- (7.) Travelling Allowances:—Mr. Perry asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) What is the actual difference in the cost of travelling between a Judge of the Supreme Court and a Forest Ranger?
 (2.) What is the amount allowed by Departments for travelling for Judges, Crown Prosecutors, Conditional Purchase Inspectors, Forest Rangers, Inspectors of Police, Sergeants, and Constables?
- Sir George Dibbs answered,—The Honorable Member's first Question is, as far as I can gather, a conundrum, and is therefore out of place. As regards the second Question, the information asked for is being prepared in the shape of a return, and will be laid upon the Table as soon as possible.
- (8.) Inspector of Weights and Measures:—Mr. Kelly, for Mr. Black, asked the Attorney-General,—
 (1.) If it be true that complaints are still being lodged that Evans, the Inspector of Weights and Measures, continues to charge fees, for the passing of machines, so heavy that they amount, in some cases, to one-fifth the sum paid the scale-makers for work done, and refuses to issue certificates unless such payments are paid?
 (2.) If so, is not such a course a contravention of the Act and in defiance of the memorandum issued by the Minister of Justice?
 (3.) That being so, does the Minister intend to take steps for the removal of Evans?
- Mr. Slattery answered,—The following Answers have been supplied by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice:—
 (1.) Complaint has been made that on a recent occasion Mr. Evans refused to issue certificates of verification for certain weighing machines until certain fees had been paid; but the Inspector reports he simply charged the usual fees for comparing and stamping the weights of the machines, and refused to issue certificates till the fees had been paid.
 (2.) The Inspector considers he has a legal right to continue to charge fees for services rendered, and the proposed new system laid down in my minute on the recent inquiry into the Weights and Measures Act has not been brought into operation.
 (3.) The subject of the complaint, which is surrounded with some difficulty, is still under consideration, but it is not in contemplation to remove Mr. Evans from his office.
- (9.) Forgings for Bridge Contracts:—Mr. Johnston asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) Is it a fact that Mort's Dock and Engineering Company have decided on importing certain forgings necessary for the bridge contract they have in hand for the Government?
 (2.) If so, will he insist on the stipulation on all contracts, issued with tender under his Department, that the work must be done in the Colony, and at the same time giving effect to a motion which was carried in this House?
- Mr. Copeland answered,—My honorable colleague is informed that the whole of the forgings required in connection with the bridge work which Mort's Dock and Engineering Company have in hand for the Department were made at the Company's works.

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- (10.) Water Supply at Billagoe :—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Has the contract been let yet for the Water Supply at Billagoe (now called Mount Drysdale) ?
 - (2.) If not, what is the cause of delay ?
- Mr. Copeland* answered,—The contract was signed on the 27th ultimo, and work will be commenced to-day. Some delay arose in consequence of fresh tenders having to be invited, the first received being considered too high. It also exceeded the amount of the grant.
- (11.) Rations distributed by Labour Bureau :—Mr. Haynes asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) The approximate number of rations provided at the public expense by the Labour Bureau to indigent people, during the last six months ?
 - (2.) From whom were the rations obtained, and at what cost ?
- Sir George Dibbs* answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Superintendent of the Government Labour Bureau :—
- (1.) 29,820, including 1,049 issued to men fossicking for gold.
 - (2.) James Kidman ; £2,344 8s. 4d.
- (12.) Stone-crushing Plant at Bowral :—Mr. McCourt asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it the intention of the Railway Commissioners to partially or fully work the elaborate stone-crushing plant recently erected at Bowral ?
 - (2.) If so, when is the work of obtaining and crushing stone likely to be recommenced ?
- Sir George Dibbs* answered,—The working of the quarry at Bowral entirely depends on the railway requirements for ballast, and as ballast is required for railway purposes, within the radius from which it can be conveniently supplied from Bowral, the quarry will be again worked.
- (13.) Bondi Tramway Extension :—Mr. McCourt asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is the Bondi tramway extension being constructed by day-work ?
 - (2.) Was the carrying out of this work considered one of urgent necessity ?
 - (3.) What is the length of the extension, and probable cost, when finished ?
- Mr. Copeland* answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) My honorable colleague considered it desirable.
 - (3.) Expenditure to date has been about £7,000, and it is estimated that it will cost a little under £1,000 to complete.
- (14.) Reserve in Parishes of Joadja and Wangandery :—Mr. McCourt asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is he aware that some four years ago a reserve in area about 9,000 acres was suddenly proclaimed in the parishes of Joadja and Wangandery ?
 - (2.) Is he aware that within a few minutes after the proclamation of the reserve in *Gazette*, some parties applied to mine under the reserve for coal, and have since abandoned the land ?
 - (3.) Will he have a report obtained as to the advisability of throwing this reserve open for selection ?
- Mr. Copeland* answered,—
- (1.) A Reserve (No. 4,912) containing 9,000 acres, in the parish of Joadja, county of Camden, was notified in the usual manner, for coal-mining purposes, on the 11th November, 1887.
 - (2.) All the mining permits for this reserve, except two for areas of 640 and 78½ acres respectively, have been cancelled.
 - (3.) Yes ; a report will be obtained.
- (15.) Permits granted by Shipping Master in Port of Sydney :—Mr. Davis asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) How many permits were granted by the Shipping Master in the Port of Sydney between the period commencing 1st day of July and ending 1st day of September of present year ?
 - (2.) How many permits were granted by same official during the corresponding period of last year ?
 - (3.) Did those persons who received the permits during the present year satisfy the Shipping Master that they were competent seamen ?
- Sir George Dibbs* answered,—
- (1.) Nine hundred and seventy-one (971).
 - (2.) Three hundred and thirty-three (333.)
 - (3.) Persons who receive permits or licenses to ship under the 33rd section of the Act 27 Vic. No. 13 are not required by that Act to satisfy the Shipping Master of their competency.
- (16.) Pensions to Civil Servants :—Mr. G. D. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to give effect to the decision of the House of November last in favour of the abolition of the payment of pensions to retiring Civil Servants ?
- Sir George Dibbs* answered,—I must refer the Honorable Member to the reply given to him on the 18th January last.
- (17.) Retirement of Mr. W. M. M. Arnold from the Civil Service :—*Mr. Hugh McKinnon*, for Mr. Crick, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House copies of all papers in connection with the retirement of Mr. Arnold from the Civil Service, and all papers since received having reference to the same matter ?
- Sir George Dibbs* answered,—The papers relating to the retirement of Mr. Arnold were laid upon the Table of the House on the 31st January last. There will be no objection to lay any subsequent correspondence relating to Mr. Arnold's case upon the Table if moved for in the usual way.

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- (18.) Coal Mines Regulation Bill:—*Mr. Edden*, for *Mr. Nicholson*, asked the Secretary for Mines,—
 (1.) Is it a fact that the Coal Mines Regulation Bill has lapsed through the delay of the Select Committee of the Upper House in reporting, or from any other cause whatever?
 (2.) If so, is it the intention of the Ministry to restore the Bill, or to introduce a new Bill, during the present Session?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Steps will be at once taken to restore the Bill. I will give the necessary notice for that purpose to-day.

- (19.) Patents Union:—*Mr. Bavister*, for *Mr. Danahey*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Will he consider the advisability of this Colony joining the Patents Union, and cause the necessary formalities to be carried out for that purpose, so as to give inventors and others taking out patents in this Colony the benefits of the said Union?

(2.) If not, what are the reasons for not doing so?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The matter has not yet engaged my attention.

2. AGRICULTURAL HOLDINGS BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Bowes* moved, pursuant to Notice, That the "Agricultural Holdings Bill," which was introduced in the Assembly during last Session, but was interrupted before its completion by the close of the Session, be now reintroduced at the stage it had reached at the time of such interruption.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 7th November.

3. SYDNEY CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Young*, for *Mr. Crick*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the "Sydney Corporation Act" (43 Vic. No. 3).

Question put and passed.

4. LEGAL PRACTITIONERS BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for *Mr. Crick* moved, pursuant to Notice, That the "Legal Practitioners Bill," which was introduced in the Assembly during last Session, but was interrupted before its completion by the close of the Session, be now reintroduced at the stage it had reached at the time of such interruption.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

5. PARRAMATTA STREET WATERING BILL:—

(1.) *Mr. Frank Farnell* presented a Petition from the Mayor and Aldermen of the Borough of Parramatta, representing that the Parramatta Street Watering Bill, which was introduced into this House during the last Session of Parliament, and passed through several stages, was interrupted by the close of the Session, and praying that leave may be given to proceed with the said Bill during the present Session,—

And the 75th Standing Order of this House permitting of the prayer of the Petitioners being entertained,—

Petition received.

(2.) *Mr. Farnell* then presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to enable the Council of the Borough of Parramatta to establish and levy a special rate for street watering purposes within certain portions of the Borough of Parramatta, in addition to the rates authorised by the "Municipalities Act of 1867," and for the other purposes herein set forth,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a second time on Thursday next.

6. GOULBURN AND CROOKWELL RAILWAY BILL:—

(1.) *Mr. Rose* presented a Petition from *William Monie*, the younger, of Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, gentleman, representing that the Goulburn and Crookwell Railway Bill, which was introduced into this House during the last Session of Parliament, and read a first time, was interrupted by the close of the Session, and praying that leave may be given to proceed with the said Bill during the present Session,—

And the 75th Standing Order of this House permitting of the prayer of the Petitioner being entertained,—

Petition received.

(2.) *Mr. Rose* then presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to authorise *William Monie*, the younger, of Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, gentleman, his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns to construct and maintain a Railway from a point to be determined on, about one mile on the Sydney side of the Goulburn Railway Station, on the Great Southern Railway, in the Colony aforesaid, over, across, and along the route described in the Schedule to the said Bill, being a distance of about thirty-four miles to Crookwell, via Wollondilly River; thence for about seven miles in a northerly direction; thence north-westerly to Woodhouselee to the Government township of *M'Alister*; and thence across the head of the Wollondilly River to the town of Crookwell, in the county of Argyle; and to use steam or other motive power upon the said railway; and to carry passengers, goods, live stock, and other things for hire for the public generally,"—which was read a first time.

7. MINING OF PRIVATE LANDS BILL:—The following Petitions in favour of the passing of a Mining on Private Lands Bill were presented by the Members named:—

(1.) By *Mr. Dowel*—From certain residents in the town and district of Tamworth.

(2.) By *Mr. O'Sullivan*—From certain electors and residents in the Queanbeyan electorate.

(3.) By *Mr. E. G. Brown*—From certain residents of Adelong and district.

(4.) By *Mr. Hutchinson*—From certain electors and residents in the Parkes portion of the Forbes electorate.

(5.) By *Mr. Barnes*—From certain residents in the town and district of Gundagai.

(6.) By *Mr. Vaughn*—From certain electors of Grenfell.

Petitions received.

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8. **PARLIAMENTARY ELECTORATES AND ELECTIONS ACT**:—The following Petitions praying that alterations be made in the electorates as defined by the Electoral Districts Commissioners were presented by the Members named:—
- (1.) By Mr. Hogan—From O. O. Dangar, an elector of the present electorate of The Macleay.
 - (2.) By Mr. Collins—From certain electors of the town and district of Walgett.
- Petitions received.
9. **OXFORD-STREET IMPROVEMENT BILL**:—
- (1.) Mr. Neild presented a Petition from the Borough of Paddington, near Sydney, representing that the "Oxford-street Improvement Bill" which was introduced into this House last Session, and referred to a Select Committee, was interrupted by the close of the Session; and praying that leave be given to proceed with the said Bill this Session,—
And the 75th Standing Order of this House permitting of the prayer of the said Petitioners being entertained,—
Petition received.
 - (2.) Mr. Neild presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable the Council of the Borough of Paddington to close certain portions of Marshall-street, a public street in the said Borough, and a certain right-of-way leading therefrom; and to vest the fee-simple of part of the land comprised in the closed portion of the said street and said right-of-way in the Marshall's Paddington Brewery (Limited), a Company duly registered under the 'Companies Act,' and the remaining part thereof in the trustees of the will of George Brereton, deceased; and to vest in the said Borough for the improvement of Oxford-street certain pieces and parcels of land owned by the said Marshall's Paddington Brewery (Limited), fronting Oxford-street; and for other purposes in furtherance of or consequent on the aforesaid objects,*"—which was read a first time.
 - (3.) Mr. Neild then moved,—
 - (1.) That the "Oxford-street Improvement 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. Marks, Mr. McGowen, Mr. McCourt, Mr. Perry, Mr. Hart, Mr. Gormly, Mr. Lees, Mr. Waddell, Mr. O'Sullivan, and the Mover.
 - (3.) That the Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence taken before the Select Committee of Session 1892-3, be referred to such Committee.
 Question put and passed.
10. **PAPERS**:—
- Mr. Copland laid upon the Table,—Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Mummel, county of Argyle, for a bridge over Hodge's Creek at Mummel.
Ordered to be printed.
- Sir George Dibbs laid upon the Table,—Statement showing the total public debt of the Colony, and amount required to complete Railways and Public Works authorised.
Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Slattery laid upon the Table,—Statement showing the places and number of persons sent to such places as "Fossickers" to work abandoned gold-mines.
Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Kidd laid upon the Table,—Notifications of introduction of system of pre-payment of telegrams by postage stamps, and of the establishment of new border stations.
Ordered to be printed.
11. **LIQUOR TRAFFIC**:—Mr. Kidd presented a Petition from D. E. Chalker, Chairman of a meeting of the Hope of Mittagong Lodge, Independent Order of Good Templars, praying that, in view of the manifold evils arising from the traffic in intoxicating liquors, and the widespread demand for reform, the House will pass into law a Bill providing for the taking of a plebiscite vote of the men and women of the country on the distinct issue of prohibition.
Petition received.
12. **CASE OF JOHN DENIFF**:—Mr. Waddell 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 John Deniff, who was convicted on the 4th February last, at Dubbo, on a charge of stealing a sum of money from one Christie Cunningham, and was sentenced to two years imprisonment, but was subsequently released after a magisterial inquiry.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Barton, Mr. Gormly, Mr. Perry, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Langwell, Mr. Hindle, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Hayes, and the Mover.
 - (3.) That the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee of Session 1892-3, be referred to such Committee.
- Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
13. **LICENSING LAW FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL**:—Mr. McGowen 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 prohibit the sale or gift of intoxicating liquors "on" "election" days.
Mr. Garrard moved, That the Question be amended by the insertion, after the word "on," of the word "Parliamentary."
Question proposed,—That the word proposed to be inserted be so inserted.
Debate ensued.
Question,—That the word proposed to be inserted be so inserted,—put and passed.
Mr. Neild moved, That the Question be further amended by the omission of the word "election" with a view to the insertion in its place of the word "polling."
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 this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to prohibit the sale or gift of intoxicating liquors on Parliamentary polling days,—put and passed.

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14. WILLIAM STAFFORD, EX-MOUNTED SERGEANT OF POLICE:—Mr. Darnley moved, pursuant to Notice. That the Report from the Select Committee on "William Stafford, ex-Mounted Sergeant of Police," brought up on 12th May, 1893, be now adopted.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 40.

Mr. Sheldon,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Hoyle,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Newman,	Dr. Hollis,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Murphy,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Holborow,	Mr. McCredie,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Donald,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Rae,
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. G. D. Clark,	Mr. Scott,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Garrard.
Mr. Bavister,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Cruickshank.
Mr. O'Sullivan,	

Noes, 20.

Mr. Kidd,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. Jeanneret,	Mr. McCourt.
Mr. Haynes,	
Mr. Reid,	
Mr. Slattery,	
Mr. Copeland,	
Mr. Morton,	
Mr. Hayes,	
Sir George Dibbs,	
Mr. Barton,	
Sir Henry Parkes,	
Mr. Crick,	
Mr. Torpy,	
Mr. Perry,	
Mr. Bowes,	
Mr. Hutchison,	
Mr. Barbour,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

15. WHARFAGE RATES AT NEWCASTLE:—Mr. Molesworth moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this "House," the non-collection of wharfage rates at the port of Newcastle (authorised under the "Wharfage and Tonnage Rates Act of 1880," 44 Vic. No. 8) is a manifest injustice to the port of Sydney, where the said rates are regularly collected, as well as a serious loss to the public revenue of the Colony, and that henceforth the said "Wharfage and Tonnage Rates Act of 1880" should be administered impartially, without favour or distinction.
- (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
- Debate ensued.
- Mr. Grahame moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "House," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words, "the present state of the district of Newcastle does not justify the re-imposition of the wharfage and tonnage dues."
- Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
- Debate continued.
- Proposed amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
- Original motion, by leave, withdrawn.

16. AUSTRALASIAN NAVAL DEFENCES:—Mr. Haynes moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That the contribution of public money from New South Wales towards the fund in connection with the Australasian Naval Defences proposal was obtained and granted on the distinct understanding that the vessels forming the squadron should be employed exclusively in Australasian waters and in Australasian naval operations.
- "(2.) That the Samoan war was an affair totally foreign to Australasian interests, and without material concern to the various Australasian colonies.
- "(3.) That the presence, consequently, of the "Katoomba," one of the Australasian squadron, "at Samoa, and her active intervention with foreign men-of-war in the troubles of that island, form together a grave infraction of the terms of the naval agreement with the Imperial authorities."
- (4.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor, with a request that he will be pleased to forward the same to Her Majesty's Government.
- Debate ensued.
- Mr. Walker moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of paragraphs (2) and (3) with a view to the insertion in their place of the following paragraph,—
- "(2.) In the opinion of this House, it is unnecessary to contribute to the fund for such a purpose, or to any other purpose to which the Imperial Authorities may put these vessels, and taking also into consideration the impoverished condition of the public finances, the Home authorities should be requested to forego any further contributions."
- Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
- Debate continued.

Mr. Speaker having retired,—

The Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, in accordance with the Standing Order (2A).

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Original Question then put.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Melville,	Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. G. D. Clark,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Bavister,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Collins,	Mr. Newman.
Mr. Rae,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Darnley,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Haynes.
Mr. Scott,	

Noes, 11.

Mr. Reid,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Barton,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Copeland,
Sir George Dibbs,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Donald,
Mr. Torpy.

Tellers,

Mr. Credie,
Mr. McCourt.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 5.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 4 OCTOBER, 1893.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) "Parliamentary Representatives Allowance Act":—Mr. Molesworth asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What amount has been paid out of the Consolidated Revenue to 30th September, 1893, under the provisions of the "Parliamentary Representatives Allowance Act"?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—£149,453 7s. 11d.

(2.) Kenmore Lunatic Asylum:—Mr. McCourt asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is the proposed erection of a Lunatic Asylum at Kenmore considered a work of urgent necessity?

(2.) Is the cost of construction to be paid from Loan Vote or from revenue?

(3.) Will the work be carried out under supervision of the Colonial Architect, or will commission be paid to private architects?

Mr Lyne answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) From Loan Vote. (See Loan Act 56 Vic. No. 24, passed June 12th, 1893.)

(3.) The work being carried out is under the supervision of the Government Architect.

(3.) Trial Bay Harbour Works:—Mr. McCourt asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) The total amount expended to date upon the Trial Bay Harbour Works?

(2.) How many prisoners are now working there, and the rate of wages paid them?

(3.) The total number of officers of Prison Department and Harbours and Rivers Department now at Trial Bay?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) £113,112 19s. 2d.

(2.) 128 are employed at wages of 6d., 1s., 1s. 6d., and 2s. per day, according to time of service.

(3.) There are 23 officers of the Prisons Department, and 4 of the Harbours and Rivers Branch of this Department.

(4.) Expenses connected with Public Works Committee:—Mr. Molesworth asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What amounts have been paid to the several members of the Public Works Committee during the present Parliament for fees and travelling expenses respectively?

(2.) What is the amount incurred for clerical assistance, shorthand writing, printing, and all other expenses connected with the said Committee during the same period?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—Information will be given in the form of a return, which I shall presently lay upon the Table.

(5.) Export of Gold and Specie:—Mr. Molesworth asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What amount (in value) of gold and specie has been exported from this Colony for the quarters ending 31st March, 30th June, and 30th September, 1893?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

Gold exported from New South Wales.						
Quarters ending				Coined.	Uncoined.	
31st March, 1893	...	...	...	155,752	10,585	
30th June, 1893	799,794	7,753	
30th September, 1893	1,427,760	19,215	
Total	£2,383,306	37,553	(6.)

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(6.) Mr. Mair, Secretary of Employers' Association, Melbourne:—Mr. Kelly asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that Mr. Mair, Secretary of the Employers' Association, Melbourne, has been appointed Commissioner for taking affidavits under the Agreements Validating Act?
- (2.) Is it his duty to give all information respecting wages, rent, and cost of living to all persons previous to engagement in Victoria for New South Wales?
- (3.) Will he have any objection to lay upon the Table of this House all papers and correspondence in connection with this appointment?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) Mr. John Mair, Secretary to the Pastoralists' Association of Victoria, has been appointed an Agreements Validating Officer at Melbourne.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) There will be no objection, provided they are moved for in the usual manner.

(7.) Prosecution of Proprietors of *Hard Cash*:—Mr. G. D. Clark asked the Attorney-General,—

- (1.) In view of the hardships entailed upon five Sydney news-agents through their prosecution by Detective Rochoix, a member of the secret police, for selling the financial magazine known as *Hard Cash*, will the Government appoint an official censor to inspect all local and important publications, with power to suppress all papers, magazines, or books infringing the law of libel, or which in any way cast doubt upon the solvency of our financial institutions?
- (2.) Are the news-agents now on their trial for vending *Hard Cash* charged with printing and publishing a criminal libel upon a bank or with merely selling an unregistered paper?
- (3.) Are all the newspapers, books, and magazines published or sold in New South Wales registered according to law?
- (4.) If not, will he cause to be forwarded to every news-agent in the Colony a certified copy of all such unregistered publications?
- (5.) Is Detective Rochoix carrying on the *Hard Cash* criminal prosecutions at the instigation of the Attorney-General?
- (6.) Will the Government immediately enforce the law and prosecute the sellers of all unregistered publications?

Mr. Barton answered,—

- (2.) The accused persons are charged with publishing a criminal libel.
- I decline to answer the remaining Questions—the terms of which are such that an answer can scarcely have been expected.

(8.) Fees on Unclaimed Deeds in Land Titles Office:—Mr. Hutchinson asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that some thousands of unclaimed deeds are now lying in the Land Titles Office, Sydney, upon which the sum of £3,000 for fees, &c., is owing to the Government; and is it a fact that one wealthy person has had over 100 deeds lying in such office for many years, the unpaid fees, &c., of which amount to over £250.
- (2.) Will he take into consideration the advisability of compelling those persons who, apparently, leave their deeds for safe custody in such office, to pay up the fees and stamp duties due upon such deeds?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The present law does not compel payment of fees until deeds are taken up, but the matter shall have attention.

(9.) Overhead Bridge at Copeland-street, Beecroft:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Colonial Treasurer,—When is it likely that the work in connection with the erection of an overhead bridge at Copeland-street, Beecroft, will be proceeded with?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—I am informed that the Railway Commissioners have no intention of building an overbridge at the point indicated.

(10.) General Cemetery for Northern Suburbs:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it intended to provide a general cemetery for the districts to the north, as far as Hornsby, and including Pennant Hills, Beecroft, and Carlingford; if so, when will the necessary action be taken?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The matter is at present under consideration.

(11.) Silver Lead Mines:—Mr. Cann asked the Secretary for Mines,—Have any steps been taken to enforce the conditions on silver lead mines of the Lead Board's report; if not, is it his intention to enforce the Board's recommendation?

Mr. Slattery answered,—It is doubtful whether the state of public business will admit of the introduction during the present Session of a Bill dealing with this and other matters relating to mining.

(12.) Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act:—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Does he intend to have a short Bill introduced during the present Session of Parliament to supplement the provisions of the new Electoral Act by the establishment of a system of second ballots for the purpose of securing that no candidate shall be finally declared elected a Member of the Legislative Assembly, except he poll at least one-half of the votes cast in any Electorate, plus one?
- (2.) If not, will he consider the advisability of doing so?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—No.

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- (13.) Prosecution of Proprietors of *Hard Cash*:—Mr. Black asked the Attorney-General,—
- (1.) Is Superintendent Fosbery the public prosecutor in the *Hard Cash* libel cases?
 - (2.) Is he also a trustee of the Barrack-street Savings Bank, in whose interests the prosecution is undertaken?
- Mr. Barton answered,—The Inspector-General of Police is a trustee of the Savings Bank. The public prosecutor is the Attorney-General, represented by counsel at the Court. The prosecution is not undertaken in the interests of the Savings Bank, but in the interests of the administration of justice.
- (14.) Alleged Perjury by Senior-constable Gorman and Constable Byers:—Mr. Black asked the Attorney-General,—
- (1.) Has he arrived at any decision regarding the alleged perjury committed by Senior-constable Gorman and Constable Byers at Darlington Quarter Sessions in the Blackstone-Wilson case, on 16th November, 1892?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that the Minister of Justice has recommended the institution of proceedings against Gorman and Byers?
- Mr. Barton answered,—
- (1.) After further and careful consideration of the whole matter, I have arrived at the decision that a prosecution should be instituted against the senior-constable and the constable named for conspiracy, and instructions have been issued to that effect.
 - (2.) It is not considered desirable to answer Questions such as No. 2, whether they refer to Ministers or to private citizens.
- (15.) Mr. Laing, Military Office:—Mr. Black asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is there a person named Laing in the Military Accountancy office?
 - (2.) If so, what are the dates of his appointments, promotions, and increases of salary?
 - (3.) Is it a fact that this officer has recently been granted leave of absence, on full pay, to visit Vancouver and Chicago?
- Sir George Dibbs answered,—
- (1.) Yes, in the Military Secretary's Office.
 - (2.) Appointed 21st May, 1892. He has received no promotion or increase of salary in the Military Department.
 - (3.) This officer was granted leave of absence for three months on full pay, in accordance with the Civil Service Act, he having served over ten years.
- (16.) Royalties on Gold, Brown's Creek, near Blayney:—Mr. Haynes asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the parties on whose account he recently granted a transfer of lease of gold-mine on certain Church and School Lands, Brown's Creek, near Blayney, were at the time of such transfer indebted to the Department for royalties on gold obtained from such land?
 - (2.) Were the officers of the Department aware of the fact, and did they make demand for payment before recommending a transfer of lease?
 - (3.) If royalties are found to be due to the Crown what steps will he take to recover them?
- Sir George Dibbs answered,—
- (1.) No.
 - (2 and 3.) Answered by No. 1.
- (17.) Post Office Savings Banks Deposits:—Mr. Haynes asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) What amount of money deposited by the people with the Government Post Office Savings Banks has been taken by the Government during the last twelve months for general expenditure?
 - (2.) What are the items of expenditure, or has the money been expended in a similar way to loan money generally; if the latter, will he give particulars of the expenditure?
- Sir George Dibbs answered,—The balance to credit of Government Savings Bank Account on 30th September was £3,083,812 10s. 9d. Of this amount, £2,664,666 13s. 11d. is invested in Government securities. The cash balance £419,145 16s. 10d. is included in the net credit cash balance of £1,874,143 12s. shown in quarterly statement.
- (18.) Balances owing on Conditional Purchases:—Mr. Haynes asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) What concession with respect to balances owing on conditional purchases does he propose to make to conditional purchasers, corresponding with concessions in leases of land and direct State assistance, now given under the Village Settlements Act, to another section of the community?
 - (2.) Does he propose still to exact from intending free selectors and purchasers at auction the highest figures for land, while he extends to another section of the community the benefits of the village settlements scheme, and direct grants of money from the Public Treasury?
- Mr. Copeland answered,—
- (1.) The law does not provide for concessions being granted to conditional purchasers of a similar character to those provided for under the Labour Settlements Act.
 - (2.) Yes, in accordance with the provisions of the existing law.
- (19.) Issue of Miners' Rights to Road Maintenance Men:—Mr. Haynes asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- Will he, seeing the distress prevalent among the inland mining community, and the large number of road maintenance men and other workmen out of work in the country districts, arrange to issue miners' rights free of cost as has been done in Sydney where applicants have been shown to be in indigent circumstances?
- Mr. Slattery answered,—This has been done already in cases where the officer entrusted with the duty has been satisfied.

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(20.) Dismissal of Maintenance Men in Country Districts:—Mr. Cruickshank asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it not a fact that through the dismissal of maintenance men from the roads in the country districts that the principal roads have become impassable?

(2.) If so, will he take steps to immediately reinstate the discharged men, to keep the roads in proper repair?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) I have already given instructions that a sufficient number of the best men as are necessary to keep the roads in trafficable repair be employed.

(21.) Tenders for Road Contracts in Country Districts:—Mr. Cruickshank asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a number of tenders have been called for road contracts in country districts, where payments for the same should come from the annual Road Vote?

(2.) Is it a fact that, as a rule, a number of tenders are not accepted?

(3.) If so, will the lowest tenderer be given the first opportunity of going on with the work without fresh tenders being called for?

(4.) When will money already voted by Parliament be available for such contracts?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) A number of tenders were not accepted owing to shortness of funds.

(3.) I cannot make any definite promise until further funds are at the disposal of the Department. The circumstances may then be altogether altered, and it may be desirable in the public interest to invite fresh tenders.

(4.) I cannot say definitely.

(22.) Proposed Railway from Glen Innes to Inverell:—Mr. Cruickshank asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill this Session to authorise the construction of the proposed railway from Glen Innes to Inverell; if so, when?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Such a promise has been given, and the matter will not be overlooked.

2. COAL MINES REGULATION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Slattery moved, pursuant to Notice, That the "Coal Mines Regulation Bill," forwarded to the Legislative Council during last Session, not having been finally dealt with because of the prorogation of the Legislature, the following Message be sent to the Council:—Mr. President,—A Bill, intituled "An Act to make better provision for the regulation of Coal Mines and Collieries, and for other purposes in connection therewith,"—forwarded to the Legislative Council for concurrence during last Session of the present Parliament, not having been finally dealt with because of the prorogation of the Legislature, the Legislative Assembly requests that the said Bill be proceeded with under the Council's Standing Order in that behalf.

Question put and passed.

Message sent to the Legislative Council accordingly.

3. AUSTRALASIAN FEDERATION (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Lyne, for Mr. Barton, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House, in pursuance of its Resolutions of the 12th January last (a.m.), will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of considering in detail the proposals for a Federal Constitution embodied in the Draft Bill of the National Convention, which met in Sydney in March, 1891, representing under resolutions the several Parliaments of Australia.

Question put and passed.

4. MR. T. F. WALLER, GOVERNMENT VALUATOR (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Kelly moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—

(1.) The amount of moneys paid to Mr. T. F. Waller as Government Valuator.

(2.) The amount paid to him by Railway Commissioners and Water and Sewerage Board.

(3.) The various services he has been engaged upon for the Government, and those he is at present engaged on.

Question put and passed.

5. GOLD-MINING LEASES NEAR BRITANNIA REEF, FORBES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Hutchinson moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Return to Order, "Gold-mining Leases near Britannia Reef, "Forbes," laid upon the Table of this House on the 18th May, 1893, be printed.

Question put and passed.

6. RETIREMENT OF MR. W. M. M. ARNOLD FROM THE CIVIL SERVICE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Crick moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House all papers relating to the retirement of Mr. W. M. M. Arnold, since 31st of January last.

Question put and passed.

7. CRIMINAL LAW FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Want moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the "Criminal Law Amendment Act," 55 Vic. No. 5.

Question put and passed.

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8. **RIGHT OF PROPERTY IN TELEGRAPHIC MESSAGES BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Want moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to secure and protect in certain cases the right of property in telegraphic messages.
Question put and passed.
9. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
(1.) Legal Practitioners Bill; second reading;—until Tuesday, 7th November.
(2.) Licensing Law Further Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to prohibit the sale or gift of intoxicating liquors on Parliamentary Polling days;—until Tuesday, 5th December.
(3.) Licensing Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to prevent the sale of liquor as defined by 45 Vic. No. 14, section 3, by retail grocers or storekeepers;—until Tuesday, 5th December.
(4.) Offenders Probation Bill; second reading;—until Tuesday, 21st November.
(5.) Racing Association Bill; second reading;—until Tuesday, 21st November.
(6.) Attorneys Admission Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—until Tuesday next.
10. **MINING ON PRIVATE LANDS BILL**:—The following Petitions in favour of the passing of a Mining on Private Lands Bill were presented by the Members named:—
(1.) By Mr. John Wilkinson—From certain residents of the town and district of Albury.
(2.) By Mr. Haynes—From Robert W. Heard, Chairman of a public meeting of the residents in the town and district of Gulgong.
(3.) By Mr. John Wilkinson—From certain residents in the town and district of Jindera.
Petitions received.
11. **LIQUOR TRAFFIC**:—The following Petitions, praying that, in view of the manifold evils arising from the traffic in intoxicating liquors, and the widespread demand for reform, the House will pass into law a Bill providing for the taking of a plebiscite vote of the men and women of the country on the distinct issue of prohibition, were presented by the Members named:—
(1.) By Mr. Nicholson—From Henry Ross Murdoch, Chairman of a meeting of the "Miners' Friend" Lodge, Independent Order of Good Templars, and residents of Balgownie.
(2.) By Mr. Davis—From Herbert J. Noake, Chairman of a public meeting held in St. Barnabas School-room, George-street West, Sydney.
(3.) By Mr. G. D. Clark—From Fred. Flowers, Chairman of a mass meeting of the citizens of Sydney, held in the Domain.
Petitions received.
12. **PARLIAMENTARY ELECTORATES AND ELECTIONS ACT**:—The following Petitions praying that alterations be made in the electorates as defined by the Electoral Districts Commissioners were presented by the Members named:—
(1.) By Mr. Hugh McKinnon—From residents of Tuncurry and Wallamba River, Clarkson's Crossing, &c., in the proposed Gloucester Electorate.
(2.) By Mr. Eve—From the Mayor and Aldermen of Enfield.
Petitions received.
13. **SYDNEY CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—Mr. Crick presented a Bill, intitled "*A Bill to amend the 'Sydney Corporation Act' (43 Vic. No. 3)*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 5th December.
14. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Davis, rising to move the adjournment of the House,—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice under Standing Order No. 15, respecting motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House "to call attention to a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., the action of the Government in their administration of that portion of the shipping laws referring to the "engaging and shipping of seamen."
And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the Motion,—
Mr. Davis moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
15. **PAPER**:—Sir George Dibbs laid upon the Table,—Statement of amounts paid to the several members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for fees and travelling expenses respectively from 23rd October, 1891, to 30th September, 1893.
Ordered to be printed.
16. **DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTORATES UNDER PARLIAMENTARY ELECTORATES AND ELECTIONS ACT**:—Sir George Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That the distribution of the Colony into Electoral Districts for the purposes of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893, embodied in the report of the Electoral Districts Commissioners, duly presented to this House under the said Act, is hereby approved.
Mr. Garvan moved, That the Question be amended by the addition of the words, "and this House resolves itself forthwith into a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of considering the "names of the Electorates."
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be added be so added.
Debate ensued.

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

Question, as amended, then put,—That the distribution of the Colony into Electoral Districts for the purposes of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893, embodied in the report of the Electoral Districts Commissioners, duly presented to this House under the said Act, is hereby approved; and this House resolves itself forthwith into a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of considering the names of the Electorates.

The House divided.

Ayes, 95.

Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Manning,
Mr. Cruickshank,	Mr. Bavister,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Traill,	Mr. J. A. Mackinnon,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Donald,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Roe,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Colls,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. McCredie,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Cullen,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Eve,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Brunner,
Mr. Murphy,	Mr. Marks,
Mr. Sheldon,	Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Newman,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Newton,
Mr. Walker,	Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Jenneret,
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,	Mr. Rose,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. John Wilkinson,	Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Neild,
Mr. Donnelly,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Nicholson,	Dr. Cullen.
Mr. Scott,	
Mr. Gould,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Miller,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Hassall.
Mr. Gough,	

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Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Collins,
Mr. Chanter.

Tellers,

Mr. Lees,
Mr. Fuller.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon, on motion of Sir George Dibbs, 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 the names of the Electorates, with amendments.

Mr. Lyne moved, "That" the report be now adopted.

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 names of the Electorates" be recommitted for the reconsideration of No. 10, Sydney—Brisbane Division; No. 13, Redfern East; No. 83, Walcha; and No. 104, The Murray."

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 the place of the words omitted be so inserted,—put and passed.

Question then,—That the names of the Electorates be recommitted for the reconsideration of No. 10, Sydney—Brisbane Division; No. 13, Redfern East; No. 83, Walcha; and No. 104, The Murray,—put and passed.

On motion of Mr. Lyne, 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 names of the Electorates, with further amendments.

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

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

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

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 6.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 5 OCTOBER, 1893.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Claims against Shipmasters or Shipowners:—*Mr. McCourt*, for Mr. Molesworth, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that no claims against shipmasters or shipowners (not domiciled in the Colony) can be preferred, except through the Supreme Court, and that the minimum value of such claim must be £20 sterling?

(2.) Is he aware that many persons are thereby practically precluded in many instances from recovering just debts and claims?

(3.) Will he consider the advisability of so amending the existing law as to remedy this serious defect?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) No; it is not a fact that no claims under £20 against a shipowner not domiciled here can be preferred except through the Supreme Court.

(2.) No.

(3.) Answered by 1 and 2.

- (2.) Applications for Land under Labour Settlements Act:—*Mr. Cann* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) What is the number of applications received by your Department from persons prepared to settle on the land under the Labour Settlements Act?

(2.) What number has been settled under the same?

(3.) What are the reasons more have not been settled?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) Applications for enrolment under the Labour Settlements Act have been received in this Department from 225 persons, viz.:—For Bega, 26; Menindie, 10; Menindie, 22; Bungendore, 12; Pitt Town, 100; Wilberforce, 51; not stated, 4.

(2.) Up to the present time 164 persons have been enrolled as members of the only Labour Settlements established, viz., at Bega, 26; at Pitt Town, 100; at Wilberforce, 38.

(3.) All the applicants to this Department for enrolment at Bega, Pitt Town, and Wilberforce, were duly enrolled, except in the case of thirteen for Wilberforce, who applied to be enrolled, but did not present themselves to the Board appointed to enrol them, although frequently invited to do so. Many persons have communicated with me, both privately and officially, expressing their desire to become settlers, under the supposition that Part I of the Associated Settlements Bill had become law.

- (3.) Road Contracts in the Maclean District:—*Mr. McFarlane* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that a number of road contracts in the Maclean District, for which tenders were invited some months ago, have not yet been proceeded with?

(2.) Will he cause inquiry to be made and ascertain who is responsible for the delay?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Owing to the shrinkage in the revenue and consequent necessity for retrenchment, only the most urgent works are being proceeded with.

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- (4.) Contributors to the Superannuation Fund:—Mr. McFarlane asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that a number of persons in the permanent employ of the Government have been refused as contributors to the Superannuation Account by the Civil Service Board, notwithstanding that such applications were made in accordance with the Civil Service Act?
 - (2.) Will he make the necessary inquiry, with a view of ascertaining the reason for such refusals?
- Mr. Slattery answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Civil Service Board:—
- (1.) Yes; five.
 - (2.) The reason for such refusal was that the Board were of opinion that as they had failed to apply within a reasonable time after the passing of the Act they were disqualified from availing themselves of the benefits of the 57th section. Three of the applicants were over 60 years of age, at which age they could voluntarily retire on pension as soon as admitted.
- (5.) Warden's Clerk at Dalmorton:—Mr. Darnley, for Mr. Hutchison, asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Is it his intention to prosecute the person or persons alleged to have committed perjury at the inquiry on oath instituted to investigate certain charges which were preferred against the Warden's Clerk at Dalmorton?
 - (2.) What has been done in the matter, if anything?
- Mr. Slattery answered,—I understand that Mr. Poole was charged at Grafton with the offence, and the case was adjourned for the examination of further witnesses.
- (6.) Deaths from Snake-bites:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) In view of the question asked by Dr. Ross in the Assembly on the 1st March last, relating to deaths from snake-bite, when the publication of the chromo-lithographs of the venomous snakes in the Colony, distinguishing the venomous from non-venomous, and promised on that occasion, is likely to be ready and available for the use of the public?
 - (2.) What has been the result of experiments made in regard to the most reliable treatment in cases of snake-bite or poison?
- Mr. Slattery answered,—
- (1.) The Museum authorities are proceeding with the work, collecting information, &c. Funds, are not at present available for the publication of the chromo-lithographs.
 - (2.) The investigations are still being carried on at the Sydney University.
- (7.) Mr. Fred. Turner, F.L.S., Government Botanist:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that Mr. Fred. Turner, F.L.S., who has been for several years acting as Government Botanist in the Agricultural Department, has lately been dismissed from the Public Service?
 - (2.) Is there no possible way by which Mr. Turner's services might be retained by the Agricultural Department in the interests of the public, and in following up the necessary researches into the economic value of Australian pasture plants and grasses?
 - (3.) Would the Government, under these circumstances, take steps to have the matter reconsidered, with the view, if possible, of retaining the services of so efficient an officer in the Public Service?
- Mr. Slattery answered,—
- (1.) Yes; three years.
 - (2.) In view of the need for retrenchment there is no way of retaining Mr. Turner's services in the Department of Agriculture.
 - (3.) Answered above.
- (8.) School Buildings at Wallarah, Catherine Hill Bay:—Mr. Stevenson asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) Has his attention been called by the Member for the district that at Wallarah, Catherine Hill Bay, there is a roll of at least 100 children which are being taught in a church building not central?
 - (2.) What action is being taken in regard to the erection of school buildings at Wallarah, where many children now, in order to comply with the Education Act, have to travel over 2 miles to reach the church building?
 - (3.) Would not the amount, £52 per annum, paid for the use of the church building, and £26 per annum, paid for a residence for the teacher, fully cover the interest on the cost of the necessary school buildings so urgently needed at Wallarah?
 - (4.) Would he state what amount was paid to the Wallarah Coal Company for the site and the area purchased?
- Mr. Slattery answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) Inquiries have recently been made, and steps are being taken to provide more suitable school accommodation.
 - (3.) This question cannot be answered until tenders have been received.
 - (4.) £300.
- (9.) Bundarra Pastoral and Agricultural Society:—Mr. Neild asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Has the sum of £200 been paid to any person on behalf of the Bundarra Pastoral and Agricultural Society, either in 1892 or 1893?
 - (2.) If so, upon what date, and the name of the recipient?
 - (3.) Is there any such society in *bona fide* existence?
 - (4.) What has been done with the money?
 - (5.) At whose request was the money granted?
- Mr. Copeland answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2 to 5.) The sum of £200, voted for the Bundarra Pastoral and Agricultural Society, was paid into the Commercial Bank, Inyereel, on the 7th September, 1892, in compliance with the application of the treasurer of the Society.

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(10.) Tenants on the Church and School Lands Estate :—*Mr. Hugh McKinnon*, for Mr. Chapman, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a number of tenants on the Church and School Lands Estate are unable to pay the 20 per cent. increase of rent, and have paid their rents less that amount?
- (2.) What steps does he propose to take in the matter to enable the tenants to keep their homes?
- (3.) When will he introduce the Church and School Lands Amending Bill?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) Time has been allowed for the payment of rents.
- (3.) This Question cannot be answered in the absence of the Minister.

(11.) Tax on Imported Stock :—*Mr. Hugh McKinnon*, for Mr. Chapman, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to carry out the Resolution passed last Session in favour of a tax on all stock imported into New South Wales?
- (2.) If so, do they intend to take that action this Session?

Mr. Slattery answered,—The fullest information on this and other matters of a financial character will be given when the Financial Statement is made in a few days.

(12.) Dairies Supervision Bill :—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for Mr. Fuller, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has an amended Dairies Supervision Bill been prepared; if so, does the Premier intend introducing the Bill this Session?

Mr. Slattery answered,—No.

(13.) Locomotives for the Colony :—*Mr. Sharp*, for Mr. McGowen, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—(1.) Have any locomotives been ordered from any foreign manufacturing firms since 30th June, 1892?

- (2.) If so, (a) how many; (b) at what cost per locomotive; (c) were contracts for same invited by advertisement?

Mr. Slattery answered,—I am informed no locomotives have been ordered since 30th June, 1892.

2. CITY OF SYDNEY MUNICIPAL LOAN BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. Slattery*, for Sir George Dibbs, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the Municipal Council of Sydney to raise by debentures the sum of £300,000 for the purpose of providing, paying to, recouping, and reimbursing the City Funds certain sums expended thereout and liabilities incurred in the purchase of certain lands in the said city; also certain sums expended on municipal works in the said city; and for the purpose of erecting markets, shops, and buildings, in the said city; and for other purposes.
Question put and passed.

3. APPOINTMENT OF MR. MAIR (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. Kelly* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers and correspondence in connection with the appointment of Mr. Mair.
Question put and passed.

4. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Parramatta Street Watering Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) postponed until Tuesday next.

5. DISORDERLY CONDUCT SUPPRESSION BILL :—*Mr. Speaker* reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

A Bill, intituled "*An Act for the Suppression of Disorderly Conduct*,"—forwarded to the Legislative Assembly for concurrence during last Session of the present Parliament, not having been finally dealt with, because of the prorogation of the Legislature, the Legislative Council requests that the said Bill be proceeded with under the Assembly's Standing Order in that behalf.

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JOHN LACKEY,
President.

Mr. Slattery then moved, That the Council's request be complied with.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 61.

Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Scott,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Campbell,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Sheldon,	Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Murphy,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. G. D. Clark,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Wall,	Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Colls,	Mr. Cann,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. Gormly,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Dowel,	Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Dale,	Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Rose,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Donald,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Newton,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Donnelly,	Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Francis Clarke,	Mr. Eve,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Neild,	Mr. Inglis.
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Hugh McKinnon,	
Mr. McCredie,	Mr. Morgan,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Miller,	Mr. Newman.

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Mr. Crick,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Rac,
Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Gough.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Gardiner.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday next.

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6. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—

(1.) *Maturity of Warrant reported*:—Mr. Speaker reported that his Warrant, appointing the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, laid upon the Table on Wednesday, 27th September, 1893, not having been disapproved by the Assembly in the course of the three next sitting days on which the Assembly met for the despatch of business, had now taken effect as an appointment of such Committee; and intimated that it was therefore open to Members of the Committee to be sworn at the Table by the Clerk, in accordance with the 59th section of the Electoral Act of 1880.

(2.) *Members sworn*:—Henry Clarke, Esquire, William Portus Cullen, Esquire, LL.D., Thomas Thomson Ewing, Esquire, and James Torpy, Esquire, came to the Table, and were sworn by the Clerk as Members of the Committee.

7. LIQUOR TRAFFIC:—The following Petitions, praying that, in view of the manifold evils arising from the traffic in intoxicating liquors, and the widespread demand for reform, the House will pass into law a Bill providing for the taking of a plebiscite vote of the men and women of the country on the distinct issue of prohibition, were presented by the Members named:—

(1.) By Mr. Colls—From Henry Paterson, Chairman of a meeting of members of the Jubilee Union Lodge, Independent Order of Good Templars, and residents of Barrabangah and Tadevale.

(2.) By Mr. Donnelly—From David Beddie, Chairman of a meeting of members of Charity Lodge, Independent Order of Good Templars, and residents of Blayney.

(3.) By Mr. Reid—From G. D. Young, Chairman of a meeting of the Lifeboat Lodge, No. 9, Independent Order of Good Templars, and others.
Petitions received.

8. CITY OF SYDNEY MUNICIPAL LOAN BILL:—Sir George Dibbs presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable the Municipal Council of Sydney to raise by debentures the sum of £300,000 for the purpose of providing, paying to, recouping, and reimbursing the City Funds certain sums expended thereout and liabilities incurred in the purchase of certain lands in the said city; also certain sums expended on municipal works in the said city; and for the purpose of erecting markets, shops, and buildings, in the said city; and for other purposes.*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday next.

9. PUBLIC DEBT AND SINKING FUND BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir George Dibbs moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Thursday, 19th October.

10. LIQUOR TRAFFIC LOCAL OPTION BILL:—Mr. Kidd proceeding to move, That this Bill be now read a second time,—

Points of Order:—

(1.) Mr. Haynes submitted that this Order of the Day was improperly placed in "Government Business," the Bill being of a general or private character, and not one containing any Government policy.

Mr. Speaker said that the second reading of the Bill, which had been introduced by a Minister, was made an Order for to-day, and Government Business having precedence, the Order was in its right place.

(2.) Mr. Reid, referring to the re-introduction of this Bill under the 67th Standing Order, requested Mr. Speaker's attention to the 54th section of the Constitution Act, under which, he submitted, a Message was required during the Session in which any Bill involving expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund should be *passed*; and as clause 9 of this Bill necessitated a Message, which had not been received by this House during this Session, the Bill should not be proceeded with.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker ruled that, as a Standing Order could not supersede Constitutional law, a Message should have been received in the present Session, and, in its absence, the Bill was out of order.

On motion of Mr. Kidd, the Order of the Day was discharged.

Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.

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

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

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 7.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 10 OCTOBER, 1893.

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, 10 October, 1893.

“ I have been in bed ever since Friday with an attack of influenza and bronchitis. I do not know when I shall be able to leave my room. I cannot tell you how much I regret my illness at a time when so much important work has to be done.

“ Yours sincerely,

“ J. P. ABBOTT.

“ F. W. Webb, Esquire,

“ Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, Sydney.”

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

2. LIQUOR TRAFFIC LOCAL OPTION BILL (No. 2):—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Kidd and read by the Deputy Speaker:—

R. W. DUFF,

Message No. 2.

Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends, for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to make provision in substitution for some, and in aid of other, provisions in the Sale of Liquors Licensing Acts, as to the voting in respect of licenses, and to enable electors in electorates to prevent the sale of intoxicating liquors, or otherwise to have effectual control over the drink traffic within such areas.

Government House,

Sydney, 10th October, 1893.

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

3. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Expenditure in connection with banks of the Hunter:—*Mr. Molesworth*, for *Mr. Lonsdale*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What amount has been expended in embankments, cuttings, and facine or stone facings to banks of the Hunter for the protection of West Maitland?

(2.) What amount has been contributed towards the cost by the owners of the property benefited?

(3.) Did the farmers of Bolwarra ask that the embankment swept away during the floods should be rebuilt for the purpose of protecting their farms?

(4.) Did they offer to pay half the cost?

(5.) Did he refuse to erect such embankment?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1 and 2.) These relate to matters which should be embodied in a return. The Honorable Member had better move for this in the ordinary way.

(3.) Yes; and the effect would be to throw the whole of the floodwaters on to West Maitland again.

(4.) Yes; I believe they did.

(5.) No; I agreed to assist in the work if the farmers would consent to come under the conditions attached to a “betterment area,” for the benefit of the whole valley, when a law giving effect to such an arrangement had been passed.

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- (2.) Improvements at entrance to Lake Macquarie:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What is the total amount that has been spent in connection with the works for the improvement of the entrance to Lake Macquarie, including the cost of laying down the lines of railway from the quarries, and the cost of the material for the same?

Mr. Copeland answered,—£125,804 16s. 8d. This expenditure includes cost of dredging at the entrance to Lake Macquarie, which amounted to £33,462 19s. 9d.

- (3.) Expenditure out of Loan Votes for Railway Construction:—Mr. Wright asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he have any objection to lay upon the Table of this House a return showing the total amount spent by the Railway Commissioners from their accession to office to June of the present year, out of Loan Votes, for the following works:—

- (1.) The cost of the quadruplication of the line between Sydney and Granville?
- (2.) The cost of the pulling down, removal, and re-erection of old or new railway stations and offices connected therewith on the suburban lines of railway?
- (3.) The amount spent on the suburban, southern, western, and northern lines for replacement and renewal of permanent way?
- (4.) The cost of new engines, carriages, and other descriptions of rolling stock, specifying the number of each class of vehicles separately, and the cost thereof?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The information asked for and all details to enable the working of the Railways to be fully understood, has been afforded in the annual reports of the Commissioners, already laid before Parliament. In addition to this, a vast amount of information referring to the Questions asked has been supplied to the House in special returns, copies of which are attached. Any more complete details would have to be in the form of a minute return, and this, without affording any more information, will entail an enormous expense and a great amount of time to prepare, and will necessarily interfere very much with the ordinary duties of the railway staff.

- (4.) Molong Infantry Company:—Mr. Neild asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Referring to the promise given by the Attorney-General to Mr. Neild in the Legislative Assembly on the 29th March, *re* payment of members of the Molong Infantry, have the promised payments been yet made?
- (2.) If not, is it intended to make the said payments?
- (3.) Is it a fact that the pay in question is two years overdue?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—This matter has now been settled, and the money will be paid in the course of a few days.

- (5.) Case of Mr. Rowe, Architect, and the Government:—Mr. Darnley asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the case of Mr. Rowe, architect, *versus* the Government, has been settled out of Court?
- (2.) If so, what were the terms of the settlement?

Mr. Copeland answered,—My honorable colleague knows nothing about the result of this case. The action was not against the Government, but the Hospital authorities. So far as this Department is concerned no terms of settlement will be agreed to in the shape of a compromise.

- (6.) Visit of his Honor Judge Windeyer to Queensland:—Mr. Darnley asked the Attorney-General,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that his Honor Judge Windeyer recently paid a visit to Queensland?
- (2.) Did he while there adjudicate in the Queensland Court?
- (3.) If so, what were the circumstances which rendered such a course necessary?
- (4.) Was any charge made for the services rendered by his Honor Judge Windeyer while there?
- (5.) If so, how much; and who received the benefit?

Mr. Barton answered,—As some of the information asked for will have to be obtained from the Department of Justice, I shall be glad if the Honorable Member will postpone this Question until next Tuesday.

- (7.) Rent of annual leases on West Billabong or Bartley's Creek Runs, Parkes District:—Mr. Hutchinson asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) What is the area and rent paid for annual leases of lands on West Billabong or Bartley's Creek Runs, Parkes District, occupied by Mr. Genge and others?
- (2.) Is it intended to cancel such leases, or have they already been cancelled, with a view of selling same for purposes of settlement; if so, what will be the size of blocks or portions, and will they be rendered available for selection under special areas?
- (3.) If not intended to be sold under the above system, will he permit miners and others in such vicinity to have commonage rights over such lands on payment of similar rent to that paid by Mr. Genge and others, until the land is required for other purposes in the public interest?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

- (1.) Genge's annual lease of 570 acres at an annual rent of £5 18s. 9d. was cancelled on the 31st December last, but he has been allowed a permissive occupancy of the land which will terminate on the 30th November next.

(2.) The question of converting the land into special areas is at present under reference to the District Surveyor.

(3.) See reply to Question 2.

- (8.) Banking Returns:—Mr. Hugh McKinnon asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Government Statistician in his official report of "Wealth and Progress of New South Wales," for 1892, on page 700, alludes to a Bank sworn return as being illegal and misleading?

(2.) If so, is it the intention of the Government to take criminal proceedings against the Manager and Directors of such Bank?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The remarks on page 700, in the "Wealth and Progress of New South Wales," have reference to the years 1890-91. The returns are now satisfactory.

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(9.) Free Railway Pass to Secretary of the Australian Jockey Club:—*Mr. Langwell*, for *Mr. Rae*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it true that the Secretary of the Australian Jockey Club has the use of a free pass over the New South Wales Railways and Tramways?

(2.) If so, what equivalent is received by the State in return for this privilege, and by whose authority is the concession granted?

(3.) Is the Secretary of the Rosehill Racing Club similarly treated, and are secretaries of country clubs accorded the same privileges?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—A tramway and occasional railway pass is granted to *Mr. Clibborn*, and a railway pass to the Secretary of the Rosehill Club. Regarding the reason for extending the courtesy, I may quote a reply given on the same subject in Parliament in April, 1888, viz.: "It is held that as the Metropolitan races drew a large number of people to Sydney by railway, it is not unreasonable to grant the Secretary of the Australian Jockey Club a free pass occasionally in recognition of the benefit the club confers on the railway in this way. The concession had Ministerial approval some years back."

(10.) Stipendiary Magistrates:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for *Dr. Ross*, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) In carrying out the principles of retrenchment in the various Departments of the Public Service is it the intention of the Government to take any steps for reducing the number of Stipendiary Magistrates throughout the Colony?

(2.) Where there is not a sufficient number of unpaid magistrates to do the work, will he see that additional appointments are made?

Mr. Barton answered,—

(1.) It is the intention of the Government to reduce, as far as practicable, the number of Police Magistrates.

(2.) Any representations as to the necessity for making fresh appointments of unpaid magistrates always receive attention, and are forwarded for the consideration of the Colonial Secretary.

(11.) Public Holidays throughout the Colony:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for *Dr. Ross*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

Will the Government see that some steps are taken to limit the proclamation of so many public holidays throughout the Colony?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—This is a matter of law, and can only be rectified by the amendment of the Act.

(12.) Case of Ferris Germanus convicted at Lismore Quarter Sessions:—*Mr. Tonkin* asked the Attorney-General,—

(1.) Was an application made to the Minister for Justice for an inquiry into the case of Ferris Germanus, convicted at the last Lismore Quarter Sessions?

(2.) If so, when; and what is the cause of delay in making inquiry?

Mr. Barton answered,—I am informed by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice that the papers relating to this matter are under reference to the Judge who presided at the hearing of the case, and when his report shall have been received no undue delay will take place in dealing with the question.

(13.) Bank's School Map:—*Mr. Donald* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a map of the Colony, known as "Bank's School Map," is issued at the public expense to the State schools?

(2.) If so, has his attention been called to several errors appearing in such map?

(3.) Will he cause an examination of the map to be made by the Survey Officers of the Government, and withdraw it from use in State schools until examined and reported upon?

(4.) What has been the expense, if any, incurred by the Department in connection with this map to the present date?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) No.

(3.) No sufficient grounds have been shown to render such a course necessary.

(4.) £1,174.

4. USURY ABOLITION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Carruthers* 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 abolish usury.

Question put,—and Division called for,—but there not being Tellers on the part on the *Noes*, no Division could be had; and the Deputy Speaker declared the Question to have been resolved in the affirmative.

5. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:—*Sir George Dibbs* (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That *Albert John Gould, Esquire*, do take the Chair in Committee of the Whole House for this day only.

Question put and passed.

6. RIGHT OF PROPERTY IN TELEGRAPHIC MESSAGES BILL:—*Mr. Want* presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to secure and protect, in certain cases, the Right of Property in Telegraphic Messages*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 24th October.

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7. **LIQUOR TRAFFIC**:—The following Petitions, praying that, in view of the manifold evils arising from the traffic in intoxicating liquors, and the widespread demand for reform, the House will pass into law a Bill providing for the taking of a plebiscite vote of the men and women of the country on the distinct issue of prohibition, were presented by the Members named:—
- (1.) By Mr. Inglis—From J. M. Steel, Chairman of a meeting of members of the Hope of Walcha Lodge, Independent Order of Good Templars, and residents of Walcha.
- (2.) By Mr. G. D. Clark—From Joseph Hargreaves, Chairman of a meeting of members of the Phoenix Lodge, No. 714, Independent Order of Good Templars, and residents of Leichhardt.
- (3.) By Mr. Fegan—From the members of the Ebenezer Lodge, Independent Order of Good Templars, and certain residents of Hamilton.
- (4.) By Mr. McGowen—From Jno. Edwards, Chairman of a meeting of members of the Reunion Lodge, No. 539, Independent Order of Good Templars, and residents of North Botany.
- Petitions received.
8. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Crick rising to move the adjournment of the House,—The Deputy Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice under Standing Order No. 15, 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 Minister for Justice in refusing to allow a prisoner serving a sentence to see his legal adviser for purposes under section 383 of the Criminal Law Amendment Act.”
- 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.
9. **PAPER**:—The Deputy Speaker laid upon the Table certain correspondence which Mr. Speaker had had with Sir Reginald F. D. Palgrave, Clerk of the House of Commons, relative to certain Points of Order.
- Ordered to be printed.
10. **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, the Deputy Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
- The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Gould* 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.
11. **FRIENDLY SOCIETIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—the Deputy Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.
- The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Gould* reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on 24th October.
12. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Sir George Dibbs moved, That this House do now adjourn.
- Debate ensued.
- Question put and passed.
- The House adjourned accordingly, at two minutes before Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

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

NINIAN MELVILLE,
Deputy Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 8.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 11 OCTOBER, 1893.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

ABSENCE OF SPEAKER :—The Clerk informed the House of the continued unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker.

Whereupon Sir George Dibbs moved, That the Chairman of Committees do take the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the second Standing Order of the House.

Question put by the Clerk, and passed.

The Deputy Speaker then took the Chair accordingly.

2. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Books supplied to Prisoners :—*Mr. Davis*, for Mr. Black, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it true, as alleged, that 26,000 cases passed through the gaols of New South Wales in 1892?

(2.) Are the gaol libraries supplied by Government or by the Bible Societies?

(3.) Is it true that the books supplied are all either religious or semi-religious?

(4.) Is it true that the prisoners are deprived of scientific works, the use of papers, and other means of rational amusement and self-improvement, but allowed to gamble with cards and dice for tobacco?

Mr. Slattery answered,—The following answers have been supplied by the Department of Justice :—

(1.) No; the number of distinct persons received in the gaols in 1892 was 11,806.

(2.) By Government.

(3.) No.

(4.) Prisoners are not deprived of scientific works or of means of self-improvement in the way of books of an educational or instructive character, but they are not allowed to receive newspapers or works of fiction, such as novels, &c. Any prisoner found in possession of cards or dice is punished.

(2.) Government Meat Markets, Pymont :—*Mr. Garrard*, for Mr. McCourt, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Government Meat Markets, Pymont, have been leased to Mr. Robert Hudson for the past two years?

(2.) What is the rental per week; how much rent has been paid, and how much is owing by Hudson to date?

(3.) How much does the said Robert Hudson owe the Commissioners for freight up to date?

(4.) Is it a fact that a certain boiler attached to one of the engines in the markets is in a dangerous condition, and not fit to be in use?

(5.) Is it a fact that Mr. Hudson's two sons are in possession of free railway passes?

(6.) Has Hudson's lease been cancelled; if so, is he still allowed to collect market dues, &c.?

(7.) Is it proposed to refund the market dues paid by Hudson; if so, for what reason?

(8.) If Hudson's lease has been cancelled, will the Commissioners call for public tenders for leasing the meat markets?

Mr. Slattery answered,—I am informed that Mr. R. Hudson had a lease of the meat markets at Darling Harbour, but recently the lease was surrendered. All amounts owing for railway freight have been cleared. Two railway passes were allowed lessee in connection with the business. It is not a fact that one of the boilers is in a dangerous condition. It is intended to call for fresh tenders for the lease of the markets, and meanwhile Mr. Hudson is occupying the markets as a monthly tenant, and is collecting dues.

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- (3.) Site for Floating Baths, Lavender Bay :—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the Land Board lately refused the application of a person named Cavill for the lease of a site in Lavender Bay for the purpose of establishing floating baths?
 - (2.) What were the grounds upon which this application was refused?
 - (3.) Has he since determined to grant the lease; and, if so, on what grounds?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

- (1.) No; the Board have only power to make a recommendation in these cases.
- (2.) The Land Board have recommended the refusal of the application, but the principal grounds for such recommendation have since been removed.
- (3.) Yes; on the grounds of public accommodation, as requested by petition signed by some 700 of the residents, and all reasonable objections having been removed.

- (4.) Peat's Ferry Road, known as Walker-street, North Sydney :—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the portion of the Peat's Ferry Road, known as Walker-street, North Sydney, is so badly constructed as to be impassable for foot passengers in wet weather?
- (2.) Has the question of wood-blocking or tar-metalling this portion of the road been urged upon his Department by the Municipal Council of North Sydney as necessary to public convenience?
- (3.) Has the Municipal Council of North Sydney made any offer of contributions to this work?
- (4.) In view of the fact that this is an important thoroughfare not under Municipal control, will he consider the advisability of placing a sum of money upon the Estimates for the purpose of effecting the necessary improvements?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) The drainage of Walker-street is difficult to arrange, as the roadway for 10 chains is almost level. With this exception the road is in good order.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) On the 7th December last the North Sydney Council offered to contribute one-third of the cost of tar-paving this street, the total estimated cost being £667.
- (4.) Yes.

- (5.) Military Road Tramway :—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Was the Military Road Tramway originally constructed for motor-power, and why was the electric power afterwards introduced?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the present service is at times insufficient for the traffic, and that much inconvenience is caused by repeated break-downs?
- (3.) How many cars are employed on the line, and what are their seating capacity?
- (4.) Will the Railway Commissioners, as a matter of public convenience, consider the advisability of meeting the increased traffic on holidays and other days, when demanded, by running a motor service upon this line?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) The tramway laid down along the Military Road is suitable either for steam-motors or electric traction. The electric plant was, however, available, and, as the power at the engine-house was sufficient to control both the cable and the electric working, and the engine-men could also attend to the additional service, it was more economical to utilise the electric. Moreover, the steam tram could not run over the cable section, and an independent line would, therefore, have been required from Falcon-street to Ridge-street if steam power had been used. The electric cars run over the cable line along this section.
- (2.) There have been several interruptions to traffic, due to the initial difficulties connected with the first running of a new system, such as an electric tramway, and the exceptional traffic which offered during the first few days the line was open. It is anticipated that the future working will be regular, and reasonably meet the existing requirements.
- (3.) There are three cars, having a seating capacity of seventy-five.
- (4.) It is not deemed necessary to alter the system at present.

- (6.) Proposed Sea-wall, Darling Harbour :—Mr. Edden, for Mr. Darnley, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of this House all papers, reports, minutes, and correspondence, in connection with the proposed building of a sea-wall and filling in of Darling Harbour?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I have no objection, if moved for in the usual way.

- (7.) Public School buildings :—Mr. Neild asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Is he aware that Public School buildings are used for tea meetings and dancing parties to raise funds for the support of churches?
- (2.) Is such use of Public School buildings in accordance with law or regulation?
- (3.) If not, will he issue instructions that such use of Public School buildings be discontinued?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) No. Regulation 4 provides that "No use shall be made of any Public School building tending to cause contention—such as the holding of political meetings, or bringing into it political documents or petitions for signature—or for private purposes. And no such building shall be used as a place of public worship, or for other sectarian purposes, unless built and kept in repair without aid from the Minister; nor in such case, if objected to in writing by one-fourth of the parents of the children attending the school."
- (3.) Answered by Nos. 1 and 2.

- (8.) Simpson's Railway :—Mr. Hugh McKinnon asked the Colonial Secretary,—Have the Simpson's Railway Company so far complied with the requirements of the Simpson's Railway Act?

Mr. Slattery answered,—Under the first section of Simpson's Railway Act of 1893, £3,000 is to be lodged with the Colonial Treasurer within four months from the passing of the Act. The money has not yet been lodged, but the period allowed does not expire until the 13th of October.

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(9.) Lunatic Asylum at Goulburn :—*Mr. Cotton*, for *Mr. Hindle*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the plans are being prepared for the new lunatic asylum at Goulburn by *Mr. Kirkpatrick*?

(2.) Is it a fact that the first prize was obtained by another architect?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The Government Architect is preparing the plans for those buildings about to be erected for the new lunatic asylum near Goulburn.

(10.) Maintenance men :—*Mr. Colls* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it his intention to reinstate the maintenance men which have been recently removed from the roads of the Colony?

(2.) If so, will he do so at an early date?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I have already explained to the House that as many maintenance men as are required to keep the roads of the Colony in a trafficable state of repair will be employed.

3. MINING ON PRIVATE LANDS BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Copeland* 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 legalise mining on private lands; to provide for charging rents, royalties, and tributes in connection therewith; to validate certain Crown grants; to provide for the resumption of land for certain purposes; to make better provision for and in connection with mining on Crown lands in certain particulars; to effect such amendments in the statutes as may be necessary to give this Act full force and effect; and for purposes consequent upon, connected with, or incidental to the aforementioned objects.
Question put and passed.

4. PUBLIC VEHICLES REGULATION ACTS REPEAL BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. E. M. Clark* moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal the "Public Vehicles Regulation Act of 1873" and Acts amending same.
Question put and passed.

5. CRIMINAL LAW AND EVIDENCE AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2) (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) *Mr. Neild* moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the "Criminal Law and Evidence Amendment Act of 1891."

Question put and passed.

(2.) *Mr. Neild* then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Criminal Law and Evidence Amendment Act of 1891,'*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 24th October.

6. VICTORIA WHARF, DARLING HARBOUR (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. O'Sullivan* moved pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers in relation to the resumption of Victoria Wharf, Darling Harbour.
Question put and passed.

7. FOSTER'S CONDITIONAL LEASE, PARISH OF COFF, COUNTY OF FITZROY (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Ewing* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of papers in reference to Foster's Conditional Lease, No. 92-7,374 F, Forest Department, parish of Coff, county of Fitzroy.
Question put and passed.

8. USE OF CAMELS REGULATION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Waddell* 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 regulate the use of camels.
Question put and passed.

9. MORTGAGES RELEASE BILL (*changed from*) 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 render more simple and inexpensive the release 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 render more simple and inexpensive the release of Mortgages,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 11th October, 1893.

10. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Parramatta Street Watering Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) postponed until Tuesday, 5th December.

11. BILLS OF SALE BILL :—The Deputy Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the law relating to Bills of Sale of Personal Chattels,*"—forwarded to the Legislative Assembly for concurrence during last Session of the present Parliament, not having been finally dealt with because of the prorogation of the Legislature the Legislative Council requests that the said Bill be proceeded with under the Assembly's Standing Order in that behalf.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 11th October, 1893.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

Mr. Slattery then moved, That the Council's request be complied with.

Question put and passed.

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

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12. **LIQUOR TRAFFIC**:—The following Petitions, praying that, in view of the manifold evils arising from the traffic in intoxicating liquors, and the widespread demand for reform, the House will pass into law a Bill providing for the taking of a plebiscite vote of the men and women of the country on the distinct issue of prohibition, were presented by the Members named:—

(1.) By Mr. Danahey—From Thomas Kench, Chairman of a meeting of the residents of Marrickville.

(2.) By Dr. Hollis—From J. E. P. Walker, Chairman of a meeting of the New Dawn Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, and residents of Goulburn.
Petitions received.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Sir Henry Parkes rising to move the adjournment of the House,—The Deputy Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice under Standing Order No. 15, respecting motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House “to bring under consideration a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the conduct of the Government in obstructing the regular Parliamentary course of bringing under consideration by specific motion their conduct in relation to the Electoral Act of 1880.”

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

Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

14. **LIQUOR TRAFFIC LOCAL OPTION BILL (No. 2)**:—Mr. Kidd 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 make provision in substitution for some, and in aid of other provisions in the Sale of Liquors Licensing Acts, as to the voting in respect of licenses, and to enable electors in electorates to prevent the sale of intoxicating liquors, or otherwise to have effectual control over the drink traffic within such areas.

Mr. Sheldon moved, That the Question be amended by the addition of the words “and to provide a system of compensation to all owners and occupiers who shall be affected by the closing of any hotel hereunder.”

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

Point of Order:—Mr. Cotton submitted that the proposed amendment was out of order, as, if agreed to, the additional expense would not be covered by the Governor's Message.

Debate ensued.

The Deputy Speaker ruled that the proposed amendment was quite in order.

Debate ensued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 48.

Mr. Wright,	Mr. Waddell,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Newton,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Sheldon,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Want,	Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Eve,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Colls,
Mr. Lees,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Nicholson,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Gough,
Mr. Marks,	Mr. Scott,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Francis Clarke,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Lync,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,	Mr. Hutchinson.
Mr. Wall,	
Mr. Chapman,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Hassall.

Noes, 41.

Mr. Morton,	Dr. Hollis,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Bruncker,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. McCredie,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Murphy,	Mr. Rae,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Daroley,
Mr. A'Beckett,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Rose,
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	Mr. Hugh McKinnon.
Mr. Hindle,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Kirkpatrick,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. G. D. Clark.
Mr. Inglis,	
Mr. Kidd,	
Mr. Donald,	
Mr. Cook,	
Mr. McGowen,	
Mr. Cotton,	
Mr. Lonsdale,	
Sir Henry Parkes,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The votes of the following Members, recorded above, were challenged on the ground of their direct pecuniary interest in this matter, namely:—

- (1.) Mr. Jones (Mudgee) by Mr. Houghton.
- (2.) Mr. Torpy (Orange) by Mr. Rae.
- (3.) Mr. G. D. Clark (Balmain) by Mr. Chanter.
- (4.) Mr. Waddell (Bourke) by Mr. Langwell.
- (5.) Mr. Wright (Glen Innes) by Mr. G. D. Clark.
- (6.) Mr. Eve (Canterbury) by Mr. Garrard.
- (7.) Mr. Chapman (Braidwood) by Mr. Lonsdale.
- (8.) Mr. Lonsdale (New England) by Mr. Scott.
- (9.) Mr. Colls (Yass) by Mr. Houghton.

Mr. Houghton then moved, That the vote of Mr. Jones (Mudgee) be disallowed on the ground of personal interest.

And Mr. Jones having made an explanation,—

Debate

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Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 18.

Mr. Kidd,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Rose,	
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Donald,	Mr. Murphy.
Mr. Lonsdale,	
Mr. Campbell,	
Mr. Danahey,	
Mr. Fegan,	
Mr. Scobie,	
Mr. Gardiner,	
Mr. Rae,	
Mr. G. D. Clark,	
Mr. Langwell,	
Mr. Houghton,	
Mr. Cook,	
Mr. Bavister.	

Noes, 30.

Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Sheldon,	Mr. Barnes,
Dr. Hollis,	Mr. Scott,
Mr. Dickens,	Mr. Gough,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Colls,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Cruickshank.
Mr. Torpy,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Vaughn,	
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Francis Clarke,	Mr. Hutchinson.

And so it passed in the negative.

Mr. Rae, Mr. Chanter, and Mr. Langwell having declined to proceed any further with their challenges,—

And the House continuing to sit till after midnight,—

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Mr. G. D. Clark moved, That the vote of Mr. Wright (Glen Innes) be disallowed on the ground of personal interest.

And Mr. Wright having made an explanation,—

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Mr. Lonsdale, Mr. Houghton, and Mr. Scott having declined to proceed any further with their challenges,—

Question, as amended, proposed,—That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make provision in substitution for some, and in aid of other provisions in the Sale of Liquors Licensing Acts, as to the voting in respect of licenses, and to enable electors in electorates to prevent the sale of intoxicating liquors, or otherwise to have effectual control over the drink traffic within such areas, and to provide a system of compensation to all owners and occupiers who shall be affected by the closing of any hotel hereunder.

Mr. Houghton then moved, That the Question be further amended by the addition of the words "provided that such compensation shall not be of a monetary nature."

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Langwell
Mr. Murphy,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Rae,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Donald,	Mr. Bavister,
Dr. Hollis,	Mr. Cook.
Mr. Campbell,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Danahey,	
Mr. G. D. Clark,	Mr. Rose,
Mr. Lees,	Mr. Houghton.
Mr. Lonsdale,	
Mr. McGowen,	

Noes, 24.

Mr. Colls,	Mr. Scott,
Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Dowel,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Sheldon,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Francis Clarke,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Gillies.
Mr. Wright,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Stevenson,	
Mr. Gough,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Haesall.

And so it passed in the negative.

Question then, as amended,—That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make provision in substitution for some, and in aid of other provisions in the Sale of Liquors Licensing Acts, as to the voting in respect of licenses, and to enable electors in electorates to prevent the sale of intoxicating liquors, or otherwise to have effectual control over the drink traffic within such areas, and to provide a system of compensation to all owners and occupiers who shall be affected by the closing of any hotel hereunder,—put.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 40.

Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Scott,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Sharp,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Francis Clarke,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Sheldon,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Colls,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Gough,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Vaughn.
Dr. Hollis,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Donald,	Mr. Lee.
Mr. Lees,	

Noes, 8.

Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Rae,
Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Murphy.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Pegan.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

F. W. WEBB,
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*NINIAN MELVILLE,
Deputy Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 9.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 12 OCTOBER, 1893.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

ABSENCE OF SPEAKER:—The Clerk informed the House of the continued unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker.

Whereupon Sir George Dibbs moved, That the Chairman of Committees do take the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the second Standing Order of the House.

Question put by the Clerk, and passed.

The Deputy Speaker then took the Chair accordingly.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Mr. C. Gorrick, Inspector of Fisheries at Lake Macquarie:—Mr. Edden asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Was Mr. C. Gorrick, Inspector of Fisheries at Lake Macquarie, appointed at a salary; if so, when was he so appointed, and what was his salary?

(2.) If not appointed at a salary how is he going to be paid?

(3.) How much has he received out of fines imposed on fishermen?

(4.) Was he appointed when other men who had been in the service for years were dismissed on the ground of retrenchment?

(5.) Was a letter written on behalf of W. Johnson, the owner of a net seized by C. Gorrick, to the Crown Solicitor on the 18th of August last; if so, why has not a reply been sent to that letter?

(6.) Does the Government intend to offer any recompense to William Johnson for the manner in which he has been treated by Mr. Gorrick?

(7.) Has Mr. Gorrick been called upon by the Fisheries Commission to account for the net which he took from William Johnson?

Mr. Slattery answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Commissioners of Fisheries:—

(1.) No; he was appointed as an honorary Inspector without pay.

(2.) He will not be paid.

(3.) £11 15s.

(4.) No; those whose services have been dispensed with were receiving pay. His position is honorary.

(5.) Yes; the reply had to be deferred pending the receipt of certain requisite information not immediately obtainable.

(6.) No; the net was illegal both in size of mesh and length, and therefore confiscatable.

(7.) No; the net, which was an illegal one, was stolen from Mr. Gorrick's premises by persons unknown.

(2.) Meetings of the Fisheries Commission:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) How many meetings of the Fisheries Commission have been held since 1st January, 1892?

(2.) At how many meetings did a quorum attend?

(3.) At how many meetings was business transacted without a quorum being present?

Mr. Slattery answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Commissioners of Fisheries:—

(1.) Eighty-three.

(2.) Eighty-one.

(3.) Two; but on those occasions only formal business was transacted, and that business was concurred in by a third Commissioner.

(3.)

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(3.) Stamp Duty on Oyster Leases:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that the Fisheries Commission have been issuing oyster leases for years, and evading the Stamp Act by not enforcing the payment of stamp duty in connection with each lease?

Mr. Slattery answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Commissioners of Fisheries:—It is not a fact that the Commissioners have issued such leases. The office has, under a misapprehension, issued such leases without exacting the stamp duty, but the Commissioners have had nothing to do with the matter, and were not even aware of it. The Law Officers of the Crown had not advised that duty was chargeable.

(4.) Afghans and Syrians trading as Hawkers:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government during the present Session to take any steps dealing with the question of restricting Afghans and Syrians carrying on the trade of "hawking" throughout the interior?

Mr. Slattery answered,—The Colonial Secretary is of opinion the Benches of Magistrates are, and have been for a long time, refusing licenses to Afghans.

(5.) Issue of Bank Notes:—*Mr. Darnley*, for Mr. G. D. Clark, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What is the amount of legal tender notes issued by each of the Banks that availed themselves of the Banks Issue Act?

(2.) Have such Banks complied with sections 3 and 6 of the Act, by making full and true answers to such inquiries concerning their business and their assets and liabilities?

(3.) If so, will he lay upon the Table of this House the statements and information as well as the statutory declarations accompanying the same?

Mr. Slattery answered,—Will the Honorable Member please postpone these Questions till after the Financial Statement is delivered.

(6.) Savings Banks of New South Wales:—Mr. G. D. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the fact that the returns certified by the trustees of the Savings Bank of New South Wales at their general meeting on the 25th of January, 1892, showed that £1,541,156 of the depositors' money was deposited at interest in the other Banks, and that of that amount, £779,362 was in the Banks which suspended payment since the returns were published, is the Government prepared to amalgamate the Savings Bank of New South Wales with the Post Office Savings Bank?

Mr. Slattery answered,—Will the Honorable Member please postpone these Questions till after the Financial Statement has been delivered.

(7.) Public Oyster Reserves:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Were any proclamations issued in 1881 and 1882 declaring public oyster reserves; if so, will he state the date of issue?

(2.) Has any proclamation been issued cancelling that which declared the whole of the Manning River a public oyster reserve, or has the proclamation of the 23rd April, 1883, been repealed in part only?

(3.) Have the proclamations declaring the foreshores of George's River, Port Hacking, and Tomago Creek public oyster reserves been cancelled; if so, will he give the dates of such cancellation?

Mr. Slattery answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Commissioners of Fisheries:—

(1.) Yes; they will be found in the *Government Gazettes* of the following dates:—7 January, 1881; 18 January, 1881; 24 January, 1881; 8 April, 1881; 29 April, 1881; 17 February, 1882; 28 March, 1882; 4 April, 1882; 2 June, 1882.

(2.) No; the repeal has been in part only.

(3.) No.

(8.) Honorary Inspectors of Fisheries:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What are the names of the gentlemen who have been appointed honorary Inspectors of Fisheries?

(2.) What allowance is made for expenses when the above gentlemen are on duty, and are they given a railway ticket at the cost of the Department of Fisheries when travelling on the railway?

(3.) What amount has already been paid or is due the gentlemen in question respectively (a) for travelling expenses; (b) for moiety of fines in cases originated by them?

(4.) What amount has been paid or is due the Railway Commissioners for tickets supplied to the honorary Inspectors?

Mr. Slattery answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Commissioners of Fisheries:—

(1.) Messrs. P. Osborne, N. Powell, Paget Bayley, William Learoyd, Chudleigh H. Gorrick, John A. Manton, and Henry Laman.

(2.) 12s. 6d. per diem, and they are supplied with a railway ticket when travelling on duty.

(3.) The only amounts which have been paid or are due are as under:—

Paget Bayley (a)	Forage	...	...	£28	0	0	
	Expenses	4	3	4	
				£32	3	4	(b) £1 5 0
Wm. Learoyd	(a)	3	16	6 (b) Nil.
C. H. Gorrick	(a)	0	16	6 (b) 11 15 0

(4.) £3 6s. 1d.

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- (9.) Subsidies paid for Cable Services :—Mr. Stevenson asked the Postmaster-General,—
- (1.) What amount was paid by the New South Wales Government as a subsidy during the year 1892 to the Eastern Extension Australasia and China Telegraph Company?
 - (2.) Is the arrangement entered into for any lengthened period, or can the subsidy be terminated at any time by notice; if so, what notice is required?
 - (3.) Does the Government of New South Wales contribute towards the subsidy payable in connection with the Tasmanian cable; if so, what sum was paid during the year 1892?
 - (4.) When does the arrangement, if any, terminate?
 - (5.) What amount is payable annually by the New South Wales Government as a subsidy to maintain the French cable service between Queensland and New Caledonia?
 - (6.) Is the last-mentioned guarantee given for any specific period; if so, for how long?
 - (7.) Is the amount subject to the annual vote of Parliament, or was the arrangement before being entered into submitted to the Parliament for approval?
 - (8.) Does the New South Wales Government contribute any subsidy towards maintaining the cable service between Sydney and New Zealand?
 - (9.) If so, what is the amount and nature of the arrangement, and is the sum subject to an annual vote of Parliament?
 - (10.) What is the total amount paid annually by the New South Wales Government for the maintenance of the various cablegram services?

Mr. Kidd answered,—I am having a return prepared, and will lay it on the Table on Tuesday next.

- (10.) Subsidies paid for Conveyance of Mails to Europe :—Mr. Stevenson asked the Postmaster General,—
- (1.) What amount of subsidy is paid by the New South Wales Government to the Union Steamship Company of New Zealand for the mail service between Sydney and California, *via* New Zealand?
 - (2.) When does the subsidy terminate, or is it subject to an annual vote of Parliament?
 - (3.) Similar information in regard to the mail service performed by the Orient Steam Navigation Company, the subsidy paid, and when terminable?
 - (4.) The like information in regard to the P. and O. Company?
 - (5.) What amount is paid annually by the New South Wales Government as a subsidy for the mail service between Sydney and Vancouver?
 - (6.) Is the subsidy granted for any stated period, or is it subject to an annual vote of Parliament?
 - (7.) What sum was paid by the New South Wales Government during 1892 for transit of mails through European countries?
 - (8.) What amount was paid by the New South Wales Government during 1892 for the overland transit of mails through the Australian colonies, including cost of special trains?
 - (9.) What is the total amount paid annually by the New South Wales Government to the various steam companies as subsidies for the conveyance of European mails?

Mr. Kidd answered,—I am having a return prepared, and will lay it on the Table on Tuesday next.

- (11.) Conditional Purchases :—Mr. Hutchinson asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) What is the number of applications for conditional purchases, which have been confirmed, and the total area selected in the Colony for the years 1890, 1891, and 1892 respectively?
 - (2.) What is the number of transfers of conditional purchases intimated to the Department, and the number and total areas actually transferred during each of the above-mentioned years?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The information sought by the Honorable Member is contained in the annual reports of the Department of Lands for the years 1890, 1891, and 1892, which have been laid upon the Table of the House and printed.

- (12.) Oyster Leases :—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Has the surrender of any oyster leases been accepted by the Fisheries Commission during the past twelve months; if so, how many?
 - (2.) Where were the leases that have been surrendered issued for, and to whom?

Mr. Slattery answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Commissioners of Fisheries :—

- (1.) Eleven have been accepted during the past twelve months.
- (2.) For areas at Crookhaven River, Berara Creek, Hunter River, Camden Haven, Hastings River, and Port Stephens, to the following persons :—George Glanville, F. G. Gibbins, H. Woodward, J. Holdom, and John S. Dick.

- (13.) School buildings at Ulmarra West :—Mr. McFarlane asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- When will tenders be called for the construction of school buildings at Ulmarra West?

Mr. Suttor answered,—It is not intended to proceed with the erection of the new buildings at Ulmarra West at present.

- (14.) Land resumed in the Clarence Electorate :—Mr. McFarlane asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a number of farmers in the Clarence Electorate have not yet been paid for land resumed for road and recreation purposes; and do several of such resumptions date back nearly two years?
- (2.) Will he take the necessary steps to cause such to be paid at an early date?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I will have the matters referred to by the Honorable Member inquired into, and the result communicated to him.

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- (15.) Water Supply for Junec :—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) Was a letter sent to Mr. Gormly, dated 15th August, informing him that it was the intention of Mr. Secretary Lyne to submit to Parliament the necessary resolution for the construction of water supply works for Junec early next session?
 (2.) When will the resolution be placed before Parliament?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 (2.) As soon as the business of the House will permit.

- (16.) Appointment of Trustees for Common at Billagoe :—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Has the official notification been made yet of the common at Billagoe, now Mount Drysdale?
 (2.) If so, can trustees be appointed without further delay?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

- (1.) A temporary common of 4,140 acres will be notified on the 14th instant.
 (2.) Immediately on such notification appearing, the papers will be referred to the Mines Department with a view to the appointment of trustees.

- (17.) Rates of Freight on the Molong-Parkes and Forbes Railway :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Has any final decision yet been arrived at in regard to the rates or freightage that is to be charged on passengers and produce after the official opening of the Molong-Parkes and Forbes Railway, or whether such rates are likely to be local or through main trunk rates?

Mr. Slattery answered,—No date has yet been fixed for the handing over of the Molong-Forbes Railway to the Railway Commissioners, and the rates have consequently not yet been determined.

- (18.) Conference of Government Botanists of the various Colonies :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it true that the Government Botanists of the various Colonies are about to hold a conference at an early date with the view of making an investigation into the good or evil effects of ringbarking of indigenous timber on the climate and rainfall of the Colony, and the necessity of having all Crown lands that have been so deforested again replanted; if so, when and where is such conference likely to be held?

Mr. Slattery answered,—My honorable colleague is not aware of any such proposed conference being about to be held.

- (19.) Lavatory Carriages on Parkes and Forbes Railway :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In view of the official opening of the railway to Parkes and Forbes at an early date, will he see that steps are taken for providing suitable lavatory carriages for the travelling public—the same as are now running on the main and Mudgee lines?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The following Answer has been supplied from the Treasury :—This is purely a detail of railway management, which will be determined by the Railway Commissioners.

- (20.) Narrabri to Moree Railway :—Mr. Collins asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he, before he decides on submitting the route of the Narrabri and Moree railway, cause a trial survey to be made from Narrabri to a point near the township of Wee Waa, from thence to the travelling stock route, *via* Millie, to Moree?

Mr. Lyne answered,—As this will involve a deviation from the direct route of something like 20 miles, I do not see that any good purpose would be served by having a trial survey made in connection with the line to Moree.

3. DARLING HARBOUR (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Daruley moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers, reports, minutes, and correspondence in connection with the proposed building of a sea-wall and filling in of Darling Harbour.
 Question put and passed.

4. REAL PROPERTY ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Fuller moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Real Property Act, 26 Vic. No. 9 and the Real Property Act Further Amendment Act, 41 Vic. No. 18.
 Question put and passed.

5. SUPREME COURT BILL :—The Deputy Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Law relating to proceedings in the Supreme Court*,"—forwarded to the Legislative Assembly for concurrence during last Session of the present Parliament, not having been finally dealt with because of the prorogation of the Legislature, the Legislative Council requests that the said Bill be proceeded with under the Assembly's Standing Order in that behalf.

Legislative Council Chamber,
 Sydney, 12th October, 1893.

JOHN LACKEY,
 President.

Mr. Barton then moved, That the Council's request be complied with.

Question put and passed.

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

6. MEDICAL BILL :—The Deputy Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

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.

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JOHN LACKEY,
 President.

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Mr. Barton moved, That the Bill be now read a first time.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 61.

Mr. Barton,	Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Sharp,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Copeland,	Dr. Hollis,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Gough,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Darnley,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Francis Clarke,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Eve,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Wall,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Newton,	Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Newman.
Mr. Garrard,	
Mr. Stevenson,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Perry.
Mr. Scott,	

Noes, 8.

Mr. Fegan,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Rac,
Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Schey.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. Haynes.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a first time.

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

7. **MINING ON PRIVATE LANDS BILL**:—Mr. Lyne presented a Petition from certain residents of the town and district of Tumberumba, in favour of the passing of a Mining on Private Lands Bill. Petition received.
8. **LIQUOR TRAFFIC**:—The following Petitions, praying that in view of the manifold evils arising from the traffic in intoxicating liquors, and the widespread demand for reform, the House will pass into law a Bill providing for the taking of a plebiscite vote of the men and women of the country on the distinct issue of prohibition, were presented by the Members named:—
 (1.) By Mr. Fegan—From Tom Taylor, Chairman of a meeting of the members of the Pride of the Hill Lodge, Independent Order of Good Templars, and residents of Tighe's Hill.
 (2.) By Mr. A'Beckett—From P. Smith, Chairman of a meeting of the members of the Rose of Gilgandra Lodge of Good Templars.
 Petitions received.
9. **PAPERS**:—Mr. Slattery laid upon the Table,—
 (1.) Tenth Report on the creation, inscription, and issue of stock, under the Inscribed Stock Act of 1883.
 (2.) Report of Railway Commissioners on Railways and Tramways for quarter ended 30th June, 1893.
 (3.) General Summary of Liabilities and Assets of the Banking, Land, Building, and Investment Companies for quarter ended 31st March, 1893.
 (4.) Return to an Order made on 15th February, 1893,—“Contracts for the Railway Service.”
 (5.) Return to an Order made on 3rd November, 1892,—“Expenditure upon Public Works.”
 Ordered to be printed.
10. **DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES**:—Mr. Barton (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That Albert John Gould, Esquire, do take the Chair in Committee of the Whole House for this day only. Question put and passed.
11. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Reid rising to move the adjournment of the House,—The Deputy Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice under Standing Order No. 15, respecting motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House “to bring under consideration a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the effect upon the Electoral rights and privileges of the people of the action of the Government in issuing the Proclamation of the 5th instant under the third section of the Electoral Act of 1893.” And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—
 Mr. Reid moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and negatived.
12. **AUSTRALASIAN FEDERATION**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Barton moved, “That” the Deputy Speaker do now leave the Chair for the consideration, in detail, in Committee of the Whole of the proposals for a Federal Constitution.

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Mr. Rae 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 "in the opinion of this House,—

"(1.) The proposed Federation of the Australian colonies will do nothing to meet those social and industrial problems so urgently pressing for solution, or to satisfy the demand for local and domestic reform.

"(2.) The proposed Federal Constitution is of too rigid a character to suit the progressive spirit of Australian democracy, and should not be proceeded with without a special mandate from the people of New South Wales."

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

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Wednesday next.

13. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Barton moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at Eleven o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

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

NINIAN MELVILLE,
Deputy Speaker.

New South Wales.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 17 OCTOBER, 1893.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

ABSENCE OF SPEAKER:—The Clerk informed the House of the continued unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker.

Whereupon Mr. Copeland moved, That the Chairman of Committees do take the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the second Standing Order of the House.

Question put by the Clerk, and passed.

The Deputy Speaker then took the Chair accordingly.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Supply of Railway Materials:—*Mr. Bowes*, for *Mr. Hoyle*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,— Will he consider the advisability of offering a contract for public tender of (a) the local manufacture and supply of all railway permanent-way iron and steel materials; or (b) the local manufacture and supply of all iron and steel required for general and constructive purposes by all Government Departments for a period of ten years, specifying that only local ores, fuels, and fluxes are to be used in such manufacture?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The Secretary for Public Works would be very glad to get these materials manufactured within the Colony, but the Honorable Member's Question is rather a complex one, and he cannot see any successful issue is likely to be produced by offering such contract at the present time.

(2.) Visit of his Honor Judge Windeyer to Queensland:—*Mr. Darnley* asked the Attorney-General,—

(1.) Is it a fact that his Honor Judge Windeyer recently paid a visit to Queensland?

(2.) Did he while there adjudicate in the Queensland Court?

(3.) If so, what were the circumstances which rendered such a course necessary?

(4.) Was any charge made for the services rendered by his Honor Judge Windeyer while there?

(5.) If so, how much; and who received the benefit?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) Over a year ago.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) In a case of the greatest importance, involving in all probability over £100,000, in which the Chief Justice was prohibited by law from sitting on an appeal against his own judgment, it was found that the two Puisne Judges resident in Brisbane were also unable to sit, one having been of the counsel engaged in the case, the other connected with one of the parties. This left only the two Judges of the Northern District. The Queensland Government therefore asked the friendly aid of the Government of New South Wales in ascertaining whether the services of one of our Judges could not be obtained to complete and preside over the Court of Appeal; and Mr. Justice Windeyer consented to act, and did actually preside and deliver the judgment of the Court.

(4 & 5.) No; the Queensland Government undertook to pay his travelling expenses and the cost of the services of an Acting Judge in Sydney during his absence.

(3.) Cost of Bridge over the Macleay River at Kempsey:—*Mr. Francis Clarke* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Have the necessary surveys been made for estimate of cost of a bridge over the Macleay River at Kempsey?

(2.) If so, what would be the cost of a high-level bridge?

(3.) The cost of a low-level swing bridge, so as not to impede navigation?

(4.) Have any official inquiries been made, or information received, since the flood of June last, as to which kind of bridge would be the most suitable?

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Mr. Copeland answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) A fixed bridge above the highest flood level would cost £17,500 at Central Kempsey, £19,350 at West Kempsey.
- (3.) A low-level swing bridge would be impracticable; but a high-level bridge, with opening spans, would cost £35,000 at Central Kempsey, £33,600 at West Kempsey.
- (4.) No; but it appears the river traffic above the bridge is so small that the Department would not be warranted in going to the expense of a swing bridge. The high-level fixed bridge will admit of barges passing underneath.

(4.) Jetty at Trial Bay Breakwater:—*Mr. Francis Clarke* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) In view of the extension of Trial Bay breakwater, will he consider the expediency of having a suitable jetty erected there, so that ocean boats, when passing along the coast, can deposit or take up passengers and cargo?
- (2.) Will he be good enough to have an estimate prepared of the cost of a tram-line from Jerseyville to Trial Bay, a distance of about 4 miles?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

- (1.) The breakwater is not sufficiently advanced as yet to afford proper shelter to a jetty, which would have to be extended a long way out to reach deep water owing to the shallowness of the head of the bay; for want of such shelter the jetty would be a very costly structure.
- (2.) The Secretary for Public Works will obtain a report on this question in the first instance before coming to a decision.

(5.) Roads in the Macleay and Bellinger Districts:—*Mr. Francis Clarke* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What amount of the road vote for this year (exclusive of special vote to repair damages done by flood) has been or is being expended on the roads in the Macleay District?
- (2.) The same with regard to roads in the Bellinger District?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

- (1.) The sum of £2,897 18s. 9d. has been expended, and £719 4s. 6d. is in course of expenditure.
- (2.) £2,676 8s. 4d. has been expended, and £529 14s. 11d. is in course of expenditure.

(6.) Appointment of Mining Wardens:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for *Mr. Morgan*, asked the Secretary for Mines,—In view of the early passing of the Mining on Private Lands Bill, and the delay which necessarily takes place through one person holding a number of offices, is it his intention to appoint, where necessary, Wardens, whose sole duties will be to attend to the work provided under mining laws and regulations?*Mr. Slattery* answered:—No; as it is thought such appointments would largely increase the expenditure, whereas the efforts of the Government are directed to the cutting down of expenditure in every possible direction.(7.) Industrial Disputes:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Attorney-General,—Is it his intention to make compulsory the attendance in the Court of Conciliation of both parties to industrial disputes?*Mr. Slattery* answered,—The Members of the Council of Conciliation and Arbitration have been in communication with the Attorney-General on the subject referred to by the Honorable Member, and will shortly submit a statement embodying suggestions in reference thereto, which, when received, will be considered in due course.(8.) Dudley Coal Company's Mineral Lease:—*Mr. Scott* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) What amount of money has been expended upon the Dudley Coal Company's Mineral Lease, No. 318, 48 Victoria, portion 116, parish Kahibah, county of Northumberland, since the date upon which it was granted?
- (2.) Will he have any objection to lay upon the Table of this House a copy of the report of the Examiner of Coal-fields on the said lease?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) £459 7s. 9d.
- (2.) No; a copy will be laid upon the Table at once.

(9.) Imperial Acts in force in New South Wales:—*Mr. Johnston* asked the Attorney-General,—

- (1.) Will he ascertain whether the Acts 43 Elizabeth, chap. 2, 3 Charles I, chap. 4, 14 Charles II, chap. 12, and 12 Anne, chap. 18, are in force in New South Wales?
- (2.) Is he aware that these Acts empower local authorities to start manufactories, and acquire land in the interests of the unemployed, and open stores for the sale of the manufactured articles and the produce of the farms, also in the interests of the unemployed?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) Not in force.
- (2.) Answer unnecessary by reason of answer to Question 1.

(10.) Revenue and Expenditure in connection with Wharfs, Docks, and Harbours:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) The amount of money that has been expended during the last ten years in the erection or improvement of our wharfs, docks, and harbours?
- (2.) The amount of revenue annually derived from the same during the same period?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The information will be prepared and laid upon the Table of the House in the shape of a return.

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- (11.) **Pymont Meat Market**:—Mr. McCourt asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
 (1.) How much rent was owing by Mr. R. Hudson for Pymont Meat Market at date of surrender of lease?
 (2.) What amount of rent is still due to date?
 (3.) How have the arrears due by Mr. Hudson for freight been paid, by cash or surrender of plant at a valuation?
Mr. Slattery answered,—No default was made in payment of the rent due under the lease to Mr. Hudson. The freight account was settled upon the termination of the lease. Certain machinery was taken over at a valuation in terms of the lease.
- (12.) **Site for Lending Branch of Free Public Library**:—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
 (1.) Has the Government yet decided on any suitable and central site for the Lending Branch of the Free Public Library?
 (2.) Has the Oddfellows' Hall in Elizabeth-street been offered as a most suitable and central situation, and is the Government likely to accept the offer?
Mr. Suttor answered,—
 (1.) It is probable that the Library will remain in the building at present occupied in Macquarie-street.
 (2.) The Oddfellows' Hall has been offered on lease, but the Government has not accepted the offer.
- (13.) **Mr. C. Gorrick, Inspector of Fisheries, Lake Macquarie**:—Mr. Edden asked the Colonial Secretary,—On what ground does Mr. C. Gorrick, Inspector of Fisheries at Lake Macquarie, receive half the fines imposed upon persons he may prosecute for breaches of the Fisheries Act?
Mr. Slattery answered,—Under the provisions of section 59 of the Fisheries Act, 1881.
- (14.) **Reticulation Works at the Glebe**:—Mr. Houghton asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) What amount of money has been expended on the reticulation works in the borough of the Glebe?
 (2.) What amount of money is required to complete the said works?
 (3.) What amount of interest is being paid on the money expended on the said works up to date?
 (4.) What is the estimated per-centage on money expended that would be derived by way of revenue from the works, if completed?
 (5.) How long is it since the works were brought to a standstill, and the cause of same?
 (6.) Is it a fact that that portion of the said works already finished cannot be used until the remaining portion has been finished; if so, when does he propose to accept tenders for the completion of the work?
Mr. Copeland answered,—
 (1.) £2,145 10s.
 (2.) £19,441 15s. 2d.
 (3.) £1,878 9s. 7d. per annum.
 (4.) 15·86 per cent. This, of course, has reference to expenditure on reticulation works only.
 (5.) Twelve months. Want of funds.
 (6.) Yes; but the delay has been caused, as the Honorable Member is probably aware, owing to the shortness of our loan funds. But the Secretary for Public Works is making arrangements by which he hopes in a short time to be enabled to start these necessary works.
- (15.) **Forms of Transfer of Conditional Purchases**:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for Mr. Gould, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
 (1.) Has his attention been directed to the remarks of the Chief Judge in Equity on Wednesday, the 11th October, in the case of Griffith v. Coggan and others, as to the great importance of the Government having proper forms of transfer of conditional purchases by way of mortgage prepared, in addition to those of absolute transfer, as a means of preventing much needless litigation?
 (2.) If so, is it his intention to have such forms prepared?
Mr. Copeland answered,—
 (1.) Yes.
 (2.) The matter is under consideration.
- (16.) **Public Works paid from Loan Funds**:—Mr. Houghton asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 What public works are to be paid for out of the £2,500,000 loan lately raised in England, and what amount of money is to be paid out of such loan towards each of such works?
Mr. Copeland answered,—The information asked for will be disclosed in the Financial Statement.
3. **NAVIGATION ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Murphy moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to further amend the Navigation Act.
 Question put and passed.
4. **SUSPENSION OF MORTGAGES BILL (Normal Motion)**:—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the suspension of mortgages, and other matters relating thereto.
 Question put and passed.
5. **NET-FISHING IN PORT HACKING PROHIBITION ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—*Mr. Robert Farnell*, for Mr. Carruthers, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the "Net-fishing in Port Hacking Prohibition Act of 1886."
 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 regulate the use of camels, postponed until Tuesday, 24th October.

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7. PAPERS:—

Mr. Kidd laid upon the Table,—Return respecting Ocean Mail and Cable Services.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—Notification of Resumption under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Rusden, county of Gough, for a way of approach to foot-bridge over river Mann.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 27th September, 1893,—“General Superintendent of the Fitzroy Dock.”—
And moved, That the Document be printed.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

Mr. Slattery laid upon the Table,—Report by the Examiner of Coal-fields on the Dudley Coal Company's mineral lease, No. 318.
Ordered to be printed.

8. COROWA SCHOOL OF ARTS ENABLING BILL:—Mr. Hayes presented a Petition from Charles Johnson, the elder, merchant, William Hector Hudson, chemist, Herbert Parker Bray, merchant, Peter Kirkland Ritchie, tailor, and John Simpson, bootmaker, all of Corowa, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Trustees of the Corowa School of Arts to mortgage certain lands situated in the town of Corowa, and for declaring the trusts of the moneys raised by such mortgage.
And Mr. Hayes having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Corowa Free Press*, newspapers containing the notices required by the 69th Standing Order,—
Petition received.

9. LIQUOR TRAFFIC:—The following Petitions, praying that, in view of the manifold evils arising from the traffic in intoxicating liquors, and the widespread demand for reform, the House will pass into law a Bill providing for the taking of a plebiscite vote of the men and women of the country on the distinct issue of prohibition, were presented by the Members named:—

(1.) By Mr. Morton—From Robert J. Miller, Chairman of a meeting of the Members of the Milton Lodge, Independent Order of Good Templars, and residents of Milton and district.

(2.) By Mr. G. D. Clark—From William Lawson Dash, J.P., F.S.S., Chairman of a mass meeting held in the Domain, Sydney.

(3.) By Mr. Newman—From George Tait, Chairman of a meeting of the Members of the Wilberforce Lodge, Independent Order of Good Templars, and residents of Millthorpe.

(4.) By Mr. Walker—From Thomas Oswald, Chief Templar, Chairman of a meeting of the Members of the Paragon Lodge, No. 69, Independent Order of Good Templars, and residents of Merewether.

(5.) By Mr. McFarlane—From George Watson, on behalf of the Members of the Star of South Lodge, No. 230, I.O.G.T., and residents of Tyndale.

Petitions received.

10. PROTECTIVE POLICY:—Mr. Rose moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House,—

(1.) A protective policy would be conducive to land settlement.

(2.) Imported agricultural produce should be subject to the following duties, viz.:—Flour, hay, chaff, and potatoes, £1 per ton; wheat, maize, oats, barley, 1s. per bushel; bran and pollard, 2s. per 100 lb.; green fruit, inclusive of bananas and pine-apples, at rate of 2s. per bushel.

(3.) £1 per head duty should be levied on all imported cattle and horses.

Mr. McFarlane moved, That the Question be amended by the addition of the words “and five shillings per hundred feet on imported timber.”

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

Debate ensued.

Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That the proposed amendment be amended by the omission of all the words after the word “and” with a view to the insertion in their place of the words “twenty per cent. on imported timber.”

“(4.) That specific duties should be imposed upon all articles which can be profitably manufactured in New South Wales.

“(5.) That the *ad valorem* duties now in operation be abolished.

“(6.) That a poll-tax should be imposed upon Asiatics, Polynesians, and other coloured races.”

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

Point of Order:—Mr. Haynes submitted that the proposed amendment of the amendment was not relevant, and therefore out of order.

Debate ensued.

The Deputy Speaker ruled in favour of the proposed amendment.

Debate continued.

Point of Order:—Mr. Neild directed the Deputy Speaker's attention to the Notice No. 3, standing in the name of Mr. Haynes—as to the introduction of coloured labour—and contended that the proposed amendment of the amendment anticipated the consideration of that Notice.

Debate ensued.

The Deputy Speaker decided that as the Notice referred to was so different from Mr. O'Sullivan's proposed amendment, the objection raised could not be sustained.

Debate continued.

Mr. Hugh McKinnon moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

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

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

NINIAN MELVILLE,
Deputy Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 11.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 18 OCTOBER, 1893.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

ABSENCE OF SPEAKER:—The Clerk informed the House of the continued unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker.

Whereupon Sir George Dibbs moved, That the Chairman of Committees do take the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the second Standing Order of the House.

Question put by the Clerk, and passed.

The Deputy Speaker then took the Chair accordingly.

2. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:—Sir George Dibbs (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That James Henry Young, Esquire, do take the Chair in Committee of the Whole House for this day only.

Question put and passed.

3. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Subsidy to Vancouver Steam Service:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) How much, if any, of the Government subsidy of £10,000 has been paid to the owners of the Vancouver Steam Service, up to the present time?

(2.) Is it a fact that with the assistance of the subsidy the new line of steamers have landed in the port of Sydney already over 1,000 tons of agricultural machinery and consignments of produce?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) £1,666 13s. 4d.

(2.) The Colonial Secretary is not aware what quantity of agricultural machinery or produce has arrived for this and the other colonies.

(2.) Printing of Electoral or Municipal Rolls in Goulburn Gaol:—*Mr. Sharp* asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that certain prisoners in Goulburn Gaol are engaged in printing the electoral or municipal roll of a certain electorate in Sydney?

(2.) By whose order is the printing permitted, and what price is paid for such prison labour?

Mr. Slattery answered,—No; it is not a fact that any such printing is being done in Goulburn Gaol, the Governor of which institution reports that no printing of any kind is done for persons outside the gaol.

(3.) Votes for certain Roads:—*Mr. Gormly* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Were certain sums voted by Parliament in last Estimates for the following roads:—(1) Wagga Wagga to Junce; (2) Wagga Wagga to Kyamba; (3) Wagga Wagga to Narrandera (north side); (4) Wagga Wagga to Gillenbah; (5) Wagga Wagga to Gregadoo; (6) Wagga Wagga to Coolamon; (7) Wagga Wagga to Wantabadgery; (8) Wagga Wagga to Cookardina; (9) Yerong Creek to Urangeline; (10) Cranebob to Upper Tarcutta; (11) Lower Tarcutta to Alfred Town; (12) Narrandera to Old Goree Bridge; (13) Rock Station to Urana; (14) Coonong Station to Urana; (15) Henty to Munyabla; (16) Wagga Wagga, *via* Sandy Creek, to Rock Station?

(2.) What amounts from such sums have been expended on each of these roads; and what works are in course of progress?

Mr. Lyne answered,—A return giving the information asked for by the Honorable Member will be prepared and laid upon this Table of the House.

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(4.) Current Account Depositors Act:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for *Mr. Wise*, asked the Colonial Treasurer.—Referring to section 9 of the Current Account Depositors Act, which requires that “during each month the Treasurer shall withdraw from circulation and cancel Treasury Notes to an amount equal to the moneys received by him during the month next preceding, in reimbursement of advances made under this Act,”—

- (1.) Has this provision of the Act been complied with?
- (2.) What amount of moneys was received by him during the month of June in reimbursement of advances made under this Act?
- (3.) What amount of such Treasury Notes was withdrawn from circulation and cancelled during the month of July?
- (4.) What amount of moneys was received by him during the month of July in reimbursement of advances made under the Act?
- (5.) What amount of such Treasury Notes was withdrawn from circulation and cancelled during the month of August?
- (6.) What amount of moneys was received by him during the month of August in reimbursement of advances made under the Act?
- (7.) What amount of such Treasury Notes was withdrawn from circulation and cancelled during the month of September, and on what date in that month?
- (8.) What amount of moneys was received by him during the month of September in reimbursement of advances made under the Act?
- (9.) What amount of such Treasury Notes was withdrawn from circulation and cancelled during the month of October?
- (10.) What amount of such Treasury Notes still exist, not withdrawn from circulation, and cancelled?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) Yes.

With regard to the remaining Questions, the Honorable Member has already received an assurance that in delivering the Financial Statement to-morrow the fullest information will be given.

(5.) Betterment Bill:—*Mr. Perry* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has he any intention of passing a Betterment Bill this Session?
- (2.) If not, does he intend to make provision on the Estimates for the flood escape scheme on the Richmond River, pending the passing of the measure?

Mr. Lyne answered,—It is my intention to introduce a Betterment Bill this Session.

(6.) Locomotives or Tram Motors:—*Mr. G. D. Clark* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Railway Commissioners have recently ordered a number of locomotives or tram motors from the old country?
- (2.) If so, from what firm or firms have such locomotives or motors been ordered?

Mr. Slattery answered,—The Colonial Treasurer refers the Honorable Member to Question answered on the 5th instant. The Railway Commissioners have not recently ordered any locomotives or tram motors from abroad.

(7.) The Unemployed:—*Mr. G. D. Clark* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that there are at the present time in this Colony at least 20,000 men out of employment, and are many of them, with their wives and families, in absolute want?
- (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to restart the men who have been recently discharged from the various reclamation works, roads, and other public works of the Colony?
- (3.) Will the Government be prepared during the present Session to impose a tax upon the unimproved value of land?
- (4.) With a view of affording immediate relief to the labour market, will the Government go on with the Mining on Private Property Bill before proceeding further with the question of Federation?

Mr. Slattery answered,—The Colonial Secretary would suggest to the Honorable Member to divide his Questions into several divisions.

(8.) Labour Settlements:—*Mr. G. D. Clark*, for *Mr. Fegan*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) How many Labour Settlements have been formed under the Labour Settlements Act of 1893?
- (2.) How many areas have been reported upon?
- (3.) How many members have been enrolled for the above settlements?
- (4.) How many applications have been received to form Labour Settlements?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

- (1.) 3.
- (2.) 120 reports have been made on areas alleged to be suitable for the purpose.
- (3.) 164; but 1 has since been disenrolled.
- (4.) Upwards of 30 applications have been received for the formation of Labour Settlements in different localities, most of which, however, have, after investigation, proved impracticable.

(9.) Marrickville-Burwood Road Railway:—*Mr. Parkes* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he while considering new railways to be submitted to the Public Works Committee also give consideration to the completion of the Marrickville-Burwood Road Railway to Liverpool?

Mr. Lyne answered,—No; not at present.

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(10.) Subsidy to the New Caledonia Cable Service:—*Mr. Edden*, for *Mr. Wall*, asked the Colonial Secretary:—

- (1.) Has any correspondence been received by his Department from the Secretary of State having reference to the subsidy paid by this Colony towards the New Caledonia Cable Service?
- (2.) If so, will he have any objection to laying the same upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Slattery answered,—A despatch has been received, through His Excellency the Governor, from Lord Ripon, the Secretary of State for the Colonies; but as it has not yet been dealt with, and it is marked private and confidential, the Colonial Secretary does not think the present would be a suitable time to lay it upon the Table.

(11.) Miners' Rights:—*Mr. Edden*, for *Mr. Wall*, asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is it his intention to give any effect to a resolution of this House, carried last Session, regarding a reduction in the cost of miner's rights?

Mr. Slattery answered,—The Mining Act 1874, section 14, fixes the price of a miner's right, and that cannot be altered without amending the said Act.

(12.) Country Fire Brigade Boards:—*Mr. McCourt* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that country Fire Brigade Boards are unable to legally enforce payment from fire insurance companies in consequence of the defective character of the Fire Brigades Act?
- (2.) How much money has been paid to country fire brigades as special grants in consequence?
- (3.) Will the Government introduce an amended Fire Brigades Act without further delay?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) £4,650 has been voted and paid as "Contributions towards fire brigades in country towns pending the amendment of the Fire Brigades Act." Prior to the present year the sum of £9,550 was granted to fire brigades for sites, plant, &c.
- (3.) The matter will receive consideration.

(13.) Wharf, Crane, and Pump at Brewarrina:—*Mr. Waddell* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Was there a sum of money voted for the erection of a wharf, crane, and pump at Brewarrina?
- (2.) Were any tenders called for the erection of the same; and, if not, why?
- (3.) When does the Government intend calling for tenders?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2 and 3.) No; tenders have not been invited for the wharf and crane, as it was thought advisable to postpone their construction pending a final decision about a proposal for locking the Darling River.

(14.) Expenditure of Road Vote in the Molong District:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What amount of the Road Vote has been expended during the present year on the roads in the Molong district?
- (2.) The number of contracts that are at present being carried out in the district, and the amount required to complete the same?
- (3.) Have the services of any of the maintenance men been dispensed with during the year; if so, the number and amount in wages or salaries saved thereby?

Mr. Lyne answered,—A return giving the information asked for by the Honorable Member will be prepared and laid upon the Table of this House.

(15.) Post and Telegraph Masters:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Postmaster-General,—In justice to a large number of Post and Telegraph Masters residing in the interior, will he see that some arrangements are made to have such officers changed from district to district every five or six years; and also officials in the Head Office in Sydney changed with those of equal grade and qualification in country districts?

Mr. Kidd answered,—Such a plan as proposed would not only be costly but impracticable. When an official, who has been a long time in the interior, desires a change, endeavours are made to meet his wishes, and several applications of this nature have been complied with during the present year.

(16.) *Mr. Fitzgerald*, Agriculture Department:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a person by the name of *Mr. Fitzgerald* is at present engaged in the Department of Agriculture; if so, how long has he been in the Service; the amount of salary he receives; and what are the special or particular duties of his office?
- (2.) Is it true that this gentleman has only recently been appointed to the Agriculture Department, and that men who have been for years his senior in the Service have been dismissed?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) Yes; he was appointed temporarily 19th January, 1892, at 10s. per day. His duties are to check the claims for subsidy submitted by Agricultural Societies, and other work connected with the District National Prizes offered by the Department at Agricultural Societies' Shows.
- (2.) *Mr. Fitzgerald* has, since his appointment, performed the same duties, and no other officer has had such duties to perform.

(17.) *Hard Cash* Cases:—*Mr. Black* asked the Attorney-General,—

- (1.) What was the cost of prosecuting the Sydney news-agents and others in the *Hard Cash* cases?
- (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to issue a Law of Libel Amending Bill?
- (3.) Does he intend to cause inquiry to be made as to whether it would not be advisable to institute proceedings against the witnesses on one side or the other?

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Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) It is not usual to give particulars of this kind, but the Attorney-General states that no expenditure was incurred beyond what is customary.
- (2.) Not in the near future.
- (3.) The Attorney-General will ask the Crown Prosecutor to report on this question.

(18.) Names of Members of Parliament, &c., on Share Lists of Local Banking Institutions:—*Mr. Black* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) When do the Government intend to give effect to a motion, carried last Session, in which the names of legislators, heads of departments, judges, and military officers holding shares in the various Australian Banks were asked for; also the number and value of shares thus held?
- (2.) Will the Government, as an alternative course, supply share registers of all Banks doing business in New South Wales to Members of the Assembly?

Mr. Slattery answered,—The Colonial Secretary does not think it is the function of the Government to inquire into the private affairs of any of the servants of the Crown.

(19.) Public Money deposited in Banks:—*Mr. Black* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What amount of public money is now deposited in each Bank?
- (2.) The amounts thereof not interest bearing?
- (3.) The amount bearing interest, and the rate of interest in each case?

Mr. Slattery answered,—If the Honorable Member desires information of this character he should move for a return in the usual way.

(20.) Barrack-street Savings Bank Deposits with the Australian Joint Stock Bank:—*Mr. Black* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What amount had the Barrack-street Savings Bank deposited with the Australian Joint Stock Bank on 31st December, 1892?
- (2.) What sum had the Barrack-street Savings Bank deposited with the Australian Joint Stock Bank on 30th September, 1893?

Mr. Slattery answered,—The records of the Treasury do not contain the information necessary to answer these Questions.

(21.) Steel Rails:—*Mr. McCourt* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has any agreement been made, or correspondence taken place between the Minister, and the late Mr. Albert Leahy, C.E., or other persons now endeavouring to float a steel and iron company in England, with reference to a contract to manufacture steel rails, &c.?
- (2.) If so, what is the nature of it?

Mr. Lyne answered,—No agreement of any kind has been made with the late Mr. Leahy, or any other person in connection with this matter. The correspondence on the subject of the manufacture of steel rails in the Colony was laid upon the Table of the Legislative Council on the 11th of May, 1893.

(22.) Mining Property at Sebastopol, Temora:—*Mr. Black* asked the Secretary for Mines,—When will he, according to resolution of this House during last Session, lay upon the Table the papers in the case of Dembicki's "Homeward Bound" claim, near Temora?

Mr. Slattery answered,—This return was laid upon the Table of the Legislative Assembly on the 27th September (present Session).

(23.) Lands resumed for Public Service:—*Mr. Black* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) What is the total amount paid out of the Public Treasury for lands resumed for the Public Service?
- (2.) What is the number of freehold estates in the electorate of St. Leonards exceeding 300 acres in extent, with names of owners, areas, and estimated values?
- (3.) What is the number of freehold estates exceeding 600 acres in Central Cumberland, with names of owners, areas, and estimated values?
- (4.) What is the number of freehold estates exceeding 30 acres in extent in the metropolis, with names of owners, areas, and estimated values?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The Lands Department have no information on these subjects. Any available information will be found in various parts of the Statistical Register.

(24.) Reclamation of Foreshores of Roselle Bay:—*Mr. Darnley*, for *Mr. Johnston*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Department under his control have decided to proceed with the reclamation of foreshores of Roselle Bay?
- (2.) Is it a fact that certain property-holders have stopped such works from being carried out?
- (3.) If so, has he any objection to give the names of the said property-holders, and their respective claims?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) Not at present.
- (2 and 3.) No; some delay has occurred, but that is now practically arranged.

(25.) Bank Issue Act:—*Mr. Chapman*, for *Mr. Hugh McKinnon*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—In the event of any of the Banks applying for a renewal of the Bank Issue Act, is it his intention to submit the matter for the consideration of this House before consenting thereto?

Mr. Slattery answered,—In the event of the Banks applying for an extension of the proclamation under the Bank Issue Act, the House will not be invited to discuss the application, but the Executive Government will decide such application upon its merits, as provided by the Act.

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- (26.) Public Road across surveyed route of Great Northern Railway:—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. Hutchison*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it a fact there was a public road across the surveyed route of the Great Northern Railway at a point 318 miles 10 chains, near Stonehenge, and that when the railway was constructed gates were placed at the point and a man kept to attend to them?
Mr. Copeland answered,—I am not aware, but reference should be made to the Minister for Railways.
4. COROWA SCHOOL OF ARTS ENABLING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
 (1.) *Mr. Hayes* moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the Trustees of the Corowa School of Arts to mortgage certain lands situated in the town of Corowa, and for declaring the trusts of the moneys raised by such Mortgage.
 Question put and passed.
 (2.) *Mr. Hayes* 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 Corowa School of Arts to mortgage certain lands situated in the town of Corowa, and for declaring the trusts of the moneys raised by such Mortgage*,"—read a first time.
5. REAL PROPERTY ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
 (1.) *Mr. Fuller* moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the "Real Property Act" and the "Real Property Act Further Amendment Act of 1877," and to repeal the "Land Titles Commissioners Fees Act of 1887" (51 Vic. No. 5).
 Question put and passed.
 (2.) *Mr. Fuller* then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Real Property Act' and the 'Real Property Act Further Amendment Act of 1877,' and to repeal the 'Land Titles Commissioners Fees Act of 1887.'*"—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 21st November.
6. FISHERIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2) (*Formal Motion*):—
 (1.) *Mr. Edden* 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. Edden* 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, 5th December.
7. SUPPLY OF AMMUNITION FROM A VICTORIAN FACTORY FOR THE MILITARY FORCES (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. McCourt* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence, minutes, or other documents between Captain Whitney, or other persons, and the Government, having reference to the supply of ammunition for the Military forces from a Victorian factory.
 Question put and passed.
8. NAVIGATION ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL:—*Mr. Murphy* presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to further amend the 'Navigation Act of 1871'*,"—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
9. LIQUOR TRAFFIC:—The following Petitions, praying that, in view of the manifold evils arising from the traffic in intoxicating liquors, and the widespread demand for reform, the House will pass into law a Bill providing for the taking of a plebiscite vote of the men and women of the country on the distinct issue of prohibition, were presented by the Members named:—
 (1.) By *Mr. G. D. Clark*—From *Leslie Hollis*, Goulburn.
 (2.) By *Mr. Walker*—From *Henry Jenkins*, Chairman of a meeting of the members of the Nil Desperandum Lodge, Independent Order of Good Templars, and residents of Teralba.
 (3.) By *Mr. Young*—From *Augustus Donkin*, Chief Templar, at a meeting of the members of Golden Valley Lodge of I.O.G.T., No. 307, Kendall, and other residents.
 (4.) By *Dr. Hollis*—From *John Lumsden*, Chairman of a meeting of the members of the Hope of Goulburn Lodge, No. 43, Independent Order of Good Templars, and residents of Goulburn.
 (5.) By *Mr. Bavister*—From *John Elkin*, Chairman of a meeting of residents of Five Dock.
 (6.) By *Mr. Lonsdale*—From *George Wotten*, Chairman of a meeting of the members of the Esto Perpetuum Lodge, No. 651, Independent Order of Good Templars, Black Mountain.
 (7.) By *Mr. Bavister*—From *Thos. Dean*, Chairman of a meeting of residents of the Borough of Ashfield.
 Petitions received.
10. CASE OF JOHN DENIFF:—*Mr. Waddell*, 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 3rd October, 1893, together with Appendix.
 Ordered to be printed.
11. PAPERS:—
Mr. Slattery laid upon the Table,—
 (1.) Report of Trustees of the National Park for 1892.
 (2.) Fourteenth Annual Report of the City of Sydney Improvement Board.
 (3.) Report on administration of Dairies Supervision Act for 1892.
 (4.) By-laws of the Borough of Rookwood.
 (5.) By-law of the Borough of Mosman.

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- (6.) Amended By-law of the Borough of Bombala.
 (7.) By-laws of the Borough of Newcastle.
 (8.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Parkes.
 (9.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Carrington, under the Municipalities Act of 1867 and Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.
 (10.) Return to an Order made on 5th October, 1893,—“Appointment of Mr. Mair.”
 (11.) Return to an Order made on 4th October, 1893,—“Retirement of Mr. W. M. M. Arnold from the Civil Service.”
 (12.) Return to an Order made on 11th May, 1893,—“Premises rented by Government.”
 Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Suttor laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) New and amended By-laws of the University of Sydney.
 Ordered to be printed.
 (2.) Notification of resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land for Public School purposes at Wandsworth.
 (3.) Notifications of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land for Public School purposes at Bundanoon, Bynya, Coolongolook, Dungay, Eulenstein, Fishery Creek, Glen Lee, Goldsworth, Golspie, Gorham, Killibakh, Loanga, Middlingbank, Miranda, Muddy Creek, Ross Hill, Summer Vale, Tia, Trevaylor, Tyagong, Warham, Winburndale, and Winderahdcen.
12. MINING ON PRIVATE LANDS BILL:—Dr. Hollis presented a Petition from Henry Pinn, Chairman of a meeting of residents of Goulburn, in favour of the passing of a Mining on Private Lands Bill. Petition received.
13. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Wise rising to move the adjournment of the House,—The Deputy Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice under Standing Order No. 15, respecting motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House “to call attention to a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the conduct of the Government in not, during each month, withdrawing from circulation and cancelling Treasury Notes to an amount equal to the moneys received in reimbursement of advances made under the Current Account Depositors Act.”
 And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—
 Mr. Wise moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and negatived.

14. AUSTRALASIAN NAVAL DEFENCES:—Sir George Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) That the following Resolutions,—
 “(1.) That the contribution of public money from New South Wales towards the fund in connection with the Australasian Naval Defences proposal was obtained and granted on the distinct understanding that the vessels forming the squadron should be employed exclusively in Australasian waters and in Australasian naval operations.
 “(2.) That the Samoan war was an affair totally foreign to Australasian interests, and without material concern to the various Australasian colonies.
 “(3.) That the presence, consequently, of the ‘Katoomba,’ one of the Australasian squadron, at Samoa, and her active intervention with foreign men-of-war in the troubles of that island, form together a grave infraction of the terms of the naval agreement with the Imperial authorities.
 “(4.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor, with a request that he will be pleased to forward the same to Her Majesty’s Government.”—

adopted by this House on Tuesday, 3rd October, 1893, be, and the same are hereby rescinded.

- “ (2.) That Mr. Speaker be requested to abstain from presenting to His Excellency the Governor the Resolutions above referred to.”

Mr. Hugh Taylor moved, “That the Question be now put.”

Question put,—That the Question be now put,—and Division called for,—but there not being Tellers on the part of the *Ayes*, no Division could be had; and the Deputy Speaker declared the Question to have passed in the *negative*.

Original Question again proposed.

Mr. Haynes moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words in paragraph (2) with a view to the insertion in their place of the words,—

- “ (1.) Viewing the operations of the war vessel ‘Katoomba’ at Samoa, her interference in the affairs of that island, and the possibility of this country being involved in disputes beyond Parliamentary control, it is considered desirable by this House now to declare, in no feeling of unfriendliness towards the mother country, but from dictates of State caution and representative duty, that it is unwise to have this country committed to any expenditures of money, or to any naval or military enterprises not subject to the instant and complete control and direction of this Parliament.”

- “ (2.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor, with a request that he will be pleased to forward the same to Her Majesty’s Government.”

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

Debate ensued.

Point of Order:—Dr. Cullen requested the Deputy Speaker’s decision as to whether the proposed amendment—which he alleged was almost identical with the third paragraph of the resolutions now sought to be rescinded—could be proposed, it being virtually the same question twice offered.

Debate ensued.

The Deputy Speaker ruled that the proposed amendment was out of order, on the ground taken by Dr. Cullen.

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Original Question again proposed.

Debate continued.

Mr. Cook moved, That the Question be amended by the addition of the words, "but whilst agreeing to the foregoing, it is considered desirable by this House to declare, in no feeling of unfriendliness towards the mother country, but from dictates of State caution and representative duty, that it is unwise to have this country committed to any expenditure of money, or to any naval or military enterprise not subject to the instant and complete control and direction of this Parliament."

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

Debate continued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Mr. Frank Farnell moved, "That the Question be now put."

Question put,—That the Question be now put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 40.

Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Bruce Smith,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Wall,	Mr. Manning,
Mr. McCredie,	Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Barton,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,	Dr. Cullen,
Mr. Donald,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Morgan.
Mr. Inglis,	
Mr. Henry Clarke,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Francis Clarke,
Mr. Lees,	Mr. Hassall.

Noes, 17.

Mr. Jones,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Rae,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Hutchinson.

Tellers,

Dr. Hollis,
Mr. Gardiner.

And it appearing by the 'Tellers' Lists that the majority in favour of the Motion consisted of "at least forty members,"—

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. Schey,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Gardiner,
Dr. Hollis,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Hutchinson.

Tellers,

Mr. Rae,
Mr. Haynes.

Noes, 44.

Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Bruce Smith,
Mr Suttor,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Murphy,	Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Donald,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Lyne,
Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Francis Clarke,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. McCredie,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Manning,	Dr. Cullen,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Inglis.
Mr. Morgan,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Wall,	
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Hassall.

And so it passed in the negative.

Original Question put,—

(1.) That the following Resolutions,—

"(1.) That the contribution of public money from New South Wales towards the fund in connection with the Australasian Naval Defences proposal was obtained and granted on the distinct understanding that the vessels forming the squadron should be employed exclusively in Australasian waters and in Australasian naval operations.

"(2.) That the Samoan war was an affair totally foreign to Australasian interests, and without material concern to the various Australasian colonies.

"(3.) That the presence, consequently, of the 'Katoomba,' one of the Australasian squadron, at Samoa, and her active intervention with foreign men-of-war in the troubles of that island, form together a grave infraction of the terms of the naval agreement with the Imperial authorities.

"(4.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor, with a request that he will be pleased to forward the same to Her Majesty's Government."—

adopted by this House on Tuesday, 3rd October, 1893, be and the same are hereby rescinded.

(2.) That Mr. Speaker be requested to abstain from presenting to His Excellency the Governor the Resolutions above referred to.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 45.

Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Sutor,	Mr. Francis Clarke,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Garrard,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Donald,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. R. G. D. FitzGerald,	Dr. Cullen,
Mr. McCredie,	Mr. Manning,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Young,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Beckett,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Murphy,	Mr. Seobie,
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Bowes,	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Chunter.
Mr. Bruce Smith,	
Mr. Cullen,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Dr. Hollis,	Mr. Hassall.
Mr. Inglis,	

Noes, 15.

Mr. Rae,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Bavister,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Cotton.

Tellers,

Mr. Schey,
Mr. Haynes.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

15. MINING ON PRIVATE LANDS BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Copeland, and read by the Deputy Speaker:—

R. W. DUFF,

*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 legalise mining on private lands; to provide for charging rents, royalties, and tributes in connection therewith; to validate certain Crown grants; to provide for the resumption of land for certain purposes; to make better provision for and in connection with mining on Crown lands in certain particulars; to effect such amendments in the Statutes as may be necessary to give this Act full force and effect; and for purposes consequent upon, connected with, or incidental to the aforementioned objects.

*Government House,**Sydney, 11th October, 1893.*

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

16. MINING ON PRIVATE LANDS BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Copeland, the Deputy 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 legalise mining on private lands; to provide for charging rents, royalties, and tributes in connection therewith; to validate certain Crown grants to provide for the resumption of land for certain purposes; to make better provision for and in connection with mining on Crown lands in certain particulars; to effect such amendments in the Statutes as may be necessary to give this Act full force and effect; and for purposes consequent upon, connected with, or incidental to the aforementioned objects.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Young* reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

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

Mr. Young then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to legalise mining on private lands; to provide for charging rents, royalties, and tributes in connection therewith; to validate certain Crown grants; to provide for the resumption of land for certain purposes; to make better provision for and in connection with mining on Crown lands in certain particulars; to effect such amendments in the Statutes as may be necessary to give this Act full force and effect; and for purposes consequent upon, connected with, or incidental to the aforementioned objects.

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

(2.) Mr. Copeland then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to legalise Mining on Private Lands; to provide for charging Rents, Royalties, and Tributes in connection therewith; to validate certain Crown grants; to provide for the resumption of land for certain purposes; to make better provision for and in connection with mining on Crown Lands in certain particulars; to effect such amendments in the Statutes as may be necessary to give this Act full force and effect; and for purposes consequent upon, connected with, or incidental to the aforementioned objects,*"—which was read a first time.

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

17. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir George Dibbs moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-four minutes after Three o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m., This Day.

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

NINIAN MELVILLE,
Deputy Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 12.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 19 OCTOBER, 1893.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

ABSENCE OF SPEAKER:—The Clerk informed the House of the continued unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker.

Whereupon Mr. Slattery moved, That the Chairman of Committees do take the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the second Standing Order of the House.

Question put by the Clerk, and passed.

The Deputy Speaker then took the Chair accordingly.

2. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:—Mr. Slattery (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That Jacob Garrard, Esquire, do take the Chair in Committee of the Whole House for this day only.

Point of Order:—Mr. Neild submitted that there was no authority in Statute, Standing Order of this Assembly, or House of Commons practice, for the proposed motion, which was, therefore, irregular.

Debate ensued.

The Deputy Speaker, referring to a ruling given by Mr. Speaker on 18th April, 1893, stated that he would not take upon himself, as Deputy Speaker, to alter the invariable practice of this House since the year 1856. He ruled the motion to be in order.

Question put and passed.

3. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Appointment of Trustees for Common at Mount Drysdale:—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has a town common been proclaimed at Mount Drysdale (formerly Billagoe)?

(2.) If so, have trustees been appointed?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) Yes; on the 14th instant.

(2.) The papers have been forwarded to the Mines Department for that purpose.

- (2.) Bridge at Ballengara:—Mr. Young asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When does he expect to be able to call for tenders for the erection of a bridge at Ballengara, as promised by him

Mr. Lynch answered,—In about a fortnight.

- (3.) Road of Access for Water to Billabong Creek, near Deniliquin:—Mr. Chanter asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Did he receive an application from Mr. A. Daley asking that a road of access for water be proclaimed leading from his selection, near Deniliquin, to the Billabong Creek?

(2.) Did he, about March last, approve the application, and cause a letter to be sent from the Department to that effect?

(3.) Is it a fact that he afterwards decided to let the matter remain in abeyance?

(4.) If so, what are the circumstances that caused him to change his action?

(5.) Has any one opposed Daley's application; if so, whom; and what are the nature of the objections to this road of access being proclaimed?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) Subsequent to the decision to open a road for access to water for Mr. Daley's benefit, it was ascertained that he had ample means of conserving water on his own land, and it was decided to await the development of public requirements for the road before establishing it.

(5.) There has been no opposition to Mr. Daley's application beyond that contained in the reports of officers of the Department.

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(4.) Cost of Long Cove Reclamation Works:—*Mr. G. D. Clark*, for *Mr. Darnley*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What was the original estimated cost of the Long Cove reclamation works?
- (2.) What is the area of land to be reclaimed?
- (3.) What amount of money has been voted?
- (4.) What amount of money has been expended?
- (5.) Why has the work been stopped?
- (6.) Will he, in the interest of public health, at once push on that work to completion?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) The estimated cost as first contemplated of constructing the fascine banks only was £10,000, and the land required for the reclamation works was estimated to cost £5,000. The cost of dredging and reclamation was not estimated for.
- (2.) 57½ acres below high water, but the whole area of Government land when reclaimed will amount to 73¼ acres, less the area of roads.
- (3.) £45,380.
- (4.) £32,886 6s., including dredging and reclamation.
- (5.) The work has not been stopped; reclaiming by dredges is still in progress. Upon the completion of the fascine banks all the men employed at that work had to be paid off. This may have led to the belief that the works were stopped.
- (6.) The work is being pushed on; a second dredge has recently been sent to Long Cove. The dredge "Gropser" will also return there upon completion of the Callan Park reclamation in a few weeks' time.

(5.) Parish Roads Act and Local Government Bill:—*Mr. Donald* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Does he intend to take advantage of the provisions of the Parish Roads Act, 4 Victoria No. 12, and refuse to expend any money in making or repairing the parish or minor roads of the Colony, unless the provisions of the said Act are complied with?
- (2.) If so, will the Local Government Bill be introduced at an early date?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The whole matter is under consideration, and I shall be prepared to state my intentions thereon when the Road Votes are being dealt with.

(6.) Expenditure of Road Vote in the Orange District:—*Mr. E. M. Clark*, for *Mr. Newman* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What amount of the Road Vote has been expended during the present year on the roads in the Orange District?
- (2.) The number of contracts at present being carried out in the district, and the amount required to complete the same?
- (3.) Have the services of any of the maintenance men been dispensed with during the year; if so, how many; and amount in wages saved thereby?

Mr. Lyne answered,—This information will be prepared and laid upon the Table of the House in the shape of a return.

4. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:—*Waterworks for Junee (Formal Motion)*:—*Mr. Lyne* moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient that works of water supply for the town of Junee, as referred by the Legislative Assembly to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out.
Question put and passed.

5. TRUCK BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Cook* 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 regulate contracts made with respect to, and the payment of, wages; to prohibit such payment being made in goods or otherwise than in money; and to regulate the service of legal process.
Question put and passed.

6. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE AMENDMENT BILL:—The Deputy Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

A Bill, intituled "An Act to amend Part I of the 'Public Works Act of 1888' the 'Public Works Act Amendment Act of 1889' and the 'Public Works (Committees Remuneration) Act of 1889,'"—forwarded to the Legislative Assembly for concurrence during last Session of the present Parliament, not having been finally dealt with, because of the prorogation of the Legislature, the Legislative Council requests that the said Bill be proceeded with under the Assembly's Standing Order in that behalf.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 19th October, 1893.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

Mr. Garrard then moved, That the Council's request be complied with.

Question put and passed.

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

7. LIQUOR TRAFFIC:—

(1.) The following Petitions, praying that, in view of the manifold evils arising from the traffic in intoxicating liquors, and the widespread demand for reform, the House will pass into law a Bill providing for the taking of a plebiscite vote of the men and women of the country on the distinct issue of prohibition, were presented by the Members named:—

- (1.) By *Mr. Garrard*—From *W. B. Smith*, Chairman of a meeting of residents of Bankham Hills.
- (2.) By *Mr. Garrard*—From *Jno. Saunders*, Chairman of a meeting of residents of Glenhaven and surrounding district.

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- (3.) By Mr. Collins—From members of the Pride of Namoi Lodge, Independent Order of Good Templars, and residents of Narrabri and district, in meeting assembled.
- (4.) By Mr. Bavister—From H. C. Brierley, Chairman of a meeting of members of the Friendship Lodge, No. 156, Independent Order of Good Templars, and residents of Ashfield.
- (5.) By Mr. Bavister—From Edward Leeson, Chairman of a meeting of members of the Hope of Freedom Lodge, I.O.G.T., residents of Marrickville.
Petitions received.
- (2.) Mr. Gillies presented a Petition from the Reverend James Edward Carruthers, Chairman of a public meeting of the residents of West Maitland, protesting against the introduction of a compensation clause in the Liquor Traffic Local Option Bill, and praying the House to give favourable consideration to the representations contained in the Petition.
Petition received.
8. MINING ON PRIVATE LANDS BILL:—Mr. Hart presented a Petition from certain residents in the town and district of Copeland in favour of the passing of a Mining on Private Lands Bill.
Petition received.
9. PAPER:—Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—Report of the Department of Public Works for the year 1892.
Ordered to be printed.
10. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. G. D. Clark, rising to move the adjournment of the House,—The Deputy Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice under Standing Order No. 15, 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 complain of the neglect exhibited by the Government in not taking the necessary steps to relieve the overcrowded state of the labour market.”
And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—
Mr. G. D. Clark moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Morton moved, “That the Question be now put.”
Question,—That the Question be now put,—put and negatived.
Debate continued.
Original Question put and negatived.
11. ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1894, AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1893 AND PREVIOUS YEARS:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir George Dibbs, and read by the Deputy Speaker:—
R. W. DUFF, *Message No. 4.*
Governor.
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 Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1894, together with the Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1893 and previous years.
Government House,
Sydney, 17th October, 1893.
Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Estimates, and referred to the Committee of Supply.
12. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Sir George Dibbs, the Deputy Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Garrard reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.
Mr. Garrard also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of Mr. Garrard (*with the concurrence of the House*), That the report be now received.
Mr. Garrard then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
(1.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £2,395, to defray the expenses of the establishment of His Excellency the Governor for the year 1894.
On motion of Sir George Dibbs, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
13. WAYS AND MEANS (*Financial Statement*):—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Sir George Dibbs, the Deputy Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Garrard reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.
14. PAPERS:—Sir George Dibbs laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Estimates of the Ways and Means of the Government of New South Wales for the year 1894.
(2.) Statement showing issues of Treasury Notes, repayments by Banks and Depositors, and withdrawal of notes during each month.
(3.) Return showing Loan Expenditure during the tenure of office of the present Government (*i.e.*, from 23rd October, 1891, to 19th September, 1893).
Ordered to be printed.

The House adjourned at two minutes before Eleven o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

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

NINIAN MELVILLE,
Deputy Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 13.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 24 OCTOBER, 1893.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

ABSENCE OF SPEAKER:—The Clerk informed the House of the continued unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, and, by Mr. Speaker's desire, read a letter from Dr. Creed suggesting to the Speaker that he should not return to duty for at least a week, but have change of air, and leave for the country as quickly as possible.

Whereupon Sir George Dibbs moved, That the Chairman of Committees do take the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the second Standing Order of the House.

Question put by the Clerk, and passed.

The Deputy Speaker then took the Chair accordingly.

2. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:—Sir George Dibbs (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That James Henry Young, Esquire, do take the Chair in Committee of the Whole House for this day only.
Question put and passed.

3. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Banking Returns:—Mr. G. D. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What is the amount of legal tender notes issued by each of the Banks that availed themselves of the Bank Issue Act?

(2.) Have such Banks complied with sections 3 and 6 of the Act, by making full and true answers to such inquiries concerning their business and their assets and liabilities?

(3.) If so, will he lay upon the Table of this House the statements and information as well as the statutory declarations accompanying the same?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

(1.) If a return is moved for the information will be supplied.

(2.) These sections have been complied with.

(3.) No.

(2.) Savings Banks of New South Wales:—Mr. G. D. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the fact that the returns certified by the trustees of the Savings Bank of New South Wales at their general meeting on the 25th of January, 1892, showed that £1,541,156 of the depositors' money was deposited at interest in the other Banks, and that of that amount £779,362 was in the Banks which suspended payment since the returns were published, is the Government prepared to amalgamate the Savings Bank of New South Wales with the Post Office Savings Bank?

Sir George Dibbs answered.—The Government will not this Session deal generally with banking legislation beyond perhaps a Bill of one or two clauses necessary by the lapsing of the proclamation issued under the Bank Issue Act.

(3.) Report on Metalliferous Ores by Mr. Taylor:—Mr. Stevenson, for Mr. Wall, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Has any report yet been furnished by Mr. Taylor, the officer recently engaged in England to report on the character of our metalliferous ores?

(2.) What are Mr. Taylor's present duties, and how is he employed?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) Mr. Taylor has furnished reports in regard to some of his inspections, and he has, in numerous cases, advised mine-owners how to improve their methods of treatment.

(2.) He is making himself acquainted with the character of the ores in this Colony requiring special treatment, and is preparing a report upon the best site for, and cost of, such works as will enable him to demonstrate how our refractory ores can most advantageously be treated.

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- (4.) Cost of Public Works :—Mr. Garrard asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What is the number and total cost of all public Works (costing between £10,000 and £20,000) constructed during the years 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, and 1893 ?
Mr. Copeland answered,—This information will be prepared and laid upon the Table of the House in the shape of a return.
- (5.) Expenditure on Western Line, between Rooty Hill and Wentworth Falls :—Mr. Dowel asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What is the approximate amount of money that has been expended by the Railway Department on the Western Line between Rooty Hill and Wentworth Falls, inclusive, in the erection of new station buildings, platforms, bridges, &c., since January, 1889 ?
Sir George Dibbs answered,—This should be moved for in the form of a return, but it may be pointed out that the information asked for is of a general character, and would entail considerable labour and expense to prepare.
- (6.) Officers of Railway Construction Branch :—Mr. Lonsdale asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) Have a number of officers been dismissed from the Railway Construction Branch of the Public Works Department; if so, what are their names ?
 (2.) Have any of them been reinstated; if so, whom ?
Mr. Copeland answered,—My honorable colleague has no objection to supply this information, if moved for in the usual way.
- (7.) Bridge over Parramatta River, near Hunter's Hill :—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) Is it a fact that great inconvenience and loss of time are occasioned to the travelling public in consequence of the bridge over the Parramatta River, near Hunter's Hill, not being sufficiently high from the water level to allow a large number of vessels to pass under, and does this necessitate the frequent opening of the draw-bridge ?
 (2.) What is the estimated amount required to raise the bridge (say) the height of the railway bridge over the Parramatta River at Ryde ?
Mr. Copeland answered,—
 (1.) The Minister for Public Works has called for a report from the Commissioner for Roads on this subject, and he advises as follows :—“A bridge with an opening span is always more or less of an inconvenience to the travelling public, but I hardly think, considering the number of times this bridge has to be opened, that it could be called a ‘great inconvenience,’ nor that the Department would be warranted in going to the very great expense of raising it, or, may be, having to erect a new bridge, in order to give the same headway as at the Ryde Railway Bridge. The greatest traffic on the river is the ferry-boat traffic, and this can go under the bridge without opening the span.”
 (2.) My honorable colleague finds it will take some time to prepare this estimate, and involve an expense which, under the circumstances, he does not feel justified in incurring at the present time.
- (8.) Provisions on Sailing Ships :—*Mr. Langwell*, for *Mr. Rae* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
 (1.) Is it a fact that a passenger sailing-ship must carry provisions for 130 days in a voyage from Sydney to any port in South America ?
 (2.) Is it a fact that the Shipping Act as it applies to emigrant ships is an Imperial measure, passed over forty years ago ?
 (3.) Did the “New Australia” Settlement Association apply through the Board of Health, in June last, for a remission of a portion of the prescribed number of days’ provisions to be carried; and was consideration promised to such request ?
 (4.) Is it true that the result of such consideration has never been communicated to the “New Australia Association” ?
 (5.) Is he aware that the Association’s vessel, the barque “Royal Tar,” has since completed a voyage from Sydney to Monte Video, South America, in fifty-seven days, and will he, in view of these facts, give favourable consideration to the request made ?
 (6.) Is he aware that it is otherwise contemplated to make New Caledonia the future port of shipment ?
Sir George Dibbs answered,—
 (1.) Yes; to any port on the east coast of South America.
 (2.) The Imperial Passenger Act and amendments thereto were passed in the years 1855, 1863, and 1889.
 (3 and 4.) Yes; a Board appointed to advise the Colonial Treasurer is now considering the revision of the proclamation defining the length of voyage from this Colony.
 (5.) Yes; but in determining the length of voyages it is necessary that sufficient time should be stated to meet the case of vessels making prolonged voyages in consequence of stress of weather and other causes.
 (6.) No.
- (9.) Fees to Members of Water Supply and Sewerage Board :—Mr. Neild asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) What fees are paid to the members of the Water Supply and Sewerage Board ?
 (2.) How often do the members of the Board meet ?
Mr. Copeland answered,—
 (1.) This is regulated by Statute (see section 26 of 53rd Victoria, No. 16), which reads as follows :—
 “The ninth section of the principal Act is hereby amended, to the intent and in order that, instead of the yearly sum of one hundred and fifty pounds thereby made payable to every member of the Board other than the President, the sum of two hundred and fifty pounds shall, after the passing of this Act, be the yearly remuneration authorized to be paid to every such member.”
 The President is voted annually a salary at the rate of £250.
 (2.) The Secretary for Public Works understands that the members of the Board meet once, and very often twice, weekly, besides paying frequent visits to the works under their control.

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- (10.) **Erection of Jetties in Harbours** :—Mr. Johnston asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that persons desiring to erect jetties on the foreshores of the harbours are required to obtain the consent of the Minister?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that a jetty has recently been erected at Balmain without obtaining the necessary permission?
 - (3.) If not, will he cause inquiry to be made with a view of having the jetty removed?
- Mr. Copeland answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) If the question refers to the erection of a jetty near the foot of Byrnes-street, Balmain, it has been reported by the Cumberland Ranger that a jetty is being constructed there without authority.
 - (3.) The Mayor of Balmain has been instructed to discontinue the work, pending an inquiry, to which effect the Honorable Member was informed on the 20th instant.
- (11.) **Rent on Oyster Leases** :—Mr. Hart asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that oyster lessees received notices from the Fisheries Department in January, 1888, stating that unless their rent now due for leases were paid before a certain date they would become forfeited?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that lessees who received those notices are now being prosecuted for rent accumulated from that date to the present time, extending over a period of nearly six years?
 - (3.) Is there any finality to their leases?
- Sir George Dibbs answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Commissioners of Fisheries :—
- (1.) No; they were informed that they would be liable to forfeiture if the rent were not paid.
 - (2.) No; only up to the date of forfeiture of the lease.
 - (3.) Yes; the period mentioned in the lease.
- (12.) **Appointments of Temporary Inspectors of Agriculture** :—Mr. Hart asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) By whom were Messrs. E. de P. O'Kelly, A. A. Dunnicliff, C. de la Motte, and A. Bruce Suttor appointed Temporary Inspectors of Agriculture?
 - (2.) Do they still hold those appointments; if not, what positions do they occupy in the Civil Service, temporary or otherwise, and at what salary?
 - (3.) Has his attention been directed to paragraph 2, page 18, in the Annual Report from the Director of Agriculture in reference to these gentlemen?
- Mr. Slattery answered,—
- (1.) The present Minister.
 - (2.) No; the positions of Inspectors of Agriculture have been abolished. Mr. O'Kelly's services have been dispensed with. Mr. de la Motte's services were dispensed with, but he has since been given employment as caretaker of the Tomingley Tank. Mr. Dunnicliff and Mr. Suttor are temporarily employed in the Department with salaries of £200 and £300 a year respectively.
 - (3.) Yes; but the changes mentioned above were effected at the time of the general reorganisation of the Department, which took place a considerable time prior to the receipt of the late Director's report. The late Director addressed the Minister regarding three of the then recently appointed Inspectors—Messrs Maclin, Dunnicliff, and de la Motte. The first named had been recommended by the late Director, but his application had been cancelled several months before the late Director's minute reached the Minister.
- (13.) **Works of Defence** :—Mr. Wright asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) What works of defence have been undertaken since June, 1891?
 - (2.) Will he specify each work separately; the cost, or the estimated cost, of same; and whether paid out of Loan Votes or not?
 - (3.) The same information with reference to contour maps for military purposes?
- Sir George Dibbs answered,—I shall be glad if the Honorable Member will move for a return, when the desired information shall be supplied.
- (14.) **Military Officers despatched to India and England** :—Mr. Wright asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) What are the names, ages, and military ranks of the officers the Government are sending to India; the rate of pay per annum, including allowances, each officer has been in receipt of, and the total rate of payment, including allowances, it is proposed to give during their absence from the Colony?
 - (2.) The same information with reference to officers it is proposed to send to England?
- Sir George Dibbs answered,—I shall be glad if the Honorable Member will move for a return, when the desired information shall be supplied.
- (15.) **Fees paid to Commissioners under the Real Property Act** :—Mr. Neild asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) What fees are paid to the Commissioners under the Real Property Act?
 - (2.) How often do the Commissioners sit during the year?
- Sir George Dibbs answered,—As these returns will take some time to prepare, I shall be glad if the Honorable Member will move for a return, when the desired information shall be supplied.
- (16.) **Fees paid to Members of City of Sydney Improvement Board** :—Mr. Neild asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) What fees are paid to the members of the City of Sydney Improvement Board?
 - (2.) How often do the members of the Board meet?
- Sir George Dibbs answered,—As these returns will take some time to prepare, I shall be glad if the Honorable Member will move for a return, when the desired information shall be supplied.

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- (17.) Fees paid to Members of the Transit Commission :—Mr. Neild asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) What fees are paid to the members of the Transit Commission?
 (2.) How often do the members meet?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—As these returns will take some time to prepare, I shall be glad if the Honorable Member will move for a return, when the desired information shall be supplied.

- (18.) Fees paid to Members of the Board of Health :—Mr. Neild asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) What fees are paid to the members of the Board of Health?
 (2.) How often does the Board meet?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—As these returns will take some time to prepare, I shall be glad if the Honorable Member will move for a return, when the desired information shall be supplied.

- (19.) Fees paid to the Commissioners for Customs :—Mr. Neild asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
 (1.) What fees are paid to the Commissioners for Customs?
 (2.) How often do the Commissioners meet?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—As these returns will take some time to prepare, I shall be glad if the Honorable Member will move for a return, when the desired information shall be supplied.

4. AGREEMENTS VALIDATING ACT REPEAL BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—

- (1.) Mr. Willis moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal the "Agreements Validating Act," and to make provision for the continuance of agreements lawfully made thereunder before the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four.
 Question put and passed.

- (2.) Mr. Willis 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 first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four,*"—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

5. DUBBO REFRIGERATING AND BOILING-DOWN COMPANY (*Formal Motion*) :—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 copies of all letters, correspondence, reports, evidence, affidavits, papers, minutes, and memoranda in the Minister of Justice's and Attorney-General's Departments in connection with or having any reference to the Dubbo Refrigerating and Boiling-down Company (Limited), and the cases of Prior *versus* the Company and others, and Booth *versus* same, and the writ of *certiorari* moved for by the Crown in the Supreme Court therein.
 Question put and passed.

6. COROWA SCHOOL OF ARTS ENABLING BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Hayes moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That the Corowa 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. McCourt, Mr. Waddell, Mr. Perry, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Gormly, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. G. D. Clark, Mr. McGowen, and the Mover.
 Question put and passed.

7. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
 (1.) Navigation Act Further Amendment Bill; second reading;—until To-morrow.
 (2.) Usury Abolition Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to abolish usury;—until Tuesday, 21st November.
 (3.) Fisheries Act Amendment Bill; second reading;—until Tuesday, 7th November.

8. LIQUOR TRAFFIC :—

- (1.) The following Petitions, praying that, in view of the manifold evils arising from the traffic in intoxicating liquors, and the widespread demand for reform, the House will pass into law a Bill providing for the taking of a plebiscite vote of the men and women of the country on the distinct issue of prohibition, were presented by the Members named :—

(1.) By Mr. Dickens—From James C. Sullivan, Chairman of a meeting of Members of the Hope of Wilcannia Lodge, Independent Order of Good Templars, and residents of Wilcannia.

(2.) By Mr. Hugh Taylor—From George Bennett, Chairman of a meeting of residents of Parramatta.

(3.) By Mr. Cullen—From Charles G. Black, C. T., Chairman of a meeting of Members of the Dauntless Lodge, No. 181, I.O.G.T., and residents of Manly.

(4.) By Mr. Lonsdale—From James McMillan, Chairman of a meeting of members of the Pride of Glen Morrison Lodge, Independent Order of Good Templars, and residents of Glen Morrison.

(5.) By Mr. Cotton—From H. F. Ransom, junr., Chairman of a meeting of members of the "Pearl of Peace" Lodge, Independent Order of Good Templars, and residents of Newtown.

(6.) By Mr. McFarlane—From Alex. A. McDonald, Chairman of a meeting of members of the Palmerston Lodge, Independent Order of Good Templars, and residents of Palmer's Channel.

(7.) By Mr. Eve—From Thomas Skinner, Chairman of a meeting of members of the "Rescue Lodge," Independent Order of Good Templars, and residents of Five Dock.

Petitions received.

- (2.) Mr. Kidd presented a Petition from John Roseby, Chairman of a public meeting of citizens held in the Outer Domain, protesting against the introduction of a compensation clause in the Liquor Traffic Local Option Bill, and praying the House to give favourable consideration to the representations contained in the Petition.

Petition received.

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9. **THE UNEMPLOYED**:—Mr. Cook presented a Petition from John Christian Watson, Chairman of a public meeting held at the Centennial Hall, Sydney, submitting Resolutions representing that there are many thousands of deserving citizens at present in a state of destitution through lack of employment; that the passing of a Mining on Private Property Bill would largely alleviate the existing distress; that certain public works authorised by Parliament have not been proceeded with; that the prosecution of such works would afford a large amount of employment; setting forth the desirability of an extension of the labour settlements; and praying the House to pass a Mining on Private Lands Bill, and other remedial legislation before the close of the present Session of Parliament.
At the request of Mr. Cook, the Petition was read by the Clerk, by direction of the Deputy Speaker.
Petition received.
10. **NET-FISHING IN PORT HACKING PROHIBITION ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—Mr. Carruthers presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Net-fishing in Port Hacking Prohibition Act of 1886,'*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 7th November.
11. **PAPER**:—Sir George Dibbs laid upon the Table,—Report of Railway Commissioners on Railways and Tramways for quarter ended 30th September, 1893.
Ordered to be printed.
12. **CHILDREN'S PROTECTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—Mr. Neild proceeding to move, That this Bill be now read a second time,—
Point of Order:—Mr. Walker submitted that the Bill was beyond the order of leave, which only authorised an amendment of the Children's Protection Act, whereas clause 7 introduced new matter, which in effect extended the operation of that Act.
Debate ensued.
The Deputy Speaker considered the objection fatal to the Bill.
13. **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.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Neild, the Deputy Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Young* reported the Bill with an amendment.
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.
14. **PUBLIC WORKS ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—Mr. Garrard moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Point of Order:—Mr. Young pointed out that clause 8 would have the effect of increasing the expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue by referring to the Public Works Committee a greater number of cases for investigation, and that the Bill should have been preceded by a Message from the Governor.
Debate ensued.
The Deputy Speaker ruled that as the Bill clearly involved increased expenditure it should have been covered by a Message.
On motion of Mr. Garrard, the Order of the Day was discharged.
Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.
15. **REDUCTION OF COST OF LITIGATION BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Rose moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Point of Order:—Mr. Want requested a ruling as to whether this Bill did not affect trade, and was not beyond the order of leave, inasmuch as it in effect repealed or amended an Act of Parliament not referred to in such Order.
Debate ensued.
The Deputy Speaker ruled that the objections taken were not tenable, and that the Bill was in order.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Walker, the Deputy Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Young* 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.
16. **RIGHT OF PROPERTY IN TELEGRAPHIC MESSAGES BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Want proceeding to move, That this Bill be now read a second time,—
Point of Order:—Mr. Rose submitted that this Bill related to trade, and should therefore have been introduced in a Committee of the Whole House.
Debate ensued.
The Deputy Speaker decided that the Bill was properly before the House.
Mr. Want then moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

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Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 4.
Mr. Want,
Mr. Murphy.
Tellers,
Mr. Neild,
Mr. Willis.

Noes, 40.
Mr. Hugh McKinnon, Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Sheldon, Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Barton, Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Lyne, Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Young, Mr. Newton,
Mr. Cann, Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Suttor, Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Fegan, Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Perry, Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Dawson, Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Hart, Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Johnston, Mr. Schey,
Mr. Cook, Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Cotton, Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. Francis Clarke, Mr. Edden,
Mr. Walker, Mr. Jones,
Mr. Torpy, Mr. Newman.
Tellers,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Houghton, Mr. Hassall.

And so it passed in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Want, the Order of the Day was discharged.

Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.

17. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Tuesday, 7th November :—
(1.) Friendly Societies Act Amendment Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
(2.) Criminal Law and Evidence Amendment Bill (No. 2) ; second reading.
18. **USE OF CAMELS REGULATION BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Langwell, the Deputy Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate the use of camels. The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair ; and *Mr. Young* reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of *Mr. Young* (with the concurrence of the House), that the report be now received.
Mr. Young then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—
Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to regulate the use of camels.
On motion of Mr. Langwell, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
19. **POSTPONEMENT** :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Rose, in reference to " Protective Policy," postponed until Tuesday, 14th November.
20. **ADJOURNMENT** :—Mr. Barton moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
The House adjourned accordingly, at nineteen minutes before Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

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

NINIAN MELVILLE,
Deputy Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 14.

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THIRD SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 25 OCTOBER, 1893.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

ABSENCE OF SPEAKER:—The Clerk informed the House of the continued unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker.

Whereupon Sir George Dibbs moved, That the Chairman of Committees do take the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the second Standing Order of the House.

Question put by the Clerk, and passed.

The Deputy Speaker then took the Chair accordingly.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Rent for Wharfs at foot of Erskine-street:—Mr. Young asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What is the amount of rent payable by the two Balmain ferry companies for wharf and other accommodation at foot of Erskine-street?

(2.) What amount of rent is payable by other persons for the buildings on the same property?

(3.) The total amount paid for resumption on this property?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

(1.) £1,300.

(2.) £482.

(3.) £82,000.

(2.) Road at Double Bay:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) *Re* the dispute about the opening of a road at Double Bay, through the property of Mr. Coulter, is that road intended for the use of the public, or is it merely a road of access to the property of a Mr. Bell?

(2.) Has Mr. Bell access to his property by a lane at the rear of Coulter's property?

(3.) Has the road over which the dispute has occurred ever been dedicated?

(4.) If the road has not been dedicated and declared open in the usual way, has Bell a right to a road through Coulter's property?

(5.) If he considers that the road is required by the public, will he take the usual steps to complete the matter, and dedicate the road?

Mr. Copeland answered,—Mr. Bell has complained to the Department that Branch Road, Double Bay, is obstructed, and he has been referred to the Borough Council of Woollahra as the proper authority to deal with encroachments within the limits of their Municipality. Branch Road was provided when the Crown land in the neighbourhood of Darling Point was subdivided and sold, and the road was treated as dedicated in the usual way, viz., by the sale of the allotments adjoining it—such allotments being described in the deeds as bounded by the road. It has been represented that allotments in subdivision of private estate adjoining Branch Road have been so laid out (and sold) as to embrace part of the road provided by the Crown, and as these allotments have been fenced the road is obstructed. The Department has marked Branch Road for the information and guidance of the Borough Council, but it does not propose to do anything more in the matter.

(3.) Road at Double Bay:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Attorney-General,—

(1.) Has the matter of the dispute about a road at Double Bay been brought under his notice?

(2.) If so, what steps does he propose to take with regard to the case?

Mr. Slattery answered,—The Attorney-General has received an unofficial communication relative to a dispute about some road at Double Bay, but it is not a matter which comes within the province of the Attorney-General to deal with, nor one in which, as far as I can judge from the statements made to me, the Crown is called upon to interfere. Should, however, any action with regard to the road be found necessary, it will no doubt be taken by the Minister for Lands.

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(4.) Menindie and Broken Hill Railway—Simpson's Railway :—*Mr. Bowes*, for *Mr. Barbour*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Has the £3,000 deposit on the Menindie and Broken Hill Railway been paid?
- (2.) Has the £3,000 deposit on the Simpson Railway been paid?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—Yes.

(5.) Maintenance of Roads in the Districts of Raymond Terrace and Port Stephens :—*Mr. Hart* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What was the amount of road vote for the present year for the district of Raymond Terrace and the district of Port Stephens?
- (2.) How much has been expended?
- (3.) The number of contracts at present being carried out, and the amount required to complete the same?
- (4.) Have the services of any of the road superintendents been dispensed with during the year; if so, what has been the saving effected thereby?
- (5.) Have the services of any of the maintenance men been dispensed with during the year; if so, how many, and the amount of saving in wages effected thereby?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I shall be glad to supply the information asked for by the Honorable Member if he will kindly move for it in the usual way. It involves some amount of work, and it is impossible to have the information ready in such a way as to admit of its being given in answer to a Question with only a day's notice.

(6.) Jetty at Byrnes-street, Balmain :—*Mr. Murphy* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it not a fact that the Balmain Municipal Council has made application for the reclaimed land at Callan Park?
- (2.) In erecting the Jetty at Byrnes-street, after having lodged an application for the land, and before such application was dealt with, was not the Balmain Council only acting as has been done in a number of cases in the past?

Mr. Copeland answered,—No application has been received from the Balmain Municipal Council.

(7.) Wages due to Employees in the Fisheries Department :—*Mr. Bavister* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it true, as reported, that employees in the Fisheries Department have three months' wages due to them, and though repeated applications have been made for same at the Treasury, they are unable to obtain settlement?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—It is not true, as reported.

(8.) General Cemetery at Sandgate for use of United Methodists :—*Mr. Gould* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Was an application recently made for the dedication of a portion of the general cemetery at Sandgate for the use of the United Methodists?
- (2.) Has he approved of a portion of the cemetery dedicated for the Church of England, being set apart for the use of the United Methodists, in lieu of that applied for by them?
- (3.) Is it a fact that this land has been dedicated and set apart for the Church of England for fully ten years, and that trustees have been duly appointed and gazetted?
- (4.) Is it a fact that such trustees have, at considerable expense, improved this land by clearing and planting, and by building upon it, and that the land has been laid out for burial purposes, and entered and numbered in the cemetery map of the Church of England trustees?
- (5.) Will he, in view of the foregoing, before finally determining upon curtailing the area now held by the Church of England, afford the trustees an opportunity of protesting against the proposed excision?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) Yes.

(4 and 5.) A report has lately been received from the District Surveyor to the effect that the land approved to be excised from the area granted to the Church of England has been improved by the trustees, consequently the matter will be reconsidered.

(9.) Estimated Deficit at end of 1893 :—*Mr. Perry*, for *Mr. Ewing*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What does he estimate will be the actual cash deficit at the end of 1893?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—If the Honorable Member means what will the balance at the debit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund be at the end of the year, the answer will be, about £1,000,000.

(10.) Premier's Budget Speech :—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for *Mr. Molesworth*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that an extended report of the Premier's Budget Speech has been cabled to London?
- (2.) If so, at what cost to the Consolidated Revenue?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The particulars of the Budget Speech were cabled to England, as on all previous occasions, at a cost of £101.

3. PUBLIC WORKS ACT FURTHER 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 amend the "Public Works Act of 1888," and the "Public Works Act Amendment Act of 1889" in certain particulars; and to establish and give effect to the betterment principle with regard to Public Works, to repeal certain portions of such Acts; and for other purposes in furtherance of, or consequent on, the aforesaid objects. Question put and passed.

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4. LICENSE FOR THE "ROBIN HOOD HOTEL," OXFORD-STREET, SYDNEY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Murphy moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers and correspondence in connection with the refusal by the Licensing Bench of Magistrates of an application of Wm. McCracken for a renewal of license for the "Robin Hood Hotel," Oxford-street, Sydney.
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, 25th October, 1893.*
6. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Tuesday, 19th December:—
(1.) Navigation Act Further Amendment Bill; second reading.
(2.) Homestead Protection Bill; second reading.
(3.) Attorneys Admission Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
7. CHILDREN'S PROTECTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2):—
(1.) Mr. Neild moved, That the order of leave, under which the Children's Protection Act Amendment 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. 2, of Wednesday, 27th September, 1893*) read by the Clerk by direction of the Deputy Speaker.
(2.) Mr. Neild then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Children's Protection Act, 1892,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 5th December.
8. USE OF CAMELS REGULATION BILL:—Mr. Waddell presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to regulate the use of Camels,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 7th November.
9. PUBLIC WORKS ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Lyne, and read by the Deputy Speaker:—
R. W. DUFF, *Message No. 5.*
Governor.
In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the "Public Works Act of 1888," and the "Public Works Act Amendment Act of 1889" in certain particulars and to make better provision with regard to the costs of arbitration; to establish and give effect to the betterment principle with regard to Public Works, and to form a sinking fund for repayment of the costs of the said works; to repeal certain portions of the Public Works Act of 1888; and for other purposes in furtherance of, or consequent on, the aforesaid objects.
*Government House,
Sydney, 25th October, 1893.*
Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.
10. JUNECE WATER SUPPLY WORKS BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Lyne, and read by the Deputy Speaker:—
R. W. DUFF, *Message No. 6.*
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 works of water supply for the town of Junece, county of Clarendon.
*Government House,
Sydney, 25th October, 1893.*
Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.
11. PAPERS:—
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 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 Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages under the 107th section 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 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.
(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.

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Sir George Dibbs laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report on the working of the Government Laboratory for the year 1892.
 - (2.) Amended By-laws of the Borough of Newcastle under the Newcastle Paving and Public Vehicles Regulation Act.
 - (3.) Regulations under the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893.
 - (4.) Report from the Director of Government Asylums and Boarding-out Officer on the Department of Charitable Institutions, including Government Asylums Department for the year 1892, the State Children's Relief Branch for the year ended 5th April, 1893, and the Children's Protection Division for the year ended 14th August, 1893.
 - (5.) Statements showing details of estimated savings on Appropriations of 1892 and 1893, with summary.
- Ordered to be printed.
12. **MINING ON PRIVATE LANDS BILL**:—The following Petitions in favour of the passing of a Mining on Private Lands Bill were presented by the Members named:—
 - (1.) By Mr. Edden—From William Williams, Mayor of Merewether, Chairman of a public meeting held at Merewether.
 - (2.) By Mr. Dowel—From J. Denning, Mayor of Tamworth, Chairman of a public meeting held at Tamworth, Petitions received.
 13. **DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES**:—Sir George Dibbs (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That Jacob Garrard, Esquire, do take the Chair in Committee of the Whole House for this day only. Question put and passed.
 14. **LIQUOR TRAFFIC**:—The following Petitions, praying that, in view of the manifold evils arising from the traffic in intoxicating liquors, and the widespread demand for reform, the House will pass into law a Bill providing for the taking of a plebiscite vote of the men and women of the country on the distinct issue of prohibition, were presented by the Members named:—
 - (1.) By Dr. Ross—From E. W. Cantrill, Chairman of a meeting of members of the Pride of Borenore Lodge, Independent Order of Good Templars, and residents of Borenore.
 - (2.) By Mr. G. D. Clark—From E. Fisher, Chairman of a meeting of members of the Prince Edward of Wales Lodge, Independent Order of Good Templars, and residents of Sydney.
 - (3.) By Mr. Hassall—From members of the Home of Temperance Lodge, Independent Order of Good Templars, and residents of Gragin.
 - (4.) By Mr. Dowel—From members of the Dawn of Hope Lodge, Independent Order of Good Templars, and residents of Bowling Alley Point.
 - (5.) By Mr. Cann—From Leslie Hollis, Chairman of a public meeting of the citizens of Goulburn.
 - (6.) By Dr. Hollis—From W. J. C. Perry, Chairman of a meeting of members of the Union of East Lodge, Independent Order of Good Templars and residents of East Grove. Petitions received.
 15. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Parkes rising to move the adjournment of the House,—The Deputy Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice under Standing Order No. 15, 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 "expediency of the Government embodying in their railway policy the continuation of the "Marrickville-Burwood road railway to join the Southern line at Liverpool." 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.
 16. **WAYS AND MEANS**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Lyne, the Deputy Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means. The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Garrard reported progress and obtained leave to sit again.
 17. **CITY OF SYDNEY MUNICIPAL LOAN BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir George Dibbs moved, That this Bill be now read a second time. Question put and passed. Bill read a second time. On motion of Sir George Dibbs, the Deputy Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill. The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Garrard reported the Bill without amendment. On motion of Sir George Dibbs, the report was adopted. Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
 18. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Sir George Dibbs moved, That this House do now adjourn. Debate ensued. Question put and passed. The House adjourned accordingly, at five minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

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

NINIAN MELVILLE,
Deputy Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 15.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 26 OCTOBER, 1893.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

ABSENCE OF SPEAKER:—The Clerk informed the House of the continued unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker.

Whereupon Mr. Lyne moved, That the Chairman of Committees do take the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the second Standing Order of the House.

Question put by the Clerk, and passed.

The Deputy Speaker then took the Chair accordingly.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Civil Service Board:—Mr. McFarlane asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has the Civil Service Board discretionary power to reject applications made in accordance with section 57 of the Civil Service Act?

(2.) If so, what Act gives such power?

Mr. Slattery answered,—The Attorney-General advises as follows:—No; if a person in the permanent employment of the Government, and remunerated for his services by daily, weekly, or monthly wages, or otherwise, applies in writing to the Colonial Treasurer to be admitted a contributor to the Superannuation Account, he is entitled to be so admitted.

(2.) Artesian Well-bore Contracts:—*Mr. Kelly*, for Mr. Dawson, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has he, in his Ministerial capacity, given to any contractor or contractors, any artesian well-bore contracts without first calling public tenders for same?

(2.) If so, will he give the names of the parties?

(3.) Will he also give his reason for letting the contracts without first calling for public tenders?

(4.) Will he also state what price has been paid per foot for artesian well-bore contracts to any contractor or contractors, which have not been publicly tendered for; and state whether it is his intention to let any more such contracts without first calling for public tenders?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1 and 2.) Yes; the contract for the sinking of two bores has been given to Mr. Grainger Barton, who put down the bore at Coonamble.

(3.) When the tenders were called for the Coonamble bore, not one tender was received within the period allotted, although ample notice was published. When tenders were called for a second time, the only tender received was that of Mr. Barton. As he offered to put down two more bores at a rate of 2s. 6d. per foot less than his rates for the Coonamble bore, the Chief Engineer suggested that it would be better to accept this offer rather than risk the delay which might be expected by calling for tenders. This recommendation I accordingly approved.

(4.) The rates which Mr. Barton is to receive for boring at Nevertire and Bourbah are as follows:—1 to 500 feet, 27s. 6d. per foot; 500 to 1,000 feet, 32s. 6d. per foot; 1,000 to 1,500 feet, 37s. 6d. per foot. Whenever practicable I always insist upon public tenders being invited.

(3.) Land Settlements:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for Mr. Molesworth, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is there any Department in the Public Service where intending settlers can obtain the following information:—

(a) Where any lands are available for *bona fide* settlement are situated?

(b) The character of the soil, and climatic conditions of the several localities?

(c) The class of produce for which such land is most suited?

(d) The facilities for getting the produce to a suitable market?

(2.) If not, will he consider the desirableness of establishing such a Department, with the view of enabling and encouraging an industrial people to settle on the land?

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Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1 *a.*) Intending settlers usually know what district they wish to settle in; and all information as to available lands in that district can readily be obtained from the Crown Land Agent or the District Surveyor.

(1 *b.*, *c.*, and *d.*) It is necessary for the selector to visit the land in order to mark the datum corner prior to lodging his application, he is therefore capable of forming his own judgement as to the character and capabilities of the soil and the facilities of getting his produce to market.

(2.) Under our present method of alienation I do not think any better provisions can be made than those at present in existence.

(4.) Public Road across Great Northern Railway:—*Mr. Wright*, for *Mr. Hutchison*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the public road which crosses the Great Northern Railway at 318 miles 10 chains, near Stonehenge platform, has been closed against the public?

(2.) If so, for what reasons?

Mr. Slattery answered,—I am informed by the Railway Commissioners crossing gates exist at this spot, and anyone who has the means of obtaining access can obtain keys on application to the Railway District Superintendent.

(5.) Contract to build Lighter:—*Mr. Fegan*, for *Mr. O'Sullivan*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a contract to build a lighter for the conveyance of powder and explosives was let to *Mr. H. Lees*, of Pyrmont, for £587 10s., without tenders being invited for the work?

(2.) Is it also a fact that a lighter of the kind referred to can be built for £450?

(3.) Will he have an inquiry made into the matter, and ascertain who is the officer responsible for this seeming waste of public money?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) No; tenders were called for this service, but *Mr. Lees'* offer (the lowest) was accepted.

(2.) As there were three tenders to build, and the lowest was for £587 10s., it is presumed that a suitable lighter cannot be built for £450.

(3.) There is no necessity.

(6.) Public Works Act Amendment Bill:—*Mr. Parkes* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Will he take into consideration the advisableness of embodying in his proposed amending Bill upon the Public Works Act, provision allowing of the addition to the Public Works Committee of three professional men, viz., an engineer, an architect, and a surveyor?

(2.) Will he also take into consideration the advisableness of giving power to the Committee of obtaining competitive proposals for public works outside of official departments, to be tested in economy by competitive tendering?

Mr. Lyne answered,—It is impossible, during the present Session, to deal with such a wide departure from the Public Works Act as this involves.

(7.) Road Works in Country Districts:—*Mr. Nicoll* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In view of the late increase of revenue, is it his intention to carry out road works at once in country districts lately stopped for want of funds?

Mr. Lyne answered,—As already explained to the House on more than one occasion, instructions have been given to keep the roads of the Colony in the usual trafficable state of repair.

(8.) Village Settlement at Cargo:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it his intention to take any steps for setting apart any portion of the gold-field reserve at Cargo, in the county of Ashburnham, for establishing a village settlement; if so, will he state what, or if any, steps have been taken in the matter?

Mr. Copeland answered,—No such proposal has been made to the Department, and there is no present intention of making any portion of the gold-field reserve at Cargo available for the purposes of a labour settlement.

(9.) Appointment of *Mr. Hull* in General Post Office:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) Has any person named *Mr. Hull*, a Tasmanian barrister, been appointed to a position in the General Post Office?

(2.) If so, when was he appointed, and what are the special duties he has to perform, and the amount of remuneration or salary he receives?

(3.) Is it not a fact that a large number of officials have recently been removed from the Postal Department on the score of retrenchment?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

(1 and 2.) It became necessary in 1892 to utilise the special knowledge of the gentleman named in connection with the arrangement of postage stamps necessitated since the Colony joined the Universal Postal Union. He was, therefore, employed as a temporary officer at 10s. 6d. per diem. Later on it became needful to provide extra clerical assistance for other Departmental work, and, as *Mr. Hull* was found to possess very superior qualification for this work his employment was continued at the new duties in connection with those appertaining specially to the postage stamp matter. Soon afterwards a junior position at £100 became vacant and it was considered the most economical arrangement to make in the public interest not to fill this vacancy by employment of a stranger, but to continue the efficient services of *Mr. Hull*.

(3.) It is a fact that during 1893 many officials have been removed from the Postal and Telegraphic Service.

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(10.) Maintenance Men in the Richmond and Tweed Districts :—Mr. Nicoll asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is he aware that through the dismissal of maintenance men in the Richmond and Tweed districts, the roads therein are falling fast into disrepair?
- (2.) Is it his intention to reinstate these men?

Mr. Lyne answered,—A sufficient number of maintenance men have already been taken on to keep the roads of the Colony in the usual trafficable state of repair.

(11.) Tram-cars for King-street Cable Tram :—Mr. Eve asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Have tenders been called for the construction of tram-cars for the King-street cable tram; if not, when will they be called?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Tenders will be called for the construction of the cars next month.

(12.) Branch Railway from Gregra to Cudal :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has he yet decided to take any steps to extend a branch or light line of railway (about 7 miles) from Gregra to Cudal, on the Molong and Forbes line; if so, when is the work likely to be proceeded with?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The Honorable Member has already been advised that the cost of this work will be nearly £27,000; he will therefore see that before anything can be done the matter must be referred to the Public Works Committee. It is not likely many railways will be constructed for some time to come, nor has the question of light lines been dealt with by Cabinet.

(13.) Mail Service between Molong and Cumnock :—Dr. Ross asked the Postmaster-General,—

- (1.) Is he aware that a large number of settlers are put to inconvenience owing to the withdrawal of the daily mail service between Molong and Cumnock?
- (2.) Has he yet decided to continue this daily mail service; and, if so, when are fresh tenders likely to be invited for the same?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

- (1.) I am not aware that such is the case. On the contrary, the Inspector reported that a tri-weekly mail, with telephone communication, is ample.
- (2.) Not yet decided; but I am considering the matter.

(14.) Reserve for use of Aborigines in Locality of Wauchope and Port Macquarie :—Mr. Colls asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) On whose recommendation was reserve No. 3,167, for the use of aborigines, county of Macquarie, parish of Macquarie, revoked?
- (2.) Was reference made to the Board for Protection of Aborigines before such action was taken?
- (3.) Is it not a fact that the land in question was being put under cultivation by the aborigines, and that it was the only area at their disposal in the locality of Wauchope and Port Macquarie?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

- (1.) On that of the District Surveyor.
- (2 and 3.) No reference was made to the Board for Protection of Aborigines, the Inspecting Surveyor having reported that the reserve was no longer occupied by aborigines, and was in a very neglected state, being a harbour for noxious vermin and overgrown with Lantana and other weeds. The non-reference to the Board in this instance was an oversight.

(15.) Conveyance of Fish to Sydney Market :—Mr. Carruthers asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Vancouver mail steamers, aided by a yearly subsidy of £10,000 per annum from the Government, are conveying large quantities of fresh fish to this port?
- (2.) Is the Government prepared to assist, by a subsidy, in the running of a properly equipped steamer along our own coasts for the purpose of assisting New South Wales fishermen in sending their fish to market?

Mr. Slattery answered,—My honorable colleague the Colonial Secretary requests me to say that he has been informed by the Collector of Customs that under 10 tons of frozen fish has been brought by the Vancouver mail steamers up to the present time, consisting of fish not obtainable in these waters. Question No. 2 savours so much of an electioneering question that my honorable colleague declines to say more than "No."

(16.) Ashfield Storm-water Sewer :—Mr. Carruthers asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has his attention been called to the nuisance arising from the sewage matter which is collecting at the present outflow of the Ashfield storm-water sewer?
- (2.) Will he instruct an officer of his Department to visit the locality, and report on the matter?
- (3.) When is it likely that a contract will be let to complete this sewer?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I am fully aware of the necessity for something being done in this matter, and it is only through the shortness of our loan funds that more energetic steps have not been taken by the Department in carrying out sewerage works. Action is, however, being taken, by which it is expected that some of the more important works will be undertaken, but I am unable to say at the present moment what will be done in regard to this particular case.

(17.) Association Cricket Ground :—Mr. Wright, for Mr. Hassall, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) What are the names of the trustees of the Association Cricket Ground?
- (2.) How many meetings of the trustees have been held between 1st October, 1892, and 1st October, 1893; and what are the attendances of each trustee?
- (3.) What are the trusts upon which the ground is held?
- (4.) Is it a fact that cyclists who are members of the ground have been prohibited from training there?
- (5.) Will he take the necessary steps to allow cyclists who are members of the Association to train on the ground, so long as they do not interfere with cricket?

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(6.) Will he take the necessary steps to allow cyclists who are members of the Association to enjoy the same rights and privileges as lawn-tennis players, footballers, and other persons who use the ground for recreation purposes?

(7.) In view of the Highland Gathering Sports, which take place on this ground on 1st January next, will he give such instructions as will allow the various athletic bodies who are members of the Association to train on the ground, so long as they do not interfere with cricket?

Mr. Copeland answered,—As the Department has very little information on the matters contained in the Honorable Member's Question, the Trustees will be asked to furnish the same in the form of a return if moved for in the usual manner.

(18.) Sale of Lands by the Sheriff in Supreme Court Verandah:—Mr. Houghton asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Has his attention been directed to an article appearing in the *Daily Telegraph* on the 21st instant, relative to the injustice caused defendants by the Sheriff selling lands, &c., in a secluded portion of the Supreme Court verandah?

(2.) Will he cause inquiry to be made into the matter, and arrange that such sales should take place in a more proper and convenient place?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) I have caused inquiry to be made, and the Sheriff reports that it has been the practice to sell on the verandah of the Supreme Court; that no objection has hitherto been taken thereto; that every publicity is given; and that the practice has existed for over twenty years.

3. JUNE WATER SUPPLY WORKS BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Lyne 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 works of water supply for the town of Junee, county of Clarendon.
Question put and passed.

4. CITY OF SYDNEY MUNICIPAL LOAN 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 enable the Municipal Council of Sydney to raise by debentures the sum of £300,000 for the purpose of providing, paying to, recouping, and reimbursing the City Funds certain sums expended thereout and liabilities incurred in the purchase of certain lands in the said city; also certain sums expended on municipal works in the said city; and for the purpose of erecting markets, shops, and buildings in the said city; 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 enable the Municipal Council of Sydney to raise by debentures the sum of £300,000 for the purpose of providing, paying to, recouping, and reimbursing the City Funds certain sums expended thereout and liabilities incurred in the purchase of certain lands in the said city; also certain sums expended on municipal works in the said city; and for the purpose of erecting markets, shops, and buildings in the said city; and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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5. MILITARY OFFICERS SENT TO INDIA (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Wright moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing the names, ages, and military ranks of the officers the Government are sending to India; the rate of pay per annum, including allowances, each officer has been in receipt of; and the total rate of payment, including allowances it is proposed to give during their absence from the Colony.
Question put and passed.

6. WORKS OF DEFENCE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Wright moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—

(1.) The works of defence which have been undertaken since June, 1891, specifying each work separately; the cost, or the estimated cost of same; and whether paid out of Loan Votes or not.

(2.) The same information with reference to contour maps for military purposes.

Question put and passed.

7. STEAM TONNAGE INWARDS AND OUTWARDS, PORT JACKSON (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Murphy moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—

(1.) The aggregate amount of British steam tonnage not engaged in the coastal or intercolonial trade that entered and departed from Port Jackson during the year 1891.

(2.) The amount of pilotage dues received from this source during the same period.

(3.) The aggregate amount of foreign steam tonnage that entered and departed from Port Jackson during the year 1891.

(4.) The amount of pilotage dues received from this source during the same period.

Question put and passed.

8. CUSTODY OF CHILDREN BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Carruthers moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to the custody of children.

Question put and passed.

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9. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:—Mr. Barton (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That Jacob Garrard, Esquire, do take the Chair in Committee of the Whole House for this day only.
Question put and passed.
10. LIQUOR TRAFFIC:—Mr. Garrard presented a Petition from Alf. D. Sellars, Chairman of a meeting of members of the Star of the East Lodge, I.O.G.T., and residents of Dundas and Carlingford, praying that in view of the manifold evils arising from the traffic in intoxicating liquors, and the widespread demand for reform, the House will pass into law a Bill providing for the taking of a plebiscite vote of the men and women of the country on the distinct issue of prohibition.
Petition received.
11. MINING ON PRIVATE LANDS BILL:—The following Petitions in favour of the passing of a Mining on Private Lands Bill were presented by the Members named:—
(1.) By Mr. Campbell—From James Kirby, Chairman of a public meeting held at Wollongong.
(2.) By Mr. Lonsdale—From Thomas Phillip Mason, Chairman of a public meeting held at Armidale.
Petitions received.
12. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. E. M. Clark rising to move the adjournment of the House,—The Deputy Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice under Standing Order No. 15, 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 Minister for Lands in dealing with special leases for bath sites in Sydney Harbour.”
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.
13. PUBLIC WORKS ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL:—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Lyne, the Deputy 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 “Public Works Act of 1888,” and the “Public Works Act Amendment Act of 1889” in certain particulars; and to establish and give effect to the betterment principle with regard to public works, to repeal certain portions of such Acts; and for other purposes in furtherance of, or consequent on, the aforesaid objects.
The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Garrard reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of Mr. Garrard (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be now received.
Mr. Garrard 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 “Public Works Act of 1888,” and the “Public Works Act Amendment Act of 1889”; to make better provision with regard to the cost of arbitration, and to establish and give effect to the betterment principle with regard to public works; to establish a sinking fund for repayment of the cost of such works; to repeal portions of the “Public Works Act of 1888”; and for other purposes in furtherance of, or consequent on, the aforesaid objects.
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 amend the ‘Public Works Act of 1888,’ and the ‘Public Works Act Amendment Act of 1889’; to make better provision with regard to the cost of arbitration; to establish and give effect to the betterment principle with regard to public works; to establish a sinking fund for repayment of the cost of the said works; to repeal portions of the ‘Public Works Act of 1888’; and for other purposes in furtherance of, or consequent on, the aforesaid objects,*”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
14. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Lyne, the Deputy Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Garrard reported progress and obtained leave to sit again.
15. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Slattery 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 Tuesday next at Four o’clock.

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

NINIAN MELVILLE,
Deputy Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 16.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 31 OCTOBER, 1893.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

ABSENCE OF SPEAKER:—The Clerk informed the House of the continued unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker.

Whereupon Sir George Dibbs moved, That the Chairman of Committees do take the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the second Standing Order of the House.

Debate ensued.

Question put by the Clerk, and passed.

The Deputy Speaker then took the Chair accordingly.

Point of Order:—Mr. Garrard requested the Deputy Speaker's attention to the third Standing Order of the House, which required that the Speaker should take the Chair within half-an-hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the House, and pointed out that as the half-hour's limit had been passed, this meeting should lapse.

Debate ensued.

The Deputy Speaker ruled that the meeting of the House had been properly constituted, and that he had been legally placed in the Speaker's Chair.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Bore at Cremorne:—*Mr. Bavister*, for Mr. Newman, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) The total amount paid from the Prospecting Vote to date for boring for coal at Cremorne?

(2.) What amount (if any) has been paid from any other votes, specifying the votes, and the amount from each?

(3.) What depth has been attained?

(4.) Are boring operations still going on, or are they suspended?

(5.) If the latter, is it intended to resume same; and if so, when?

(6.) Have any good results been attained from these expenditures; if so, will he please state the nature of same?

(7.) By whom have these expenditures been authorised, and on whose recommendation?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

(1.) £1,230 19s. 10d.

(2.) £6,516 9s. 6d. has been expended out of the Vote for Diamond Drills in boring for this company, but the company paid for such boring.

(3.) Depth of first bore, 3,095 feet; second bore, 2,872 feet.

(4.) Yes; they are still going on.

(5.) Answered by No. 4.

(6.) The first bore proved a seam of coal 8 feet thick, but the coal was burnt, and the second bore has not yet reached coal.

(7.) By the Minister for the time being. The aid was granted on the recommendation of the Prospecting Board.

(2.) Selections on the Unkya and Allgomera Creeks:—*Mr. Francis Clarke* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that certain measured portions of land situated on the Unkya and Allgomera Creeks, in the county of Raleigh, have been declared special areas at a price of 30s. per acre?

(2.) Is he aware that selectors who have already taken land on these creeks at the price named are unable to make a living on the land?

(3.) Will he be good enough to have a careful inquiry made, with a view to reducing the price of these lands to £1 per acre?

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Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) Yes; but the special areas in question were proclaimed on the 15th February and 20th December, 1890. The area of one being 5,000 acres, of which only 1,058 acres remain unselected, and of the other area of 1,087 acres only 268 acres are now available. The price fixed for both these special areas is 30s. per acre.

(2.) I am not aware.

(3.) There is no power in the law to permit of the reduction of the price of lands already conditionally purchased, but a report will be obtained as to the situation and quality of the unselected portions of these special areas.

- (3.) Site for Noxious Trades :—*Mr. Tonkin*, for *Mr. Eve*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has a site been selected for noxious trades?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—No site has yet been finally determined on.

- (4.) Electrical Staff of Postal Department :—*Mr. Schoy* asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) Does any one of the electrical staff of his Department occupy the position of Consulting Electrician to the fire insurance companies doing business in Sydney?

(2.) If so, what is his name; what salary does he receive from the Postal Department; and what salary does he receive from the fire insurance companies?

(3.) Do the regulations of the Department permit of officers accepting outside employment of such a character?

(4.) If not, will he call upon the officer in question to resign one or other of such employments?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

(1.) No.

The reply to Question No. 1 being in the negative, the other Questions are irrelevant.

- (5.) Imperial Land and Building Society :—*Mr. Black* asked the Attorney-General,—Is it a fact that the prosecution against the manager and directors of the Imperial Land and Building Society has been abandoned?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—My honorable and learned colleague refers the Honorable Member to the daily newspapers published the day after the decision not to prosecute had been arrived at.

- (6.) Officer retrenched in Public Works Department :—*Mr. Murphy* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) How many officers, temporary and staff, have been retrenched from the Works Department during the present year?

(2.) What was the scale of notices as leave of absence under which they were retired?

(3.) Will the retrenched staff officers receive, in addition to their notices, the superannuation allowance or gratuity provided by the Civil Service Act?

(4.) Are not some of these retrenched officers receiving as much as twelve months notice, as leave of absence?

(5.) Did the Premier concur in this scale of notices, as referred to in Question (2)?

(6.) Was it not intended that this scale of notices should be adopted throughout the other public departments in dealing with retrenched Civil Servants; and, if this is so, have the other Departments been so informed?

(7.) If it were not intended that this scale of notices should apply also to other departments would he kindly explain why the retrenched officers of the Works Department should receive this exceptional treatment?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) Retrenched—

	Staff.	Temporary.
Officers...	26	111
Dredge Service employes (all of whom received annual salaries)...	41	136
Temporarily retrenched (<i>i.e.</i> , on leave of absence without pay) ...	...	12
Totals	67	259

(2.) Officers under 2 years service ... 1 month on full pay.

over 2 " " and under 4 " 2 months " "

" 4 " " " " 6 " 3 " " "

" 6 " " " " 8 " 4 " " "

" 8 " " " " 10 " 5 " " "

" 10 " " " " " 6 " " "

This arrangement to apply to both staff and temporary officers.

(3.) Yes; but they have paid to the Superannuation Fund the statutory 4 per cent. on the amount of their salaries, from which payment temporary officers are relieved.

(4.) Four of the staff officers receive the leave of absence referred to, their's being very special cases.

(5.) I do not feel called upon to answer this Question.

(6.) I am not aware of what has been done in other Departments.

(7.) See Answer to No. 6.

- (7.) Reports by Special Commissioner, at Chicago Exhibition :—*Mr. Hayes* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of this House a copy of each of the reports furnished by *Mr. James Martin*, M.P., as special Commissioner, on manufactures and manufacturing processes at the Chicago Exhibition?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—There will be no objection.

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- (8.) Inspection of Tidal Waters:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Which tidal waters in New South Wales have been inspected and reported on by the Chief Inspector of Fisheries or by the Commissioners of Fisheries or by the (so-called) Travelling Inspector of Fisheries, or by any officer of the Department located at head-quarters?
 - (2.) Which of the Commissioners, or which officer of the Department, made the inspection (if any) referred to, giving date of each inspection and the result of the inspection?
 - (3.) How many Commissioners' minutes, instructing the Chief Inspector of Fisheries to visit waters under the control of the Commissioners, are on record?
 - (4.) How many of those instructions have been carried out and how many have not?
- Sir George Dibbs answered,—I shall be glad if the Honorable Member will move for a return, when the desired information shall be supplied.
- (9.) Leases for Oyster Culture:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) The names of all the tidal and oyster-breeding waters that are at present without local supervision?
 - (2.) Has any officer of the Department been instructed to inspect and report upon the oyster fisheries of the Colony since 1st January, 1890, giving name of officer, and date of inspection (if any)?
 - (3.) Has any application for area for oyster culture been refused since the 1st January, 1890, because there is no officer of the Department located on that particular oyster-bearing water, giving name of applicant and area applied for?
 - (4.) What possible revenue has been lost to the country through leases for oyster culture having been refused to applicants, giving names of applicants, locality, area applied for, and rent payable for fifteen years under the Oyster Fisheries Act?
- Sir George Dibbs answered,—If the Honorable Member will move for a return embracing the information required I will endeavour to obtain it.
- (10.) Boats built for the Fisheries Department:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) What number of boats has been built for the Department of Fisheries, since 1st January, 1887?
 - (2.) The names of the builders, and the number of boats built by each builder?
 - (3.) Which of the boats referred to was built under public tender, and which by special arrangement with the Commissioners of Fisheries, giving price tendered for each boat?
- Sir George Dibbs answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Commissioners of Fisheries:—
- (1.) Seven.
 - (2.) W. Reid, 6; G. Barnett, 1.
 - (3.) Tenders were called for from several builders for a boat for Assistant Inspector Mulhall, viz., from Messrs. Hayes, Reid, and Donnelly, who tendered respectively, £29 to £31, £30, and £36; and for a boat for Assistant Inspector Aldrick from Messrs. W. Reid, E. Gardiner, F. Hayes, G. Barnett, and W. Golding, who tendered respectively £35, £29, £27, £26, and £40.
- (11.) Telegrams prepaid with Postage Stamps:—Mr. Neild asked the Postmaster-General,—
- (1.) Is it necessary to prepay telegrams with postage stamps?
 - (2.) Are telegraph offices open for the despatch of telegrams after 6 p.m.
 - (3.) Is it in accordance with regulations or departmental instructions that the sale of stamps required for the despatch of telegrams is discontinued at 6 p.m. at Bowral office?
 - (4.) If so, do similar practices exist at other offices?
- Mr. Kidd answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) Some offices close at 6; some at 8; some at 10—according to their importance.
 - (3.) No; stamps are procurable whenever the office is open.
 - (4.) Answered by No. 3.
- (12.) Post Office at Collector:—Mr. Kelly, for Mr. Willis asked the Postmaster-General,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the Post Office at Collector is conducted at a public-house, and that the licensee thereof is postmistress?
 - (2.) How many complaints, and with what result, have been received by him during the last twelve months as to missing letters at the Collector Post Office?
 - (3.) Will the postmistress at Collector be appointed a Registrar under the Electoral Act?
 - (4.) Is it desirable that the Post Office at Collector should be conducted in a hotel, and will he cause the same to be removed immediately to some other place of business in the town?
- Mr. Kidd answered,—
- (1.) No; but it adjoins an hotel kept by the postmistress.
 - (2.) Only one, received a few days since, and now under inquiry, but so far nothing has been disclosed to connect the Collector office with the alleged loss of the two letters inquired for.
 - (3.) I cannot say; but no proposal has been made to me to appoint the postmistress.
 - (4.) Answered by No. 1. I am informed that the office is entirely disconnected from the hotel; has been in its present position and under the present charge for over twenty years; and no reasons for a change have been adduced.
- (13.) Freehold Lands:—Dr. Cullen asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he instruct the Government Statistician to furnish an estimate (1) of the approximate value of the improvements which are included in the sum of £192,000,000 reckoned by him as the value of the freehold lands of the Colony; and (2) of the approximate proportion of that sum which represents value due rather to investments of a speculative nature than to the actual development of the country?
- Sir George Dibbs answered,—There will be no objection provided it is moved for in the usual way.
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- (14.) Darling Island:—*Mr. Hassall*, for *Mr. Crick*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) The amount paid for the purchase of Darling Island?
 - (2.) The date of purchase?
 - (3.) The amount of interest on the purchase money from date of payment to the 1st October, 1893?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) £135,000. It may be added that interest at the rate of 6 per cent. was paid from the date of purchase to the date of payment, viz., 4th June to 17th September, amounting to £2,330.
- (2.) 4th June, 1889.
- (3.) Interest at $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., £19,068.

- (15.) Reserve 96, Parish of Tomaree, County of Gloucester:—*Mr. Davis* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is any portion of reserve 96, parish of Tomaree, county of Gloucester, under lease?
- (2.) If so, how long, under what terms, and for what purpose was such lease granted?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) To the Honorable R. H. D. White, under permissive occupancy granted for ten years, from 1st January, 1888, at £5 per annum, possession to be given up at any time should the land be required in the public interest. The occupation was allowed for the purpose of fish preserving.

- (16.) Wharfs on Rivers:—*Mr. Perry* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that it has been the custom of the Government to construct wharfs on our rivers?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the practice has virtually been stopped?
- (3.) Is it also a fact that, when farmers erect wharfs at their own expense, they are at once called upon by his Department to pay rent; if so, will he instruct his officers to discontinue the practice?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

- (1 and 2.) I am not aware, but probably the information could be obtained from the Works Department.
- (3.) Farmers have no right to use land below high-water mark fronting their properties, and where they have erected wharves they are called on to legalize their occupation by special leases or by permissions to occupy (at rentals varying from 5s. to 20s. per annum), according to the importance of the structures and the use to which they are put. These charges are imposed as much with the object of retaining control of the water frontage as with a view of obtaining revenue.

3. INFUX OF CHINESE (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. J. D. FitzGerald* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers, correspondence, &c., which have passed between this Colony and the neighbouring colonies during the recent recess with regard to the alleged influx of Chinese into Australia through New South Wales ports.
Question put and passed.

4. EXPENDITURE IN CLEARING THE RIVER DARLING (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Dickens* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
- (1.) The amounts expended annually in clearing the river Darling for the purposes of navigation from Wentworth to Brewarrina from the commencement of such expenditure to the present date.
 - (2.) The annual expenditure incurred in the abovenamed work, in detail, as under, viz.:—
- (a) Between Wentworth and Menindie; (b) between Menindie and Wilcannia; (c) between Wilcannia and Bourke; (d) between Bourke and Brewarrina.
- Question put and passed.

5. EXPENDITURE ON RAILWAY LINE BETWEEN ROOTY HILL AND WENTWORTH FALLS (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Dowel* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing the approximate amount of money that has been expended by the Railway Department on the Western Line, between Rooty Hill and Wentworth Falls inclusive, in the erection of new station buildings, platforms, bridges, &c., since January, 1887.
Question put and passed.

6. MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF SYDNEY ELECTRIC LIGHTING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Hassall*, for *Mr. Manning*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the Municipal Council of Sydney to light the streets, also public and private places, of the city of Sydney, with the electric light, and also places outside the said city, and to exercise all powers necessary for such purposes, and for the supply of electric power.
Question put and passed.

7. 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.

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8. **LIQUOR TRAFFIC**:—The following Petitions, praying that, in view of the manifold evils arising from the traffic in intoxicating liquors, and the widespread demand for reform, the House will pass into law a Bill providing for the taking of a plebiscite vote of the men and women of the country on the distinct issue of prohibition, were presented by the Members named:—
- (1.) By Mr. Garrard—From W. H. Mitchell, Chairman of a meeting of members of the Sunshine Lodge, Independent Order of Good Templars, and residents of Baulkham Hills.
- (2.) By Mr. Fuller—From William O. Irvine, Chief Templar, at a meeting of the members of the Jamberoo Excelsior Lodge, Independent Order of Good Templars.
- (3.) By Mr. Sydney Smith—From James W. Buttsworth, Chairman of a meeting of members of the Light of Wilberforce Lodge, No. 335, Independent Order of Good Templars, and residents of Wilberforce.
- Petitions received.
9. **MINING ON PRIVATE LANDS BILL**:—Mr. Nicholson presented a Petition from Thomas Coulson, Chairman of a public meeting held at Helensburgh, in favour of the passing of a Mining on Private Lands Bill.
- Petition received.
10. **TREATMENT OF REFRACTORY ORES**:—Mr. Tonkin moved, pursuant to Notice, That considering the vast amount of refractory ores in this Colony, and its great value, as a means of finding employment for the working classes a school of mines should be at once established for the purpose of educating the public as to the best and cheapest method of treating the same.
- Debate ensued.
- Mr. O'Sullivan proceeding to move, That the Question be amended by the addition of the words "and for the purpose of giving a practical training to those who desire to become proficient in "metallurgy and smelting, as well as to relieve our mine-owners from the domination of the ring "of metal buyers in London, it is desirable to establish a national smelting works in some central "situation,"—
- Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.
- The Deputy Speaker counted the House, and there being only seventeen Members present exclusive of the Deputy Speaker, namely, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Cann, Mr. G. D. Clark, Mr. Cook, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Dowel, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Hindle, Mr. Langwell, Mr. Hugh McKinnon, Mr. Morgan, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Suttor, Mr. Tonkin, and Mr. Waddell,—

The Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, at two minutes after Seven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

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

NINIAN MELVILLE,
Deputy Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 17.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 1 NOVEMBER, 1893.

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

Mr. Speaker expressed his sincere regret that he had been so long prevented by illness from attending to his duties, and his acknowledgments to the House for its kind consideration during his indisposition.

2. INLAND RIVERS TOLLS BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir George Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

R. W. DUFF,
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 for imposing tolls on cargo carried on the Darling and Murrumbidgee Rivers.

Government House,
Sydney, 25th October, 1893.

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

3. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Flood Embankments on the Hunter River:—Mr. Lonsdale asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has he resolved to re-erect the embankment at Cummins' farm, Oakhampton?
- (2.) If so, what is the estimated cost?
- (3.) Have the parties interested agreed to pay any portion of the cost; if so, how much?
- (4.) Has he determined to erect an embankment at Horse-shoe Bend, West Maitland?
- (5.) What is the estimated cost?
- (6.) Have those who will be benefited by it agreed to pay any portion of the cost; if so, how much?
- (7.) Have any of the parties that will be benefited by the above signed any agreement to come under the Betterment Bill, or have they been asked to do so?
- (8.) Will these embankments have the effect of injuring Bolwarra?

Mr. Lync answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) £332 2s. 10d.
- (3.) No.
- (4.) Yes.
- (5.) £5,000 from flood vote for protection of Government and private property.
- (6.) No; as it protects the whole town, Government roads, and private property.
- (7.) No; because practically the whole of the West Maitland inhabitants are quite prepared to come under the betterment principle, for the protection of their town and district.
- (8.) The natural course of flood-water is over the Bolwarra Flats and the old embankment protecting that place caused the damage to West Maitland, and, had it not broken, would have destroyed the Belmore Bridge, besides doing other serious damage to public and private property. The true position therefore is injury to West Maitland for the protection of Bolwarra through the previous erection of bank.

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- (2.) Banking Returns:—Mr. Hugh McKinnon asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Why are not the sworn quarterly returns of the Banks within the Colony rendered pursuant to the regulations gazetted 6th April, 1892, in place of the old Act of Council, 4 Victoria, No. 132?
 - (2.) How much coin has been imported during each month for the nine months ended 30th September last, and who were the consignees thereof?
 - (3.) How much coin has been exported during the above periods, and the consignors thereof?
 - (4.) Have the reconstructed Banks dealt with the deposits of the New South Wales Savings Bank as they did with other deposits they were entrusted with?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) The regulations gazetted 6th April, 1892, related to returns under the "Census and Industrial Returns Act" and cannot affect the sworn quarterly returns which are furnished in accordance with the Schedule to Act 4 Victoria No. 13.
- (2, 3, & 4.) Some of the information necessary to answer all these Questions would have to be obtained from the various Banks, as there is no record in the Treasury relative to these matters.

- (3.) Military Officers sent to India:—*Mr. Chanter*, for Mr. Wright, asked the Colonial Secretary,—What amount of money has been allowed to each military officer proceeding to either England or India, in the shape of passage money and other travelling expenses for the voyage?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—I shall be glad if the Honorable Member will move for a return, when the information shall be furnished.

- (4.) Railway from Lismore to Casino:—*Mr. Nicoll* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it his intention to submit to the House this Session the proposal to construct a line of railway from Lismore to Casino, as approved by the Public Works Committee?

Mr. Lyne answered,—No.

- (5.) Travelling Stock Reserve at Yass:—*Mr. Barnes*, for Mr. Colls, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a travelling stock reserve within the municipality of Yass has been subdivided into allotments?
- (2.) Is it a fact that this reserve was held by the Agricultural Society and handed over by them to the Stock Board for travelling stock purposes on account of it being well watered and convenient to the town?
- (3.) Will he take the necessary steps to prevent sale of same, and leave reserve as it now stands?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

- (1.) The land referred to is not a travelling stock or camping reserve.
- (2.) It was originally held by the Agricultural Society, and when abandoned by them the Mines Department asked the Lands Department to notify it as a travelling stock and camping reserve, but owing to it being decided by the Lands Department that land within a town boundary could not be notified as such the request of the Mines Department could not be entertained.
- (3.) Not being a travelling stock and camping reserve, the Mines Department has no power to interfere.

- (6.) Public Road across Great Northern Railway:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Mr. Hutchison, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Referring to Mr. Hutchison's Question of the 26th October, *re* the closing of a public road at 318 miles 10 chains on the Great Northern Railway,—

- (1.) Has the said road been closed, and the gate-keeper dispensed with?
- (2.) Is the said road private property?
- (3.) If so, when did it become such, and who owns it?
- (4.) Was this road formerly a public one?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—I am not aware that the road referred to has been closed, but I am informed that some years ago the gate-keeper at the railway crossing was dispensed with as the traffic did not justify his retention. It may be added that anyone having access can obtain a key for the crossing on application to the Railway District Superintendent.

- (7.) Case of Patrick Brown:—*Mr. Neild* asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it the intention of the Minister or Government to give effect to the resolution of this House, passed in the first Session of the present Parliament, recommending the favourable consideration of the case of Patrick Brown?

Mr. Copland answered,—I have several times given this matter favourable consideration, but cannot honestly recommend the House to pay a sum of money which, in my opinion, the facts do not warrant, and as this claim has been before different Ministers for the last dozen years, I presume they held a similar opinion to mine.

- (8.) Late Delivery of Letters:—*Mr. Sharp* asked the Postmaster-General,—Has his attention been drawn to a letter in the *Sydney Morning Herald* of 28th October, signed C. G. Hodgson, stating that, in answer to a complaint addressed to his Department on the subject of the late delivery of letters, the writer was informed to the effect that "such was good enough for Sydney"?

Mr. Kidd answered,—My attention has been drawn to the letter referred to and I find that no reply was sent bearing any such construction as put upon it. And further, I have satisfied myself that the complaint of the writer, who lives at the extremity of the letter carrier's beat, is a frivolous one. The carriers leave the Head Office at 8 a.m., and after the usual and necessary delays in delivering *en route*, taking receipts for registered letters, &c., I do not consider that nine o'clock is at all an unreasonable hour for him to reach the end of his beat. The Department cannot provide a special carrier to deliver each person's letters, and to complete all the deliveries before 9 a.m. would necessitate the employment of a large number of extra men, who would not be fully employed.

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- (9.) Criminal Proceedings against a Justice of the Peace:—Mr. Haynes asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Has he had his attention drawn to the criminal proceedings recently taken against a certain Justice of the Peace resident in one of the suburbs of Sydney?
 - (2.) Will he inquire into the matter and determine whether the magistrate referred to should be allowed to continue to hold his position?
- Sir George Dibbs answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) The matter shall have my attention.
- (10.) Site for Post and Telegraph Office at Camperdown:—Mr. Joseph Abbott asked the Postmaster-General,—
- (1.) Was a site for a post and telegraph office at Camperdown purchased some time since by the Government?
 - (2.) If so, when is it intended to utilise same?
- Mr. Kidd answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) As soon as funds are available.
- (11.) Officers in Electoral Districts Commissioners' Office:—Mr. Neild asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) How many persons are employed in the Electoral Commissioners' Branch of the Public Service?
 - (2.) How many of these were formerly in the Public Service?
 - (3.) How many persons were there removed from the Public Service for purposes of retrenchment since the Commissioners were appointed under the Electoral Act of 1893?
- Sir George Dibbs answered,—There are no persons employed in the Electoral Commissioners' Branch. If the Honorable Member will ask for the information he requires in the form of a return, it shall be supplied. It is impossible to furnish the replies to irrelevant questions like this at a moment's notice.
- (12.) Delivery of Letters to Racing Consultation Promoters:—Mr. Murphy asked the Postmaster-General,—Is it a fact that letters addressed to various racing consultation promoters whose names were gazetted some time ago are still being delivered to them by Post Office officials?
- Mr. Kidd answered,—Only letters from beyond the Australasian Colonies. It was represented to me that in the case of letters from abroad the senders were not aware of the new law when posting them; that the majority of the letters would not contain money, but only advices of money being sent through banks and by post-office order; and that considerable complication would arise and correspondence ensue if these letters were returned to the senders. I therefore sanctioned their delivery for a reasonable time.
- (13.) Non-delivery of Telegrams at Kensington, Randwick:—Mr. Neild asked the Postmaster-General,—
- (1.) Have complaints been addressed to him respecting the non-delivery, on the 11th October, of two telegrams addressed to persons residing at Kensington, Randwick?
 - (2.) Has any reply been made to such complaints?
 - (3.) If not, what is the cause of the delay?
 - (4.) Why were such telegrams not delivered?
- Mr. Kidd answered,—
- (1.) One complaint has been received of the delay in delivery of two telegrams.
 - (2.) Yes; on the 26th ultimo.
 - (3.) Answered by No. 2.
 - (4.) Every effort appears to have been made to deliver these telegrams, but owing to the messenger being unable to unfasten the gate, or make himself heard, delivery was delayed.
- (14.) Conveyance of Mails between Bombala and Cooma:—Mr. Bavister asked the Postmaster-General,—
- (1.) Have there been frequent and serious delays in the conveyance of mails between Bombala and Cooma?
 - (2.) Is it true that on some occasions recently the delay has been as much as thirty hours?
 - (3.) During the past three months has the mail arrived according to time-table, or been late most frequently?
- Mr. Kidd answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) No reports of so late an arrival as thirty hours have come in.
 - (3.) More frequently to time; but making all allowances for bad roads, floods, &c., there have been serious delays, in connection with which the Department is now in communication with contractors and sureties.
- (15.) Diseased Animals and Meat:—Mr. Hugh McKinnon asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the increased number of pigs condemned at the abattoirs as unfit for food, will he cause an inquiry to be made as to what districts the most of those diseased pigs come from?
- Sir George Dibbs answered,—I am informed by the Board of Health that very few sheep are found to be diseased; and that pigs condemned as unfit for food come from various parts of the Colony.

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- (16.) Cable between Australia and America :—Mr. Reid asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Will he explain how it came to pass that the approval of Parliament was not obtained before the people of New South Wales were committed to a thirty years' guarantee of £2,000 per annum in connection with the first instalment of a new cable under French auspices between Australia and America, namely, to New Caledonia?
 - (2.) Does the Government intend to ask Parliament to approve; if so, in what way?
 - (3.) Has the Colony been committed in any way to liability in respect of the extension of the cable beyond New Caledonia?
 - (4.) Will he abstain from committing the Colony to any further liability of the kind before Parliamentary approval?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) Has already been explained.
- (2.) It is intended to provide for the amount of guarantee on the Estimates of Expenditure, but, of course, only amount for which we are liable, if any, will be paid.
- (3.) No.
- (4.) Yes.

- (17.) Amount written off Votes for Roads and Bridges :—Mr. Reid asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Has he any objection to lay upon the Table a statement showing the particulars of the sum of £122,336, included in Statement of 21st October as written off Votes for Roads and Bridges, because not likely to be required?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—An answer cannot at the present time be given, as the sum will be a general saving upon the whole of the 1893 votes, and will be particularised only after the adjustment of yearly accounts.

4. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS—*Railway from Narrabri to Moree*—(*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Lyne moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report on the expediency of constructing a line of railway from Narrabri to Moree, such work to be subject to the provisions of any Act that may be passed dealing generally with the "betterment principle" with regard to public works. Question put and passed.
5. CROWN LANDS PURCHASES AND LEASES VALIDATION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Copeland 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 legalise certain conditional purchases and conditional leases, and auction and other purchases of Crown lands, and to validate certain Crown grants in connection therewith; to confer special powers of reference to the Local Land Board and the Land Appeal Court, where necessary; to permit the reversal of forfeiture of certain conditional purchases and conditional leases; to authorise the sale of certain Crown lands, and the issue of Crown grants therefor; and to authorise the granting of certain Crown lands by way of compensation. Question put and passed.
6. MR. H. B. UNDERWOOD'S CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Hugh McKinnon moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers and correspondence in reference to Mr. H. B. Underwood's claim for compensation for expense involved through the Government taking two roads through his freehold property between Taree and Forster. Question put and passed.
7. OYSTER FISHERIES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Frank Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
 - (1.) Which tidal waters in New South Wales have been inspected and reported on by the Chief Inspector of Fisheries or by the Commissioners of Fisheries or by the (so called) Travelling Inspector of Fisheries, or by any officer of the Department located at head-quarters.
 - (2.) Which of the Commissioners, or which officer of the Department, made the inspection (if any) referred to, giving date of each inspection and the result of the inspection.
 - (3.) How many Commissioners' minutes, instructing the Chief Inspector of Fisheries to visit waters under the control of the Commissioners, are on record.
 - (4.) How many of those instructions have been carried out and how many have not.
 - (5.) The names of all the tidal and oyster breeding waters that are at present without local supervision.
 - (6.) If any officer of the Department has been instructed to inspect and report upon the oyster fisheries of the Colony since 1st January, 1890, giving name of officer, and date of inspection (if any).
 - (7.) If any application for area for oyster culture has been refused since the 1st January, 1890, because there is no officer of the Department located on that particular oyster-bearing water, giving name of applicant and area applied for.
 - (8.) The possible revenue lost to the country through leases for oyster culture having been refused to applicants, giving names of applicants, locality, area applied for, and rent payable for the fifteen years under the Oyster Fisheries Act.
 Question put and passed.
8. CASE OF TOOHEY *versus* LAW (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Houghton 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, and other documents in the case of Toohey *versus* Law, heard before Captain Fisher in the Glebe Police Court on the 10th October, 1893. Question put and passed.

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9. **POSTPONEMENT** :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Public Works Committee Amendment Bill (*Council Bill*) postponed until Tuesday, 5th December.
10. **LIQUOR TRAFFIC** :—The following Petitions, praying that, in view of the manifold evils arising from the traffic in intoxicating liquors, and the widespread demand for reform, the House will pass into law a Bill providing for the taking of a plebiscite vote of the men and women of the country on the distinct issue of prohibition, were presented by the Members named :—
- (1.) By Mr. Dawson—From members of Star of the South Lodge, No. 76, Independent Order of Good Templars, and residents of Cooma.
- (2.) By Mr. Kelly—From W. E. Pass, Chairman of a meeting of members of the Rescue Lodge, No. 619, Independent Order of Good Templars, and residents of Nyngan.
- Petitions received.

11. **MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF SYDNEY ELECTRIC LIGHTING BILL** :—Mr. Manning presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable the Municipal Council of Sydney to light the streets, also public and private places, of the City of Sydney with the electric light, and also places outside the said city, and to exercise all powers necessary for such purposes, and for the supply of electric power,*"—which was read a first time.
- Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 14th November.

12. **MINING ON PRIVATE LANDS BILL** :—Mr. Kelly presented a Petition from Peter Crane, Chairman of a public meeting held at Nyngan, in favour of the passing of a Mining on Private Lands Bill.
- Petition received.

13. **"COSTA RICA PACKET" CASE** :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having appointed a Select Committee on the "Costa Rica Packet" Case, and that Committee being desirous to examine Sir Joseph Palmer Abbott, 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, 1st November, 1893.*

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

Sir George Dibbs moved, That the Honorable Sir Joseph Palmer Abbott have leave to attend and give evidence before the Select Committee of the Legislative Council on the "Costa Rica Packet" Case 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 from the Legislative Council, dated this day, requesting leave for the Honorable Sir Joseph Palmer Abbott, a Member of the Legislative Assembly, to attend and be examined before a Select Committee of the Legislative Council on the "Costa Rica Packet" Case, 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.

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14. **PAPERS** :—Sir George Dibbs laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Report on the condition of the slaughter-houses throughout the Colony.
- (2.) General Abstract of Bank Liabilities and Assets from 1st April, 1893, to date of suspension, and from date of re-opening after suspension to 30th June, 1893.
- (3.) Report on Industrial Disputes and Claims, by the Clerk of Awards.
- Ordered to be printed.

15. **TRUSTEES OF SCHOOLS OF ARTS ENABLING BILL** :—
- (1.) Mr. Suttor moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the Trustees of lands held for a Mechanics' Institute or School of Arts, or other institution for public instruction or amusement, to sell, lease, and mortgage such lands; to provide for the appointment of new Trustees; and for other matters in connection therewith.
- Debate ensued.
- Question put and passed.
- (2.) Mr. Suttor then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable the Trustees of lands held for a Mechanics' Institute or School of Arts, or other institution for public instruction or amusement, to sell, lease, and mortgage such lands; to provide for the appointment of new Trustees; and for other matters in connection therewith,*"—which was read a first time.
- Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

16. **JUNEE WATER SUPPLY WORKS 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 works of water supply for the town of Junee, county of Clarendon.
- 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.

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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 works of Water Supply for the town of Junee, county of Clarendon.

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 works of Water Supply for the town of Junee, county of Clarendon*,"—which was read a first time.

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

17. **WAYS AND MEANS:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Lyne, 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.

18. **AUSTRALASIAN RIGHTS PURCHASE 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 authorise 'The Australasian Rights Purchase Association (Limited),' a Company registered in Melbourne, in the Colony of Victoria, under the 'Companies Acts,' or their licensees or assigns, to take and divert water for mechanical power from the Colo River and the Grose River, by means of channels returning to the stream again; and also to construct and work the plant requisite for generating electricity and transmitting it to the City of Sydney and to any other places along the main cable line*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 1st November, 1893.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

AUSTRALASIAN RIGHTS PURCHASE BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 1st November, 1893.

ADOLPHUS P. CLAPIN,
Acting Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 3, clause 2, line 28. Omit "s" from "lands"
- Page 3, clause 2. After line 32 insert "'Secretary to the Telegraph Service'" means the chief officer "or acting chief officer for the time being of the Government Telegraph Department."
- Page 4, clause 3, line 3. After "and" insert "other works and"
- Page 4, clause 4, lines 13 to 16. Omit "in accordance with a plan numbered A1 now deposited "with the Minister at the General Post Office, Sydney, a copy whereof is comprised in "the Schedule to this Act"
- Page 4, clause 4, line 17. After "line" insert "in accordance with this Act"
- Page 4, clause 4, line 21. Omit "or hereafter to be vested in, or imposed on"
- Page 4, clause 5, line 26. After "Sydney" insert "by the course indicated in the Schedule to "this Act"
- Page 4, clause 5. At end of clause add "Provided also that before the construction of any dam "across the Colo River or the Grose River is commenced, a complete plan and section "of such dam containing such particulars as may be required by the Minister of Works "shall be submitted to the said Minister, and his approval thereto shall be obtained "before any such dam shall be commenced or proceeded with"
- Page 5, clause 6, line 8. Omit "eight" insert "nine"
- Page 5, clause 7, line 27. Omit "enter upon and"
- Page 5, clause 7, line 28. Omit "an" insert "any"
- Page 5, clause 7, line 31. After "line" insert "plant"
- Page 5, clause 7, line 32. Omit "down" insert "or placed"
- Page 7, clause 10, lines 3 and 4. Omit "within one month after their entry upon such land" insert "subject to the other provisions of this Act"
- Page 7. After clause 11 insert the following new clause:—
"Nothing in this Act contained or implied shall exempt the projectors from liability for "damages to any person who may be maimed or injured, or to the personal representatives of any "person who may be killed by any accident arising out of the construction, erection, or use of any "of the water-works, or other works or plant, or appliances, the construction, erection, or use "whereof is hereby authorised, subject nevertheless to the ordinary rules of law with regard to "contributory negligence."
- Page 7, clause 12, line 16. Before "construction" omit "or"
- Page 7, clause 12, line 16. After "construction" insert "or use"
- Page 7, clause 12, line 17. Omit "or"
- Page 7, clause 12, line 17. After "construction" insert "or use"
- Page 9, clause 26, line 12. Omit "Government" insert "Governor"
- Page 9, clause 26, lines 13 and 14. Omit "Superintendent of Telegraphs" insert "Secretary to "the Telegraph Service"
- Page 9, clause 26, line 19. After "same" insert "and the projectors shall pay to the Electrical "Examiner such salary or fees as the Governor shall from time to time direct"
- Page 9, clause 26, lines 21 and 22. Omit "Superintendent of Telegraphs" insert "Secretary to "the Telegraph Service"
- Page 11, clause 36, lines 16 and 17. Omit "Superintendent of Telegraphs" insert "Secretary to "the Telegraph Service"

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- Page 11, clause 36, lines 20 and 21. *Omit* "Superintendent of Telegraphs" *insert* "Secretary to the Telegraph Service"
- Page 11, clause 36, lines 23 and 24. *Omit* "Superintendent of Telegraphs" *insert* "Secretary to the Telegraph Service"
- Page 11, clause 36, line 36. *Omit* "Superintendent of Telegraphs" *insert* "Secretary to the Telegraph Service"
- Page 13, Schedule, line 10. *After* "Schedule" *insert* "showing routes of cable line"
- Page 13, Schedule, line 11. *Omit* "All those cable lines shown on plans A and B."
- Page 13, Schedule, line 22. *Omit* "and shown on plan B," *insert* "as more particularly indicated on two plans already deposited by the projectors with the Minister at the General Post Office, Sydney, and marked by him for identification"

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman of Committees.

Mr. Dowel then moved, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on "Tuesday next."

And Mr. Kelly proposing to amend the motion by the omission of the words "Tuesday next," with a view to the insertion of other words,—

Mr. Speaker ruled, in accordance with the practice of the House of Commons, that the motion was not subject to amendment as proposed, it being merely a formal matter to fix the date for the consideration of the Council's amendments.

Original Question then put and passed.

19. ADJOURNMENT :—Sir George Dibbs moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly at one minute before Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 2 NOVEMBER, 1893.

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

STAMP DUTIES ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Sir George Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

By Deputation from the Governor.

Message No. 8.

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
Lieutenant-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 further amend the Stamp Duties Act of 1880, and the Stamp Duties Act Amendment Act of 1886.

*Government House,
Sydney, 2nd November, 1893.*

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

2. CROWN LANDS PURCHASES AND LEASES VALIDATION BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Sir George Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

By Deputation from the Governor.

Message No. 9.

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
Lieutenant-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 legalise certain conditional purchases and conditional leases, and auction and other purchases of Crown lands, and to validate certain Crown grants in connection therewith; to confer special powers of reference to the Local Land Board and the Land Appeal Court, where necessary; to permit the reversal of forfeiture of certain conditional purchases and conditional leases; to authorise the sale of certain Crown lands and the issue of Crown grants therefor; and to authorise the granting of certain Crown land by way of compensation.

*Government House,
Sydney, 2nd November, 1893.*

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

3. QUESTIONS:—

- (1) Influx of Asiatic and other Aliens into this Colony:—Mr. Nicoll asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1) Is it the intention of the Government to bring in a Bill this Session to stop the influx of Kanakas, Syrians, other Asiatics, and alien people coming into this Colony?
(2) If not, when will they deal with this question?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—If the Honorable Member will refer to the business paper, he will see that it is hardly worth while to encumber it with any more Bills in the hope of carrying them:

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- (2.) Costs incurred in Prosecution of Reseigh Martin:—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Who paid the costs incurred by Mr. Eddy, Chief Commissioner for Railways, arising from the prosecution of Reseigh Martin for criminal libel?
 - (2.) If paid by the Government, when were same paid, and from what Vote or Fund?
 - (3.) Have such payments (if any) been sanctioned by the Executive Council; if so, on what date?
 - (4.) Will he please say what amounts have been paid in this matter, and to whom, giving the items in each case?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The costs incurred by Mr. Eddy were paid by this Government on 6th September, 1893, and amounted to £332.

- (3.) Water Conservation and Irrigation Department:—Mr. Francis Clarke asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What amount of money has been expended up to date by the Water Conservation and Irrigation Department in making surveys in the western districts for the purpose of conserving water and carrying on irrigation works?
 - (2.) What works (if any) are being, or have been, carried out by that Department consequent upon such surveys?
 - (3.) Where are such works situated, and what is the estimated cost of same when completed?
 - (4.) Is it a fact that the marking of traverse stations of surveys carried out under the supervision of this Department is not of a permanent character, and, if required in the future, much of the survey work will have to be repeated to re-establish them?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) £31,096 1s. 3d. This includes all contract surveys since the commencement in July, 1887.
- (2.) None of the large works contemplated in these surveys have yet been carried out; but the final staking out of one, regarding which a report was laid upon the Table of the House on 11th May last, is now well advanced.
- (3.) This is covered by the last Answer.
- (4.) It is not a fact that the marking of the preliminary surveys carried out under the Water Conservation Branch is not of a permanent character.

- (4.) Technical Education Branch of Department of Public Instruction:—*Mr. Fegan*, for *Mr. Houghton*, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Has he received any reports, written by Professor Selman, upon the working methods pursued by the Technical Education Branch of the Department of Public Instruction, or written suggestions connected therewith?
- (2.) If so, will he lay such upon the Table of the House, together with the Departmental reports upon the same (if any)?

Mr. Suttor answered,—There is some correspondence of the nature alluded to in the Honorable Member's first Question. If he desires to have the papers laid upon the Table of the House I would suggest that he move for them in the usual manner.

- (5.) Title of Colonial Secretary:—*Mr. Fegan*, for *Mr. Neild*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has legal or official sanction been given to the change of title of the office of Colonial Secretary to that of Chief Secretary?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—No legal or official sanction has been given for the change of the title of the office given under the Constitution Act, nor can legal or official sanction be given without an amendment of the Act.

- (6.) Imprisonment of Licensee of Hotel in George-street North:—*Mr. Black*, for *Mr. Davis*, asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a licensee of a hotel in George-street North served a sentence of three months imprisonment for the illicit distilling of spirits?
- (2.) If so, will he state what time elapsed between his discharge from gaol and the granting of a license to him as hotel-keeper?

Mr. Kidd answered,—The following Answers have been supplied by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice. The Inspector-General of Police informs me as follows:—

- (1.) Yes; under another name.
- (2.) About a month.

- (7.) Artesian Bore for District of Hungerford:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is it a fact that the drought for the last two years has been very severe in the district of Hungerford, and is it his intention to take any steps to have an artesian bore put down in that locality; if so, when is the work likely to be proceeded with?

Mr. Lyne answered,—This Question appertains to the Department of Public Works. An officer of the Works Department, who is making an extended inspection of bores in the western districts, is now in the neighbourhood of Hungerford, and has been instructed to send a report as to the requirements of that place.

- (8.) Surveyors in the Molong District:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) The number of surveyors that are at present engaged in surveying land in the Molong District?
- (2.) In what parish or parishes is such land being surveyed; for what purpose; and the area of the same?

Mr. Copeland answered,—A return will be prepared, giving the information sought by the Honorable Member, if moved for in the usual manner.

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(9.) Votes for Certain Roads :—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the return in reference to votes for certain roads, promised on 18th October, in answer to Question 3 of that date, be laid upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I will take care that the Honorable Member shall have this return before the Estimates are disposed of; I have not before me the information to give a complete answer at the present moment. I may tell the Honorable Member that I gave instructions this morning that no delay should occur.

(10.) Disputes between Buyers and Sellers of Wool :—*Mr. Rae*, for Mr. Cotton, asked the Attorney-General,—

(1.) Is it a fact that what is known as the “ wool strike ” is inflicting serious injury upon one of our greatest national industries?

(2.) Has the Clerk of Awards appointed under the Conciliation Act taken any steps to put the provisions of that Act in force, with a view of bringing about a settlement of the dispute in question?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—On behalf of the Attorney-General I have to give the Honorable Member the following Answers :—

(1.) Inquiries on this subject are not within the province of a law officer of the Crown, but disputes between buyers and sellers, or their agents, can scarcely be called “ strikes.”

(2.) No. If the Honorable Member will refer to the Act, he will see that it was passed to provide a means of settling disputes between employers and employees. The present dispute seems to be one between wool-selling brokers and wool-buying brokers; or, to make the matter clearer—a man may walk into a grocer's shop and ask for 1lb. of candles, and the grocer may refuse to supply the candles until he receives the money for them—this is about the character of the present difficulty.

4. HUNTER DISTRICT WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Scott moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence, minutes, or other documents which have passed between the Minister for Works and the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board, in reference to the indebtedness of the Board. Question put and passed.

5. FIELD OF MARS TRAMWAY (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. Garrard*, for Mr. Frank Farnell, moved pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence between the Minister for Public Works and the purchasers of the eastern portions of the Field of Mars common, within the Municipalities of Hunter's Hill and Ryde, on the subject of the Field of Mars tramway, together with all petitions, minutes, reports, and other papers in connection therewith. Question put and passed.

6. CROWN LANDS PURCHASES AND LEASES VALIDATION BILL :—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Copeland, 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 legalise certain conditional purchases and conditional leases, and auction and other purchases of Crown lands, and to validate certain Crown grants in connection therewith; to confer special powers of reference to the Local Land Board and the Land Appeal Court where necessary; to permit the reversal of forfeiture of certain conditional purchases and conditional leases; to authorise the sale of certain Crown lands, and the issue of Crown grants therefor; and to authorise the granting of certain Crown land by way of compensation. 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 legalise certain conditional purchases and conditional leases, and auction and other purchases of Crown lands, and to validate certain Crown grants in connection therewith; to confer special powers of reference to the Local Land Board and the Land Appeal Court where necessary; to permit the reversal of forfeiture of certain conditional purchases and conditional leases; to authorise the sale of certain Crown lands, and the issue of Crown grants therefor; and to authorise the granting of certain Crown land by way of compensation.

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

(2.) Mr. Copeland then presented a Bill, intituled “ *A Bill to legalise certain conditional purchases and conditional leases, and auction and other purchases of Crown lands, and to validate certain Crown grants in connection therewith; to confer special powers of reference to the Local Land Board and the Land Appeal Court where necessary; to permit the reversal of forfeiture of certain conditional purchases and conditional leases; to authorise the sale of certain Crown lands, and the issue of Crown grants therefor; and to authorise the granting of certain Crown land by way of compensation,* ”—which was read a first time.

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

7. PAPERS :—*Sir George Dibbs* laid upon the Table,—

(1.) By-laws of the Borough of Bombala under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.

(2.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Forbes.

Ordered to be printed.

2nd November, 1893.

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

The House adjourned at two minutes before Eleven o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 19.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 7 NOVEMBER, 1893.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Roads from Bulladelah and Bungwall Flat to Forster:—Mr. Hugh McKinnon asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) How much money has been expended on the road from Bulladelah to Forster during the last five years?
 (2.) What proportion of said money was spent on that portion of the road between Bungwall Flat and Forster?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

- (1.) £4,250.
 (2.) One-eighth.

- (2.) Prisoner Glasson:—*Mr. Kelly*, for Mr. Houghton, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Was any application made for a commutation of the death sentence passed upon the prisoner Glasson on the ground of insanity?
 (2.) If so, by whom was such application made?
 (3.) If no such application was made, on what grounds did the Government appoint a Board to inquire into the prisoner's sanity?
 (4.) What is the estimated cost to the country of the inquiry authorised by the Government?
 (5.) Are the members of the Board to receive any special remuneration for their services; if so, what amount is to be paid to each member of the Board?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The drift of the Honorable Member's Question seems to contain this inference—that some course was taken in the case of Glasson different from that taken in the case of any other criminal in similar circumstances. That has not been the case, because precisely what has been done in Glasson's case has been done in several other cases; in fact, at the time Glasson's case was being dealt with, we had also to deal with the case of a Chinaman named Hoy, who did not plead insanity, and who had no friends to interpose in his behalf in any shape or form. But certain facts came before the Executive which pointed to the fact that there was a necessity for an inquiry in his case of a precisely similar nature to that which took place in the case of Glasson. In both cases, after the strictest inquiry had been held, it was found that there was no necessity to stay the course of the law. The Honorable Member seems to have asked this Question under the impression that some undue influence had been exercised in the case of Glasson. Nothing of the kind has taken place, but no Executive would take away the life of any man before exhausting every possible channel of information.

- (3.) Free Passes to Railway and Tramway Employees:—*Mr. Darnley* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that hitherto the Railway and Tramway employees have received free passes for their wives, at least four times during the year?
 (2.) Is it a fact that the Railway Commissioners have now ordered the granting of those passes to be discontinued?
 (3.) If so, for what reason has this been done?

Sir George Dibbs answered.—I am informed that the Railway Regulations, issued nearly twelve months ago, provide that a free pass may be issued to each employee when taking annual leave, to include his wife and three children, and in addition four passes may be issued to each employee during the year. No change has been authorised since the regulations referred to were issued. At places remote from trade centres each employee, or his wife or housekeeper, may be furnished with a free pass once a month to the nearest convenient market with a view to the purchase of necessary household supplies, and in each such case such supplies, not to exceed 2 cwt., may be carried free.

(4.)

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- (4.) Members of the Legislative Council:—Mr. J. D. FitzGerald asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) How many vacancies have occurred in the membership of the Upper House during the last recess?
 - (2.) How many Members short of the full number of Members of the Upper House are there now?
 - (3.) If any, has the Government any intention of filling the vacancies?
- Sir George Dibbs answered,—By section 2 of the Constitution Act, it is provided that not fewer than twenty-one persons shall be summoned to the Legislative Council, but no limit is imposed as to Members in excess of that number who may be summoned to that House. As there have been more than twenty-one Members on the roll during last recess no vacancies can be said to have occurred. The greatest number of Members which ever composed the Legislative Council was seventy-three. The present number is sixty-nine.
- (5.) Reticulating Works, Double Bay:—Mr. Marks asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has any provision been made on the Estimates for the cost of reticulating Double Bay?
- Mr. Kidd* answered,—Double Bay is one of the low-level areas, and has to be sewered by pumping the sewage into one of the branch sewers leading to Bondi. The cost of the work for dealing with the present populated area is £15,000. No provision has yet been made for the works, but the matter will be considered when the other low-lying areas are being dealt with.
- (6.) Fees for making Affidavits:—*Mr. Hugh McKinnon*, for Mr. Hassall, asked the Minister of Justice,—What fee is a commissioner for affidavits justified in demanding from any one obliged to, or desirous of, making an affidavit before him?
- Mr. Kidd* answered,—The fees, which vary according to circumstances, are fixed by certain Rules of the Supreme Court, extracts from which are sent by the Prothonotary to each Commissioner upon his appointment. The ordinary fee for each oath administered is 1s., and in the country, 2s., with an additional 6d. for each exhibit, but under special circumstances the fees may range as high as two guineas.
- (7.) Racing Sweep Consultations:—*Mr. Molesworth*, for Mr. Murphy, asked the Postmaster-General,—
- (1.) Has he decided upon what length of time he will allow for the delivery of letters from abroad addressed to promoters of racing sweep consultations before he will strictly enforce the terms of the new Postal Act?
 - (2.) Will he take into his consideration the advisability of passing similar legislation to that in force in Victoria, *i.e.*, prohibiting transmission through the post-office of all newspapers containing racing sweep consultations' advertisements?
- Mr. Kidd* answered,—
- (1.) Yes; until the 31st December. I find that only five letters from abroad arrived by last mail, received on the 4th instant.
 - (2.) I am informed that no such legislation is in force in Victoria.
- (8.) Road Vote for 1893:—Mr. Perry asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that he has written off about 25 per cent. of the Road Vote for 1893?
 - (2.) Has he also taken about £90,000 from the same vote to pay special endowment for municipalities and salaries of roads officers?
- Mr. Kidd* answered,—The Honorable Member is well aware that owing to the shrinkage in the revenue returns the Government has been compelled to considerably curtail its expenditure. No specific amount has been written off, but savings have had to be effected wherever practicable. My honorable colleague has given instructions to make this as nearly as possible on an average percentage all over the Colony. An amount of £93,000 was provided for on the Roads Estimates as a portion of the special endowment to municipalities, it being incorporated in the Roads Estimates instead of the Colonial Secretary's, as previously.
- (9.) Floods in the Hunter River:—Mr. Hart asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Has the survey for the alleviation of floods in the Hunter River from Berry Park to Greenway's Creek been completed?
 - (2.) Has he received a report upon the same; if so, would he have any objection to lay it upon the Table of this House?
- Mr. Kidd* answered,—The survey and report are not quite complete yet. I expect them to reach me next week.
- (10.) Railway from June Junction to Hay:—Mr. Rae asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) What amount has been paid to landowners for land resumed for the construction of the railway from June Junction to Hay?
 - (2.) What is the total area of such land, including that at the terminal stations?
- Mr. Kidd* answered,—The Works Department report,—
- (1.) £17,700 11s. 2d.
 - (2.) £2,092 acres 2 roods 39½ perches.
- (11.) Business of the House:—*Mr. Collins*, for Mr. Sheldon, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Will he consider the advisability of proposing a change in the Tuesday business, so that Orders of the Day might be taken on the first three Tuesdays and Motions on the fourth Tuesday?
 - (2.) Will he also propose a change so that those Motions upon which Members merely desire to obtain an expression of the House's opinion could be allowed to go as Formal Motions?
- Sir George Dibbs answered,—I hold in my hand a notice of motion which I intend to give at a later hour of the sitting, making new provision with regard to the order of business.

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7th November, 1893.

2. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
 (1.) Friendly Societies Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—until Tuesday, 21st November.
 (2.) Criminal Law and Evidence Amendment Bill (No. 2); second reading;—until To-morrow.
 (3.) Australasian Rights Purchase Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's amendments;—until To-morrow.
3. **MINING ON PRIVATE LANDS BILL**:—Mr. Edden presented a Petition from John Carr, Chairman of a public meeting of residents of Adamstown, in favour of the passing of a Mining on Private Lands Bill.
 Petition received.
4. **LIQUOR TRAFFIC**:—The following Petitions,—praying that, in view of the manifold evils arising from the traffic in intoxicating liquors, and the widespread demand for reform, the House will pass into law a Bill providing for the taking of a plebiscite vote of the men and women of the country on the distinct issue of prohibition,—were presented by the Members named:—
 (1.) By Mr. H. H. Brown—From John Rapson, Chief Templar, at a meeting of members of the Endeavour Lodge, No. 699, Independent Order of Good Templars, and residents of Chichester River, near Dungog.
 (2.) By Mr. G. D. Clark—From members of the Hope of Wentworth Lodge, Independent Order of Good Templars, and residents of Wentworth.
 Petitions received.
5. **SILKSTONE COAL-MINE RAILWAY ACT FURTHER AMENDING BILL**:—Mr. Bowes presented a Petition from the Clyde Coal Land and Investment Company (Limited), praying for leave to bring in a Bill to further 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 69th Standing Order,—
 Petition received.
6. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Cotton rising to move the adjournment of the House,—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice under Standing Order No. 15, 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, viz., the methods adopted "by the Mutual Freehold Property Distribution Society of Sydney to obtain public money by "advertising properties as prizes in a lottery."
 And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—
 Mr. Cotton moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and negatived.
7. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until To-morrow:—
 (1.) Bankruptcy Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
 (2.) Criminal Law and Evidence Amendment Bill; second reading.
8. **PUBLIC INSTRUCTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—and Mr. Melville proceeding to move, That this Bill be now read a second time,—
Point of Order:—Mr. Neild submitted that this Bill proposed an amendment of the law which would have the effect of abolishing the school fees and thus ultimately increasing the burdens on the people. It therefore required a preliminary Committee, and the recommendation of the Crown, before its introduction.
 Mr. Speaker ruled against the objections taken.
 Mr. Melville then moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put.
 The House divided.

Ayes, 45.

Mr. Grahame,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. McCredie,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Scott,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Holborow,	Mr. Colls,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Danahay,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Daroley,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Rae,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Cotton,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Eve,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Donnelly,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. J. D. FitzGerald.
Mr. Perry,	
Mr. Edden,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Walker,	Dr. Hollis,
Mr. Sharp,	Mr. G. D. Clark.
Mr. McCourt,	

Noes, 20.

Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Morton,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Hayes,
Sir George Dibbs,
Mr. Reid,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Barton,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Hogan,
Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Francis Clarke,
Mr. Bowes.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Jeanneret,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.
 Bill read a second time.

On

7th November, 1893.

On motion of Mr. Melville, 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.

Ordered, that the adoption of the report stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

9. LAW VACATIONS ABOLITION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Walker moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Eve,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Holborow,	Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. Jeanneret,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Bowes,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Rae,	Mr. Rose,
Mr. Canu,	Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. G. D. Clark.
Mr. Edden,	
Mr. Campbell,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Bavister,	Mr. Nicoll,
Dr. Hollis,	Mr. Walker.

Noes, 9.

Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Barton,
Mr. Garvan,
Sir George Dibbs,
Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Morton,
Mr. Fuller.

Tellers,

Mr. Dowd,
Mr. Levien.

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.

10. AGRICULTURAL HOLDINGS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Bowes 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.

11. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir George Dibbs moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

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

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 20.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 8 NOVEMBER, 1893.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) School at Bridgewater, near Molong:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a person was sent, in the beginning of last week, to take charge of the school at Bridgewater, near Molong; did he refuse to take charge of the school, and for what reason?
- (2.) Is he aware that the school is now closed for the want of a teacher?
- (3.) Are teachers allowed any travelling expenses when going to take charge of any school; if so, how much, and were any expenses allowed in this case?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

- (1.) Yes; the teacher appointed was not satisfied with the accommodation offered, and is waiting further instructions.
- (2.) Yes; but a teacher has been instructed to take charge at once.
- (3.) Except in the case of applicants for removal, and of teachers who obtain substantial promotion by removal, reasonable allowances on account of personal expenses are granted.

(2.) Drill in Public Schools:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Is he aware that children attending Public Schools are very liable to have sun-stroke, and sickness brought on by having to drill in the open play-ground during the extreme heat of summer?
- (2.) Will he see that steps are taken to have drill in all Public Schools suspended during the hot and dangerous months of summer to avoid, if possible, deaths occurring from sun-stroke, and sickness from exposure to the extreme heat of summer?
- (3.) Will he take steps to have all children who have to walk several miles to school daily when the thermometer ranges from 80 to 110 degrees exempted from drill?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

- (1.) No; I am not aware of cases of sunstroke or sickness as the result of the conditions stated.
- (2.) The teachers in Public Schools are required to exercise their discretion in the use of the play-grounds; and, in the circumstances, there does not appear to be any need to take the course suggested. There is only one drill lesson a week, which is given with due regard to the pupils' comfort and health.
- (3.) It is not desirable to make any such exemptions. Teachers may be relied upon to take sufficient precautions in exceptional cases of this kind.

(3.) Life-saving Appliances:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Has a Mr. Smith, an inventor of life-saving appliances, applied to the Marine Board for a trial to be given to his inventions?
- (2.) Has Mr. Smith offered these inventions free of cost, and without patent rights, for the public benefit?
- (3.) Did he write a letter to the Marine Board, requesting that body to give Mr. Smith's inventions a trial?
- (4.) Has the Marine Board ever given this trial to Mr. Smith's inventions?
- (5.) If not, will he give imperative instructions to the Marine Board to give Mr. Smith's inventions a trial?

Sir

5th November, 1893.

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) Mr. Smith brought his invention to the President of the Marine Board, who discussed its merits with him, but no request was made about a trial.
 - (2.) Mr. Smith mentioned something of the sort during the interview referred to above.
 - (3.) Mr. Smith brought a letter from the Honorable the Treasurer to the President of the Marine Board about his invention.
 - (4.) No; Mr. Smith's invention is a mere alteration in the material, &c., of the life-saving appliances already in use. No new principle is introduced.
 - (5.) Not necessary.
- (4.) Unclaimed Moneys held by the Banks in New South Wales:—*Mr. Sharp*, for Mr. McGowen, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that there is a considerable sum of unclaimed moneys held by the Banks in New South Wales?
 - (2.) What is the estimated amount?
 - (3.) Have the Government any intention to pass legislation to take over these amounts held in suspense by the Banks, with all liabilities?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The information necessary to answer these Questions is not contained in the records of the Treasury. It is entirely beyond the province of the Government to ask for information, which must be sought for from the Banks.

- (5.) Petersham Technical School:—*Mr. Bavister* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) Is it proposed, at the expiration of the present year, to close the Petersham Technical School?
 - (2.) How many students were on the roll for the various classes at this school during the last term?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

- (1.) No final decision has yet been arrived at.
- (2.) Freehand and Model Drawing 53
 Perspective and Geometrical Drawing 21
 Mechanical Drawing 7
 —————
 81

Classes for which no salary is paid.

Scientific Dressmaking	14
Shorthand	No return.

- (6.) Swimming-baths in Farm Cove:—*Mr. Fuller* asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Under what terms and conditions did Mr. Cavill lease the right to erect the swimming-baths in Farm Cove?
 - (2.) Are there any special regulations governing the admission of the public to the baths; and, if so, have the regulations been printed and approved of by him?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The information sought by the Honorable Member will be found in the return laid upon the Table of this House on the 1st December, 1892, and ordered to be printed.

- (7.) Contractors for Sewerage Works:—*Mr. Sharp*, for Mr. Rae, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What are the names and addresses of the contractors who have obtained contracts for sewerage works and other public works during the last two weeks?

Mr. Copeland answered,—I will presently lay this information upon the Table of the House.

- (8.) Investigation into Conduct of Tram Conductor:—*Mr. Sharp* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that a tram conductor was dismissed on a charge made against him by a police constable?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that on appeal to the Commissioners such charge was proved to be groundless, and the man reinstated by the Commissioners?
 - (3.) Has the matter been reported to the Inspector-General of Police with a view to investigation in the public interest?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—I am informed that an inquiry was recently made in connection with such a case as indicated in the Question, but as the conductor has given notice of intention to institute legal proceedings, it is undesirable to go into the matter.

2. SILKSTONE COAL-MINE RAILWAY ACT FURTHER AMENDING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

- (1.) *Mr. Bowes* moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to further 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, intitled "A Bill to further amend the 'Silkstone Coal-mine Railway Act of 1889,'"—read a first time.

3. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Tuesday next:—

- (1.) Criminal Law and Evidence Amendment Bill (No. 2); second reading.
- (2.) Australasian Rights Purchase Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's amendments.
- (3.) Bankruptcy Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
- (4.) Criminal Law and Evidence Amendment Bill; second reading.
- (5.) Agricultural Holdings Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of *Mr. Bowes*, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
- (6.) Truck Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate contracts made with respect to, and the payment of, wages; to prohibit such payment being made in goods or otherwise than in money; and to regulate the service of legal process.

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4. PAPERS:—

Mr. Copeland laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return showing names and addresses of contractors to whom contracts have been let from 22nd October to 8th November, 1893, by the Public Works Department.
- (2.) Statement of receipts and expenditure of the Wollongong Harbour Trust for the year 1892. Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Kidd laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 25th October, 1893,—“License for the ‘Robin Hood Hotel,’ Oxford-street, Sydney.”

Ordered to be printed.

Sir George Dibbs laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return to an Order, made on 26th October, 1893,—“Military Officers sent to India.”
- (2.) Return to an Order, made on 26th October, 1893,—“Works of Defence.”
- (3.) Amended Regulations under the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893.
- (4.) Return to an Order made on 31st October, 1893,—“Influx of Chinese.”

Ordered to be printed.

5. INTERRUPTION AND RENEWAL OF PROCEEDINGS ON BILLS:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having rescinded one of its Standing Orders in relation to the interruption and renewal of proceedings on Bills, and substituted one, and adopted another in that behalf, transmits a copy of the same to the Legislative Assembly, together with a copy of the report of the Standing Orders Committee of the Legislative Council, in reference to the subject, and invites the Assembly to adopt Standing Orders similar in their mode of dealing with Bills.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 8th November, 1893.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

Transmitted to the Legislative Assembly with Message of 28th November, 1893.

ADOLPHUS P. CLAPIN,
Acting Clerk of the Parliaments.

I certify that the rescission of Standing Order 145b and the following Substituted and New Standing Orders were, this day, adopted by the Legislative Council.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 25th October, 1893.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

STANDING ORDER RESCINDED.

The Standing Order 145b, approved on 23rd February, 1892, is hereby rescinded.

SUBSTITUTED AND NEW STANDING RULES AND ORDERS.

“145b. On a Message being received from the Assembly by the Council, requesting consideration of any specified Message sent by the Assembly during a previous Session, either transmitting a public or private Bill for concurrence, or relating to any such Bill initiated in either House, the proceedings with respect to which had been interrupted by the prorogation of the Legislature, it shall be competent for the Council, on motion then put and carried, or subsequently by Motion on Notice, to determine that the stage such Bill had reached at the close of the Session in which it lapsed be an Order of the Day for a future day, and any such Bill may thereafter be proceeded with as if no prorogation had taken place; but if such Motion be negatived a Message shall be sent to the Assembly intimating the determination of the Council.”

At the request of Assembly, proceedings on Bills interrupted during a previous Session by prorogation may be resumed.

“145c. Upon receipt of a Message from the Assembly by the Council, with respect to amendments or any other proceedings whatever relating to any public or private Bill initiated in either House in a previous Session, which had lapsed at any stage because of a prorogation and had been resumed, it shall be competent for the Council to deal with the subject matter of such Message as if relating to a Bill of the current Session.”

At the request of Assembly, Messages forwarded in a previous Session having relation to Bills, may be dealt with.

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman of Committees.

Approved,—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Ordered, on motion of Sir George Dibbs, that the Legislative Council's Message, together with the accompanying Standing Orders, be taken into consideration in Committee of the Whole on Wednesday next.

6. LIQUOR TRAFFIC:—

(1.) Mr. Young presented a Petition from John Wright Lodge, Independent Order of Good Templars, and residents of Tinonce, praying that, in view of the manifold evils arising from the traffic in intoxicating liquors, and the widespread demand for reform, the House will pass into law a Bill providing for the taking of a plebiscite vote of the men and women of the country on the distinct issue of prohibition.

Petition received.

(2.) Mr. G. D. Clark presented a Petition from Wm. Lawson Dash, Chairman of a public meeting held in the Temperance Hall, Sydney, protesting against the introduction of a compensation clause in the Liquor Traffic Local Option Bill, and praying the House to give favourable consideration to the representations contained in the Petition.

Petition received.

7. MINING ON PRIVATE LANDS BILL:—Mr. Edden presented a Petition from residents of the Borough of New Lambton, in favour of the passing of a Mining on Private Lands Bill.

Petition received.

8th November, 1893.

8. ADDITIONAL SITTING DAY—ORDER OF BUSINESS ON TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS (*Sessional Order*):—

Sir George Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That, unless otherwise ordered, this House shall meet for despatch of business at 4 o'clock p.m. on Friday in each week, in addition to the present sitting days.

(2.) That on Fridays, unless otherwise ordered, General Business shall take precedence of Government Business, and General Orders of the Day shall take precedence of Motions.

(3.) That on Tuesdays, unless otherwise ordered, General Business shall be taken up to 7 o'clock, General Motions taking precedence of Orders of the Day; and after 7 o'clock Government Business only shall be taken."

Debate ensued.

Mr. J. D. FitzGerald moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of paragraph (3).

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

Debate continued.

Proposed amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question again stated.

Debate continued.

Original Question put and passed.

9. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Sir George Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House at its rising this day do adjourn until Tuesday next.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 38.

Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Donnelly,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Grahame,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. McCredie,
Mr. Tonkin,	Dr. Cullen,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Morgon,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Watts,
Mr. Dowd,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Colls,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Jobuston,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Holborow.
Mr. McMillan,	
Mr. Lonsdale,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Scott,	Mr. Cullen.

Noes, 37.

Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Inglis,
Mr. Wise,	Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Trail,	Mr. Donald,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Danahey,	Mr. Rac,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. G. D. Clark,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Eves,
Mr. Miller,	Mr. Francis Clarke,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,	Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Sheldon,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Gornly.
Mr. Schey,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Darnley,	Mr. Hart,
Dr. Hollis,	Mr. Barnes.
Mr. E. G. Brown,	
Mr. Stevenson,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

10. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Sir George Dibbs, 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,—

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

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

(1.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Service of the year 1894, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales the sum of £2,395, for the expenses of the establishment of His Excellency the Governor for the year 1894.

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

11. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir George Dibbs moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at half-past Twelve o'clock a.m., until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 21.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 14 NOVEMBER, 1893.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Contributions to Fire Brigades by Fire Insurance Companies:—Mr. Johnston asked the Colonial Secretary,—Having reference to Mr. Coghlan's allegation on page 34, Part X, Statistical Register, that the whole of the Fire Insurance Companies decline to contribute their share of money to the different Fire Brigades, as defined by the Act of 1884, will he take steps to make the Fire Insurance Companies pay their calls as defined by the Act?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The matter referred to by the Honorable Member's Question will be taken into consideration.

- (2.) Purchase of Horses by the Government:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) Have the Government purchased any horses from the Honorable H. C. Dangar, or Dangar Brothers, privately during the present year?
 (2.) If so, on what date, and how many horses?
 (3.) What price per head was paid for the horses, and was the price for delivery on the station or in Sydney?

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

(1 and 2.) No.

(3.) Six horses were purchased by public auction at Camperdown sale-yards on 1st instant. Prices each:—£19 10s., £14 10s., £17 10s., £15 5s., £16, and £13 10s., for delivery at sale-yards.

- (3.) Storm-water Sewers at Parramatta and Tuckombil Creek:—Mr. Perry asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has he accepted a tender for storm-water escape or sewer at Parramatta and other localities about Sydney; if so, what arrangements, if any, have been made with property-owners for repayment of part of the cost?

(2.) Will he proceed with work of a similar character between Tuckombil Creek and Evans River, where those interested have offered to pay interest on cost pending the passing of a Betterment Bill under which they would be willing to contribute part of the cost of the work?

Mr. Lync answered,—

(1.) I presume the Honorable Member refers to the work known as the Brickfield Creek storm-water sewer, tenders for which were called on 29th June, 1892, but no offer has yet been accepted. The Sydney stormwater system will be included in the general sewerage debt of the City for which the inhabitants of the metropolis and suburbs are rated. Pending the completion of the sewerage system, I propose to introduce a Bill giving special powers of taxation in connection with the stormwater system.

(2.) There is but little analogy between the cases cited by the Honorable Member in his first Question and that alluded to in the second. The latter refers to the drainage of large agricultural districts, the former to the sewerage of densely populated areas. I shall be prepared, however, to deal with the Tuckombil Creek and Evans River drains as soon as the Betterment Bill has been passed.

- (4.) Marble Mantels for the Royal Mint:—Mr. Darnley asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that several marble mantels for the Royal Mint are being prepared in Bathurst gaol?

(2.) How is it that tenders were not called for the working of them?

(3.) Will he continue to allow gaol labour to come into competition with outside labour?

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- Mr. Lyne answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
- (2 and 3.) The reason of these mantel-pieces being made in Bathurst Gaol is to test the suitability of our colonial marbles for work of the kind mentioned. It is not intended for one moment that gaol labour shall be put into competition with free labour. The Government in this matter is merely providing an object lesson, which, it is hoped, will be taken advantage of by the marble-masons of the Colony. If this experiment turns out successfully, I intend in all future specifications to stipulate that the material to be supplied shall be colonial marble and worked up in the Colony.
- (5.) Stamp Duty on Note Issue during 1891:—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Secretary,—Under the Stamp Duties Act of 1880, what was the total amount paid by the various Banks for issuing £1,800,000 worth of notes during 1891?
- Sir George Dibbs answered,—I am informed by the Commissioner of Stamp Duties that the average value of the notes of the Banks, in circulation during the year 1891, was £1,575,250. The duty paid was £31,505.
- (6.) Corporal Harrison, of "A" Company, 2nd Regiment:—Mr. Hugh McKinnon asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that Corporal Harrison, of "A" Company, 2nd Regiment, New South Wales Volunteer Infantry, was wounded on the Randwick Rifle Range?
- (2.) Has a Board of Inquiry been constituted to inquire into the matter of the said wounding?
- (3.) If so, will he be good enough to lay copies of all reports, letters, minutes, and papers, bearing upon the said wounding, accompanied by a copy of proceedings of the said Board, upon the Table of this House?
- Sir George Dibbs answered,—
- (1 and 2.) Yes.
- (3.) If the papers are moved for in the usual way, there will be no objection to their production.
- (7.) Estates sold by the Banks during 1893:—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it his intention to introduce legislation which will enable the Government Statistician to compile Banking data relative to the number of estates sold by the Banks during 1893?
- (2.) The price realised for the same at per acre or per foot?
- (3.) The area of land owned by Banks?
- (4.) The number of selections owned by Banks?
- (5.) The number of selections sold by Banks?
- Sir George Dibbs answered,—I think this Question requires more consideration than the Honorable Member appears to have given to a subject which affects the private interests of the public generally. I am not prepared to give him an answer at this stage.
- (8.) Fuel-saving Invention:—Mr. Sharp asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that a driver on the New South Wales railways has patented an invention which it is alleged would be the means of effecting a great saving yearly in the cost of fuel, besides other advantages?
- (2.) Is it a fact that this driver has offered to bear the cost of fitting up a locomotive with his apparatus so that its efficacy may be practically tested?
- (3.) Have the Commissioners refused an opportunity to practically demonstrate the advantages of this invention; if so, will he state for what reason?
- (4.) Has his attention been called to a letter appearing in the *Daily Telegraph*, 4th November, under the heading "The Fuel of the Future"?
- Sir George Dibbs answered,—I may point out that the Question involves a matter of purely detail railway management, which it is the duty of the Railway Commissioners to control. It is, however, assumed that the Honorable Member refers to an alleged improved movable fire-bar for locomotives, brought under notice by Driver Shepherd, by whom also the letter in the *Daily Telegraph* referred to appears to have been written. I am informed by the Railway Commissioners that the appliance was specially investigated by the principal officers of the Locomotive Department, their reports being strongly adverse, the Chief Mechanical Engineer reporting that the appliance is one which, in his opinion, has no value at all except for very bad fuel, and even then it is not one of the best appliances of the kind available. The Commissioners, in view of these reports, declined to adopt the principle.
- (9.) Watercourse at George's River:—Mr. McCourt, for Mr. Parkes, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will he have the work of improving the watercourse of the George's River put into operation?
- Mr. Lyne answered,—I cannot say at present, as there are works of much greater urgency in abeyance owing to shortness of funds.
- (10.) Imperial Land, Bank, and Discount Company:—Mr. Molesworth asked the Attorney-General,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the presiding magistrate at the Central Police Court, in July last, committed the directors, manager, and auditors of the Imperial Land, Bank, and Discount Company for trial on the charges of conspiracy and the issue of false and fraudulent balance-sheets?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the Crown Prosecutor stated in opening the case that "his duty was simply to place such evidence before the Court as would ensure the committal of the accused for trial before a jury"?
- (3.) Is it a fact that the presiding magistrate in summing up said that the evidence was of such a character as to compel him to commit the whole of the accused for trial at the Criminal Court?
- (4.) Is it a fact that he has declined to file a bill against any of the accused; and, if so, will he be good enough to give his reasons for so doing?
- (5.) Will he lay all the papers in this case upon the Table of the House?

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Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2 and 3.) I am not aware, but any statements of the kind indicated, if made, would not lessen an Attorney-General's responsibility in the performance of duty, nor his obligation to refuse to put accused persons on their trial if, in his opinion, the facts elicited do not warrant such a course.

(4.) Yes. It is not usual to give the reasons which actuate the Attorney-General in declining to file an indictment; but, under the circumstances of this case, I will state them. They are expressed as follows in a minute placed by me upon the depositions:—"In the first instance the circumstances called for a thorough investigation into the transactions and management of the Company with which the accused were officially connected. But I have now upon a careful consideration of the result of the very exhaustive and lengthy inquiry at the Police Court, come to the conclusion that there is no sufficient evidence to warrant me in sending the case on for trial before a jury. In the first place there is not any evidence that the directors or auditors made any improper gain out of the transactions of the Company. That fact of itself would not by any means conclusively negative strong inferences of fraud or conspiracy arising from other evidence. But there is the further circumstance, that by remaining shareholders to the last, they were all losers, some of them to a considerable extent. Next, with reference to what may be said to be the main charge—the concoction of fraudulent and deceptive balance-sheets—the evidence, especially when taken into consideration with the Articles of Association of the Company, shows that though at the most there may have been negligence in some respects, failure to exercise a wise discretion in others, and a faulty system of keeping and dealing with accounts, yet there could not fairly be said to have been any such culpable and deliberate misrepresentation of the position of the Company as would be necessary to sustain a charge of conspiracy to defraud. There is also the fact disclosed by the evidence, that the land values (and they formed the principal assets of the Company) as estimated in the Company's books, and in the balance-sheets, are below the valuations of Messrs. Richardson and Wrench, and other cautious and competent valuers, and it appears, that if realisable now, these values would show the Company to be still solvent. The evidence shows, moreover, that at the time (the end of the year 1888) the shareholders themselves thought so much of the value of the Company's properties, that they carried a resolution against the directors in favour of declaring a dividend, instead of, as the directors proposed, carrying the amount to the reserve fund, a procedure which led to the resignation by one of the accused, Cameron, of his position as a director. For these reasons, and upon a general review of the facts of the case, as they now appear, I am of opinion, that there is no proof of such fraud or dishonesty on the part of either the auditors or directors in their dealings with the interests of the shareholders or depositors in this Company, as would justify any further criminal proceedings in the matter."

(5.) No; the whole of the evidence was fully published in the newspapers at the time of the Police Office inquiry, on which the committal took place, and the course now suggested would entail an unwarrantable and useless expenditure.

(11.) Rents of Pastoral Tenants:—*Mr. Inglis* asked the Secretary for Lands.—

(1.) Is it not the case that rents of pastoral tenants are paid in advance for the coming year not later than 31st December of each year?

(2.) Has he authorised, or is he aware, of a notice published in the *Government Gazette*, calling on the pastoral tenants to pay their rents in advance for 1894 in this current month of November, under a fine of 5 per cent. for non-payment?

(3.) Has he considered the possibility of many tenants having to borrow money at high rates of interest to meet this demand, and that in many cases of great hardship may be inflicted if this rule is rigorously enforced?

(4.) Will this increase the revenue of 1893 by getting in moneys this year that really belong to 1894?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) All Crown rents are payable in advance, but not necessarily on the 31st December in each year.

(2.) Yes; in order that the sanction of the Governor and Executive Council to the renewal of occupation licenses for the ensuing year may be obtained before the end of the current year.

(3.) The possibility may exist, but the action now taken is in the interest and for the protection of the licensees.

(4.) This is in accordance with law, and in no way differs from the practice adopted in previous years, excepting that the fees must be paid in November instead of December.

(12.) Road from Grafton to Glen Innes:—*Mr. Lees*, for *Mr. Tonkin*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What has been the total cost of making and forming the road from Grafton to Glen Innes?*Mr. Lyne* answered,—£226,065 10s. This expenditure extends over twenty-seven years, and includes making, forming, maintenance, and all other charges to date.2. NAVAL AND MILITARY DEFENCES (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Wright* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—

(1.) The total expenditure incurred for Naval and Military Defences by the various Australasian colonies during the year 1892.

(2.) The total expenditure incurred for Naval and Military Defences in New South Wales since 1856 to 1892 inclusive.

Question put and passed.

3. REMOVAL OF CONSTABLE ANDREWS FROM BYRON BAY (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Perry* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all letters, reports, papers, and correspondence relating to the removal of Constable Andrews from Byron Bay.

Question put and passed.

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4. **MILITARY OFFICERS SENT TO ENGLAND AND INDIA (Formal Motion):**—Mr. Wright moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers, minutes, and reports in reference to Military officers being sent to England and to India, and also a statement showing what is allowed to each officer in the shape of passage money or other travelling expenses in connection with the trip.
Question put and passed.
5. **CUSTODY OF CHILDREN BILL:**—Mr. Carruthers presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the law relating to the custody of Children,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 24th November.
6. **LIQUOR TRAFFIC:**—
(1.) Mr. Molesworth presented a Petition from Jacob Jacobsen, Chairman of a meeting of members of the Guard of Honour Lodge, No. 629, Independent Order of Good Templars, and residents of Alexandria, praying that, in view of the manifold evils arising from the traffic in intoxicating liquors, and the widespread demand for reform, the House will pass into law a Bill providing for the taking of a plebiscite vote of the men and women of the country on the distinct issue of prohibition.
Petition received.
(2.) Mr. Hindle presented a Petition from E. Rufford, D.D., Chairman of a public meeting held at Marrickville Hill, protesting against the introduction of a compensation clause in the Liquor Traffic Local Option Bill, and praying the House to give favourable consideration to the resolutions contained in the Petition.
Petition received.
7. **MINING ON PRIVATE LANDS BILL:**—Mr. Fegan presented a Petition from Alexander Thornton, Mayor of the Municipal District of Carrington, in favour of the passing of a Mining on Private Lands Bill.
Petition received.
8. **PAPERS:**—
Mr. Slattery laid upon the Table,—Proclamation declaring Marble to be a mineral in terms of the Mining Act of 1889.
Ordered to be printed.
Sir George Dibbs laid upon the Table,—General Summary of Liabilities and Assets of the Banking, Land, Building, and Investment Companies for quarter ended 30th June, 1893.
Ordered to be printed.
9. **INFLUX OF ASIATICS:**—Mr. Dowel presented a Petition from Daniel Soane, Mayor of Dubbo, representing that there are a large number of Asiatics now in the Colony, many of whom have been imported under contract to work at wages which totally preclude the possibility of white men competing with them; and praying that the House will, during the present Session, pass such prohibitive or restrictive legislation as will save the country from a danger threatening it alike with the most serious industrial, social, and political consequences.
Petition received.
10. **WORKING OF THE GOVERNMENT LABOUR BUREAU:**—Mr. J. D. FitzGerald moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Working of the Government Labour Bureau," brought up on 2nd June, 1893, be now adopted.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Callen moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Friday, 15th December.

And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business only taken, under Sessional Order adopted on the 8th November, 1893.

11. **MINING ON PRIVATE LANDS BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Copeland moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker having retired,—

The Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, in accordance with the Standing Order (2A).

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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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 progress and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.

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

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

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 22.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 15 NOVEMBER, 1893.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Judges adjudicating in Appeals against own Judgment :—Mr. Haynes asked the Attorney-General,—

(1.) Is it a fact that His Honor Judge Windeyer adjudicated in a case in the Queensland Courts recently, because the Chief Justice of Queensland was prohibited by law from sitting on an appeal against his own judgment, and because two of the Puisne Judges had been identified with the case referred to (one as counsel), and could not sit?

(2.) Is it a fact that on 25th October of this year, in our own Supreme Court, His Honor Chief Justice Darley sat on an appeal against his own judgment in the matter of the Gore Estate?

(3.) Is it a fact, further, that His Honor the Chief Justice has repeatedly sat in and given judgment upon the same Gore Estate case, in which he had held a brief when practising as counsel?

(4.) Does he see his way to advise a change in the proceedings of the Supreme Court, whereby a Judge may not sit in appeals against his own judgments?

Mr. Slattery answered,—I have received the following reply from my honorable colleague :—I decline to answer these Questions in the form in which they are put; and, whilst I deprecate most emphatically this mode of attacking the Judges, I can state that there is no ground for the insinuations contained in the Questions, and that the Chief Justice has done nothing but his duty.

- (2.) Appointment of Inspector under Vine Diseases Act, 1893 :—Mr. Haynes asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Have the Government appointed an inspector under the Vine Diseases Act of 1893; or is it their intention to make such an appointment?

(2.) Have any applications been made for the post, and what are the applicants' names?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) A gentleman has been temporarily employed by the day.

(2.) Yes. The Honorable Member may have the names of the applicants from the Department.

- (3.) Case of *McWhannell v. the Commissioners for Railways* :—Mr. Haynes asked the Attorney-General,—

(1.) Has his attention been called to a recent expression of a determination by the Supreme Court Judges sitting in the appeal case, *McWhannell v. the Commissioners of Railways*, to make a ward of Court of the plaintiff—an infant—the parents being respectable and trustworthy people?

(2.) Under what authority does the Court thus propose to assume control and guardianship of the child, as far as the effect of the verdict in its behalf is concerned, seeing that the parents have not been proven guilty of incompetence, neglect, or other misconduct warranting interference by the Court on the child's behalf?

Mr. Slattery answered,—My honorable colleague is not aware of any such determination as that referred to by the Honorable Member having ever been expressed by the Supreme Court Judges.

- (4.) Provisions of New Banking Bill :—Mr. Hutchinson asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it his intention to make any provision in the new Banking Bill as to limiting the undue forcing in of overdrafts and the foreclosures of mortgages by the Banks of the Colony?

(2.) Is it a fact that extension of time has been granted by the Lands Department in a great number of cases to persons who are unable to pay balances due, rents, and interest?

(3.) Will he, considering all the circumstances of the late financial crisis, take some steps to protect selectors and others, and prevent them being crushed and rendered homeless through the demands of the Banks?

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Sir George Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) It is not my intention to interfere in any way with any contract or legal rates.
- (2.) Yes, in some instances, but not in a great number, and only where good reasons were given.
- (3.) Any application for an extension of time for payment of any moneys due to the Crown by Crown lessees and others, will be dealt with on its merits, but the Government cannot legally intervene between selectors and others and the Banks.

- (5.) Public School Fees:—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Are teachers of Public Schools instructed to charge a fee of 1s. per week for children attending school who are 14 years of age; if so, the amount of fees received, and the number of children who are paying this amount?

Mr. Suttor answered,—No such instructions have been issued to teachers.

- (6.) Licenses for Distillation of Scents from Flowers and Native Plants:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it necessary for the owners of flower gardens to take out a license for the preparation or distillation of scents or essences from flowers and native plants; if so, the amount of fees charged for the same?
- (2.) The number of such licenses that are now in existence, or have been issued during the year; the amount of fees received from the same; and the value and amount of such scents or essences that are prepared or extracted from flowers and native plants in the Colony annually?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) Yes; £3 per annum license fee, including stamp.
- (2.) Eight licenses for scientific purposes issued during current year; fees paid, £24; value and amount of scents or essences prepared, not known.

- (7.) Orange Fire Brigade:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Does a Fire Brigade exist at Orange, and is it subsidised by the State?
- (2.) Did a fire recently take place in East Orange, and did the said Brigade refuse to attend because it was outside the Orange town boundary, and in consequence a poor widow's house and effects were destroyed by the fire?
- (3.) Will he see that some steps are taken to prevent a recurrence of any similar disaster, and that some provision is made for the relief of the destitute widow?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2 and 3.) I am not aware, but I will cause inquiries to be made.

- (8.) Drill in Public Schools:—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a boy, Bruce Withers, a son of Alderman J. Withers, of Parramatta, fainted when attending drill between 10 and 11 o'clock at the South Public School on or about the 7th instant, owing to being exposed during drill to the excessive heat of the weather?
- (2.) Under such circumstances, will the Department issue instructions to teachers throughout the Colony either to modify or suspend drill in Public Schools during the hot months of summer, in order to prevent, if possible, the recurrence of similar cases, and perhaps death and sickness, ensuing from exposure during drill to the heat of a semi-tropical sun?
- (3.) Is it not a fact that there are two drill lessons in the week in some country schools?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

- (1.) It is not a fact that a boy named Bruce Withers fainted on 6th instant owing to being exposed during drill to the excessive heat of the weather. The boy went to school ill, and fainted directly after falling into line, and was at once sent home. The heat was not excessive on the day in question; the maximum in the shade in Sydney was 74°, and at drill time, twenty minutes to 10 in the morning, considerably less.
- (2.) Teachers are requested to exercise due care as regards the health of the children under their supervision, and may, when necessary, suspend drill. I see no need to issue any further instructions.
- (3.) I am not aware that drill instruction is given more than once a week in country schools. That is all necessary under the standard.

- (9.) Site for Noxious Trades:—Mr. Carruthers asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Will he lay upon the Table of the House all papers and reports referring to the proposed noxious trades site?
- (2.) Will he afford the House an opportunity to consider such documents, and take such action thereon as may be deemed necessary, before proclaiming the suggested site at La Perouse?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) There will be no objection, provided they are moved for in the usual way.
- (2.) The Honorable Member must be aware that the selection of a noxious trades site is a very important matter, and requires serious consideration. When the Government has arrived at a decision the whole of the papers will be laid upon the Table, and the House will be informed of the decision.

- (10.) Rent for Cottage Homes in Municipality of Mittagong:—Dr. Cullen asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What is the amount of rental per annum paid by the State Children's Relief Department for cottage homes in the municipality of Mittagong; also, amount so paid within a distance of 2 miles outside the municipality?
- (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to create more cottage homes within the municipality, or are they in treaty for houses for that purpose?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) £367 rental for six homes within the municipality, £40 outside for one home.
- (2.) No; one home situated within the municipality is being removed to cheaper and more suitable premises.

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- (11.) Seamen Discharged during Years 1891-92-93 :—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for *Mr. Davis*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—How many seamen were discharged during the years 1891-92-93 respectively, and paid off at the rate of 1s. a month?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—There will be no objection to the giving of the information in the form of a return, if moved for; but I understand that it will take a month to prepare it.

- (12.) Appointment of Trustees for Billagoe Common :—*Mr. Waddell* asked the Secretary for Mines,—Have the trustees been appointed yet for the Billagoe Common?

Mr. Slattery answered,—No; the Commoners' boundaries will be gazetted in a few days, and the Members for the district will then be asked to submit names of persons (5) eligible for appointment as trustees.

- (13.) Illusage of Camels in Bourke District :—*Mr. Waddell* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that it is currently reported that Afghans in the Bourke district frequently shamefully illuse their camels by working them when their backs are galled and seriously injured; also that in some cases pieces of hide are sewn over the sores to prevent them being noticed?

(2.) Will he take steps to ascertain if the reports are true; and, if so, have those responsible for such acts of cruelty criminally prosecuted?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The Police will be instructed to make inquiry into the matter.

- (14.) Amending Land Bill :—*Mr. Waddell* asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he, in view of the pressing urgency of amending the Land laws, endeavour to have an amending Land Bill passed before the Session closes?

Mr. Copeland answered,—I cannot give the Honorable Member a definite reply to this Question at present, as its consideration must depend on the state of Government business at a later period of the Session.

- (15.) Australian Products :—*Mr. Waddell* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he, in view of the necessity to encourage in every reasonable way the great producing industries of the Colony, take into consideration the necessity to appoint a trustworthy and capable man to visit any countries likely to afford us markets for our products, for the purpose of obtaining information of a nature that will assist our producers in the disposal of their produce, and to as far as possible direct the attention of the residents of such countries to the various Australian products for which they may be likely to become purchasers?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The Honorable Member's Question embodies a valuable suggestion, and the matter will receive consideration.

- (16.) Government Aid to Miners :—*Mr. Newman* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) In view of the fact that £1,280 has already been contributed out of the Prospecting Vote to the Port Hacking Coal Company, "Cremorne," and that they have an admitted capital of £30,000, does he intend to continue granting aid?

(2.) Is it a fact that hundreds of applications for aid have been made by practical miners all over the country, without means, and refused by the Department?

(3.) Is it a fact that the Port Hacking Coal Company, without miners' rights, have the use of 13,000 acres of the people's land absolutely free of rent while prospecting, subject to 6d. per ton royalty on coal, if successful?

(4.) If so, will he consider the equity and advisability of allowing the working miner, who does pay for his miners' right, at least the same privileges as the Port Hacking Coal Company over the rest of the people's land, and the minerals contained therein?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) Yes; but nearly the whole of the vote has been expended in aiding working miners in various portions of the Colony.

(3.) The authorities were granted to an individual who holds mineral licenses.

(4.) The working miners had the same rights at the time when the authority under which the Port Hacking Company are working was granted. At the present time the conditions under which authorities are granted are not the same as they were then, but in granting such authorities no distinction is or has been made between working miners and companies.

- (17.) Road Votes :—*Mr. Perry* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it a fact that the revenue returns have so improved that a surplus of £270,000 is anticipated at the end of the year; if so, will he take steps at once to replace the £246,278 shown in the statement of savings from 1892 and 1893 as having been taken from the Road Votes, and have it expended in those places where it is required, to enable the producers to market the result of their toil?

Mr. Lyne answered,—If the Honorable Member will kindly refer to the Estimates of Ways and Means laid upon the Table, he will find that there is no estimated surplus this year. He will therefore see that it is impossible, without largely increasing the deficiency already existing, to spend the amount he refers to. I have every confidence, however, that next year the revenue will have so improved as to permit of a more liberal expenditure on account of the roads of the Colony.

- (18.) Area granted for Boring at Cremorne :—*Mr. Wall* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) What area of the Harbour of Port Jackson have the company now boring for coal at Cremorne been granted the right to mine under?

(2.) What is the annual rental for such area, and what royalty per ton is the State to receive?

(3.) Under what section of the Mining Act, or under what authority, has such area been granted?

(4.) Have any payments been yet received by the Department for such rights as are granted?

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Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) It is not known that the company holds any area under the Harbour of Port Jackson, but authorities have been granted to an individual for 7,700 acres wholly under water.
- (2.) At the time these authorities were granted no rent was charged for land wholly under water.
- (3.) Section 28 of the Mining Act 1874.
- (4.) Yes; for mineral licenses.

(19.) Crown Lands :—Dr. Cullen asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that various private land-jobbers are in the habit of advertising the sale of land at £1 per acre on deferred payments, and thereby inducing intending settlers to pay them exorbitant prices for information as to where Crown lands may be obtained for conditional purchase?
- (2.) Has it been brought to his notice that such persons have, by false descriptions, induced *bona-fide* selectors to acquire and occupy Crown lands which are wholly unsuitable for settlement?
- (3.) Has he been informed that the land-jobbers aforesaid succeed in making as much, or almost as much, profit out of the sale of Crown lands in this way as the Crown itself makes?
- (4.) Is it not a fact that in New South Wales, more than in any other Colony, persons wishing to settle upon the public lands are left by the Crown without proper information to guide them in choosing land for settlement?
- (5.) Will he cause inquiry to be made into these grievances, and take the necessary steps to provide that complete information shall be furnished by his Department to all intending settlers as to where suitable land can be had for selection?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

- (1.) I am not aware having no connection either departmentally or otherwise with land-jobbers.
- (2 and 3.) No; and I do not believe it to be the case.
- (4 and 5.) Not so far as I am aware, but I would refer the Honorable Member to the answer given by me on the 26th ultimo to Mr. Allen, on behalf of Mr. Molesworth, in reply to a similar inquiry.

2. SILKSTONE COAL-MINE RAILWAY ACT FURTHER AMENDING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Stevenson, for Mr. Bowes, moved, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) That the Silkstone Coal-mine Railway Act Further 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. Sec, Mr. Waddell, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Scobie, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Perry, Mr. Gillies, and the Mover.
- Question put and passed.

3. CITY OF SYDNEY MUNICIPAL LOAN BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to enable the Municipal Council of Sydney to raise by debentures the sum of £300,000 for the purpose of providing, paying to, recouping, and reimbursing the City Funds certain sums expended thereout and liabilities incurred in the purchase of certain lands in the said city; also certain sums expended on municipal works in the said city; and for the purpose of erecting markets, shops, and buildings in the said city; and for other 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, 15th November, 1893.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

CITY OF SYDNEY MUNICIPAL LOAN BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 15th November, 1893.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 2, clause 1, line 45. Omit "in" insert "as"
 Page 3, clause 4, line 53. After "it" insert "every half-year"
 Page 4, Schedule, line 21. After "of" second time occurring insert "at"

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.

4. PAPER:—Sir George Dibbs laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 26th October, 1893, "Steam Tonnage Inwards and Outwards, Port Jackson."
Ordered to be printed.

5. LIQUOR TRAFFIC LOCAL OPTION BILL:—Mr. Cook presented a Petition from George James, President of the Primitive Methodist Intercolonial Conference, representing that he regards the traffic in intoxicating liquors as one of the main causes of demoralization, poverty, and crime; expressing his hearty approval of the Liquor Traffic Local Option Bill, and praying the House to take immediate steps to pass the said Bill into law.

Petition received.

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6. LIQUOR TRAFFIC:—The following Petitions,—praying that, in view of the manifold evils arising from the traffic in intoxicating liquors, and the widespread demand for reform, the House will pass into law a Bill providing for the taking of a plebiscite vote of the men and women of the country on the distinct issue of prohibition,—were presented by the Members named:—
- (1.) By Mr. Donald—From A. E. Axford, Chairman of a meeting of members of the Light in the Valley Lodge, Independent Order of Good Templars, and residents of Lithgow.
- (2.) By Mr. G. D. Clark—From Robert McAlister, Chairman of a meeting of members of the Crystal Spring Lodge, Independent Order of Good Templars, and residents of Sydney.
- Petitions received.
7. STANDING ORDERS RESPECTING THE INTERRUPTION AND RENEWAL OF PROCEEDINGS ON BILLS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Sir George Dibbs, 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 5th November, 1893, inviting the Legislative Assembly to adopt certain Standing Orders on this subject.
- Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the rescission of Standing Order, No. 68, and to the adoption of certain New Standing Orders in lieu thereof, which were read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, as follows:—

STANDING ORDER RESCINDED.

The Standing Order 68, approved on 31st March, 1892, is hereby rescinded.

SUBSTITUTED AND NEW STANDING RULES AND ORDERS.

68. On a Message being received from the Council by the Assembly, requesting consideration of any specified Message sent by the Council during a previous session of the same Parliament, either transmitting a public or private Bill for concurrence, or relating to any such Bill initiated in either House, the proceedings with respect to which had been interrupted by the prorogation of the Legislature, it shall be competent for the Assembly, on motion then put and carried, or subsequently by motion on notice, to determine that the stage such Bill had reached at the close of the session in which it lapsed be an order of the day for a future day, and any such Bill may thereafter be proceeded with as if no prorogation had taken place; but if such motion be negatived a Message shall be sent to the Council intimating the determination of the Assembly.

At the request of Council proceedings on Bills interrupted during a previous session of the same Parliament by prorogation may be resumed.

68a. Upon receipt of a Message from the Council by the Assembly, with respect to amendments or any other proceedings whatever relating to any public or private Bill initiated in either House in a previous session of the same Parliament, which had lapsed at any stage because of a prorogation and had been resumed, it shall be competent for the Assembly to deal with the subject matter of such Message as if relating to a Bill of the current session.

At the request of Council Messages forwarded in a previous session of the same Parliament having relation to Bills, may be dealt with.

Sir George Dibbs then moved, That the rescission of Standing Order 68, and the New Standing Orders, reported as agreed to in Committee of the Whole, be now adopted.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Sir George Dibbs moved, That the rescission of Standing Order 68, and the New Standing Orders, now adopted by this House, be presented by the Speaker for the approval of His Excellency the Governor.

Question put and passed.

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

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

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

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

(2.) *Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to regulate the issue of Bank Notes; to make Bank Notes a legal tender, except at the chief offices of the Banks in Sydney; and to amend the "Stamp Duties Act of 1880"; to declare the past operation of section one of the "Bank Issue Act of 1893," and to repeal that section, and re-enact it with amendments; such Bill to provide that towards raising the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty, there shall be paid to the Commissioner of Stamp Duties, under section twenty-four of the "Stamp Duties Act of 1880," from and after the first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three, in lieu of that now existing, an annual composition at the rate of fifty shillings for every one hundred pounds upon the amount of Bank Notes mentioned in that section.

(3.) *Resolved*,—That towards raising the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty, there shall be levied, collected, and paid from and after the first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three, the duties mentioned in Schedule B to the Stamp Duties Act Amendment Act of 1886, on and in respect of all estate, whether real or personal,—

(a) Which any person dying after the passing of this Act has disposed of, whether before or after the passing of this Act, by will, or by settlement containing any trust in respect of that estate to take effect after his death, under any authority enabling that person to dispose of the same by will or deed, as the case may be.

(b) Taken under a voluntary disposition made by any person so dying, purporting to operate as an immediate gift *inter vivos*, whether by way of transfer, delivery, declaration of trust or otherwise, which has not been *bonâ fide* made twelve months before the death of that person;

Or taken under any gift whether made before or during the said period of twelve months, unless the donee has assumed the *bonâ fide* possession and enjoyment of the same immediately upon the gift, and has thenceforward retained it to the entire exclusion of the donor, or of any benefit to him by contract or otherwise.

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- (c) Which any person, so dying, having been absolutely entitled thereto, has, before or after the passing of this Act, voluntarily caused to be transferred to or vested in himself and any other person jointly, whether by disposition or otherwise, so that the beneficial interest therein or in some part thereof passes or accrues by survivorship on his death to that other person.
- (d) Being a purchase or investment by any person, so dying, made either by himself alone or in concert with, or by arrangement with any other person, before or after the passing of this Act, with property or the proceeds of property to which he was absolutely entitled, in the name of himself and any other person jointly, so that the beneficial interest therein or in some part thereof passes or accrues by survivorship on his death to that other person.
- (e) Passing under any voluntary settlement made before or after the passing of this Act by any person so dying, by deed or any other instrument not taking effect as a will, whereby an interest in that property or the proceeds of sale thereof for life or any other period determinable by reference to death is reserved either expressly or by implication to the settlor, or whereby the settlor may have reserved to himself the right, by the exercise of any power, to restore to himself, or to reclaim the absolute interest in that property or the proceeds of sale thereof.

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

9. BANK NOTES BILL:—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Sir George Dibbs, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 2), to regulate the issue of Bank Notes; to make Bank Notes a legal tender except at the chief offices of the Banks in Sydney; and to amend the "Stamp Duties Act of 1880"; to declare the past operation of section one of the "Bank Issue Act of 1893," and to repeal that section and re-enact it with amendments.

(2.) Sir George Dibbs then presented a Bill, intituled, "*A Bill to regulate the issue of Bank Notes; to make Bank Notes a legal tender except at the chief offices of the Banks in Sydney; to amend the 'Stamp Duties Act of 1880'; to declare the past operation of section one of the 'Bank Issue Act of 1893'; and to repeal that section and re-enact it with amendments.*"—and moved, That the Bill be now read a first time.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 37.

Mr. Lync,	Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Want,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. E. G. Brown,
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. York,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Newton,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Gornly,
Mr. Scott,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Jeanneret,	Mr. Gould,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Donald,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Marks,	Mr. Donnelly.
Mr. Chanter,	
Mr. McCredie,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Francis Clarke,	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Hassall.
Mr. Sharp,	

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Mr. Kirkpatrick,	Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Miller,	Mr. Gough,
Mr. Darnley,	Mr. Rae,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Bavister.
Mr. G. D. Clark,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Leas,
Mr. Cotton,	Mr. Sheldon.
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,	
Mr. Schey,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Nicholson,	
Dr. Hollis,	
Mr. Gardiner,	
Mr. Langwell,	
Mr. Edden,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a first time.

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

10. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir George Dibbs moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

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

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 16 NOVEMBER, 1893.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Audit of Books in Railway Department:—Mr. Wright asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Are the books in the Railway Department, other than the cash receipts at the various stations, audited by officers of the Auditor-General's Department?

(2.) If so, will he please state what is the nature of such audit?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—All the books of account in the Railway Department affecting revenue receipts, which it is necessary to audit in accordance with the provisions of the Audit Act of 1870, are duly audited as by that Act required. The necessary funds to meet the railway expenditure are obtained from the Treasury upon requisition in the manner prescribed by the Audit Act, which provides for a perfect check by the Auditor-General of all appropriations.

- (2.) Electoral Rolls:—Mr. Molcworth asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that some dissatisfaction has arisen in the collecting of the new electoral rolls by the omission therefrom of the names of persons who, though having resided in the Colony for many years continuously, have recently changed their abode and have not been three months in their present residence?

(2.) Will he be good enough to issue such instructions as will ensure the placing of all these names on the electoral rolls for the districts in which they are entitled to be enrolled?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Chief Electoral Officer:—As the Electoral Act determines that the resident qualification for every elector shall be for a continuous period of one year in the Colony, and for a continuous period of three months in the Electoral District, I am not aware of any case where the collectors have departed from the terms of the Statute, and I cannot understand how any dissatisfaction could arise from a reduction in the period of residence within each district from six months under the Electoral Act of 1880 to three months under the Act of 1893.

- (3.) Outbreak of Small-pox at Victoria-street, Darlinghurst:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Will he ask the Government Medical Officer of Health to explain the reason for the alleged recent outbreak of a solitary case of small-pox at Victoria-street, Darlinghurst, viz., Miss Ferguson's, and the non-appearance of any other cases, even among those who have been placed in quarantine?

(2.) Is it possible, under the circumstances, that the alleged solitary case of small-pox is some modified form of chicken-pox, and not small-pox at all?

(3.) Will he also ascertain whether it is a usual thing for so highly virulent and contagious a disease to make its appearance in dense centres of population and only attack one solitary individual; and how is its mysterious appearance and circumscribed action in this case to be explained?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Board of Health:—

(1.) The only apparent reason for the disease not spreading was the prompt isolation of the case, and the vaccination of the other members of the same household.

(2.) The case was one of small-pox.

(3.) Solitary cases of small-pox have previously occurred.

- (4.) Unclaimed Property or Money in the Colony:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—What is the approximate amount, if any, of unclaimed property or money in the Colony at the present time lying in chancery, and the number of cases awaiting settlement?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table a report by the Master-in-Equity in respect to this question.

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- (5.) Robinson's Baths, Woolloomooloo Bay :—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) What rent is at present obtained from the site known as Robinson's Baths, Woolloomooloo Bay ?
 - (2.) Has notice been given to remove these baths ; if so, what does he propose to do with the site ?
- Mr. Lyne* answered,—
- (1.) £50 per annum.
 - (2.) Notice has been given to remove these baths, and the lessees informed that an application from them would be entertained for a special lease for floating baths on designs, and subject to working regulations, to be approved by the Minister. An application for boat-shed and wharf would also be considered.
- (6.) Unclaimed Money or Valuables in Banks of the Colony :—Mr. Cann asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What is the amount of unclaimed money or valuables in the hands of Banks or other financial institutions in New South Wales ?
 - (2.) Will he ascertain whether this property should go to the State or to such private institutions ?
- Sir George Dibbs* answered,—I am not in a position to give the Honorable Member the information he seeks, nor is there any law in existence under which the Government could compel anyone to give it.
- (7.) Unclaimed Dividends of Companies :—Mr. Cann asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What is the value of unclaimed dividends held by companies doing business in this Colony ?
 - (2.) Will he ascertain whether such unclaimed moneys should go to the State ?
- Sir George Dibbs* answered,—The answer I gave to the preceding Question applies to this Question also.
- (8.) Bank Notes :—Mr. Cann asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What is the value per year of bank-notes lost and destroyed ?
 - (2.) Do the Banks or the State get the benefit of the loss ?
- Sir George Dibbs* answered,—It is beyond the scope of the Government to obtain this information.
- (9.) Telegraph Regulations :—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. Lee*, asked the Postmaster-General,—
- (1.) Has an alteration been made in the Telegraph regulations which will permit of the acceptance from Members of Parliament of "collect" messages, *i.e.*, messages on which the charges are to be paid by the addressees instead of by the senders ; if so, for what reason was the alteration made, and at whose request ?
 - (2.) If that be the case will he extend the same privilege to the general public ?
- Mr. Kidd* answered,—
- (1.) Yes ; on the representation of several Members of Parliament who stated that they were subjected to much inconvenience and expense by having to prepay telegrams sent in answer to inquiries for information on public matters.
 - (2.) It is not considered desirable to do so unless in cases of emergency or distress as provided for under the regulations.
- (10.) Water Supply at Girilambone Railway Station :—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he take into consideration the advisability of having an adequate supply of water provided at Girilambone railway station ?
- Mr. Lyne* answered,—This is a matter for the consideration of the Railway Commissioners.
- (11.) Post and Telegraph Office at Girilambone Copper-mine :—Mr. Waddell asked the Postmaster-General,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that there is now a very considerable population at the Girilambone copper-mine and eighty children on the roll at the Public School ?
 - (2.) Is he aware that no post office exists, and that the people have to send nearly 3 miles for their letters and papers ?
 - (3.) Will he take into consideration, in addition to establishing a post office, the advisability of opening a telegraph station at this township, as the line has already been constructed ?
- Mr. Kidd* answered,—
- (1.) I am not aware.
 - (2.) No post exists there ; and I am not aware that the people have to send 3 miles for correspondence.
 - (3.) Yes.
- (12.) Site for Artesian Bore at Cobar :—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Has a site been chosen yet for the proposed artesian bore at Cobar ?
 - (2.) If so, will the work be started immediately ?
- Mr. Lyne* answered,—The exact site has not been selected, but tenders have been called for a bore near this place, and are to be received up to the 29th instant.
- (13.) Five Dock and Abbotsford Tramway :—Mr. Jeanneret asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Has the extension of the tramway from Leichhardt to Five Dock been profitable to the Government, and if so to what extent ?
 - (2.) Has the extension of the Five Dock tramway to Abbotsford been profitable ?
 - (3.) Will he give the total amount of the cost of laying the above lines, and of resumptions in each case, and the amount of fares received, and the amount of working expenses and interest, and show the profit or loss, as the case may be ?
- Sir George Dibbs* answered,—My honorable colleague is informed the extension from Leichhardt to Five Dock and Abbotsford is a very unprofitable one, a large loss being shown each month on its working. If detailed information is required it should be moved for in the usual way.

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2. **MINING ON PRIVATE LANDS BILL**:—The following Petitions in favour of the passing of a Mining on Private Lands Bill were presented by the Members named:—
- (1.) By Mr. Jeanneret—From certain electors and residents in the Carcoar Electorate.
 - (2.) By Mr. Melville—From Oswald G. Steel, Mayor of Plattsburg, and S. Sommerville, Mayor of Wallsend.
- Petitions received.

3. **STANDING ORDERS RESPECTING THE INTERRUPTION AND RENEWAL OF PROCEEDINGS ON BILLS**:—Ordered, on motion of Sir George Dibbs, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—
- MR. PRESIDENT,—

In answer to the Legislative Council's Message, dated 5th November, 1893, inviting the Assembly to adopt certain Standing Orders similar to those 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, and Standing Order 68 rescinded.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 16th November, 1893.*

Standing Orders referred to in Message of 16th November, 1893.

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

STANDING ORDER RESCINDED.

The Standing Order 68, approved on 31st March, 1892, is hereby rescinded.

SUBSTITUTED AND NEW STANDING RULES AND ORDERS.

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At the request of Council, proceedings on Bills interrupted during a previous session of the same Parliament by prorogation may be resumed.

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- (1.) By Mr. Morton—From W. A. Kedzie, Chairman of a meeting of members of the Star of Hope Lodge, Independent Order of Good Templars, and residents of Berry.
 - (2.) By Mr. Morton—From Charles Edward Boordman, Chairman of a meeting of the Members of the Sea View Lodge, No. 713, Independent Order of Good Templars, and residents of Bellawongarah.
 - (3.) By Mr. Morton—From W. Finlay Wilson, Chairman of a meeting of residents of the respective districts of Berry, Gerringong, Kangaroo Valley, Cambewarra, Wattamolla, Nowra, Kangaroo Mountain, Broughton Village, and Broughton Vale.
 - (4.) By Mr. Morton—From A. King, Chairman of a meeting of members of the Pride of Wattamolla Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, and residents of Wattamolla.
 - (5.) By Mr. Rose—From members of the Anchor of Hope Lodge, No. 196, and residents of Crookwell.
- Petitions received.

5. **PAPER**:—Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—By-laws and Regulations in connection with the Hay Irrigation Trust.
Ordered to be printed.

6. **MORTGAGES RELEASE 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 render more simple and inexpensive the release of Mortgages*,"—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 November, 1893.*

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

MORTGAGES

16th November, 1893.

MORTGAGES RELEASE BILL.

*Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 16th November, 1893.*JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1. Omit clause 2, insert the following new clause:—

"Whenever a person entitled to recover or receive payment of money secured by mortgage of real or leasehold property (not subject to the provisions of the 'Real Property Act') shall personally or by attorney, sign any acknowledgment endorsed on such mortgage to the effect that the mortgage has been satisfied, such acknowledgment shall, upon registration in the office of the General Registry of Deeds in Sydney, but as from the date of such acknowledgment, operate as a discharge of the mortgage, and without any further instrument or assurance, vest the estate in the property under such mortgage in the person for the time being entitled to the equity of redemption to the uses and for the estates and interests, and subject to the powers and trusts to, for, and subject to which the equity of redemption at the date of such acknowledgment stood limited or subject: Provided that in case there shall be any subsequent subsisting mortgage on the property at the date of such acknowledgment the legal estate in the property under the discharged mortgage, shall vest in the person in whom that subsequent mortgage shall be vested, or in the event of there being more than one such mortgage then, in the person who has the prior right to call for an assurance of such legal estate."

Page 2, clause 3, line 12. Omit "any right that" insert "or affect any estate, right, or interest which"

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Friday, 1st December.

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 Standing Order No. 15, respecting motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House "in reference to a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., the necessity for taking measures to relieve the present distress amongst the labouring classes in the Colony." And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—
Mr. Schey moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker having retired,—

The Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, in accordance with the Standing Order (2A).

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Contempt:—And a man in the Stranger's Gallery, named Thomas Dodd, having interrupted the orderly conduct of the business of the House during Mr. Kelly's speech, by uttering the words "It's a lie," Mr. Speaker directed the Sergeant-at-Arms to arrest him, and issued his warrant for that purpose under the Standing Order No. 107.
Debate continued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Question put and negatived.

8. CONTEMPT:—Mr. Speaker, referring to the misconduct of Thomas Dodd during the previous debate, informed the House that that individual was in the custody of the Sergeant-at-Arms, and suggested that the House, in its clemency, might order his discharge, he, as Speaker, having given strict orders that he shall not be again admitted to the Galleries.
Whereupon Sir George Dibbs moved, That the man, Thomas Dodd, arrested for contempt, be now discharged from the custody of the Sergeant-at-Arms.
Question put and passed.
Mr. Speaker then directed the Sergeant-at-Arms accordingly.

9. CITY OF SYDNEY MUNICIPAL LOAN BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Sir George 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. Suttor, the report was adopted.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Municipal Council of Sydney to raise by debentures the sum of £300,000 for the purpose of providing, paying to, recouping, and reimbursing the City Funds certain sums expended thereout and liabilities incurred in the purchase of certain lands in the said city; also certain sums expended on municipal works in the said city; and for the purpose of erecting markets, shops, and buildings in the said city; and for other purposes.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 17th November, 1893, a.m.

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16th November, 1893.

10. TRUSTEES OF SCHOOLS OF ARTS ENABLING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Suttor moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
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, To-morrow.
11. JUNE WATER SUPPLY WORKS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Lyne moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
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 without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Lyne, 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 Bank Notes Bill postponed until Tuesday next.
13. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir George Dibbs moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 28.

Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Stuttery,	Mr. Selvey,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Cook,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Scott,	Mr. Donald,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Gough,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. York,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Melville.
Mr. Tonkin,	
Mr. Miller,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Newman,	Mr. Francis Clarke.

Noes, 3.

Mr. Gardiner.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Rae,
Mr. Langwell.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

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:—

(4.) *Resolved*,—That towards raising the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty,—

(I.) Where application is made for probate or letters of administration, or for an order to collect in respect of the estate of any person dying after the 1st day of December, 1893, domiciled at some place within or out of the Colony of New South Wales, the estate of that person shall, for the purposes of the Stamp Duties Act of 1880 and of the Stamp Duties Act Amendment Act of 1886, be taken to include—

(a) Every speciality debt due to that person and secured or partly secured by mortgage, encumbrance, pledge, or lien, legal or equitable, of or over real or personal property situate within the Colony, and notwithstanding that the speciality was, at the time of the death of that person, outside the Colony.

(b) Every share held by that person in any company, corporation, or society, whether registered or incorporated within or out of the Colony, and carrying on the business of mining for any mineral in the Colony.

And duties may be levied, collected, and paid under and in accordance with the provisions of the said Acts and the Schedules thereto in respect of the said debts and shares, notwithstanding that the debts or shares were not, at the time of the death of the said person, *bona notabilia* within the Colony.

(II.) The debts to be deducted from the estate of any person so dying shall include only debts actually due and owing by that person to persons resident in the Colony of New South Wales, and debts secured by mortgage, encumbrance, pledge or lien, legal or equitable of or over real or personal property of the person so dying, situate in the Colony; but shall not include voluntary debts expressed to be payable on the death of that person, or payable under any instrument which has not been *bona fide* delivered to the donee thereof three months before the death of that person, or debts in respect of which a reimbursement may be capable of being claimed from any other estate or person.

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

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14. STAMP DUTIES ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL:—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Barton, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolutions of Ways and Means (Nos. 3 and 4), to further amend the "Stamp Duties Act of 1880," and the "Stamp Duties Act Amendment Act of 1886."

(2.) Mr. Barton then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to further amend the 'Stamp Duties Act of 1880' and the 'Stamp Duties Act Amendment Act of 1886,'*"—which was read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

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

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

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 24.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

FRIDAY, 17. NOVEMBER, 1893.

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

STANDING ORDERS RESPECTING THE 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 this House on the 15th instant (in lieu of Standing Order 68, rescinded), and that His Excellency had been pleased to approve of the same, as well as of the rescission of the Standing Order above referred to.

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Camping and Water Reserves in Namoi District:—Mr. Sheldon asked the Secretary for Lands,—
 (1.) Is it a fact that the camping, water, and other reserves have not been marked out in some portions of the Namoi district, as directed by him?
 (2.) Will he cause such reserves to be at once marked out, in accordance with his previous instructions?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) The marking of travelling stock reserves generally is being proceeded with as opportunity offers, and as far as funds are available.
 (2.) If the Honorable Member will specify the reserves to which he alludes inquiry will be made.

- (2.) Conveyance of Agriculture and Dairy Produce to Metropolitan Markets:—Mr. Sheldon asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Will he consider whether the time has arrived when further facilities could be afforded for the conveyance of agricultural and dairy produce from the inland districts to the metropolitan markets?

(2.) Will he cause the waggons, which otherwise would be returned empty to Sydney at the close of the season's wool traffic, to be placed at the disposal of persons desirous of forwarding such produce to market, upon application to the local station-master, subject to the condition that waggons are available on dates to be specified by the Commissioners?

(3.) Will he follow the principle in force with respect to farmers' and other passenger excursion trains, and cause reduced rates to be adopted sufficient to pay cost of wear, tear, and haulage, with a small profit only added?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The rates for agricultural and dairy produce are at the present time exceedingly low, having been very substantially reduced within recent years, and no further reduction can be made at the present time. In regard to special excursion trains, the rates now adopted are the lowest that have been introduced in the Colony, and trains are run at intervals which are likely to command a remunerative traffic. The Railway Commissioners cannot see their way at present to go any further in this direction, seeing that the railways are still worked at a loss to the country.

- (3.) Military Road Tram extension:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Secretary for Public Works.—Has the Military Road tram extension been a success; if so, will he consider the advisability of extending the line to the Spit at Middle Harbour?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I understand that it has been a success, and I was sure it would be when I sanctioned the work. With regard to its further extension I will take this into consideration as soon as additional funds for the extension of tramways are voted.

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- (4.) Applications to bore for Coal, Moore Park, Bondi, &c. :—Mr. Newman asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that several applications for authority to bore for coal inside the harbour, at Moore Park, Bondi, and other places, have been received?
 - (2.) Will such authority be granted; and, if so, will the Government subsidise these applicants to the same extent as the Port Hacking Coal Company?
 - (3.) If all these applicants are treated alike favourably, does he propose to pay such subsidies out of the Prospecting Vote?
- Mr. Slattery answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) It is impossible to say whether the applications will be granted until it is known what objections will be sent in. No application has yet been made for subsidy, but in view of the discovery at Cremorne it is improbable that subsidy will be granted to persons who desire to take advantage of that discovery.
 - (3.) Answered by No. 2.
- (5.) Gardeners employed in Botanical Gardens or Centennial Park :—Mr. Bavister asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Are gardeners or other workmen employed in the Botanical Gardens or Centennial Park allowed to work in grounds or gardens of private persons during the hours for which they are paid from the public funds?
 - (2.) If so, is it with the knowledge or consent of the Director of Botanical Gardens and Officer-in-charge of Centennial Park that this takes place; and will he endeavour to prevent such practices in future?
- Sir George Dibbs answered,—No; the Director of the Botanic Gardens some time ago issued orders preventing any of the workmen from doing work in private gardens.
- (6.) Public Money expended in the Constituency of Parramatta :—Mr. Fegan, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Colonial Secretary,—What is the amount of public money voted, granted, and paid for expenditure in the borough and constituency of Parramatta during the last ten years?
- Sir George Dibbs answered,—The information sought cannot be given as an answer to a Question; therefore, if the Honorable Member will move for a return it shall be obtained.
- (7.) Parish Roads Act :—Mr. Lonsdale asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Does he propose to bring the Parish Roads Act into use for the purpose of supplementing the revenue?
 - (2.) Will the opinion of the residents of each locality be obtained before such is done?
- Mr. Lyne answered,—
- (1.) The Parish Roads Act does not contemplate the raising of funds for the purpose of supplementing the revenue.
 - (2.) No rates are leviable under the Parish Roads Act without the consent of the landowners, who have the expenditure and control of the moneys so raised.
- (8.) Railway Rails for Menindie Tramway :—Mr. Lonsdale asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Have a number of railway rails been sold to the Menindie Tramway Company?
 - (2.) If so, at what price per ton?
 - (3.) Would such rails have done for the Moree extension?
 - (4.) What price per ton will new rails cost?
- Mr. Lyne answered,—
- (1.) This Company agreed to take a certain number of re-rolled iron rails, which the Government had in stock.
 - (2.) £5 per ton.
 - (3.) It is intended to so use them if the Menindie Tramway Company do not take them.
 - (4.) New 60-lb. rails would cost at Narrabri £7 per ton. Being of a lighter section than the re-rolled rails they would cost but little more per mile than the latter, and of course would be much more durable.
- (9.) Appointment of Mr. Evans in Public Works Department :—Mr. Lonsdale asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that a Mr. Evans has been appointed to a position in the Works Department?
 - (2.) If so, what are his duties?
 - (3.) What salary does he receive?
 - (4.) Were there none of the retrenched officers capable of filling the position?
- Mr. Lyne answered,—
- (1.) Yes; to a temporary position at a daily rate.
 - (2.) As inspector of boring operations at Nevertire.
 - (3.) 12s. per diem to date from entry on his duties.
 - (4.) Not that I am aware of, as special qualifications are required in this case, and Mr. Evans has had practical experience in the work of artesian boring.
3. FLOATING BATHS AT LAVENDER BAY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. E. M. Clark moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers, reports, plans, and other documents in connection with the application of Charles Claude Cavill, for the lease of a site for floating baths at Lavender Bay.
- Question put and passed.
4. WOUNDING OF CORPORAL HARRISON AT RANDWICK RIFLE RANGE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Hugh McKinnon moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all reports, letters, minutes, and papers, accompanied by a copy of the report of Board of Inquiry, in reference to the wounding of Corporal Harrison, A Company, 2nd Regiment, at Randwick Rifle Range.
- Question put and passed.

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5. JUNE WATER SUPPLY WORKS 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 works of Water Supply for the town of Junee, county of Clarendon.*"

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 works of Water Supply for the town of Junee, county of Clarendon,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 17th November, 1893.

6. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
- (1.) Australasian Rights Purchase Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's amendments;—until Friday next.
 - (2.) Bankruptcy Act Amendment Bill; second reading;—until Friday, 1st December.
 - (3.) Criminal Law and Evidence Amendment Bill; second reading;—until Friday, 1st December.
 - (4.) Agricultural Holdings Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Bowes, "That this Bill be now read a second time";—until Friday, 1st December.
 - (5.) Truck Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate contracts made with respect to, and the payment of, wages; to prohibit such payment being made in goods or otherwise than in money; and to regulate the service of legal process;—until Friday, 29th December.
7. PROTECTIVE POLICY:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Rose, "That, in the opinion of this House,—
- "(1.) A protective policy would be conducive to land settlement.
 - "(2.) Imported agricultural produce should be subject to the following duties, viz.:—Flour, hay, chaff, and potatoes, £1 per ton; wheat, maize, oats, barley, 1s. per bushel; bran and pollard, 2s. per 100 lb.; green fruit, inclusive of bananas and pine-apples, at rate of 2s. per bushel.
 - "(3.) £1 per head duty should be levied on all imported cattle and horses."
- Upon which Mr. McFarlane had moved, by way of amendment, to add the words, "'and' 5s. per 100 feet on imported timber."
- In which proposed amendment Mr. O'Sullivan had moved the omission of all the words after the word "and" with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "twenty per cent. on imported timber."
- "(4.) That specific duties should be imposed upon all articles which can be profitably manufactured in New South Wales.
 - "(5.) That the *ad valorem* duties now in operation be abolished.
 - "(6.) That a poll-tax should be imposed upon Asiatics, Polynesians, and other coloured races."
- And the Question being again proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the proposed amendment,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Point of Order:—Mr. Haynes requested Mr. Speaker's ruling as to whether the proposed amendment of the amendment was relevant to the original motion.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the amendment was out of order on the ground taken.

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

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Waddell,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Miller,	
Mr. York,	Mr. Rose,
Mr. Francis Clarke,	Mr. Dowd.
Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,	
Mr. Schey,	
Mr. Melville,	
Mr. Stevenson,	
Mr. Hayes,	
Mr. Coils,	
Mr. Barnes,	
Mr. Gough,	
Mr. Hassall,	
Mr. Kelly,	
Mr. Dawson,	
Mr. Vaughn.	

Noes, 34.

Mr. Wise,	Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Molesworth,	Dr. Cullen,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. McCredie,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Rac,
Mr. Jeanneret,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Lees,	Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Hart,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Kidd.
Mr. Eve,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Sutor,	
Mr. Barister,	Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Haynes.

And so it passed in the negative.

Original Question again proposed.

Mr. Traill moved the Previous Question.

Previous Question,—That that Question be now put,—put and passed.

Original Question then put,—That, in the opinion of this House,—

- (1.) A protective policy would be conducive to land settlement.
 - (2.) Imported agricultural produce should be subject to the following duties, viz.:—Flour, hay, chaff, and potatoes, £1 per ton; wheat, maize, oats, barley, 1s. per bushel; bran and pollard, 2s. per 100 lb.; green fruit, inclusive of bananas and pine-apples, at rate of 2s. per bushel.
 - (3.) £1 per head duty should be levied on all imported cattle and horses.
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The House divided.

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Waddell,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Miller,	
Mr. Francis Clarke,	Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Rose.
Mr. York,	
Mr. Melville,	
Mr. Dowel,	
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Mr. Colls,	
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Mr. Kelly,	
Mr. Vaughn.	

Noes, 34.

Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Wise,	Mr. Jeanneret,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. McCredie,	Mr. Rae,
Mr. Newman,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Lees,	Dr. Cullen,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Danahey.
Mr. Hart,	
Mr. Scobie,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Eve,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Bavister,	Mr. Fegan.

And so it passed in the negative.

8. CITY OF SYDNEY MUNICIPAL LOAN BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir George Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

R. W. DUFF,

*Governor.**Message No. 10.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Municipal Council of Sydney to raise by debentures the sum of £300,000 for the purpose of providing, paying to, recouping, and reimbursing the City Funds certain sums expended thereout and liabilities incurred in the purchase of certain lands in the said city; also certain sums expended on municipal works in the said city; and for the purpose of erecting markets, shops, and buildings in the said city; and for other purposes,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*Government House,**Sydney, 17th November, 1893.*

9. MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF SYDNEY ELECTRIC LIGHTING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Manning moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed:
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Manning, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress and obtained leave to sit again on Friday next.
10. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Criminal Law and Evidence Amendment Bill (No. 2) postponed until Friday, 1st December.
11. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir George Dibbs moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

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

F. W. WEBB,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,

Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 25.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 21 NOVEMBER, 1893.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Homestead Leases West of Bourke:—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a number of homestead leases west of Bourke have been rendered utterly useless, during the last two years, owing to the appearance of a plant commonly known as "Poison Plant," which stock eat, and from which they die immediately?

(2.) In view of the fact, will he cause an inspection of the leases to be made, with a view to considering some means of providing for a remission of rental till the leases again become fit to depasture stock on?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) I am not aware; but within the last two months representations have been made from three homestead lessees that since the late rains their leases have been overrun by a plant which has a stupefying effect on all kinds of stock eating it, and finally kills them.

(2.) The subject seems one for scientific investigation by the Department of Agriculture, who have been asked to obtain a report as to the properties of this plant. The law does not provide for the remission of rental in any cases of alleged hardship.

- (2.) Depth of Water in Sydney Harbour:—Mr. Willis, for Mr. Dowel, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that in a recent issue of a Melbourne paper it was stated that the objection of the Admiralty to re-commission the present Flagship, was that it had been reported there was not sufficient depth of water in Sydney Harbour to navigate and manœuvre the said ship in safety?

(2.) Will he ascertain if there is any truth in such report, and if there is will he take the necessary steps to increase the depth of the water in the shallow parts of the fair-way of the Harbour?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I have received the following replies from the Marine Board, viz:—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) There is no truth in the report; Port Jackson is accessible to H.M.S. "Orlando" at any time of tide.

- (3.) Condition of vessel "Louisa Messel":—Mr. Black asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Has his attention been directed to the condition of the "Louisa Messel," a vessel which put into this port in a leaky condition a few days ago, while bound from Newcastle to Gisborne?

(2.) Was the captain of the "Louisa Messel" in command of the "Lizzie Davis," wrecked near Tacking Point about seven or eight years ago?

(3.) Has he since commanded several vessels which have also been lost?

(4.) Has the explanation of the captain that the leaks resulted from sun-heat while she was laid up, been accepted as a scientific possibility; if not, will any steps be taken to punish the seamen who made these charges?

(5.) Have the captain or owner instituted proceedings against the seamen who made charges of scuttling?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) No.

(3.) He was master of the "Burstler" when she was driven on shore from her anchors in a gale of wind at Woolgoolga, in February last, but has not lost any other vessel.

(4.) Yes.

(5.) It is not known whether the captain or owner intends taking proceedings against the seamen

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2. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
 (1.) Net-fishing in Port Hacking Prohibition Act Amendment Bill; second reading;—until Friday, 1st December.
 (2.) Use of Camels Regulation Bill; second reading;—until Friday, 15th December.

3. **METROPOLITAN WATER AND SEWERAGE ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Lyne, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

R. W. DUFF,

*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 make more effectual provision for the recovery of rates, charges, costs, and expenses payable under the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts of 1880-1889; to provide for vesting in the Board certain storm-water drains and sewers, and land and buildings used in connection therewith; to authorise the Board to impose rates and charges in respect of those drains and sewers within certain areas; and for other purposes.

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

4. **PAPERS**:—

Mr. Slattery laid upon the Table,—Return to an Address adopted on 1st November, 1893,—“Case of Toohey *versus* Law.”
 Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 2nd November, 1893,—“Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board.”
 Ordered to be printed.

5. **SILKSTONE COAL-MINE RAILWAY ACT FURTHER 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 15th November, 1893, 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 Friday, 15th December.
 Question put and passed.

6. **TIMBER REGULATIONS**:—Mr. Francis Clarke moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the license fee of £3 per annum as imposed under section 2 of the Timber Regulations upon woodcutters on Crown lands is excessive, and amounts to a hardship on those so employed during the present scarcity of work and when so many men are out of ordinary employment.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

7. **MR. WALSH'S CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF COOPER'S CREEK BRIDGE**:—Mr. McFarlane 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 Mr. Walsh's claim in connection with his contract for the construction of Cooper's Creek bridge.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Lyne, Mr. Colls, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Perry, Mr. Johnston, Mr. J. D. FitzGerald, Mr. Scobie, Mr. Alfred Allen, Mr. G. D. Clark, and the Mover.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 49.

Mr. Dowel,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Colls,
Mr. Jeanneret,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Traill,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Cruickshank,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. Scott,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Ravister,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. Booth,	Mr. McCredie,
Mr. Donnelly,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Lees,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Fuller.
Mr. Newman,	
Mr. Cunn,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Francis Clarke,
Mr. Langwell,	Mr. McFarlane.
Mr. McGowen,	

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Mr. Morton,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Suttor,
Sir George Dibbs,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Want,
Mr. John Wilkinson,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. McGillan,
Mr. Manning,
Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Joseph Abbott.

Tellers,

Mr. Black,
Mr. Murphy.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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8. DEMISE OF THE CROWN BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Neild moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make necessary provision for certain matters in case of any demise of the Crown.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Neild then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to make necessary provision for certain matters in case of any demise of the Crown,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 1st December.

9. HARBOURS AND RIVERS DEPARTMENT:—Mr. Fegan 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 Harbours and Rivers Department, exclusive of the dredge service at Newcastle.

(2.) The names of the persons employed in the Harbours and Rivers Department, exclusive of the dredge service at Newcastle.

(3.) The term of service of persons employed in the Harbours and Rivers Department, exclusive of the dredge service at Newcastle.

(4.) The number of persons suspended or discharged owing to retrenchment in the Harbours and Rivers Department, exclusive of the dredge service at Newcastle, during the years 1892 and 1893.

(5.) The names and terms of service of the persons so suspended or discharged in the Harbours and Rivers Department, exclusive of the dredge service, during the years 1892 and 1893.

Question put and passed.

10. TIMBER REGULATIONS:—Mr. Francis Clarke moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, in view of the depressed state of the timber industry, the timber-cutters' license fee, as prescribed under section 8 of the regulations for cutting timber, is excessive and a severe hardship on those so employed at the present time.

Debate ensued.

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Friday, 22nd December.

11. HOSPITAL ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Waddell moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to the election of trustees, treasurers, and officers of hospitals.

Question put and passed.

And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business only taken, under Sessional Order adopted on the 8th November, 1893.

12. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTORATES AND ELECTIONS ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—

(1.) *Sir George Dibbs*, for Mr. Barton, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the thirty-second and forty-seventh sections of the "Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893."

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

(2.) *Sir George Dibbs* then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend sections 32 and 47 of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893,*"—which was read a first time.

Whereupon *Sir George Dibbs* moved, That the Bill be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

13. TRUSTEES OF SCHOOLS OF ARTS ENABLING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Suttor moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put and passed.

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

Mr. Suttor then moved, that the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to enable the trustees of lands held for a Mechanics' Institute, or School of Arts, or other institution for public instruction or amusement, to sell, lease, and mortgage such lands; to provide for the appointment of new trustees; and for other matters 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 enable the trustees of lands held for a Mechanics' Institute, or School of Arts, or other institution for public instruction or amusement, to sell, lease, and mortgage such lands; to provide for the appointment of new trustees; and for other matters in connection therewith,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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14. MINING ON PRIVATE LANDS 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.

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

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

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 26.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 22 NOVEMBER, 1893.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Assay Branch of Mines Department:—Mr. Eve asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) How many assays and analyses have been made for Members of Parliament during the last year by the Assay Branch of the Mining Department?
 (2.) The names of the Members for whom they have been made, and the number for each Member respectively?
 (3.) What is the actual expense incurred in salaries and otherwise in the keeping up the Assay Branch of the Mining Department?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) 375, but the total number made for prospectors, &c., to the 15th instant, is 2,590. Some of the samples credited to Members are sent by miners per favour of Members.
 (2.) The list of names can be seen at the Department.
 (3.) The cost of the Branch for the period named is £2,250, but other work than the 2,570 assays above mentioned was performed in the Branch.

- (2.) Inspector of Artesian Bores:—Mr. Danahy asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has a Mr. Ernest Evans been appointed inspector of artesian bores?
 (2.) If so, at what salary?
 (3.) Was he formerly employed at 30s. weekly by the Artesian Boring Company as a general hand?
 (4.) If appointed, what are his qualifications for the post?

Mr. Copeland answered,—My honorable colleague has to refer the Honorable Member to an Answer which was given by my honorable colleague the Minister for Public Works in reply to a somewhat similar Question on the 17th instant. With regard to Question No. 3, he is unable to say.

- (3.) Salary paid to Mr. Creer, of the Labour Bureau:—Mr. McGowen, for Mr. Black, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What salary did Mr. Creer of the Labour Bureau receive when first appointed?
 (2.) What salary does he now receive?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) £400 per annum.
 (2.) £380 as Superintendent of the Labour Bureau, and, in addition, is paid a sum of £10 per month for extra duties in connection with the "Village Settlements" and the dispatching of men "fossicking" on the gold-fields, &c. In addition to these duties, Mr. Creer has to attend to the sheltering of the unemployed at night.

- (4.) New Electoral Rolls:—Mr. Alfred Allen, for Mr. Inglis, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the names of many well-known citizens who are absent from the Colony on public or important business, such, for instance, as Dr. Renwick or His Eminence Cardinal Moran, are being left out of the rolls now being compiled under the new Electoral Act?
 (2.) Can he take any steps to see that this disability to citizens who have a stake in the country may be removed?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Chief Electoral Officer:—"The regulations provide that all the lists shall be sent by the Collectors to the Chief Electoral Officer on or before the 23rd instant. Until that action is completed it cannot be stated what person or persons have been omitted or marked 'disqualified,' but after the lists have been

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“ amended and printed they will be exhibited at the various Post Offices throughout each electorate, so as to afford every elector an opportunity of ascertaining if his name appears on the list. Should it be discovered that the name of any duly qualified elector under the Act has been omitted, a further opportunity for enrolment will be afforded by application to the Revision Courts. Forms for such application, or objections to names appearing on the lists, may then be obtained from the Clerks of the Revision Courts, the Registrar, or the Chief Electoral Officer.”

- (5.) School Building at Catherine Hill Bay :—Mr. Edden asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that at Catherine Hill Bay there is a school with an enrolment of over 100 children, who are being taught in a church building, situate on a bleak spot not centrally situated?
 - (2.) Are many of the children of the miners living beyond the distance provided by the Act, viz., over 2 miles?
 - (3.) Has this matter been represented to the Department, with a request that a suitable building in a more central position be erected?
 - (4.) If so, what is the cause of the delay in not proceeding with the erection of a school building?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

- (1.) The present school is rented from the Wesleyan Church authorities; it has accommodation for 130 pupils. The present enrolment is 106, and the average attendance is 85.
- (2.) No; only 17 out of an enrolment of 106.
- (3.) Yes; and a more central site has been obtained.
- (4.) As ample accommodation is provided in the existing building, this is one of several cases where the erection of new buildings has had to be postponed to enable the Department to meet more urgent claims.

- (6.) Trades Disputes :—Mr. Nicholson asked the Attorney-General,—In view of the recent settlement of the miners' strike in England by a Board of Conciliation, will he, on an early date, introduce an Amending Trades Disputes Conciliation Bill, providing that all disputes between workmen and their employers shall be submitted to a Board of Conciliation, or to a joint committee of the parties to the dispute, before any strike or lock-out is declared, the work to proceed in all cases under existing arrangements pending the decision of such Board or Committee, either party to a dispute refusing to submit their case to such Board or Committee to be subject to a penalty of not less than £100?

Mr. Slattery answered,—My honorable colleague cannot state whether he can submit such an amendment of the law to the House. Certain suggested amendments have been under consideration, but in view of the prior urgency of other matters the questions so arising have not yet been decided by Ministers.

- (7.) Mr. Robert Smith, the late Acting Crown Solicitor :—Mr. Murphy, for Mr. Kelly, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is Mr. Smith, the late Acting Crown Solicitor, identical with the gentleman who was interested in Tattersall's buildings, and tried to get the Government to purchase same?
 - (2.) Is he also identical with Mr. Smith, the solicitor, who was a party or solicitor in the important Pymont land cases matter?
 - (3.) Is he also acting as solicitor for the Commissioners for Railways, and is he a member of the firm of Smith, Norton, and Gaden?
 - (4.) What sum of money have the Railway Commissioners paid, and what is due to date to Mr. Smith, or to Smith, Norton, and Gaden, as rent for premises occupied by the said Smith, Norton, & Co.?
 - (5.) Will he lay upon the Table of the House a statement of all moneys paid by the Railway Commissioners to Robert Smith, of Smith, Norton, & Co., and his bill of costs against them up to date, including counsels' fees?
 - (6.) Is he aware that Mr. Smith is acting as solicitor for the Railway Commissioners in contravention of the Railway Act?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—Mr. Smith, the late Acting Crown Solicitor, is a partner in the firm of Norton, Smith, & Co. He is not acting as Solicitor for Railways, but has been specially retained by the Railway Commissioners to defend an important litigation which originated when he was acting as Crown Solicitor. The Commissioners have neither paid nor do they owe any rent to Mr. Smith. The firm of Norton, Smith, & Co. do not occupy any premises belonging to the Railway Commissioners. As soon as the litigation is completed, and the bills of costs have been rendered and taxed, they will be available for laying upon the Table of the House. The position occupied by Mr. Smith, as explained in the first part of this Answer, is not in contravention of the Railway Act.

- (8.) Bowral Quarry :—Mr. Danahey, for Mr. Kelly, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Has Mr. Alexander Amos entered an action against the Railway Commissioners on account of Bowral Quarry, and for what amount?
 - (2.) What is the total amount of money that has been expended at the Bowral Quarry, including excavation, staging, machinery, land, wages, &c.?
 - (3.) Is it a fact that Wright, Heaton, & Co. have entered an action against the Railway Commissioners for undue preference?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—My honorable colleague is informed that—

- (1.) Twelve acres of land at Bowral were resumed under the Public Works Act of 1888 for the purposes of a quarry, and the claim made by Mr. Amos is now being dealt with as by law required. In view of the latter fact it is not deemed advisable to afford further information.
- (2.) A Supreme Court writ has been served by Wright, Heaton, and Co. on the Railway Commissioners. It contains no particulars of the cause of action.

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(9.) Swimming-baths at Farm Cove :—Mr. Fuller asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of this House the original or a copy of the lease whereby the right is given to Mr. Cavill to erect swimming-baths at Farm Cove?
- (2.) If not, will he, To-morrow, lay one or other upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

- (1.) No formal lease has been issued.
- (2.) I will lay upon the Table of this House a slip from the *Government Gazette* of the 17th January last, giving full information as to the terms on which the lease was granted to Mr. Cavill.

(10.) Contracts for Iron Cove Creek and Shea's Creek Sewerage Works :—Mr. Danahey asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Have the contracts for Iron Cove Creek, Long Cove Creek, Shea's Creek, and other sewerage works for which the tenders have been accepted been yet signed?
- (2.) If not, what is the cause of the delay?
- (3.) If so, when will the contractors be in a position to start work?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The contracts for Iron Cove Creek and Long Cove Creek have been signed. Those for Shea's Creek and the Camden-street sewer have been signed by all the parties concerned, with the exception of one of the contractors, who is in Tasmania. This, however, will not delay the works, and my honorable colleague is informed that the necessary preliminary steps have been taken by the contractors, and the excavation will probably be started next week.

2. BOLWARRA EMBANKMENT (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Scobie moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers and correspondence having reference to the heightening and strengthening the Bolwarra embankment, under the Hon. Bruce Smith; also, copies of all papers and correspondence having reference to the effort to get assistance to re-erect the Bolwarra embankment since the 9th March last.
Question put and passed.

3. PAPERS :—Mr. Copeland laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return to an Order, made on 11th October, 1893,—“Foster's Conditional Lease, parish of ‘Coff, county of Fitzroy.’”
- (2.) Amount of revenue received from each Land Office in the Eastern Division on account of auction sales and conditional purchases for the years 1888 to 1893 inclusive.
- (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.) 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.
- (5.) Abstract of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages under the 107th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
- (6.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 101st section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
- (7.) 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.
- (8.) Copy of *Gazette* Notice, dated 17th January, 1893, of leases granted for special purposes.

4. METROPOLITAN WATER AND SEWERAGE ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—*Sir George Dibbs*, for 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 make more effectual provision for the recovery of rates, charges, costs, and expenses payable under the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts of 1880–1889; to provide for vesting in the Board certain storm-water drains and sewers, and land and buildings used in connection therewith; to authorise the Board to impose rates and charges in respect of those drains and sewers within certain areas; and for other purposes.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

5. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTORATES AND ELECTIONS ACT AMENDMENT 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. 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 the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Barton, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

6. CROWN LANDS PURCHASES AND LEASES VALIDATION 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 progress and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.

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7. BANK NOTES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir George Dibbs moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 65.

Mr. Want,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. See,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Barnes,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Bowes,
Mr. R. G. D. FitzGerald,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Donald,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. McCredie,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Dr. Cullen,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Booth,
Mr. Traill,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. John Wilkinson,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Chapman,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Donnelly,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Newton,
Mr. Francis Clarke,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Gornaly,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. York,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. McFurlane,
Mr. Scott,	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Jeanneret,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Slattery.
Mr. Lees,	
Mr. McMillan,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Eve,	Mr. Willis.
Mr. Wright,	

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Mr. Tonkin,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Young,	Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Wise,	Mr. Fegan.
Mr. Crick,	
Mr. Fuller,	
Mr. Molesworth,	
Mr. A'Beckett,	
Mr. Gardiner,	
Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,	
Mr. Cook,	
Mr. Edden,	
Mr. Darnley,	
Mr. Black,	
Mr. Davis,	
Mr. McGowen,	
Mr. Hindle,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Cann,	
Mr. Danahey,	
Sir Henry Parkes,	
Dr. Hollis,	
Mr. Hutchison,	
Mr. Miller,	
Mr. Gough,	
Mr. J. A. Mackinnon,	
Mr. Rose,	
Mr. Stevenson,	
Mr. Langwell,	
Mr. Schey,	
Mr. Bavister,	
Mr. Newman,	
Mr. Walker.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

Sir George Dibbs then moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress in order to take the direction of Mr. Speaker as to the authority of the Chairman in deciding points of order; and obtained leave to sit again so soon as such direction should have been given.

The Chairman then explained the circumstances under which his decision had been questioned in the Committee, and an attempt made to move a dissent from that decision, which he declined to put to the Committee.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker stated that he considered it to be his duty to carry out the law of Parliament in accordance with the rule laid down in the first Standing Order of this House. By that rule he was bound, "in all cases not specially provided for thereafter, or by Sessional or other Orders, to resort to the rules, forms, and usages of the Imperial Parliament, which should be followed so far as the same could be applied to the proceedings of this House," and, in the absence of specific authority in this House, he found that the various Speakers in the House of Commons, from 1860 to the present date, had ruled that no appeal could be made to the Speaker from the Chairman's decision, that officer being responsible for the proceedings in Committee. He also considered that the Chairman was right in declining to put a motion of dissent from his own ruling.

On motion of Mr. Barton, 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 the Bill with amendments. Ordered, That the adoption of the report stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

- S. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir George Dibbs moved,—That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

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

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 23 NOVEMBER, 1893.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Public Road and Gates across Great Northern Railway :—*Mr. Wright*, for *Mr. Hutchison*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that *Mr. Surveyor Legge* of the Lands Department was authorised some time ago to inquire into and report upon the closing of a public road and gates which cross the Great Northern Railway at 318 miles 10 chains from Sydney?

(2.) If so, what was the nature of his report?

(3.) Will he have any objection to lay the report upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) At the request of the Commissioners for Railways, *Mr. Surveyor Legge* was instructed to report whether a road had been provided to certain gates which had been erected at a crossing of the Great Northern Railway.

(2 and 3.) I am not aware, the report having been forwarded to the Commissioners for Railways, I will, however, have a copy of the report procured for the Honorable Member.

- (2.) The Dredge Service :—*Mr. Scott*, for *Mr. Murphy*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What amount is it intended to vote for the dredge service during 1894?

(2.) How many men (approximately) will be employed working in the dredges and tugs during 1894?

(3.) How many men are now employed in the dredges and tugs?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) £73,074.

(2.) It is quite impossible to say at present.

(3.) 330.

- (3.) Molong to Parkes and Forbes Railway :—*Mr. Stevenson*, for *Dr. Ross*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has any definite date yet been fixed for the official opening of the railway from Molong to Parkes and Forbes?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Yes; on December 18.

2. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTORATES AND ELECTIONS ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*), on motion of *Sir George Dibbs*, read a third time, and passed.

Sir George Dibbs then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend sections 32 and 47 of the 'Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893.'*"

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 sections 32 and 47 of the 'Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893.'*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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Sydney, 23rd November, 1893.

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3. **HAWKERS PEDLERS AND CARRIERS REGULATION BILL (Formal Motion):**—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 the laws relating to hawkers and pedlers in the Colony of New South Wales, and to impose a license fee on persons exercising the avocations of carriers in the said Colony, whether with camels, horses, oxen, bullocks, or other beasts of burden, and to restrict the granting of licenses, whether for hawkers, pedlers, or carriers, to certain persons.
Question put and passed.
4. **LIQUOR TRAFFIC:**—Mr. G. D. Clark presented a Petition from P. J. Stephen, Wesleyan Minister, Chairman of a meeting of members and adherents of the Balmain Wesleyan Central Mission and various temperance bodies, praying, for the reasons set forth in the Petition, that the House will reject the proposal to compensate the liquor sellers for the loss of licenses under the Liquor Traffic Local Option Bill, should it become law.
Petition received.
5. **ADJOURNMENT:**—Mr. Haynes rising to move the adjournment of the House,—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice under Standing Order No. 15, respecting motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House “to call attention to the following definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., the “allegation of improper conduct of the Inspector of Weights and Measures in the discharge of “the duties of his office.”
And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—
Mr. Haynes moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
6. **PAPER:**—Mr. Barton laid upon the Table,—Minute of the Honorable the Minister of Justice on the subject of the working of the Weights and Measures Department, and the charges against the Inspector.
Ordered to be printed.
Question put and negatived.
7. **MINING ON PRIVATE LANDS BILL:**—Mr. Fegan presented a Petition from certain electors of the Wickham Electorate, in favour of the passing of a Mining on Private Lands Bill.
Petition received.
8. **POSTPONEMENT:**—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act Amendment Bill postponed until Tuesday next.
9. **BANK NOTES BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read for the adoption of the report from the Committee of the Whole on this Bill,—Sir George Dibbs moved, That the report be now adopted.
Mr. Hugh Taylor moved, “That the Question be now put.”
Question put,—That the Question be now put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 42.

Mr. Willis,	Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Want,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. John Wilkinson,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Eve,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Donald,
Mr. Marks,	Mr. Vaught,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Bowes,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Francis Clarke,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Holborow.
Mr. Grahame,	
Mr. Hayes,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Scott,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. R. G. D. FitzGerald.

Noes, 40.

Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Molesworth,	Dr. Hollis,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Hart,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. G. D. Clark,	Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Rose,	Mr. Gough,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Miller,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Murphy.
Mr. Hutchinson,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Newnan,	Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Haynes.
Mr. Cric,	
Mr. Trail,	

And it appearing by the Tellers' Lists that the majority in favour of the motion consisted of “at least forty Members,”—

Question put,—That the report be now adopted.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 54.	
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Barnes,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Morgau,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Eve,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Donald,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Traill,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. R. G. D. FitzGerald,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Marks,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Francis Clarke,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. John Wilkinson,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Newton,
Mr. Scott,	Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Murphy.
Mr. Torpy,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Want,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. Bowes.
Mr. Burdekin,	

Noes, 31.	
Mr. Young,	Mr. Gough.
Mr. Tonkin,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Fegan.
Mr. Haynes,	
Mr. Black,	
Mr. Schey,	
Mr. G. D. Clark,	
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,	
Mr. Rose,	
Mr. Hutchison,	
Mr. Miller,	
Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,	
Mr. Davis,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Cann,	
Mr. Crick,	
Mr. Bavister,	
Dr. Hollis,	
Mr. Edden,	
Mr. Cotton,	
Mr. Hindle,	
Mr. Houghton,	
Mr. Sharp,	
Mr. Langwell,	
Mr. Nicholson,	
Mr. Stevenson,	
Mr. Gardiner,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The vote of the Honorable Member for The Hume, Mr. Hayes, was challenged by Mr. Crick on the ground of direct pecuniary interest in this matter.

Mr. Crick then moved, That the vote of Mr. Hayes, Member for The Hume, be disallowed on the ground of personal interest.

Mr. Speaker explained to the House the law of Parliament on this subject.

And Mr. Hayes having made an explanation,—

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Schey,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Gough,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Houghton,
Dr. Hollis,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Hindle.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Crick,
Mr. J. D. FitzGerald.

Noes, 54.

Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Want,	Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Young,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. Dickens,	Mr. Donald,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Newmun,	Mr. Scott,
Mr. Lees,	Mr. Francis Clarke,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Marks,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Eve,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Newton,
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,	Mr. John Wilkinson,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Holborow,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Suttor.
Mr. Cullen,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Colls,	Mr. Perry.
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. R. G. D. FitzGerald.
Mr. Bowes,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Mr. Barton then moved, That the third reading of the Bill stand an Order of the Day for "Tuesday" next.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Haynes moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word "Tuesday," with a view to the insertion in its place of the word "Wednesday."

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.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 45.

Mr. Willis,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Marks,	Mr. Barton,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Donald,
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Francis Clarke,
Mr. Bruncker,	Mr. Colls,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Scott,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Newton,
Mr. R. G. D. FitzGerald,	Mr. John Wilkinson,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Holborow.
Mr. Bowes,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cullen,	
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Want,	Mr. Perry.
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	

Noes, 23.

Mr. McGowen,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Haynes.
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Miller,	
Mr. Black,	
Mr. Tonkin,	
Mr. Schey,	
Mr. Rose,	
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,	
Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,	
Mr. G. D. Clark,	
Dr. Hollis,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Bavister,	
Mr. Nicholson,	
Mr. Langwell,	
Mr. Hart,	
Mr. Fegan,	
Mr. Hutchison,	
Mr. Gough,	
Mr. Edden,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question then put,—That the third reading of the Bill stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next
The House divided.

Ayes, 50.

Mr. Melville,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Barton,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. R. G. D. FitzGerald,	Mr. Scott,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Colls,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Francis Clarke,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Donald,
Mr. Marks,	Mr. Burdekin,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Young,	Mr. John Wilkinson,
Mr. Bruncker,	Mr. Murphy.
Mr. Gillies,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Bowes,	
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Want,	Mr. Cullen.

Noes, 18.

Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Newman,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Dr. Hollis,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Gough,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Schey.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Gardiner.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

10. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir George Dibbs moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

F. W. WEBB,
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

FRIDAY, 24 NOVEMBER, 1893.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Proposed Rossiville or Kenmore Hospital for the Insane:—*Mr. Fegan*, for *Mr. Parkes*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the first and second premiated competitive designs for the proposed Rossiville or Kenmore Hospital for the Insane have been forwarded to England for expert decision?
 (2.) If so, why are drawings being made for these buildings by the Colonial Architect's Department?
 (3.) If two of the sets of competitive plans were sent for a new decision as to merit, why were not all sent?
 (4.) What course does he intend to take with the carrying out of this work, and how does he intend to deal with the competitors?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Some months ago I forwarded plans of the three prize designs (not two, as stated by the Honorable Member) to the Architect for the Commissioners of Lunacy of Great Britain, with the consent of these gentlemen, obtained through the Agent-General, with the view of his advising as to which of the three, in his opinion, is the most meritorious. That gentleman has given me his views upon the designs furnished, but has asked for further information, which is being prepared. The plans for certain outbuildings about to be erected at Kenmore are being prepared by the Government Architect.

- (2.) Water Supply for Mount Drysdale:—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. Waddell*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is he aware that serious loss and inconvenience are felt by the miners at Mount Drysdale for want of water?
 (2.) Will he endeavour to arrange with the owners of the neighbouring station for the use of one of the station tanks till rain falls and fills the new Government tank?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) The Honorable Member has represented to me that this is the case.
 (2.) I think that whatever arrangements of the kind are necessary should be made by the persons interested. The Government has already done all that can be reasonably expected of it.

- (3.) Improvement of Brunswick Heads:—*Mr. Nicoll* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that out of a sum of money voted, amounting to £4,000, for the improvement of the Brunswick Heads, the sum of £2,400 remains unexpended?
 (2.) In view of the increasing importance of the trade of the Brunswick, will he place a sum of money upon the next Loan Estimates to make the harbour safe and fit for shipping?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) The balance on the vote is at present £2,852.
 (2.) All the reports on the subject show that the Government would not be justified in spending at this place the large sum of money which would be necessary to make the work a success.

- (4.) Picnic to the Hon. Mackenzie Bowell:—*Mr. Haynes*, for *Mr. Hutchison*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it true that the necessary funds, or any part thereof, were taken from the Consolidated Revenue Fund to meet the expenses of the harbour excursion, which took place on Saturday, the 18th November, on the occasion of the Honorable Mackenzie Bowell leaving for Canada?
 (2.) If so, what amount did the said excursion, &c., cost?

Sir

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Sir George Dibbs answered,—The visit of the Hon. Mackenzie Bowell, one of the Ministers of the Executive Government of Canada, to these shores, on a mission of a character calculated to advance the trade relations between the two countries, was made the occasion to entertain that gentleman in a manner worthy of the Colony and of the distinguished gentleman to whom the entertainment was tendered.

(5.) Closing of Gates on Great Northern Railway:—*Mr. Haynes*, for *Mr. Hutchison*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that on account of the action of the Commissioners for Railways in closing the gates on a public road at 318 miles 10 chains on the Great Northern Railway, an officer was sent up from the Railway Department some time in 1892 to inquire into and report upon the matter?

(2.) If so, what was the nature of the report?

(3.) Will he have any objection to lay the report upon the Table of the House?

(4.) Is it a fact that some months after another officer was sent up to inquire into and report upon the matter?

(5.) If so what was the nature of his report?

(6.) Will he have any objection to lay that report upon the Table of the House?

(7.) Is it a fact that the Municipal Council of Glen Innes applied to the Commissioners to have the said gates reopened to the public?

(8.) If so, did the Commissioners reply that the said gates were private property, and that the request could not be granted?

(9.) If so, when did they become private property?

(10.) Who purchased them, and for what amount?

(11.) Is it a fact that others beside the Municipal Council of Glen Innes have applied for the said gates to be thrown open to the public as before they were closed?

(12.) If so, was the applicant ultimately told he could have a key, but must take the risk of trespass?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—I am informed that the papers disclose that the primary cause of the difficulty in connection with this crossing arises out of a disagreement between two neighbours. The crossing is not of sufficient importance to warrant the appointment of a gatekeeper, but persons in the vicinity wishing to use it are supplied with keys. No public good would be served by laying the papers upon the Table of the House.

(6.) Release of Current Accounts:—*Mr. Rose* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that some of the Banks have not released current accounts of depositors up to the full amount?

(2.) If so, does the Government contemplate bringing in a Bill to compel the release of such accounts?

(3.) What are the names of the two Banks referred to by *Mr. Coghlan* as furnishing misleading returns?

(4.) Why were not the managers or the proprietors of the said Banks prosecuted?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

(1.) I am not aware.

(2.) No.

(3 and 4.) These Questions have already been answered this Session.

(7.) Marble Mantel-pieces for Royal Mint:—*Mr. Bavister*, for *Mr. Newman*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—From what quarries was the marble obtained from which mantel-pieces for the Royal Mint have been, or are now being, made?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The mantel-pieces are being made from the Calculla and Fernbrook quarries, but as they will not be ready in time for the Mint they will be used elsewhere.

(8.) Parliamentary Trams and Trains:—*Mr. Bavister* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it true that special trams and trains were provided on Wednesday night or Thursday morning?

(2.) What was the cost incurred by such action?

(3.) Were any of these availed of by Members; if so, for what districts?

(4.) Will he specify for which lines trams and trains were in waiting, naming each?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—No special tram or train was run on the occasion mentioned, but one motor and one locomotive were in readiness if required, and beyond the comparatively small expense of the wages of the few men who were kept waiting, and fuel, no further expense was incurred.

(9.) Sessional and Standing Orders relating to the Rulings of the Speaker and Chairman of Committees:—*Mr. Traill* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will the Government give the House an early opportunity of instituting Sessional or Standing Orders permitting of rulings by the Speaker and by the Chairman in Committee of the Whole House, being dissented from, debated, and determined by vote?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The Question asked by the Honorable Member is of considerable importance, and requires some consideration, which we may be able to give later on.

(10.) Discovery of Coal on Shores of Port Jackson:—*Mr. Bavister*, for *Mr. Newman*, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Has the attention of the Government been drawn to the importance, as far as State interests are concerned, of the recent valuable discovery of coal on the shores of Port Jackson, and to the circumstance that permission to mine under the waters, and on other parts of the shores of the port have been made?

(2.) Can the Government see their way, from consideration of State rights, to resume possession of the discovery in question, on payment of just compensation, and prevent the further alienation by lease or otherwise of adjacent lands for coal-mining purposes?

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Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) Yes; and it is very gratifying that the Honorable Member has at length recognised the value of this discovery.

(2.) If the Honorable Member means—"Can the Government see its way to prevent the working "of the seam of coal discovered at Cremorne?" my answer is, that it is not clear how the State would be served by locking up this seam of coal.

(11.) Vacant Land facing the General Post Office:—Mr. Fegan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has the Government granted the use of the vacant land of the Post-office resumption to Messrs. Phippard Bros., a firm of contractors?

(2.) If so, for what term?

(3.) What do the contractors pay for the use of the land?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The use of this land has been granted to Messrs. Phippard Bros., subject to its being given up at a moment's notice when required by the Department. They have not been called upon to pay anything for the use of the land, as it is considered advisable in the interests of the Government that during building operations every facility should be afforded persons who have purchased land on this frontage.

(12.) Contract for Flooring at Garden Island:—Mr. Houghton asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a Government contract for flooring is being carried on at Garden Island, Messrs. Howie Brothers being the original contractors?

(2.) If so, is it a fact that such contract has been sublet, and is being done on the "piecework" system?

(3.) What price per square is the Government paying for such work?

(4.) What price per square is being paid to the sub-contractor, and also the men employed on the work?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers, under whom this work is being carried out, informs me that he has no direct knowledge of any sub-contract being let.

(3.) 50s. per square 2 inches thick, laid complete.

(4.) I am not aware.

(13.) Saddlers employed at the Victoria Barracks:—Mr. Houghton asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that the Military authorities recently employed saddlers at the Victoria Barracks at the rate of 5s. per day, or one-half the ordinary rate paid for similar labour?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—Yes; three civilians were employed for eight days at 5s. per diem in stuffing saddles, according to agreement.

(14.) Wages of Men employed on Contract at the University:—Mr. Houghton asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it a fact that the men employed at stone-mapping on the Government contract at the University, let to Messrs. Fahey and Ross, received less than 5s. per day for their labour?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I am not aware, and if the Government were to interfere between the contractors and their employees it would involve grave complications.

2. CASE OF THE LATE CAPTAIN HOWARD, R.N. (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Perry moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers, medical certificates, letters, telegrams, minutes, and recommendations in reference to the accident to, and subsequent death of the late Captain Howard, R.N., together with the opinion of the Attorney-General of the 30th May, 1893, in reference thereto.
Question put and passed.

3. BETTING AND GAMBLING SUPPRESSION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. E. M. Clark moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the suppression of betting and gambling, and to extend and amend the Acts relating to games and wagers, and to the suppression of betting-houses—the "Postage Acts Amendment Act of 1893,"—and to prevent certain kinds of loitering.
Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Clark then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill for the suppression of betting and gambling, and to extend and amend the Acts relating to games and wagers, and to the suppression of betting-houses—the 'Postage Acts Amendment Act of 1893,'—and to prevent certain kinds of loitering,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 15th December.

4. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

(1.) Illegitimacy Disability Removal Bill; second reading;—until Friday, 1st December.

(2.) Friendly Societies Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—until Friday, 8th December.

5. LABOUR PROTECTION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Sheldon moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Point of Order:—Mr. Want requested Mr. Speaker's attention to clause 7 of this Bill, which authorised expenditure, and was not covered by a Message from the Governor.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the objection was fatal to the Bill.

On motion of Mr. Sheldon, the Order of the Day was discharged.

Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.

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6. **DISTRESS FOR RENT ABOLITION BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Rose moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Cann moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
7. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Tuesday next:—
(1.) Offenders Probation Bill; second reading.
(2.) Racing Association Bill; second reading.
8. **REAL PROPERTY ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Fuller moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 37.

Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Marks,
Mr. Francis Clarke,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. McCredie,
Mr. Miller,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Gough,
Mr. Sheldon,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. Donald,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Danahey.
Mr. Murphy,	
Mr. Langwell,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Fuller,
Mr. E. M. Clark,	Mr. Cann.
Mr. Henry Clarke,	

Noes, 11.

Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Suttor,
Sir George Dibbs,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Willis.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Lees,
Mr. Waddell.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.
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 with an amendment.

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

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

9. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Tuesday next:—
(1.) Usury Abolition Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to abolish usury.
(2.) Custody of Children Bill; second reading.
10. **AUSTRALASIAN RIGHTS PURCHASE BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's amendments,—Mr. Stevenson moved, That the Order of the Day be postponed until Tuesday next.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 36.

Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Torpy,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Jcanneret,	Mr. Francis Clarke,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. McCredie,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Bavister,	Mr. Marks,
Mr. Danahey,	Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Cann.
Mr. Traill,	
Mr. McGowen,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Dickens,	Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Rose,	Mr. Nicoll.

Noes, 7.

Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Rac,
Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Edden.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Fegan.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

11. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Municipal Council of Sydney Electric Lighting Bill, postponed until Friday next.
12. **PUBLIC INSTRUCTION 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. Melville moved, That the report be now adopted.
Debate ensued.
Question put.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 24.

Mr. McCordie,	Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Rac,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Sheldon,	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Murphy,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Miller,	Mr. Edden.
Mr. Johnston,	
Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Nicoll.

Noes, 10.

Mr. Young,
Mr. Suttor,
Sir George Dibbs,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Francis Clarke,
Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. J. A. Mackinnon.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Fuller.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

13. LAW VACATIONS ABOLITION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Cann moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put and passed.

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 restrict the power of Judges in certain respects, and to facilitate the transaction of business in certain Courts.*"

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 restrict the power of Judges in certain respects, and to facilitate the transaction of business in certain Courts,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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14. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Tuesday next:—

(1.) Legal Practitioners Bill; second reading.

(2.) Fisheries Act Amendment Bill; second reading.

15. AGREEMENTS VALIDATING ACT REPEAL BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Willis moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

16. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Tuesday next:—

(1.) Bills of Sale Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading.(2.) Supreme Court Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

F. W. WEBB,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,

Speaker.

New South Wales.

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THIRD SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 28 NOVEMBER, 1893.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Church Buildings rented for Public School Purposes:—Mr. Stevenson asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) How many church buildings are rented by the Department for public school purposes?
- (2.) Where are such buildings located, and by which denomination owned?
- (3.) The rent paid annually in each instance?
- (4.) Are the renting of church buildings for public school purposes in accordance with the terms of the Public Instruction Act?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

- (1.) Twenty-five.
- (2 and 3.) I will presently lay this information upon the Table in the form of a return.
- (4.) Yes.

- (2.) Removal of Timber from Lands Conditionally Leased:—Mr. Francis Clarke asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Crown claims the right to cut and remove timber from lands conditionally leased under the 48th clause of the Crown Lands Act of 1884?
- (2.) Under what clause or section of the Lands Act is such right reserved to the Crown?
- (3.) Have any cases or disputes arisen between the Crown and the conditional leaseholders as to the ownership of timber?
- (4.) If so, have such disputes been finally settled, and in whose favour?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) The Crown claims the right to prevent the cutting of timber for sale from lands comprised in conditional leases unless the person cutting holds a license from the Crown.
- (2.) The 115th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884 empowers the Governor to frame regulations for the issue of licenses to cut and remove timber on (*inter alia*) Crown lands, whether held under lease or license or not. The rights of the holder of land under conditional lease as to the taking of timber are prescribed by section 98 of the Crown Lands Act of 1884. Such a lessee may take from the land comprised in his lease timber and other material, provided (1) that such land is not comprised within a timber or forest reserve, and (2) such timber and material is for building and other purposes upon the land, and such as may be required by such conditional lessee as tenant.
- (3.) There have been several cases in which the lessees apparently thought they had the power to cut the timber for sale.
- (4.) One case was decided by the Bench at Milton in favour of the Crown, and a second case has been referred to the Land Appeal Court for decision.

- (3.) Men discharged from Fitzroy Docks Works:—Mr. Murphy asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a large number of men have lately been discharged from Fitzroy Docks Works?
- (2.) Can any work be found for these men?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

- (1.) Yes; but men are continually being taken on and discharged as the exigencies of the dock demand.
- (2.) My honorable colleague cannot say at present.

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(4.) State of Parramatta River from Newington to the Queen's Wharf:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Will he cause a survey to be made and a report sent in of the state of the Parramatta River from Newington to the Queen's Wharf in the Borough of Parramatta?
- (2.) Has the state of the river been caused by the nuisances running from seven Government institutions which contain about 4,000 persons?
- (3.) When the report is received, will he cause a sum of £15,000, which was formerly reported would be the amount required to remedy this evil, to be placed upon the Estimates?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

- (1.) A complete survey has been made.
- (2.) No; the bed has been shoaled up by floods leaving a deposit. The drains from the institutions referred to, as well as those from the town, doubtless tend to pollute the water, and a report is now being prepared on the subject. My honorable colleague is informed, however, that the nuisance from the sewerage is principally caused by the drainage from the town, and not from the Government institutions.
- (3.) When the report is before him he will further consider the matter, but can make no promise at present.

2. SEAMEN'S LAWS AMENDING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Murphy moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Seamen's Laws Consolidation Act.
Question put and passed.

3. DISPUTED MUNICIPAL ELECTION AT DUNGOG (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Dowel*, for Mr. H. H. Brown, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all letters, minutes, and reports in the Colonial Secretary's Department having reference to the recent disputed municipal election at Dungog.
Question put and passed.

4. REAL PROPERTY ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT 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 amend the 'Real Property Act' and the 'Real Property Act Further Amendment Act of 1877,' and to repeal the 'Land Titles Commissioners' Fees Act of 1887.'*"

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 'Real Property Act' and the 'Real Property Act Further Amendment Act of 1877,' and to repeal the 'Land Titles Commissioners' Fees Act of 1887,'*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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5. AGREEMENTS VALIDATING ACT REPEAL BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. Willis, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Willis then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to repeal the 'Agreements Validating Act,' and to make provision for continuance of agreements lawfully made thereunder before the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four.'*"

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 repeal the 'Agreements Validating Act,' and to make provision for continuance of agreements lawfully made thereunder before the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four,'*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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6. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

(1.) Hawkers Pedlars and Carriers Regulation Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the laws relating to hawkers and pedlars in the Colony of New South Wales, and to impose a license fee on persons exercising the avocation of carriers in the said Colony, whether with camels, horses, oxen, bullocks, or other beasts of burden, and to restrict the granting of licenses, whether for hawkers, pedlars, or carriers, to certain persons;—until Friday, 15th December.

(2.) Australasian Rights Purchase Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's amendments;—until Friday next.

7. PAPERS:—

Mr. Slattery laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Notifications of Rates for Transmission of Cablegrams and Press Messages to New Caledonia.

(2.) Correspondence and Reports respecting the administration of Weights and Measures Act.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Copeland laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return showing land available for conditional purchase in the resumed area of the north-western portion of the Central Division.

(2.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Beardy Plains, county of Gough, for deviation of road from Yarron Creek to Glen Innes, at Black Soil Gully

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(3.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Maitland county of Northumberland, for the construction of flood embankments for the protection of the town of West Maitland.

(4.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parishes of Turill and Boranbil, county of Bligh, for a way of approach to bridge over Munmurra Brook.

(5.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Plattsburg, county of Hexham, for a general cemetery at Plattsburg.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Suttor laid upon the Table,—Return showing church buildings rented by the Department of Public Instruction for public school purposes.

Ordered to be printed.

8. POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK—NATIONAL BANK:—Mr. Dowel moved, pursuant to notice, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Post Office Savings Bank—National Bank," brought up on the 16th May, 1893, be now adopted.

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Friday, 12th January.

9. APPLICATION OF MR. J. F. CONNELLY TO MINE IN THE PARISH OF CURRAJONG:—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 application of Mr. J. F. Connelly to mine in the parish of Currajong.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Slattery, Mr. McCourt, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Lee, Mr. Wall, Mr. Gardiner, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Jones, Mr. Waddell, and the Mover.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

10. TRAVELLING STOCK ROUTES AND RESERVES:—Mr. Sheldon moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, any form of local government which does not contain provision for vesting the control of travelling stock routes and reserves, as well as camping reserves in the local authorities created by such a measure, will not be satisfactory to the country districts.

(2.) Such travelling stock routes and reserves and camping reserves should be withdrawn from leases or license.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

11. CASE OF JOHN DENIFF:—Mr. Waddell moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Case of John Deniff," brought up on 18th October, 1893, be now adopted.

Debate ensued.

And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business only taken, under Sessional Order adopted on the 5th November, 1893.

12. BANK NOTES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Kidd moved, "That" this Bill be now read a third time.

Mr. Reid 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, 5, 6 and 7, and the Title."

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

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker having, under the Standing Order No. 20, intimated to the Honorable Member for Redfern, Mr. Schey, 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. Schey requiring that the Question "whether he be further heard," be put,—

Question put,—That the Honorable Member, Mr. Schey, be further heard.

The House divided.

Ayes, 24.

Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Gornly,
Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Rae,
Mr. Black,
Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald.

Tellers,

Mr. Rose,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon.

And so it passed in the negative.

Noes, 64.

Mr. Want,
Mr. Merton,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Reid,
Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Donald,
Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Hart,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. McCredie,
Mr. Bruce Smith,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Marks,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Dale,
Mr. Inglis,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Johnston,

Mr. Lovien,
Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Francis Clarke,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Donnelly,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Torpy,
Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Wright,
Dr. Cullen,
Sir George Dibbs,
Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Scott,

Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Coils,
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Jeanneret,
Mr. Toukin,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Lees,
Mr. Newton,
Mr. John Wilkinson,
Mr. Newman.

Tellers,

Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Martin.

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Mr. Gillies moved, "That the Question be now put."

Question put,—That the Question be now put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 42.

Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Dr. Cullen,
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. McCredie,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. John Wilkinson,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Scott,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Colls,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Holborow,	Mr. Jeanneret,
Mr. Marks,	Mr. Vaughn.
Mr. Barbour,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Francis Clarke,	Mr. Gillics.
Mr. Waddell,	
Mr. Dale,	
Mr. Johnston,	
Mr. Bowes,	
Mr. Fuller,	
Mr. Perry,	
Mr. McMillan,	
Mr. Torpy,	
Mr. Want,	
Mr. Grahame,	
Mr. Martin,	
Mr. Donald,	
Mr. Barnes,	

Noes, 42.

Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Rose,
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. Rae,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Newton,
Mr. Hart,	Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. Dowel,	Mr. Newman.
Mr. Sharp,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Gormly,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Darnley,	Mr. Fegan.
Mr. Davis,	
Mr. Hindle,	
Mr. Stevenson,	
Mr. Donnelly,	
Mr. Schey,	
Mr. Danahey,	
Mr. Cann,	
Mr. Garvan,	
Mr. McGowen,	
Mr. Bavister,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Kirkpatrick,	
Mr. G. D. Clark,	

The numbers being equal, Mr. Speaker, stating that he considered that it was not his duty, by his vote, to close the debate, gave his casting vote with the *Noes*, and declared the Question to have passed in the *negative*.

Debate continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 58.

Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Dr. Cullen,
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. McCredie,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. John Wilkinson,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Colls,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Dale,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Holborow,	Mr. Scott,
Mr. Marks,	Mr. Jeanneret,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Newton,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Francis Clarke,	Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Willis.
Mr. Johnston,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Bowes,	Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Chapman.
Mr. Perry,	
Mr. Vaughn,	
Mr. McMillan,	
Mr. Torpy,	
Mr. Want,	
Mr. Alfred Allen,	
Mr. Donnelly,	
Mr. Grahame,	
Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. Hayes,	
Mr. Donald,	
Mr. Nicoll,	
Mr. Barnes,	

Noes, 26.

Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Reid,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Bavister,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Rae,
Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Newman,
Mr. J. D. FitzGerald.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Molesworth.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

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The House divided.

Ayes, 60.

Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Hayes,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Donald,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Morton,	Dr. Culter,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. McCredie,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. John Wilkinson,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Dowcl,
Mr. Francis Clarke,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Colls,
Mr. Marks,	Mr. Scobie,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Dale,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Scott,
Mr. Bowes,	Mr. Jeanneret,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Newton,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Campbell,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Willis.
Mr. Want,	
Mr. Alfred Allen,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Donnelly,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Waddell.

Noes, 25.

Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Reid,
Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Bavierster,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Rae,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. Nowman.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Cann.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a third time.

Sir George Dibbs moved, That the Bill do now pass.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 59.

Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Dowcl,	Mr. Jeanneret,
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Newton,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Want,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Donnelly,	Mr. Willis.
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Perry,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Grahame,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Donald.
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Barnes,	
Mr. Chapman,	Dr. Culter,	
Mr. Melville,	Mr. McCredie,	
Mr. Dale,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,	
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Nicholson,	
Mr. Holborow,	Mr. Morgan,	
Mr. Marks,	Mr. Hart,	
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Sharp,	
Mr. Wright,	Mr. John Wilkinson,	
Mr. Francis Clarke,	Mr. Scott,	
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Gormly,	
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Cruickshank,	
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Scobie,	
Mr. Bowes,	Mr. Colls,	
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Dickens,	

Noes, 23.

Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Reid,
Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Bavierster,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Rae,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. Newman.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Darnley.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Sir George Dibbs then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to regulate the issue of Bank Notes; to make Bank Notes a legal tender except at the chief offices of the banks in Sydney; to amend the Stamp Duties Act of 1880; to declare the past operation of section one of the Bank Issue Act of 1893; and to repeal that section and re-enact it with amendments.*"

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 issue of Bank Notes; to make Bank Notes a legal tender except at the chief offices of the banks in Sydney; to amend the Stamp Duties Act of 1880; to declare the past operation of section one of the Bank Issue Act of 1893; and to repeal that section and re-enact it with amendments,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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13. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir George Dibbs moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

F. W. WEBB,
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 30.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 29 NOVEMBER, 1893.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Classes of Technical Instruction:—Mr. Bavister asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
 (1.) How many separate classes of Technical Instruction have been closed or discontinued since November, 1892; what number of students were on the roll of such classes; and what were the subjects taught at such classes?
 (2.) How many branch Technical Schools have been closed during the same period, naming the district in which each was situated?
 (3.) What increase or decrease has taken place in the number of students on the roll at the Technical College, Harris-street, in the same period?
 (4.) What other classes or schools of Technical Instruction is it intended to close during the next three months?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

(1, 2, and 3.) I will presently lay the replies to these Questions upon the Table in the form of a return.

(4.) No final decision has been arrived at in this matter.

- (2.) Rulings of the Speaker and Chairman of Committees:—Mr. Willis, for Mr. Traill, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will the Government give the House an early opportunity of instituting Sessional or Standing Orders permitting of rulings by the Speaker and by the Chairman in Committee of the Whole House, being dissented from, debated, and determined by vote?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—I do not know whether the Honorable Member's Question indicates that he desires an opportunity of moving in the direction referred to, or whether he invites the Government to take steps in that direction. I do not think it will be wise to shorten the time available for the urgent work of this Session by a long discussion on this subject, but I am strongly of opinion that the first work of the new Parliament should be the institution of a thorough reform of the procedure of this House for the prevention of obstruction and harmful loquacity; and I feel that any such reform, to be completely effective, must give large powers to the Chair, the only authority which can be regarded as impartial.

- (3.) Lieutenants Little and Holmes—Officers sent to India and England:—Mr. Kelly, for Mr. J. D. FitzGerald, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What amounts were paid to Lieutenants Little and Holmes on retiring from the Military service of this Colony?

(2.) Out of what vote were these amounts paid, and on whose recommendation were they paid?

(3.) Is it a fact that a number of officers of the Military Forces of this Colony are to be sent to India and to England?

(4.) If so, what will be the estimated cost, and out of what vote will it be paid?

(5.) In view of the state of the Colony's finances, and the apparent desire on behalf of the Government to retrench, will they issue instructions countermanding this expenditure?

(6.) What amount has been expended to date out of the £8,015; included in the Military Estimates under Commanding Engineer Vote, page 6 of last Military Estimates, giving the amounts paid, and to whom?

Sir

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Sir George Dibbs answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Major-General commanding the Military Forces :—

- (1.) Lieutenant Holmes, £1,071; Lieutenant Little, £1,045 7s. 8d.
- (2.) From Treasurer's Advance Vote. Lieutenant Little was paid on the recommendation of Colonel Spalding, Acting Commandant, and Lieutenant Holmes on the recommendation of Major-General Hutton.
- (3, 4, and 5.) Not at present.
- (6.) £7,900. The payments embrace wages and small items connected with minor engineer services, the recapitulation of which would take many days to prepare.

(4.) Agricultural Societies :—Mr. Fuller asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What amount of money was available to pay the claims of Agricultural Societies for the year 1892?
- (2.) What societies have been paid their claims, and what is the total amount paid?
- (3.) What societies have not been paid their claims, and what is the total amount due?
- (4.) Have any societies been paid out of funds not provided specially for the purpose, and what is the total amount paid?
- (5.) When may those societies which have not been paid expect to receive payment?
- (6.) Will he take into special consideration the case of societies whose claims are overdue, and where immediate settlement is desirable?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) £20,000.
- (2.) The societies with the exception of three, have received their subsidies, totalling £25,200 4s. 1d., being £20,000 from the vote and £5,200 4s. 1d. from Advance Fund.
- (3.) Kiama, Lismore, and Armidale; amount unpaid, £394 14s.
- (4.) Yes; £5,200 4s. 1d.
- (5 and 6.) As soon as funds are available the outstanding claims will be paid.

(5.) Practice of Hypnotism :—Mr. Murphy, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Will he draw the attention of the President of the Medical Board to a statement made in the *Medical Gazette* of the 15th November instant, by J. M. Creed, L.R.C.P., a duly registered medical practitioner, to the effect that in a case where medical treatment had failed, he had resorted to hypnotism and saved the patient's life?
- (2.) Will he thereon ask the President of the Medical Board the following questions :—
 - (a) Do the regulations of the Medical Board, under which there are registration and approval of practice, permit of a resort to hypnosis in lieu of medicine?
 - (b) If approval is given to registered medical men resorting to hypnotic suggestions where there is failure to cure by the ordinary practice of medicine will the Board allow of the practice of hypnotism by non-registered men?
 - (c) If hypnotic suggestions are acknowledged effective where the practice of medicine has failed, will the Board approve the appointment of a public hypnotist for the saving of human life?
 - (d) Will the Board, on its approval of the practice of hypnotism, advise as to the creation of a chair for hypnosis at the University in connection with the present medical curriculum?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Medical Adviser to the Government :—The sole duty of the Medical Board is to examine the certificates and credentials, and, when satisfied, register persons as "duly qualified medical practitioners." It forms no part of their duty, nor have they the power, to interfere with the practice of medicine either by registered practitioners or other persons.

(6.) Tenders for Ironwork :—Mr. Murphy, for Mr. Johnston, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Will he consider the advisableness when calling for tenders for the whole or any portion of the ironwork required for his Department, to specify that it be manufactured from ore produced in the Colony?
- (2.) Will he take this step with a view to stimulating the coal-mining and other industries now idle?

Mr. Copeland answered,—This is quite impossible until arrangements have been made on a large scale for the manufacture of iron from colonial ores. My honorable colleague is quite prepared to receive proposals for the above purpose, and at present negotiations are going on with a view to this, but he cannot recommend for acceptance the terms submitted.

(7.) Omnibus Stand at Circular Quay :—Mr. Kelly asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that Captain Jackson, Wharf Manager, charges £1 per annum to omnibus owners, whose omnibuses stand at Circular Quay?
- (2.) Will he have any objection to giving the names of owners paying this amount?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) Yes; from 21st August, 1891.
- (2.) The following are the names of the omnibus proprietors, viz :—The Sydney Tramway and Omnibus Company (Limited), Messrs. Francis Tuffy, John Berg, J. Cusack, A. McGregor, S. Horsey, D. McCauley, and J. G. Malony. These charges are made for the purpose of keeping the stand on Circular Quay clean.

(8.) Maintenance of River Darling between Walgett and Brewarrina :—Mr. Willis asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What amount has been spent in the snagging and maintenance of the river Darling, or Barwon, between Walgett and Brewarrina, during the past five years?

Mr. Copeland answered,—From 1865 to 1893 the sum of £80,201 6s. has been expended in clearing and snagging the river Darling.

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(9.) Agricultural Department:—Mr. Willis asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) What is the total annual cost of the Agricultural Department?
- (2.) What are the results?
- (3.) What is the total amount of the salaries paid to the whole staff?
- (4.) What rental is paid for the premises occupied by this Department?
- (5.) Who owns the said premises?
- (6.) What is the name of the Minister who leased the premises?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) For 1892, £37,883 12s. 11d. From 1st January to 31st July, 1893, when the Department was remodelled, £14,445 10s. 9d. From 31st July to present date, £4,409 10s. 9d.
- (2.) This information will be supplied in the form of a return if moved for by the Honorable Member in the usual way.
- (3.) For 1893, up to date of reorganisation, £7,705 1s. 0d.; from that date to the end of this month, £2,792 11s. 8d.
- (4.) £575 per annum.
- (5.) John Starkey.
- (6.) Mr. Sydney Smith.

(10.) Retirement of Mr. W. M. M. Arnold from the Civil Service:—Mr. Willis asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is Mr. W. M. M. Arnold now drawing a pension of £190 a year out of the Civil Service Superannuation Fund?
- (2.) Did Mr. Arnold only pay £100 into the said fund?
- (3.) Will he make public his determination in the matter?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) £103 0s. 10d. was paid by Mr. Arnold.
- (3.) This Question has been already answered.

(11.) "Tote" Business:—Mr. Willis asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that the "tote" business is flourishing as vigorously as ever in the streets of the city under the very noses of the Police?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—I am informed by the Inspector-General of Police that during the past six weeks there have been upwards of 100 Police prosecutions under the Betting-houses Suppression Act, but they do not appear to have had any deterrent effect.

(12.) Annual Leases in Parish of Nundle and Dungowan:—Mr. Danahey asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that he has cancelled annual leases Nos. 12,101–2–3, district Tamworth, parish of Nundle and Dungowan, county Parry, taken out in the names John Schofield and Alex. Robson?
- (2.) If so, will he give the reason he had for doing so?
- (3.) Is his action in opposition to the report of the Land Board for the district, and also of the other Government officers who have reported on this matter?
- (4.) Will he lay all letters, reports, and other papers in connection with this matter upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2 and 3.) Yes; the action I have taken has been, in my view, the best for the public interest.
- (4.) There will be no objection to the Honorable Member inspecting the papers at the Lands Office. If, after perusal, he should still desire to have copies laid upon the Table, they should be moved for in the usual manner, as the papers are somewhat voluminous and will cost a considerable amount to copy and print.

(13.) Publication on Native Flora and Grasses for Public Schools:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will the Government see that some steps are taken with the view of providing the public and our Public Schools, but more especially the farmers and graziers of the Colony, with a cheap and complete illustrated publication of the native flora and grasses of New South Wales, such as are in existence in the adjoining colonies?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—I am informed that a work has been issued on the forage plants of Australia, and papers are from time to time published, with illustrations, in the *Agricultural Gazette*. Preparations have been made for issuing in a cheap form a work on the forest flora, with illustrations, but owing to the need for retrenchment the publication of this work has been kept back.

(14.) Boiling-down Establishments at Terminus of Botany Tramway:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has he had any complaint that the mephitic smells arising from noxious trades or boiling-down establishments at the terminus of the Botany tramway are repulsive and unendurable to the inhabitants in that locality?
- (2.) Is the Board of Health aware of the existence of any such public nuisance in the locality; if so, are any steps being taken for the amelioration or suppression of the same?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) I am aware that nuisances are occasioned in various parts of the Metropolitan District by the present mode of carrying on boiling-down establishments and other noxious trades.
- (2.) Under the present state of the law the Board of Health has no power to suppress such nuisances, but a short Bill to deal with this question is being prepared.

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(15.) Seamen's Laws Consolidation Act of 1864:—Mr. Murphy asked the Attorney-General,—In face of the fact that section 14, paragraph 1, of the Seamen's Laws Consolidation Act of 1864, provides: "Whosoever in this Colony, not being the owner, master, or mate of this ship, or the "bona-fide servant, and in the constant employ of the owner, engages or supplies or employs any person other than persons so excepted to engage or supply any seaman or apprentice to be entered "on board any ship, shall, for each seaman or apprentice so engaged or supplied, incur a penalty "not exceeding twenty pounds,"—will he cause the Superintendent of the Maritime Labour Bureau, who is not in the constant employ of any shipowner, to be proceeded against under this section?

Mr. Slattery answered,—The following answer has been supplied by the Attorney-General:—There seems to be some misapprehension as to the duties of an Attorney-General. It is not his business to endeavour to spy out offences in every direction, nor in fact is the detection of crime or any part of the Police Department under his control. His connection with a prosecution does not ordinarily begin until the accused person has been committed for trial, and it is not his duty even to recommend the institution of proceedings. Nevertheless, he has occasionally recommended the Police to proceed in cases of apparently grave offences against personal security or liberty, or serious frauds. The Police are under the control of the Chief Secretary, and reference is made to him when instructions are required.

(16.) Kenmore Hospital for the Insane:—Mr. Parkes asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Did the conditions of competition for the Kenmore Asylum for the Insane provide for a final decision being given as to merit by a Commission which consisted of Dr. Manning and Messrs. Hunt and Vernon?
- (2.) Have not the final awards of this Commission been allotted and approved by the Minister, and the premiums paid?
- (3.) What instructions were sent to England in connection with this matter to the Lunacy Commissioners to place before their architect?
- (4.) What further information have they requested to have sent them?
- (5.) Has he any objection to lay all papers relating to the above upon the Table of the House if moved for?
- (6.) What are the names of the competitors whose drawings have been sent to the Lunacy Commissioners?
- (7.) Have any of the three designs been allowed to go back into the hands of those who submitted them between the closing of the competition and the date of forwarding to England?
- (8.) Were the drawings sent away exactly as they came from the Commissioners who awarded the premiums?
- (9.) Upon their return, will he submit the three designs, together with all comments and papers from the architect consulted, or the Lunacy Commissioners, to Dr. Manning and Messrs. Hunt and Vernon?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The following Answers have been supplied by the Secretary for Public Works:—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) I approved of the awards being distributed as recommended by the Board of Advisers appointed under the terms of the general conditions.
- (3.) There were no instructions sent to the Lunacy Commissioners, they were merely asked to allow their architect to advise me on the subject.
- (4.) This is a matter I am dealing with at the present time, and when complete I shall be quite prepared to supply all the information.
- (5.) None whatever, when the whole matter is complete, but not before.
- (6.) As already explained to the Honorable Member, they are the gentleman who obtained the first three prizes, whose names have already been many times published.
- (7.) The designs have not been allowed to go out of the office, nor given into the hands of any one.
- (8.) Photographs of certain of the drawings were sent exactly as they came from the Board of Advisers.
- (9.) No; unless there are reasons for doing so of which I am not aware at present.

(17.) Storm-water Channels:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Out of what fund or vote is the construction of storm-water channels usually undertaken?
- (2.) In localities where such works have been constructed by the Government, do the various municipalities or ratepayers therein contribute anything towards defraying the expenses of the same; if so, what amount?
- (3.) Will he have any objection to lay a tabulated return upon the Table of the House showing the amount of money that has been expended in the construction of such works, specifying what amount has been expended in each case respectively?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The following Answers have been supplied by the Secretary for Public Works:—

- (1.) Out of loan money specifically taken out for the particular work. If the Honorable Member will refer to the Loan Act, 54 Vic. No. 33, he will there find votes specified for a large number of storm-water channels.
- (2.) The ratepayers will of course contribute towards the expense of these works in the form of sewerage rates, the cost of the storm-water sewers being included in the General Sewerage Debt as soon as the reticulation of the city and suburbs is carried out. I have given notice, however, of the introduction of a Bill providing for the levying of special storm-water sewerage rates to meet the case of those localities which have not yet been reticulated.
- (3.) I shall be prepared to give all the information asked for by the Honorable Member when I move the second reading of the measure referred to.

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- (18.) Amendment of Electoral Act of 1893:—Mr. Neild asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to permit the Honorable Member for Paddington (Mr. Neild) to introduce his Bill to provide for a second ballot or contingent vote, the introduction of such Bill having been objected to as a formal motion by Ministers, since notice was first given on the 3rd October, 1893?
 - (2.) If the Government intend to continue to object to the introduction of the said Bill, will they introduce such a measure if Mr. Neild withdraws his?
 - (3.) If so, when will the Government introduce such a Bill?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The Government has the whole question under close consideration, and has acted without the least idea of hostility to the Honorable Member. Inquiry is now being made with the view of ascertaining to what extent the contingent vote may be relied on to secure election by majority and the prevention of the loss or waste of the effect of the electors' vote. As soon as the inquiry is completed a decision will be come to whether a Bill shall be introduced or not.

- (19.) Holidays to Teachers in Public Schools:—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) On what date do the Public Schools of the Colony break up for the Christmas holidays?
 - (2.) What is the reason that teachers are allowed four weeks' holiday, and pupil-teachers only three?
 - (3.) Will he see that the examination of pupil teachers is conducted during the week the schools break up, so that the pupil-teachers may have the same privilege and number of holidays as the teachers?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

- (1.) The 15th December.
- (2.) It is not a fact that teachers are allowed four weeks' holiday and pupil-teachers only three. An extra week was added to the Christmas vacation in 1892 in order to enable examinations of teachers and pupil-teachers to be held without disturbing schools. The examination of pupil-teachers who seek promotion takes three days from their Christmas vacation, and that of teachers takes four days from the midwinter vacation.
- (3.) No; such a course would withdraw 1,200 pupil-teachers from schools, and would necessitate closing most of the large schools an extra week.

2. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. Waddell, "That the Report from the Select Committee on 'Case of John Deniff,' brought up on "18th October, 1893, be now adopted," postponed until Friday, 22nd December.

3. JUNE WATER SUPPLY WORKS 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 sanction the construction of works of Water Supply for the town of Junee, county of Clarendon,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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Sydney, 29th November, 1893.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

4. PAPERS:—

Sir George Dibbs laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 28th November, 1893,—
"Disputed Municipal Election at Dungog."
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. See laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 31st October, 1893,—
"Expenditure on
"Railway Line between Rooty Hill and Wentworth Falls."
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Suttor laid upon the Table,—Information respecting Classes of Technical Instruction closed or discontinued since November, 1892.
Ordered to be printed.

5. 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 Standing Order No. 15, respecting motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House "on a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., the action of the Railway Commissioners in employing a private solicitor, Robert Smith, to act for them in the actions and suit, "*Proudfoot v. the Railway Commissioners of New South Wales*, and in permitting the said solicitor "to file certain pleas in the said actions and suit."
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 Division called for,—but there being only one Teller on the part of the *Ayes*, no Division could be had; and Mr. Speaker declared the Question to have passed in the *negative*.

6. LIQUOR TRAFFIC:—Mr. Danahey presented a Petition from members of the Rose of Marrickville Lodge, Independent Order of Good Templars, and residents of Marrickville, praying that, in view of the manifold evils arising from the traffic in intoxicating liquors, and the widespread demand for reform, the House will pass into law a Bill providing for the taking of a plebiscite vote of the men and women of the country on the distinct issue of prohibition.
Petition received.

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7. MINING ON PRIVATE LANDS 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.

8. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir George Dibbs moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

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

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 31.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 30 NOVEMBER, 1893.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Royalty on Coal under Sydney Harbour:—*Mr. Davis*, for *Mr. Black*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) In view of the important discovery of coal under Sydney Harbour, do the Government propose to grant any fresh application for the right to mine on reserves near or under Port Jackson at the royalty of 6d. per ton?

(2.) Will an opportunity be afforded to the House of deciding what amount of royalty shall be charged for such leases before any are granted?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) Any authority now granted would be subject to a rent as well as a royalty.

(2.) There is, in view of all the surrounding circumstances, no apparent reason why the royalty prescribed by Act of Parliament to be paid by holders of leases should not be the royalty payable under authority.

(2.) Leave of Absence to *Mr. Thompson*, Government Valuator:—*Mr. Murphy* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has *Mr. Thompson*, Government Valuator, been granted an extension of leave of absence?

(2.) Was this extension granted at *Mr. Thompson's* request?

(3.) Is it intended to retrench *Mr. Thompson* at the end of his leave of absence?

(4.) Is it intended to appoint *Mr. Waller* in *Mr. Thompson's* place?

(5.) Is it a fact that *Mr. Waller* is now signing himself Government Valuator?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) *Mr. Thompson* was given leave at his own request. It was subsequently extended because I did not consider him fit for work; neither now do I consider him in a fit state of health to resume his duties.

(3 and 4.) I decline to answer these Questions.

(5.) *Mr. Waller*, who has been employed by the Department for several years past in the capacity of Valuator on behalf of the Government, no doubt signs his name, as he properly should do, as such.

(3.) Court-house Buildings at Parramatta:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor* asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Has his attention been drawn to a paragraph in the local newspaper, made by Judge Murray, at the Quarter Sessions held at Parramatta during this week, with reference to the buildings and conveniences surrounding the Court-house?

(2.) What rent is the Government paying for the use of these buildings?

(3.) What was the amount paid for the site on which the new Court-house is to be erected?

(4.) Is it his intention to have plans prepared for approval for the erection of a Court-house and Police quarters; if so, when?

Mr. Barton answered,—The following Answers have been supplied by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice:—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) £650 per annum.

(3.) £8,500.

(4.) This matter will receive consideration.

(4.)

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- (4.) Maritime Labour Bureau :—Mr. Murphy asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he give instructions to the Police authorities to close the Maritime Labour Bureau, or cause the Superintendent to be proceeded against if that officer be acting in contravention of the law ?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—I have received the following report from the Inspector-General of Police, which is correct as far as the law is concerned :—It has not been reported to the Police, or come to their knowledge, that the Superintendent of the Maritime Labour Bureau has committed any breach of the law. In a matter which recently came before the Supreme Court, it was decided that he was not acting in contravention of the law in engaging seamen for ships, the Court considering that he was the agent of the shipping masters, or owners, who required seamen.

- (5.) Scamen supplied by Maritime Labour Bureau :—Mr. Murphy asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
 (1.) Has the Superintendent of the Maritime Labour Bureau supplied seamen to various ships ?
 (2.) Will he ascertain whether such action is an offence against the shipping laws of this Colony ?
 (3.) If so, will he cause the law to be enforced in this respect ?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) Yes ; I have been informed that he has done so.
 (2 and 3.) Such action is not considered by the Supreme Court to be an offence against the shipping laws of this Colony. (See decision in the case, *McLcan v. Thomson*, 23rd February, 1893, and reported in the *Sydney Morning Herald*, 24th February, 1893.)

- (6.) Inspector of Weights and Measures :—Mr. Davis, for Mr. Black, asked the Attorney-General,—

- (1.) Has the Inspector of Weights and Measures been given the power to appoint his subordinates ?
 (2.) Are the new regulations of this Department permanent, or only to be enforced until a Bill has been introduced ?
 (3.) Does the Government intend to adopt the recommendations of the Board who sat on this matter, particularly with regard to the appointment of assistant inspectors ?
 (4.) Is it not a fact that the Board of Inquiry decided that there was no law which compelled the dealing public to have their weighing machines or counter-scales stamped ?
 (5.) Is such stamping nevertheless to be enforced ?

Mr. Barton answered,—The following Answers have been supplied by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice :—

- (1.) No ; Mr. Evans was permitted to nominate two assistants, whom the Minister has appointed.
 (2.) It is intended that they continue in force until new legislation is introduced.
 (3.) This question will be taken into consideration when the subject of proposed new legislation is being dealt with.
 (4.) No ; the Board was not called upon to give a decision in the matter, and did not do so.
 (5.) No.

- (7.) Influx of Chinese :—Mr. Davis, for Mr. J. D. FitzGerald, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that Chinese passengers from China to Australia are entered upon ship's articles as crew, unless the vessels are to arrive at Sydney without calling at Queensland ?
 (2.) Does that account for the alleged leakage of Chinese into Australia through New South Wales ports ?
 (3.) Will he bring in a Bill imposing similar restrictions upon the influx of Chinese into Sydney which exist in Queensland ?
 (4.) Has he any intention of bringing in legislation upon the lines agreed to at the Sydney Conference upon the question ?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 (2.) There is no leakage, the men do not remain in the Colony.
 (3.) Not this Session.

2. PAPERS :—

Sir George Dibbs laid upon the Table,—Copy of letter dated 30th December, 1891, from Mr. Robert Smith, Solicitor, to Messrs. Levy, Hemsley, and Perkins, Solicitors, respecting contract between Messrs. Proudfoot & Co. and the Railway Commissioners.
 Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Suttor laid upon the Table,—Notifications of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888 of land for Public School purposes at Blair Hill, Brooks' Creek, Dairyman's Plain, Missabotti, Sinclair, Tonal, and Winton.

3. MINING ON PRIVATE LANDS BILL :—Mr. Cann presented a Petition from A. E. Martin, Chairman of a public meeting held at Broken Hill, in favour of the passing of a Mining on Private Lands Bill. Petition received.

4. STORM DRAINS AND SEWERS 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 make more effectual provision for the recovery of rates, charges, costs, and expenses payable under the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts of 1880-1889 ; to provide for vesting in the Board certain storm-water drains and sewers, and land and buildings used in connection therewith ; to authorise the Board to impose rates and charges in respect of those drains and sewers within certain areas ; 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.

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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 more effectual provision for the recovery of rates, charges, costs, and expenses payable under the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts of 1880-1889; to provide for vesting in the Board certain storm-water drains and sewers, and land and buildings used in connection therewith; to authorise the Board to impose rates and charges in respect of those drains and sewers within certain areas; and for other purposes.

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 make more effectual provision for the recovery of rates, charges, costs, and expenses payable under the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts of 1880-1889; to provide for vesting in the Board certain storm-water drains and sewers, and land and buildings used in connection therewith; to authorise the Board to impose rates and charges in respect of those drains and sewers within certain areas; and for other purposes*,"—which was read a first time.

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

5. TRUSTEES OF SCHOOLS OF ARTS ENABLING BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to enable the Trustees of lands held for a Mechanics' Institute or School of Arts, or other institution for public instruction or amusement, to sell, lease, and mortgage such lands; to provide for the appointment of new Trustees; and for other matters in connection therewith*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

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Sydney, 30th November, 1893.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

TRUSTEES OF SCHOOLS OF ARTS ENABLING BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 30th November, 1893.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, clause 2, line 14. *Omit "or"*

Page 1, clause 2, line 14. *After "Arts" insert "or other institution as in the first section described"*

Page 2, clause 8, line 41. *Omit "and"*

Page 2, clause 8, line 41. *After "expenses" insert "and encumbrances"*

Page 2, clause 8, line 42. *After "invested" insert "or applied"*

Page 2, clause 10, line 55. *Omit "or"*

Page 2, clause 10, line 55. *After "Arts" insert "or other institution as in the first section described"*

Page 3, clause 11, line 14. *Omit "or"*

Page 3, clause 11, line 14. *After "Institute" insert "or other institution as in the first section described"*

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.

6. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTORATES AND ELECTIONS 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 amend sections 32 and 47 of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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Sydney, 30th November, 1893.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

7. STAMP DUTIES ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT 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. 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 the Bill with an 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 To-morrow.

8. CROWN LANDS PURCHASES AND LEASES VALIDATION 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 without amendment.

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

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

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9. MINING ON PRIVATE LANDS 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, 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 on Tuesday next.

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

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

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 32.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

FRIDAY, 1 DECEMBER, 1893.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Railway Passes to Members of Parliament:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. Frank Farnell*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Are the railway passes issued in accordance with section 27 of the Railway Act available during the currency of a Parliament, or can they be used by ex-Members after a dissolution has taken place, or until the new House is elected?

(2.) If the passes issued to Members are not available after a proclamation dissolving Parliament has been made, will he take such steps as will prevent the use of these passes until the new elections occur?

Mr. See answered,—The Railway Act provides (clause 27) that the railway pass granted to each Member of the Legislative Assembly is to be retained by him (until his successor shall have been elected), and it has been the practice (as it appears to be the intention of the Act) for the Members of the House which has been dissolved, after dissolution, to use their railway pass when going up for re-election. It is not the intention of the Government to interfere with the practice which has hitherto obtained.

(2.) Floating Boatshed at Como:—*Mr. E. M. Clark* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that *Mr. Press*, the well-known boat proprietor, has applied for a lease for a floating boatshed at Como; and, if so, when?

(2.) Has he referred the matter to the Local Land Board; and, if so, when?

(3.) Is it a fact that the Railway Commissioners have intimated, after personal inspection of the site, that they do not object to the same?

(4.) Is it a fact that the Harbours and Rivers Department have inspected the site and offered no objection?

(5.) Is it a fact that at the sittings of the Land Board on Wednesday, 29th November instant, the case could not be heard, because the papers relating thereto had been taken away by another (the Works) Department?

(6.) Will he see that *Mr. Press* is treated on his application in future with similar expedition to recent applications for floating baths?

(7.) In view of the fact that the summer holidays are close at hand, will he arrange for a special sitting of the Land Board to deal with the case before Christmas, so that *Mr. Press* may not further suffer by the papers being taken away from the Board by the Works Department?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) Messrs. *Press* and *Wills* applied for a special lease of a site for a floating boat-house at Como, on the 20th September last.

(2.) No; applications of this character are required by law to be made to Local Land Boards.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) The Minister for Works has called for a further report before giving his decision.

(5.) Yes; see reply to Question No. 4.

(6.) There is no reply to this Question.

(7.) The Land Board will be asked to deal, with the least possible delay, with this application so soon as a report has been received from the Works Department.

(3.)

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(3.) Employment of late Postmaster at Araluen:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for *Mr. Hugh McKinnon*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it a fact that a person is now employed in the Water and Sewerage Department after having served twelve months for embezzlement committed while he occupied the position of Postmaster at Araluen?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I am not aware.

2. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's amendments in the Australasian Rights Purchase Bill postponed until Friday, 19th January.

3. PAPER:—*Mr. See* laid upon the Table,—Information respecting Treasury Notes issued under the Current Account Depositors Act of 1893.
Ordered to be printed.

4. ADJOURNMENT:—*Mr. Melville* rising to move the adjournment of the House,—*Mr. Speaker* stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice under Standing Order No. 15, respecting motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House "on a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., the effect of the administration of the Hunter River District Water and Sewerage Act."

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

5. MORTGAGES RELEASE BILL:—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 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. Allen*, 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 render more simple and inexpensive the release of Mortgages.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 1st December, 1893.

6. BANKRUPTCY ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—*Mr. Neild* moved, "That" this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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, "this 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. Neild*, *Mr. Cann*, *Mr. Perry*, *Mr. Francis Clarke*, *Mr. McCredie*, *Mr. Torpy*, *Mr. Hindle*, *Mr. Gould*, *Mr. O'Sullivan*, 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, 17.

Noes, 21.

<i>Mr. Fegan,</i>	<i>Mr. Houghton,</i>
<i>Mr. Chapman,</i>	<i>Mr. Walker,</i>
<i>Mr. Traill,</i>	<i>Mr. Schey.</i>
<i>Mr. Stevenson,</i>	<i>Tellers,</i>
<i>Mr. Hart,</i>	
<i>Mr. O'Sullivan,</i>	<i>Mr. Sheldon,</i>
<i>Mr. Darnley,</i>	<i>Mr. Neild.</i>
<i>Mr. Hindle,</i>	
<i>Mr. Black,</i>	
<i>Mr. G. D. Clark,</i>	
<i>Mr. Hutchinson,</i>	
<i>Mr. Langwell,</i>	

<i>Mr. Miller,</i>	<i>Mr. Hassall,</i>
<i>Mr. Garvan,</i>	<i>Mr. Willis,</i>
<i>Mr. Kidd,</i>	<i>Mr. Bowes,</i>
<i>Mr. Barton,</i>	<i>Mr. Morgan,</i>
<i>Mr. McCredie,</i>	<i>Mr. Francis Clarke,</i>
<i>Mr. Suttor,</i>	<i>Mr. Nicholson,</i>
<i>Mr. Wright,</i>	<i>Mr. Perry.</i>
<i>Mr. Johnston,</i>	<i>Tellers,</i>
<i>Sir George Dibbs,</i>	
<i>Mr. Dawson,</i>	<i>Mr. Cann,</i>
<i>Mr. Barbour,</i>	<i>Mr. Sharp.</i>
<i>Sir Henry Parkes,</i>	

And so it passed in the negative.

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

Question then,—

(1.) That this 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. Neild*, *Mr. Cann*, *Mr. Perry*, *Mr. Francis Clarke*, *Mr. McCredie*, *Mr. Torpy*, *Mr. Hindle*, *Mr. Gould*, *Mr. O'Sullivan*, and the Mover,—put and passed.

7. CRIMINAL LAW AND EVIDENCE AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—*Mr. Neild* moved, That this Bill be now read a second time

Debate ensued.

Question put.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 7.

Mr. Neild,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Melville.

Tellers,

Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Fegan,

Noes, 29.

Mr. Morton,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. McCredie,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Langwell,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Hart,	Mr. Francis Clarke,
Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Willis.
Mr. Barbour,	Tellers,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Sheldon,	Mr. Hindle.
Mr. Darnley,	
Mr. G. D. Clark,	

And so it passed in the negative.

8. AGRICULTURAL HOLDINGS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Bowes, "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, 32.

Mr. Barton,	Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Hassall,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Houghton,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Francis Clarke,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Black,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Schey.
Mr. Darnley,	Tellers,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Sheldon,	Mr. Bowes.
Mr. G. D. Clark,	

Noes, 3.

Mr. Garvan.
Tellers,
Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Neild.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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 progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Friday, 19th January.

9. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir George Dibbs moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

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

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

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 33.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 5 DECEMBER, 1893.

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.) Juneec Water Supply Works Bill:—

R. W. DUFF,
Governor.

Message No. 12.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of works of water supply for the town of Juneec, county of Clarendon,*"—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, 4th December, 1893.

(2.) Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act Amendment Bill:—

R. W. DUFF,
Governor.

Message No. 13.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend sections 32 and 47 of the 'Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893,'*"—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, 4th December, 1893.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Bridge at Wentworth:—Mr. Wright asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Were tenders called for the construction of the bridge at Wentworth; if so, will he give the names of the tenderers and the amount of each tender?

(2.) Was this bridge built by day work; and if so, what was its total cost?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) Yes; tenders were called in 1890 for (a) the supply of ironwork, (b) the crection of the bridge, and (c) the construction of approaches. The following were received:—

	£	s.	d.
(a) J. McCormick	4,015	9	6
J. F. Carson	4,032	6	9
R. M. Stewart & Co.	4,398	7	7
G. E. Fulton & Co.	4,965	17	1
J. McCormick's tender was accepted.			
(b) E. C. Davis	7,200	0	0
J. Wishart...	9,100	0	0
D. G. McLean	10,000	0	0

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Owing to a difficulty respecting the deposit of the lowest tenderer, fresh tenders were called, with the following result:—

	£	s.	d.
A. P. Wood	7,990	0	0
Augustus McSweeney	9,480	0	0
A. P. Wood's tender was accepted.			
(c) Sylvester Byrnes	1,404	10	10
J. O. Edwards	1,750	0	0
James Doyle	1,917	10	0
A. P. Wood	2,627	0	0

Sylvester Byrnes' tender was accepted.

(2.) After a certain portion of the work had been done, and owing to the failure of A. P. Wood to carry out his contract, it was cancelled, and the work was completed by day labour. The total cost (including extras on contracts, carriage of ironwork for lift bridge to site, cost, and carriage to site, of ironwork for truss spans, borings, supervision and incidental expenses, none of which are included in the tenders referred to above) was £21,122 17s. 8d.

(2.) Leg-irons used on Condemned Criminals:—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it the practice in England to subject prisoners that are sentenced to death to be kept heavily leg-ironed till the day of the execution?

(2.) Is it a fact after Glasson had been found guilty of the Carcoar murder that he was leg-ironed, and that in consequence of the weight of the shackles he contracted sores on his legs which necessitated the irons being removed?

(3.) What is the weight of the irons used on Glasson?

(4.) Is it usual in such cases, after sentence of death has been passed upon a prisoner, to subject them to heavy leg-irons until the day of execution?

(5.) If so, will he see that steps are taken to put a stop to this practice in any future case?

Mr. Barton answered,—The following Answers have been supplied by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice:—

(1.) The Sheriff is unable to state what is the practice in England.

(2 and 3.) No irons were placed on Glasson, the Visiting Surgeon having exempted him from being ironed.

(4.) Yes; Gaol Regulation No. 36 provides that they should be ironed.

(5.) No adequate reason has been shown why the existing practice should be discontinued.

(3.) Expenditure on Barwon River, between Bourke and Walgett:—*Mr. Willis* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Out of the sum of £80,201 6s. spent on the river Darling from 1865 to 1893, what amount, if any, is debited to the Barwon portion of that river, between Bourke and Walgett?

Mr. Lyne answered,—It does not appear from our books that any of this money was expended on the part of the river referred to.

(4.) Delivery of Wool from Darling Harbour:—*Mr. Black* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Have the Railway Commissioners entered into a contract with any person or firm in Sydney for the delivery of wool from Darling Harbour to the addresses of the consignees?

(2.) If so, what is the name of the person or firm who is now entrusted with this work, and what, approximately, do the payments for this service amount to annually?

(3.) Is the contractor paid at per ton or at per bale; and at what rate?

(4.) Are consignors or consignees charged with this service; and, if not, who pays for it, and out of what fund is it paid?

(5.) Has any contract for the delivery of wool been entered into at any time by the Railway Commissioners without public competition?

Mr. See answered,—I am informed by the Railway Commissioners that a contract was entered into for the delivery of wool from Darling Harbour to the various wool warehouses, &c., and this contract was made after calling for public tenders for the same. An action at law is now proceeding by Messrs. Wright, Heaton, & Co. in connection with the points raised in the other Questions put, and it would be undesirable to go into the details raised at the present time.

(5.) Theatre leased by Civil Servant at the Custom-house:—*Mr. G. D. Clark* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it a fact that a certain Civil Servant employed at the Custom-house is the lessee of a theatre in the city, and of a liquor bar attached to the same?

Mr. See answered,—No; not at the Custom-house. I am informed, however, that a wharfinger at one of the wharfs is the lessee of a theatre, but that he has nothing to do with the liquor bar attached thereto.

(6.) Sewerage Works at Cook's River:—*Mr. G. D. Clark* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the contractors for the sewerage works, Cook's River, brought over a number of men from the other colonies, and that they offered only 4s. a day to men who applied here for work?

(2.) Will he see that in all future Government works contractors are required to give preference to residents of the Colony, and to pay current rates of wages?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) As far as I can ascertain this has not been done.

(2.) Though I should like to see men out of work in this Colony employed by the contractors, it seems impracticable to make the stipulation proposed. I cannot interfere regarding the question of wages.

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- (7.) Prosecution for Perjury against Messrs. Corcoran and Ormiston:—Mr. McCourt asked the Attorney-General,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that he has ordered a prosecution for perjury to be instituted against Messrs. Corcoran and Ormiston with regard to charges preferred against Mr. Maxted?
 - (2.) If so, are steps being taken to place Corcoran and Ormiston on their trial?
- Mr. Barton answered,—
- (1.) No; I have advised on a case submitted by the Colonial Secretary.
 - (2.) This Question is one for the Colonial Secretary to answer; but no steps are likely to be taken to place the persons named on their trial until they have been duly committed for trial, and unless it is afterwards directed that an indictment be filed.
- (8.) Rules and Regulations in Gaols:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Minister of Justice,—Are there any rules or regulations that prevent warders in the gaols of the Colony from attending religious services on Sundays and addressing the public on religious matters?
- Mr. Barton answered,—The following Answer has been supplied by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice:—No; there are no rules or regulations whatsoever preventing warders from attending religious service; but as to other gatherings it has been regarded as the policy of the Prisons Department, as being expedient and obviously advisable, in the interests of discipline, and in view of the restrictions necessarily surrounding a prisons officer, that all gaol officials should abstain as far as practicable from actively participating in any religious gathering of a public nature and from taking any prominent part in any sectarian meeting.
- (9.) Mail Contract, Moree to Narrabri:—Mr. Neild asked the Postmaster-General,—
- (1.) What are the names of the persons who tendered for the mail contract, Moree to Narrabri?
 - (2.) What are the amounts of their tenders respectively?
 - (3.) What is the name of the successful tenderer and the amount at which the tender was accepted?
- Mr. Kidd answered,—
- (1.) Tenders for the performance of this service from the 1st January next were received from Messrs. Cobb & Co., John Cameron, David H. Bedford, and John Charters.
 - (2.) £489, £1,200, £1,500, and £1,850 per annum respectively.
 - (3.) Messrs. Cobb & Co., at £489 per annum.
- (10.) Local Option Bill:—Mr. Alfred Allen, for Mr. Young, asked the Postmaster-General,—
- (1.) Is it his intention to reintroduce the Local Option Bill this Session; if so, when?
 - (2.) Will he state why this matter has been so long delayed?
- Mr. Kidd answered,—
- (1.) Yes; to-night.
 - (2.) Through the want of courtesy on the part of the Honorable Member, leader of the Opposition, Mr. Reid, in not giving me private notice, before the Bill came on for the second reading, of his intention to raise a point of order that it was necessary to cover the Bill by a Message. See particulars, pages 240–241, Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, of *Hansard*, of this Session.
- (11.) Water and Sewerage Rates:—Mr. Alfred Allen, for Mr. Jeanneret, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What amounts were outstanding and due to the Water and Sewerage Board on 31st December, 1892, for water rates?
 - (2.) What amounts were outstanding and due for sewerage rates?
 - (3.) How many Supreme Court writs, how many District Court writs, and how many Police Court or Petty Debt Court summonses were issued during 1892 for water and sewerage rates; and the total costs of such proceedings against the public?
 - (4.) How much did the Water and Sewerage Board receive for costs and witnesses' expenses in 1892, for recovery of rates?
 - (5.) What was the amount of witnesses' expenses alone?
 - (6.) Was the amount of witnesses' expenses paid to the assessors or officers of the Board, in addition to their salaries, or did it go to the general funds of the Board?
 - (7.) What is the reason that the report of the Water and Sewerage Board for 1892 is not yet before the public?
- Mr. Lyne answered,—
- (1.) £19,168 9s. 1d.
 - (2.) £9,597 7s. 4d.
 - (3.) Supreme Court writs—nil; District Court writs—343; Police Court or Petty Debt Court summonses—5,486. Supreme and District Court cases are out of the hands of the Board, being simply placed with their solicitor for action, and the latter states it would take some considerable time to supply the information asked for. Police Court or Petty Debt Court summonses—The cost of these for the year 1892 amounts to £1,517 0s. 8d.
 - (4.) £1,516 17s. 6d.
 - (5.) £48 12s. 6d.
 - (6.) General funds of the Board.
 - (7.) The report was laid upon the Table of the House on 25th May, 1893.
- (12.) Water and Sewerage Board:—Mr. Alfred Allen, for Mr. Jeanneret, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What is the estimated revenue of the Water and Sewerage Board for the year ending 31st December, 1893, for water and sewerage respectively?
 - (2.) How much of this has been paid?
 - (3.) How much remains due at this date?

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(4.) How many summonses or writs have been issued by the Board during the year for water and sewerage, and what was the average cost for summons or writ of such proceedings?

(5.) How many officers and men are there engaged in the notice-serving, accountancy, assessing, and general revenue and expenditure departments of the Board; and the gross amount of salaries and wages paid to such officers and men?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) Estimated revenue—Water, £157,500; Estimated revenue—Sewerage, £89,200.

(2.) Water, £149,625 5s. 2d. to 2nd December, 1893; Sewerage, £87,429 16s. 3d. to 2nd December, 1893 (inclusive of outstanding rates for 1892).

(3.) The amount of due rates which it is estimated will be collected from 2nd December to end of year is—Water, £7,620; Sewerage, £3,810.

(4.) 4,062. (District Court, 180; Police Court, 3,882.) Average cost, 5s. 9½d.

(5.) 83 officers. Gross amount of salaries, £12,246 4s. per annum.

(13.) Building used for School purposes at Parramatta:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) What steps does he intend to take with the building now used as an infant school-room at the public school, Parramatta?

(2.) Will he obtain a report on its condition, with a view to having it made safe for the children using it?

Mr. Suttor answered,—The infant school buildings at Parramatta are new and in excellent condition. If the Honorable Member refers to the girls' department, which is an old building, I may state that it was vacated last month, and that steps have already been taken for the erection of a new building.

3. PUBLIC VEHICLES REGULATION ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Kelly moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to reduce the fees imposed by the "Public Vehicles Regulation Act of 1873."

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Kelly then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to reduce the License Fees chargeable under the 'Public Vehicles Regulation Act of 1873,'*"—which was read a first time.

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

4. MINING ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Cann moved, pursuant to Notice, That

leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Mining Act of 1874, by making provision for the issue of regulations for the prevention of lead-poisoning or poisoning by any other fumes in conducting mining operations.

Question put and passed.

5. STAMP DUTIES ACTS FURTHER 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 further amend the 'Stamp Duties Act of 1880' and the 'Stamp Duties Act Amendment 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 further amend the 'Stamp Duties Act of 1880' and the 'Stamp Duties Act Amendment Act of 1886,'*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 5th December, 1893.

6. CROWN LANDS PURCHASES AND LEASES VALIDATION 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 legalise certain conditional purchases and conditional leases, and auction and other purchases of Crown lands, and to validate certain Crown grants in connection therewith; to confer special powers of reference to the Local Land Board and the Land Appeal Court where necessary; to permit the reversal of forfeiture of certain conditional purchases and conditional leases; to authorise the sale of certain Crown lands, and the issue of Crown grants therefor; and to authorise the granting of certain Crown land by way of compensation.*"

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 legalise certain conditional purchases and conditional leases, and auction and other purchases of Crown lands, and to validate certain Crown grants in connection therewith; to confer special powers of reference to the Local Land Board and the Land Appeal Court where necessary; to permit the reversal of forfeiture of certain conditional purchases and conditional leases; to authorise the sale of certain Crown lands and the issue of Crown grants therefor; and to authorise the granting of certain Crown land by way of compensation,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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7. MINING ON PRIVATE LANDS 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 "*A Bill to legalise Mining on Private Lands; to provide for charging Rents and Royalties in connection therewith; to validate certain Crown grants; to provide for the resumption of land for certain purposes; to make better provision for and in connection with mining on Crown Lands in certain particulars; to effect such amendments in the Statutes as may be necessary to give this Act full force and effect; and for purposes consequent upon, connected with, or incidental to the aforementioned 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 legalise Mining on Private Lands; to provide for charging Rents and Royalties in connection therewith; to validate certain Crown grants; to provide for the resumption of land for certain purposes; to make better provision for and in connection with mining on Crown Lands in certain particulars; to effect such amendments in the Statutes as may be necessary to give this Act full force and effect; and for purposes consequent upon, connected with, or incidental to the aforementioned objects,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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8. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Friday, 2nd February:—
 (1.) Criminal Law and Evidence Amendment Bill (No. 2); second reading.
 (2.) Demise of the Crown Bill; second reading.
 (3.) Illegitimacy Disability Removal Bill; second reading.
9. LIQUOR TRAFFIC:—
 (1.) The following Petitions, protesting against the introduction of a compensation clause in the Liquor Traffic Local Option Bill, and praying the House to give favourable consideration to the resolutions contained in the Petitions, were presented by the Members named:—
 (1.) By Mr. Garrard—From J. E. Moulton, Chairman of the Wesleyan Conference Annual Temperance Meeting, held in Sydney.
 (2.) By Mr. Walker—From a meeting of the Executive of the Order of Sons and Daughters of Temperance.
 (3.) By Mr. Hindle—From a public meeting of the citizens of Sydney.
 Petitions received.
- (2.) Mr. Alfred Allen presented a Petition from the Members of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, expressing approval of the Liquor Traffic Local Option Bill, and praying the House to pass the measure with the insertion of a provision for the exercise of the franchise on this question by the adult women of this Colony.
 Petition received.
10. APPLICATION OF MR. J. F. CONNELLY TO MINE IN THE PARISH OF CURRAJONG:—Mr. Neild (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Return to Order "Application of Mr. J. F. Connelly to mine in parish of Currajong," laid upon the Table of this House during the Session of 1887-8, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the same subject.
 Question put and passed.
11. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:—Mr. Barton (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That Jacob Garrard, Esquire, do take the Chair in Committee of the Whole House for this day only.
 Question put and passed.
12. UNCLASSIFIED ROADS:—Mr. McFarlane moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the sum of £100,000 should be provided for the year 1894, for the purpose of carrying out necessary works on unclassified roads.
 Debate ensued.
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- And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business only taken, under Sessional Order adopted on the 5th November, 1893.*
13. LUNACY CONVENTION BILL:—Mr. Suttor, for Sir George Dibbs, 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 further amend the law relating to the insane; to authorise the making of conventions with adjacent colonies in connection therewith; and for the better administration and management of the property of persons incapable of managing their affairs.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
14. TRUSTEES OF SCHOOLS OF ARTS ENABLING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—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 amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Garrard reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.
 On motion of Mr. Suttor, the report was adopted.

Ordered,

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the trustees of lands held for a Mechanics' Institute, or School of Arts, or other institution for public instruction or amusement, to sell, lease, and mortgage such lands; to provide for the appointment of new trustees; and for other matters in connection therewith.*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 5th December, 1893.*

15. **STORM DRAINS AND SEWERS 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 *Mr. Garrard* reported the Bill with amendments.
Ordered, that the adoption of the report stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.
16. **LIQUOR TRAFFIC LOCAL OPTION BILL (No. 2)**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Kidd, 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 provision in substitution for some, and in aid of other provisions in the Sale of Liquors Licensing Acts, as to the voting in respect of licenses, and to enable electors in electorates to prevent the sale of intoxicating liquors, or otherwise to have effectual control over the drink traffic within such areas, and to provide a system of compensation to all owners and occupiers who shall be affected by the closing of any hotel hereunder.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Garrard* reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, that the Resolution be received To-morrow.

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

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

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 34.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 6 DECEMBER, 1893.

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

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:—Sir George Dibbs (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That Jacob Garrard, Esquire, do take the Chair in Committee of the Whole House for this day only. Question put and passed.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Pastoral Holdings in the Central Division:—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Have a number of officers of the Lands Department been instructed to inspect and report on the improvements made on pastoral holdings in the Central Division, in accordance with the provisions contained in the 43rd section of the Land Act of 1889; and, if so, how many officers are so employed?

(2.) In view of the opinion given by the Attorney-General that the holders of pastoral leases have no right of extension, provided that the Minister shall have notified in the *Gazette* two years prior to the expiration of the original lease that no extension shall be granted, and as such *Gazette* notice has been issued in regard to all leases in the Central Division, what is the object of incurring the expense of employing such officers in making the inquiry referred to?

(3.) Is it intended that the Local Land Boards shall, before the commencement of the last year of the leases in the Central Division, find and report in accordance with the provisions of subsections (i), (ii), (iii), and (iv) of the 43rd section of the Land Act of 1889?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) Some nine or ten conditional purchase inspectors and surveyors have been so instructed, in some cases in connection with their other duties.

(2.) To comply with the provisions of section 43 of the Crown Lands Act of 1889.

(3.) Instructions have been issued with a view to that object.

(2.) Land Board Meetings held at Goulburn, Crookwell, and Taralga:—Mr. Rose asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that very few selections are now being taken up in the electorate of Argyle?

(2.) Is it a fact that Land Board meetings are still held at Goulburn, Crookwell, and Taralga, entailing considerable expense?

(3.) In view of the necessity of economising public funds, will he consider the advisability of superseding the present Land Board Courts in the districts referred to by enlarging the powers of the local inspector and surveyor?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Land Board meetings are held at Goulburn, which is the headquarters of the Chairman, and at Crookwell and Taralga. Inquiry will be made as to whether there is any necessity to continue the sittings of the Board at the latter places.

(3.) This could only be effected by a change in the existing law.

(3.) Regulations under Weights and Measures Act:—Mr. Edden asked the Minister of Justice,—Do the new regulations issued by the Weights and Measures Department apply to all towns and districts in New South Wales?

Mr. Barton answered,—I am informed by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice that the regulations recently adopted were only framed to meet the special requirements of the metropolitan district, and do not apply to country towns and districts.

(4.) Tenterfield-Lismore Mail Contract:—Mr. Stevenson, for Mr. Wright, asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) The names of the tenderers and the amounts of each tender for the conveyance of the Tenterfield-Lismore mail?

(2.) Was the tender accepted the lowest; and, if not, why was the lowest tender not accepted?

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Mr. Kidd answered,

(1.) Tenders were received for the performance of this service, from the 1st January next, from Messrs. J. Jarvis, junior, R. Alcock, E. Potter, G. Fraser, and Richardson and Myles, at £979, £1,188, £1,200, £1,295, and £1,600 per annum respectively.

(2.) The lowest tender was accepted, but owing to the failure of the tenderer to pay the stipulated deposit the acceptance was cancelled. As the price of the next tender was only £12 a year cheaper than that of Edward Potter (one of the present firm of contractors, who had, under difficult circumstances, carried out their contract satisfactorily), and as it is customary in dealing with tenders to give a present contractor (if reliable) the preference where the price does not exceed that of the cheapest tender by more than 2 per cent., the contract was given to E. Potter, who undertook to perform the service for £1,180 per annum, or £20 a year less than the amount of his original tender.

(5.) Case of Proudfoot v. the Railway Commissioners:—*Mr. Willis*, for Mr. Crick, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Have the Commissioners ever executed a contract under their corporate seal as required by the Railway Act?

(2.) Is any contract now being carried on under a contract not executed by the Commissioners?

(3.) On what date did Mr. Thom assume his duties as Railway solicitor?

(4.) On what date was the writ issued in the action, Proudfoot v. the Commissioners?

(5.) Who was Crown Solicitor at the time Proudfoot signed the contract?

(6.) What amount of money has been paid to Robert Smith on account of or in connection with Proudfoot v. the Commissioners?

(7.) Has any one from the office of Norton and Co. had a free pass over the railways in connection with this case; if so, who?

(8.) Did the Commissioners pay any sum into the Treasury as money admittedly due to Proudfoot; if so, what amount?

(9.) Did the Commissioners authorize Robert Smith to write to a solicitor in England retaining him for an appeal to the Privy Council in Proudfoot v. the Commissioners?

(10.) Did the Commissioners ever offer to submit to arbitration the claims made against them as shown by the declarations in the actions Proudfoot v. the Commissioners?

Mr. See answered,—

(1 and 2, 5 to 10.) These Questions have a direct bearing on the conduct of litigation which is now pending against the Railway Commissioners, and which they are resisting in the public interest—the claims being, in their opinion, entirely unjustified. The *bona-fides* of these claims being now before the Law Courts of the Colony, the Commissioners, in the public interests and in accordance with the universal practice, consider themselves precluded from giving the information asked for.

(3.) 1st January, 1893.

(4.) 24th and 29th March, 1893.

(6.) Travelling Expenses of Members of the Detective Force:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor* asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) The amount of salary paid the members of the detective force of Sydney, per diem?

(2.) Is it a fact that these officers, when ordered away from Sydney on important cases in the administration of justice, are compelled to pay out of their salary the expenses they are put to in investigating all matters entrusted to them, and which may keep them away from their homes for days?

(3.) Will he cause an investigation to be made, and cause the lawful expenses these officers have to pay to be refunded to them?

Mr. Barton answered,—The following Answers have been supplied by my honorable colleague the Minister of Justice:—The Inspector-General of Police has furnished the following information:—

(1.) Superintendent, £312 10s. per annum; Sub-Inspectors, £245 per annum; Detectives, 1st class, 11s. and 12s. per diem; Detectives, 2nd class, 10s. per diem; Detectives, 3rd class, 9s. per diem.

(2 and 3.) No; they receive a special allowance for travelling expenses at a rate equivalent to their pay, in addition to cost of conveyance.

(7.) Proposed Deviation of Zig Zag Railway:—*Mr. Willis*, for Mr. Crick, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to submit the proposed Zig Zag deviation to the Public Works Committee?

(2.) What is the estimated cost of the work?

(3.) Under whose direction is it proposed the work shall, if passed by Parliament, be carried out?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I shall be glad if the Honorable Member will postpone these Questions until Friday, as the matter is under the consideration of the Crown Law Officers.

(8.) Purchase of Darling Island:—*Mr. Willis*, for Mr. Crick, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Did the Railway Commissioners recommend the purchase of Darling Island?

(2.) If so, on what date?

(3.) Will he lay a copy of the Commissioners' recommendation or report upon the Table?

(4.) What return (if any) has the country received from the purchase?

(5.) Is it proposed to put the land to any use; if so, what?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) On 2nd May, 1889.

(3.) Such will be found in the papers laid upon the Table of the House on the 23rd of July, 1889.

(4.) An amount of about £200 has been derived from wharfage, rent, &c.

(5.) I am at the present time in communication with the Commissioners for Railways on the subject.

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- (9.) Reserves near Jerilderie:—Mr. Barbour asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the reserves, near Jerilderie, promised to a deputation of the Town Council to be thrown open to special area, be so gazetted, as many people are waiting to take them up?
Mr. Copeland answered,—So soon as the District Surveyor has measured the land, for which instructions have already been issued.
- (10.) Mr. J. H. Maiden, Consulting Botanist, Department of Agriculture:—Mr. McCredie asked the Secretary for Mines?
(1.) Was Mr. J. H. Maiden, at present consulting Botanist of the Department of Agriculture, a candidate for that position in 1890, when the late Botanist, Mr. F. Turner, was chosen for the position?
(2.) Does that officer draw £470 per annum as Curator of the Technological Museum, as well as £100 as Consulting Botanist in Agriculture and Forestry?
Mr. Kidd answered,—
(1.) Yes.
(2.) Yes.
- (11.) *Agricultural Gazette*:—Mr. McCredie asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is it a fact that original articles on economic botany have been discontinued in the *Agricultural Gazette*; if so, why?
Mr. Kidd answered,—Original articles on economic botany still appear monthly in the *Agricultural Gazette*.
- (12.) Worms and Fluke in Sheep:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—
(1.) Has the Stock Department lent its name and sanction to a supposed cure or preventive for fluke in sheep; if so, to whom, and to what extent?
(2.) Will he furnish the number of alleged specifics for worms and fluke in sheep to which the Stock Department has approved and lent its name; and will he see that such alleged specifics are published for the benefit of the public and stock-owners, and the price of the same?
(3.) Is it a fact that no specific has ever been discovered for fluke in sheep, although £10,000 has been offered for the same?
(4.) Is the Department aware of the complete failure of all these alleged fluke and worm specifics?
(5.) Has the Department made itself financially responsible in giving their countenance and approval to these so-called fluke specifics?
(6.) Has it been found that the alleged specifics are in any way detrimental to the constitution of sheep, or dangerous to the health of the public who may have to consume the mutton in the shape of food?
Mr. Kidd answered,—
(1.) No; Mr. McCormack, of Wheeo, believes he has a cure for fluke, and the Inspector of Stock at Goulburn has been asked to watch the result of some experiments.
(2.) This will be found in the *Agricultural Gazette* of February, 1891, Volume II, part 2.
(3.) The Department has no information on this question.
(4.) The Department has reason to believe in the beneficial effect of specific medicines for worms.
(5.) No.
(6.) The Department has not been advised of any danger to the public health arising from the use of specific remedies.
- (13.) Work at Government Shop, Cockatoo Island:—Mr. Darnley, for Mr. Johnston, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he consider the advisableness of advancing a sum of money to the Minister for Works to complete certain work now lying in an unfinished condition at the Government shop, Cockatoo Island?
Mr. See answered,—If the Honorable Member refers to the repairs to the tug "Castor," this matter is being dealt with by the Minister for Works.
3. SEAMEN PAID OFF IN THE PORT OF SYDNEY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. J. D. FitzGerald, for Mr. Davis, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing the number of seamen paid off in the port of Sydney at the rate of 1s. per month during the years 1890, 1891, and 1892 respectively.
Question put and passed.
4. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
(1.) Public Vehicles Regulation Act Further Amendment Bill; second reading;—until Friday, 15th December.
(2.) Public Instruction Act Amendment Bill; third reading;—until Friday next.
5. SEAMEN'S LAWS AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Kelly, for Mr. Murphy, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Seamen's Laws Consolidation Act of 1864,'*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
6. MINING ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Cann presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Mining Act of 1874' by making provision for the issue of regulations for the prevention of lead-poisoning or poisoning by any other fumes in conducting mining operations,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 9th February.
7. 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 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.

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(3.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under and 101st section 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 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. Lyne laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of St. George, county of Cumberland, for the extension of the Botany sewage farm.

(2.) Return to an Order made on 21st November, 1893,—“ Harbours and Rivers Department.”

Ordered to be printed.

8. BANK NOTES 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 regulate the issue of Bank Notes; to make Bank Notes a legal tender except at the chief offices of the Banks in Sydney; to amend the Stamp Duties Act of 1880; to declare the past operation of section one of the Bank Issue Act of 1893; and to repeal that section, and re-enact it with amendments.*”—with the amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 6th December, 1893.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

BANK NOTES BILL.

Schedule of the Amendment referred to in Message of 6th December, 1893.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 3, Schedule. At end of Schedule add “ Bank of North Queensland (Limited).”

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman of Committees.

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

9. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:—*Railway from Glen Innes to Inverell*:—

Mr. Lyne moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient that a line of railway from Glen Innes to Inverell, as referred by the Legislative Assembly to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works be carried “ out,” subject to the application of the “ betterment ” principle.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Cook moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word “ out,” with a view to the insertion in their place of the words “ when the Bill providing “ for the application of the ‘ betterment ’ principle shall have become law.”

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 be so inserted,—put and passed.

Question then put,—That it is expedient that a line of railway from Glen Innes to Inverell, as referred by the Legislative Assembly to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works be carried out when the Bill providing for the application of the “ betterment ” principle shall have become law.

The House divided.

Ayes, 70.

Mr. Garvan,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Fegan,	Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. See,	Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Newman,	Mr. Crnickshank,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Collins,	Mr. Gough,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Newton,
Mr. R. G. D. FitzGerald,	Mr. Parkes,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Marks,	Mr. Perry,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Edden,	Dr. Hollis,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Scott,	Mr. J. A. Mackinnon,	Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Donald,	Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Scobie,	Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Hart,	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Wall,	Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Walker,	Mr. Williams,	Mr. Cook.
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Langwell,	
Mr. Donnelly,	Mr. Dawson,	Tellers,
Mr. Murphy,	Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Rae,	Mr. Martin.

Noes, 16.

Mr. Neild,
Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Morton,
Mr. Gould,
Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Hindle.
Tellers,
Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Frank Farnell.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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10. LUNACY CONVENTION BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir George Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

R. W. DUFF,
Governor.

Message No. 14.

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 further amend the law relating to the insane; to authorise the making of conventions with adjacent colonies in connection therewith; and for the better administration and management of the property of persons incapable of managing their affairs.

Government House,
Sydney, 28th November, 1893.

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

11. METROPOLITAN WATER AND SEWERAGE ACT EXTENSION BILL (*changed from*) STORM DRAINS AND SEWERS 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. Lyne moved, That the report be now adopted.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

12. LUNACY CONVENTION BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Sir George 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 further amend the law relating to the insane; to authorise the making of conventions with adjacent colonies in connection therewith; and for the better administration and management of the property of persons incapable of managing their affairs.

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

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

Mr. Garrard then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to further amend the law relating to the insane; to authorise the making of conventions with adjacent colonies in connection therewith; and for the better administration and management of the property of persons incapable of managing their affairs.

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

(2.) Sir George Dibbs then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to further amend the law relating to the insane; to authorise the making of conventions with adjacent colonies in connection therewith; and for the better administration and management of the property of persons incapable of managing their affairs*,"—which was read a first time.

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

13. LIQUOR TRAFFIC LOCAL OPTION BILL (No. 2):—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read for the reception of the Resolution from the Committee of the Whole,—Mr. Kidd moved, That the Resolution be now received.

Question put and passed.

The Resolution was then read a first time as follows:—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to make provision in substitution for some, and in aid of other provisions in the Sale of Liquors Licensing Acts, as to the voting in respect of licenses, and to enable electors in electorates to prevent the sale of intoxicating liquors, or otherwise to have effectual control over the drink traffic within such areas; and to provide a system of compensation to all owners and occupiers who shall be affected by the closing of any hotel hereunder.

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

(2.) Mr. Kidd then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to make provision in substitution for some, and in aid of other provisions in the Sale of Liquors Licensing Acts, as to the voting in respect of licenses, and to enable electors in electorates to prevent the sale of intoxicating liquors, or otherwise to have effectual control over the drink traffic within such areas; and to provide a system of compensation to all owners and occupiers, who shall be affected by the closing of any hotel hereunder*,"—which was read a first time.

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

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

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

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 35.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 7 DECEMBER, 1893.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Amended Land Bill:—Mr. McFarlane asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has he arrived at a decision as to whether an amended Land Bill will be introduced during the present Session?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The Cabinet have not yet decided.

- (2.) Maintenance Men:—Mr. McFarlane asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) In view of the rapidly increasing revenue, will he take early steps to reinstate the maintenance men whose services were recently dispensed with?

(2.) Will he give instructions to expend the balance of road votes authorised for expenditure for 1893, so that urgent road works can be carried out?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) As I explained before, sufficient maintenance men have been and will be taken on to keep the roads of the Colony in the usual state of repair.

(2.) Sufficient money will be spent out of this year's road votes to carry out the works referred to in Question No. 1.

- (3.) Pharmacy Bill:—*Mr. Williams*, for Mr. Dawson, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to pass a Pharmacy Act this Session?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—It is not the intention of the Government to bring in any Bill on this question this Session.

- (4.) Leases of Chandler's Creek Gold-mining Company:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Mr. Hutchison, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the rents of the Chandler's Creek Gold-mining Company leases are overdue?

(2.) If so, why are the leases not cancelled?

(3.) Is it a fact that the mine has been idle for five months?

(4.) Is it a fact that the company have removed the whole of the machinery off the ground, and has such not been reported to his Department?

(5.) Does he intend to cancel the leases?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

(1.) The rent on two leases is overdue, and action in regard to these is under consideration. On one lease rent is paid to the 18th July, 1894.

(2.) Answered by No. 1.

(3.) This is probably a fact.

(4.) No; so far as is known in the Department.

(5.) Answered by No. 1.

- (5.) Mount Poole Marvel Mine, Dalmorton:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Mr. Hutchison, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Mount Poole Marvel mine, Dalmorton, has been idle for months, and that the leases have not been cancelled?

(2.) Why have the leases not been cancelled?

(3.) Does he intend to cancel them at once; if not, for what reason?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

(1.) The mine is now at work.

(2.) The matter is under consideration.

(3.) Answered by No. 2.

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- (6.) Mr. Hatch, Telegraph Master, &c. :—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Mr. Hutchison, asked the Postmaster-General?
- (1.) Is it a fact that Mr. Hatch, telegraph master, &c., at Newton Boyd, is still retained there, notwithstanding that many months ago it was decided to remove him?
 - (2.) For what reason has the Department not put its decision in force?
 - (3.) Is Mr. Hatch to be removed, and when?
- Mr. Kidd answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) An opportunity to provide him with another station has not yet occurred.
 - (3.) Yes; so soon as such opportunity offers.
- (7.) Mr. Smyth, Postmaster, Dalmorton :—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Mr. Hutchison, asked the Postmaster-General,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that an Inspector was sent to Dalmorton to inquire into certain charges which were laid against Mr. Smyth, the postmaster there?
 - (2.) If so, will he have any objection to lay the evidence and report upon the Table of the House, or supply a copy of the same?
- Mr. Kidd answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) The report and evidence are very voluminous, and, in my opinion, not of sufficient public importance to justify the labour of copying them, but it is, of course, open to the Honorable Member to move for them if he think fit, or to peruse them at the General Post Office, if he will call there for the purpose.
- (8.) Lepers in Lazaret at Little Bay :—*Mr. Walker*, for Mr. J. D. FitzGerald, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) How many lepers are confined in the lazaret at Little Bay?
 - (2.) How many of the total are Chinese?
 - (3.) What were the occupations of the Chinese prior to their being discovered to be lepers?
 - (4.) How many were engaged in the growing or vending of fruit, vegetables, or other articles of human food?
- Sir George Dibbs answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Board of Health :—
- (1.) Thirty-six.
 - (2.) Nineteen.
 - (3.) Gardeners, 8; tin-miners, 4; cooks, 2; storekeepers, 2; carpenter, 1; woodcutter, 1; labourer, 1; total, 19.
 - (4.) Eight.
- (9.) Minister holding Brief against the Crown :—*Mr. Lee* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has he since Friday, 1st December, informed his colleagues, the Attorney-General and the Minister of Justice, that the Cabinet cannot recognise the distinctions drawn by the Attorney-General in his explanation made in this House on Friday last between the Railway Department and other Departments under the Crown?
- Sir George Dibbs answered,—This is one of those peculiar Questions that require a very intelligent man to answer. I confess it is beyond my ability to answer it; in fact, it is one of those Questions which “no fellow can understand.”
- (10.) Minister holding Brief against the Crown :—*Mr. Lee* asked the Attorney-General,—Have his colleagues informed him during the past few days that they repudiate the statement made by him in this House on Friday last to the effect that there is a distinction in legal matters between the Railway Department and other Departments of the Public Service?
- Mr. Barton answered,—The Honorable Member, having been in Parliament for some years, should know that it is not likely, having regard to the present undisturbed condition of the Cabinet, that any such intimation has been made; and if he wants any further answer, I should say that as far as I can fathom the Question there is no foundation whatever for it.
- (11.) Retrenched Officers of Department of Agriculture :—*Mr. McCourt* asked the Secretary for Mines,—Have the retrenched officers of the Department of Agriculture received the same leave before retirement as the officers of the Public Works Department in similar circumstances; if not, for what reason?
- Mr. Kidd* answered,—The retrenched officers of the Department of Agriculture did not receive the same leave before retirement as officers of the Public Works Department, because they came under the operation of a decision arrived at after the officers of the Public Works Department had been dealt with. They have, however, been dealt with in respect of leave before retirement in the same way as other officers who have been retrenched since the date of the decision.
- (12.) Zig Zag Railway at Lithgow :—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What was the amount of money expended in the construction of the Zig Zag at Lithgow?
 - (2.) How much of this money or expenditure will be lost in the event of substituting a tunnel for the Zig Zag, as now proposed?
- Mr. Lync answered,—
- (1.) Approximately at the rate of £20,000 per mile. I cannot give the exact figures, as the cost of the various sections was not kept in such a way as to give the detailed expenditure of a short piece like this.
 - (2.) It can hardly be said that any money will be lost, as the work constructed has already answered its purpose during the many years the line has been opened.

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- (13.) Use of Type-writer in Government Service:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) Has the use of the type-writer in the various Departments of the Government Service led to an increase or decrease of work and hands employed in the service; if so, to what extent, and at what extra cost?
 (2.) The number of type-writing machines at present in use in the Government Service, and the cost of the same?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—If the Honorable Member will move for a return embracing the information he desires, I will endeavour to obtain it.

- (14.) Permanent Staff of Partially-paid Force:—Mr. McCourt asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) Is it a fact that the payment to certain members of the Permanent Staff attached to the Partially-paid Force of travelling expenses is largely in arrear?
 (2.) If so, will he cause steps to be taken to ensure the payment of these moneys before the Christmas holidays?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The following Answers have been supplied by the Major-General Commanding the Military Forces:—

- (1.) Yes.
 (2.) It is expected that the money will be available in the course of a few days, when these accounts will be paid.

- (15.) Estimates of Expenditure:—Mr. Reid asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he invite the House to take up the consideration of the Estimates of Expenditure without any further delay?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The Government will proceed with the business in the order they think best for the country.

- (16.) Appointments in Government Service:—Mr. Reid asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has he any objection to cause to be laid upon the Table a return showing,—

- (1.) The total number of persons appointed by the present Government to the Public Service, either to permanent or temporary positions, up to 31st October last?
 (2.) The total number of persons so appointed by the present Government, either to permanent or temporary positions, whose services have been dispensed with, on the ground of retrenchment, up to the same date?
 (3.) The total number of persons, in permanent or temporary positions, dismissed on the score of retrenchment from the Public Service, who had been longer in the Service than any of the persons so appointed by the present Government?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—There will be no objection provided the information is moved for in the usual way.

2. METROPOLITAN WATER AND SEWERAGE ACT EXTENSION 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 make more effectual provision for the recovery of rates, charges, costs, and expenses payable under the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts of 1880-1889; to provide for vesting in the Board certain storm-water drains and sewers, and land and buildings used in connection therewith; to authorise the Board to impose rates and charges in respect of those drains and sewers within certain areas; 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 make more effectual provision for the recovery of rates, charges, costs, and expenses payable under the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts of 1880-1889; to provide for vesting in the Board certain storm-water drains and sewers, and land and buildings used in connection therewith; to authorise the Board to impose rates and charges in respect of those drains and sewers within certain areas; and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
 Sydney, 7th December, 1893.*

3. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:—Sir George Dibbs (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That Jacob Garrard, Esquire, do take the Chair in Committee of the Whole House for this day only.
 Question put and passed.

4. APPLICATION OF MR. A. DALY, SELECTOR, FOR ACCESS TO WATER IN BILLABONG CREEK (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Chanter moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all letters, papers, reports, and other correspondence in connection with the application of A. Daly, selector, near Deniliquin, for a road from his selection giving him access to water in the Billabong Creek.
 Question put and passed.

5. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
 (1.) Seamen's Laws Amendment Bill; second reading;—until Friday, 9th February.
 (2.) Distress for Rent Abolition Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Rose, "That this Bill be now read a second time";—until Friday, 16th February.
 (3.) Offenders Probation Bill; second reading;—until To-morrow.

6. PAPERS:—

Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 11th October, 1893—"Victoria Wharf, "Darling Harbour."
 Ordered to be printed.

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Sir George Dibbs laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report by the Honorable H. N. MacLaurin, M.D., LL.D., M.L.C., on sanitary legislation and administration in England.
 - (2.) Additional By-laws of the Municipal District of Carrington.
 - (3.) Amended Regulations under the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893.
 - (4.) Report of the Fisheries Commissioners on Fisheries of the Colony, for the year 1892.
- Ordered to be printed.

7. INFLUX OF ASIATICS:—Mr. Barnes presented a Petition from certain residents of the Colony, representing that there are a large number of Asiatics now in the Colony, many of whom have been imported under contract to work at wages which totally preclude the possibility of white men competing with them; and praying that the House will, during the present Session, pass such prohibitive or restrictive legislation as will save the country from a danger threatening it alike with the most serious industrial, social, and political consequences.

Petition received.

8. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Lee rising to move the adjournment of the House,—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice under Standing Order No. 15, 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 danger to the public interest arising from the declaration made by the Attorney-General on Friday last, to the effect that the Railway Department as regards the Crown Law Department has ceased to be a Department of the Crown, and that the Attorney-General and other members of the Cabinet are entitled in their professional practice to appear against that Department in the law courts of the Colony as if it were now a private business concern and not a great Department of the State constantly dealing with the receipt and expenditure of vast sums of public money.”

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 69.

Mr. Reid,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Wise,	Mr. Bavier,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Newman,	Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Brunner,	Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Rac,
Mr. Eve,	Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Willis,
Mr. E. G. Brown,	Mr. Traill,
Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Donald,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Marks,	Dr. Cullen,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Dale,	Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Hurt,
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Morton,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Lees,	Mr. McCredie,
Mr. Hindle,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Cunn,	Mr. Edden.
Mr. Fegan,	
Dr. Hollis,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Walker,	Mr. Parkes.
Mr. Stevenson,	

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Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Francis Clarke,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Porry,
Mr. Sec,	Mr. Donnelly,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Lync,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Chantor,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Gough,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Murphy.
Mr. Torpy,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,	Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Rose.
Mr. Henry Clarke,	
Mr. Morgan,	
Mr. Scott,	
Mr. Levien,	
Mr. Waddell,	
Mr. Barbour,	
Mr. Hayes,	
Mr. R. G. D. FitzGerald,	
Mr. Crick,	
Mr. Cruickshank,	
Mr. Wright,	
Mr. Sheldon,	
Mr. Barnes,	
Mr. Hasall,	
Mr. Hogan,	
Mr. Kidd,	
Mr. Newton,	
Mr. Colls,	
Mr. Nicholson,	
Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. H. H. Brown,	
Mr. Collins,	
Mr. Johnston,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 36.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

FRIDAY, 8 DECEMBER, 1893.

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

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:—Sir George Dibbs stated that in view of the vote arrived at last night, he thought it would be prudent to delay the Answers to Questions. He also stated that immediately after the vote referred to, he received from the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice the resignation of their offices. The question of what should be done with those resignations was a matter for further consideration by the Government. The Cabinet had had a long discussion upon the position of affairs, and it had become the duty of the Government, in a patriotic desire to serve the country, to hold their seats in this Parliament until a fitting time arrived to obtain Supplies for the Public Service. The House would be invited to meet again on the 16th January next for the purpose of granting Supply to carry on the Public Service during a General Election. It now became his duty to place in Mr. Speaker's hands the Proclamation proroguing Parliament.

Sir George Dibbs then handed to Mr. Speaker a copy of the Proclamation.

Mr. Speaker thereupon left the Chair, at twenty-seven minutes before Five o'clock.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.



PROCLAMATION.

NEW SOUTH WALES, } Proclamation by His Excellency The Right Honourable Sir ROBERT WILLIAM
 to wit. } DUFF, a Member of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, a Knight
 (L.S.) Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George,
 B. W. DUFF, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales and its
 Governor. Dependencies.

WHEREAS by the Bill passed by the Governor and Legislative Council of New South Wales, in the seventeenth year of the reign of Her Majesty the Queen, intituled "An Act to confer a Constitution on New South Wales and to grant a Civil List to Her Majesty," and assented to by Her Majesty, under the authority of the Act of the Imperial Parliament, passed in the Session of the eighteenth and nineteenth years of the said reign, intituled "An Act to enable Her Majesty to assent to a Bill as amended of the Legislature of New South Wales to confer a Constitution on New South Wales and to grant a Civil List to Her Majesty," it was amongst other things enacted that it should be lawful for the Governor of New South Wales to prorogue the Legislative Council and Assembly thereof from time to time: And whereas it is expedient to prorogue the said Council and Assembly: Now, therefore, I, Sir ROBERT WILLIAM DUFF, the Governor aforesaid, in pursuance of the power and authority so vested in me, do hereby prorogue the said Legislative Council and Assembly, until Tuesday, the sixteenth day of January proximo, and the same stand so prorogued accordingly.

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

By His Excellency's Command,
 GEORGE R. DIBBS.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

BUSINESS UNDISPOSED OF AT THE CLOSE OF THE SESSION.

(PROROGUED, 8 DECEMBER, 1893.)

QUESTIONS :—

1. MR. CRICK *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to submit the proposed Zig Zag deviation to the Public Works Committee?
 - (2.) What is the estimated cost of the work?
 - (3.) Under whose direction is it proposed the work shall, if passed by Parliament, be carried out?
2. MR. FRANK FARNELL *to ask* THE POSTMASTER GENERAL,—
 - (1.) What is the present rate of charges for the cartage of telegraph material?
 - (2.) When will tenders be called for the cartage of telegraph material?
3. MR. COLLINS *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—In view of the fact that the railways of the Colony run through some of the best agricultural lands will he consider the advisableness of consulting with the Railway Commissioners for the purpose of devising some means by which the lands in question within the different railway enclosures could be utilised, by leasing them for farms and orchards of from (say) 10 to 20 acres, on each side of the line?
4. MR. WILLIAMS *to ask* THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE,—Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of this House copies of all papers and reports *re* the proposed removal of the Quarter Sessions from Murrurundi?
5. MR. CRICK *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
 - (1.) Adverting to Mr. Crick's Question No. 5, partially answered on the 6th December, will he point out what possible bearing it will have on the actions Proudfoot *v.* Railway Commissioners for him to answer the following:—
 - (1.) Have the Commissioners ever executed a contract under their corporate seal, as required by the Railway Act?
 - (5.) Who was Crown Solicitor at the time Proudfoot signed the contract?
 - (6.) What amount of money has been paid to Robert Smith on account of or in connection with Proudfoot *v.* the Commissioners?
 - (7.) Has anyone from the office of Norton & Co. had a free pass over the railways in connection with this case; if so, who?
 - (2.) Will he be good enough to say distinctly does Mr. Eddy refuse to answer the following:—
 - (9.) Did the Commissioners authorise Robert Smith to write to a solicitor in England, retaining him for an appeal to the Privy Council in Proudfoot *v.* the Commissioners?
 - (3.) If so, will he as Treasurer of the Colony and Minister for Railways, insist on full information being given to him, so that he may afford the Committee of Supply full information when he asks the Committee to pass the Railway Estimates?
6. MR. CRICK *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 - (1.) What was the total cost of the Schey-Eddy Commission?
 - (2.) Was any amount paid to Robert Smith for appearing for the Railway Commissioners or Mr. Eddy before the said Commission; if so, how much?
 - (3.) What amount was paid to Robert Smith in connection with the Tarana accident?
 - (4.) What was the total cost of the inquiry into the Tarana accident?
7. MR. CRICK *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—
 - (1.) On what date was Robert Smith appointed Acting Crown Solicitor, and when did he relinquish the position?
 - (2.) Within twelve months before the said date of his appointment did he transact any business that should, in the ordinary course, have been transacted by the Crown Solicitor?
 - (3.) What amount was he paid for the time he was Acting Crown Solicitor?
 - (4.) Was any action or claim brought in any Court against the Government or the Railway Commissioners during the time he was so acting by any person for whom Norton & Co. acted as solicitors?
 - (5.) After the appointment of the present Crown Solicitor, did Robert Smith continue to act for the Railway Commissioners up to the time Mr. Thom was appointed?

8. DR. HOLLIS to ask THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE,—
 (1.) Are Clerks of Petty Sessions who are located in outlying parts of a Police Magistrate's district under any instructions as to when they shall requisition the Police Magistrate to visit their part of the district?
 (2.) Are they under instructions to requisition the Police Magistrate to come and preside at a particular session whenever they are aware of reasons why the local Justices of the Peace should not adjudicate unassisted?
9. MR. DARNLEY to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
 (1.) Have the Government leased, or are they about to lease, Brush Farm, Parramatta River?
 (2.) If so, for what purpose, term, and at what rental per annum?
10. MR. JONES to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 (1.) Has he received any communication from Bowral residents with regard to a loan of £1,0,0 proposed to be borrowed by the Bowral Municipal Council?
 (2.) If so, what is the nature of such communication?
 (3.) Will he order that the amount shall be borrowed in accordance with the Municipalities Act of 1867?
11. MR. ALFRED ALLEN to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
 (1.) Referring to Question No. 6 of the 29th November, will he state the name or names of the person or persons with whom negotiations are now being carried on by the Government in reference to local manufacture of iron from locally found raw materials?
 (2.) Is it a fact that an essential feature of the proposed scheme is to import large quantities of iron ore, mined by cheap convict labour, from New Caledonia, and to manufacture iron therefrom in the neighbourhood of Sydney with locally found coal?
 (3.) Is he aware that negotiations are said to have been entered into by certain persons in London with the French authorities several months ago for supplies of cheaply obtained iron ore from New Caledonia, to be mined by convicts, in anticipation of being able to secure a contract from the New South Wales Government for the purpose mentioned in Question No. 6 of the 29th ultimo?
 (4.) Will he lay all the papers connected with the matter upon the Table of the House, and suspend further negotiations until the House has had an opportunity of considering the matter?
12. MR. NEILD to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 (1.) Is it a fact that persons attending at the office of the Registrar-General to register births, marriages, and deaths, are compelled to state all particulars relating to such births, marriages, and deaths in the presence and hearing of persons other than the registering official?
 (2.) If so, will he cause arrangements to be made to secure greater privacy to those registering?
13. MR. BAVISTER to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
 (1.) Was a residence for the engineer built at Prospect; if so, what was the cost of same?
 (2.) Has the said residence since been sold; if so, what was the price received for same; how much land is included in the price; and what is the name of purchaser?
14. MR. McCOURT to ask THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE,—
 (1.) What was the amount voted as forage allowance for the Sheriff's officers?
 (2.) Is such amount being paid?
 (3.) Is it being reduced; and if so, for what reason?
 (4.) Do the Sheriff's officers pay the amounts necessary for the serving of writs, the holding of possession, advertising, &c., out of their own funds?
 (5.) Do they at times lose the amounts so paid?

Contingent Notice of Motion:—

1. MR. SCHEY to move (on the Order of the Day "Australasian Federation," in the event of a blank being created by the words being omitted from the Original Question and Mr. Rae's amendment being negatived) the insertion of the words "in the opinion of this House,—
 "The question of the Federation of the Colonies should be submitted, without delay, to a plebiscite of the electors of New South Wales in the following terms:—
 "(a) Has the time arrived for the Federation of the Australian Colonies?
 "(b) Are you in favour of the Constitution Bill for the proposed Commonwealth as prepared
 "by the Convention?"

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Bank Notes Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's amendment.
2. Public Debt and Sinking Fund Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Sir George Dibbs, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
3. Australasian Federation; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Barton,—
 "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider, in detail, the proposals for a Federal Convention."
 Upon which Mr. Rae had moved, by way of amendment, That all the words after the word "That" be omitted with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "in the opinion of this House,—
 "(1.) The proposed Federation of the Australian colonies will do nothing to meet those social and industrial problems so urgently pressing for solution, or to satisfy the demand for local and domestic reform.
 "(2.) The proposed Federal Constitution is of too rigid a character to suit the progressive spirit of Australian democracy, and should not be proceeded with without a special mandate from the "people of New South Wales."
4. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

5. Lunacy Convention Bill; second reading.
6. Public Works Act Further Amendment Bill; second reading.
7. Medical Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading.
8. Disorderly Conduct Suppression Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading.
9. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
10. Liquor Traffic Local Option Bill (No. 2); second reading.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. FRANK FARNELL to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend in certain respects section 27 of the "Government Railways Act of 1888" (51 Vic. No. 35).
2. MR. TONKIN 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. Travers Jones to dig and search for gold on selected lands on the Adelong Creek proclaimed Gold-field, and the cause of operations being suspended on his alluvial mine, Adelong Creek.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Slattery, Mr. Garrard, Mr. E. M. Clark, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Dowel, Mr. Colls, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Vaughn, and the Mover.
3. MR. TONKIN to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the enforced retirement of Mr. Benjamin Lee, Stipendiary Magistrate.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. McCourt, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Colls, Mr. Vaughn, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Neild, Mr. Cann, and the Mover.
4. MR. E. M. CLARK to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all letters, correspondence, petitions, and papers in connection with any application for the release of Roderick McNamara, convicted for conspiracy in connection with the Australian Banking Company frauds.
5. MR. SHELDON 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 prohibit the immigration of criminals, lunatics, and certain other undesirable persons; 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; to declare those contracts to be illegal and void, and to impose penalties on the contracting parties; and for other purposes connected therewith.
6. MR. LONSDALE to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of the original reports made by Mr. Sutherland, tobacco expert, since 1st September, 1893, with regard to the tobacco industry.
7. MR. ROSE to move,—
 - (1.) That the Goulburn and Crookwell 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. Lyne, Mr. Holborow, Mr. Dowel, Mr. Colls, Mr. Scobie, Dr. Hollis, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Davis, Mr. Stevenson, and the Mover.
8. 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 Australasia," and their subsequent action in respect to their clients in the Law Courts of the Colony.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Ewing, Mr. Houghton, Mr. Tonkin, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Hugh Taylor, Mr. Dale, Mr. Eve, and the Mover.
 - (3.) That the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee of Session 1892-3, be referred to such Committee.
9. MR. HUGH MCKINNON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers and correspondence in connection with the retirement of Mr. E. G. Ward, late Registrar-General.
10. MR. HUGH MCKINNON to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the financial condition of all the Banks which have availed themselves of the "Bank Issue Act."
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Rose, Mr. Chapman, Mr. McFarlane, Mr. McCourt, Mr. Dawson, and the Mover.
11. MR. HUGH MCKINNON to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the system of granting pensions to the servants of the State in this Colony should be forthwith abolished, and that the amounts which have been deducted from Civil Servants under the Superannuation Act should be refunded, with interest at the rate of 5 per cent.
12. MR. HUGH MCKINNON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a list of the shareholders (showing the number of shares allotted to each) in each of the Banks which have availed themselves of the Bank Issue Act.
13. MR. CHAPMAN to move, That in the opinion of this House it is desirable to at once impose progressive taxes on land and incomes on a similar basis to that at present imposed in New Zealand.
14. MR. CHAPMAN to move, That in the opinion of this House the system of granting pensions to Civil Servants and others should be abolished.

15. **MR. FEGAN** to move,—
 (1.) That, seeing the great depression which exists throughout the Colony, in the opinion of this House the time has arrived when the Government should secure the coal-fields of the Colony and work them for the benefit of the people under the direct management of the State.
 (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
16. **MR. LEE** to move, That the action of the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice, in accepting briefs for Messrs. Proudfoot & Co. in their suit against the Railway Commissioners for the recovery of a large sum of money (which suit, if successful, must result in a demand upon the Consolidated Revenue), is inconsistent with their Ministerial positions, and opposed to the public interest.
17. **MR. WALKER** to move, That it be an Order of this House that when in Committee, the Committee may at any time refer a Point of Order or a decision of the Chairman of Committees to the Speaker for his ruling, the discussion in Committee on such reference not to exceed thirty minutes.
18. **MR. WRIGHT** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers, minutes, and correspondence in connection with the case of Mr. Thomas Midelton, ex-Locomotive Superintendent of Railways, from the 1st of March, 1888, until Mr. Midelton's retirement from the Public Service.
19. **MR. WRIGHT** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing the total amount spent by the Railway Commissioners, from their accession to office to June of the present year, out of Loan Votes, for the following works:—
 (1.) The cost of the quadruplication of the line between Sydney and Granville.
 (2.) The cost of the pulling down, removal, and re-erection of old or new railway stations and offices connected therewith on the suburban lines of railway.
 (3.) The amount spent on the suburban, southern, western, and northern lines for replacement and renewal of permanent way.
 (4.) The cost of new engines, carriages, and other description of rolling stock, specifying the number of each class of vehicles separately, and the cost thereof.
20. **MR. MOLESWORTH** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all documents, minutes, and correspondence relating to the committal for trial of the directors, manager, and auditors of the Imperial Land, Bank, and Discount Company, on the charges of "conspiracy," and the issuing of false and fraudulent balance-sheets," and the subsequent refusal of the Attorney-General to file a Bill against the accused.
21. **MR. SHARP** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the sum of £500 should be paid to Mr. A. J. C. Single, late Roads Superintendent, as compensation for the loss of his sight, which loss he sustained whilst in the execution of his duty.
22. **MR. SHARP** to move,—
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, a sum of money should be placed upon the Estimates for the construction of a lake, and the erection thereon of a boat-shed at the southern side of the Centennial Park.
 (2.) That upon the completion of the foregoing works, the right to use the same for public recreation, by the letting of boats for hire, be let to any person or persons willing to lease, by public tender; such lease to be controlled by regulations issued by the Colonial Secretary.
 (3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
23. **MR. HART** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
 (1.) The amount of Road Vote for the present year for the districts of Raymond Terrace and Port Stephens, county of Gloucester.
 (2.) How much has been expended.
 (3.) The number of contracts at present being carried out, and the amount required to complete the same.
 (4.) If the services of any of the maintenance men have been dispensed with during the year; if so, how many, and the amount of saving in wages effected thereby.
24. **MR. HOUGHTON** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
 (1.) The names of all lecturers and teachers employed by the Technical Education Branch of the Department of Public Instruction for the twelve months ending 30th September, 1893, and amount of salary and fees received by each during that period.
 (2.) The number of hours spent by each such lecturer or teacher in actually instructing students per week during the same period.
 (3.) The number of students actually instructed by each such lecturer or teacher per week during the same period.
 (4.) The total number of Technical College students who passed the recent London Guilds' and the South Kensington Technological examinations for the current year, crediting each such lecturer or teacher with the number of such students actually instructed by him or her in person in each class or division, distinguishing the number of those who passed in the "theoretical" from those who passed in the "practical" stages, or both combined, of the said examinations.
25. **MR. TONKIN** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the cost of the issue of miners' rights should be 5s. per annum, and that the twelve months date from the time of issue.
26. **MR. TONKIN** to move, That the Wardens of the various gold-fields be empowered to settle all disputes upon the ground, subject to an appeal to the Minister.
27. **MR. HAYNES** to move,—
 (1.) That the revival of the principle of punishment by torture in connection with the administration of criminal justice in this country is unwise and discreditable.
 (2.) That the method of punishment by flogging is a permanent degradation to a prisoner, rendering reform almost impossible, and is thus a violation of one of the main intentions of the administration of justice.

28. **MR. KIRKPATRICK** to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the case of Staff-Sergeant W. Jiffkins.
 - (2.) Such Committee to consist of Mr. Brunker, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Dawson, Mr. G. D. Clark, Mr. Murphy, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Waddell, Mr. Sheldon, and the Mover.
29. **MR. FRANCIS CLARKE** to move, That in the opinion of this House much of the prevailing distress which exists among the labouring classes would be relieved by declaring certain areas of land in the North Coast Districts, "Inferior Lands," as prescribed under the 37th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1889, and by passing a short additional sub-clause to that section, whereby only those in indigent circumstances could obtain leases of such lands.
30. **MR. WALKER** to move, That in the opinion of this House,—
- (1.) Instead of calling for tenders for the leasing of artesian wells in the Western Division, the Government should allot from 5,000 to 10,000 acres in the neighbourhood of an artesian bore, for the purpose of making a thorough experiment in irrigation.
 - (2.) Five hundred persons should be placed upon the allotment as originally proposed in the village settlement scheme.
 - (3.) The persons irrigating and cultivating the land should be supplied with necessities until the settlement becomes self-supporting.
31. **MR. GARDINER** to move, That the Return to an Order—"Alienation and Leasing of portions 17 and 13, parish of Mount Allen, county of Blaxland,"—laid upon the Table of this House on 7th June, 1893, be printed.
32. **MR. HAYNES** to move,—
- (1.) That the introduction of coloured labour to Australia is inimical to the best interests of the Australian people.
 - (2.) That it is expedient a respectful but strong remonstrance be addressed by the Government of this Colony to that of Queensland, against a continuance of the system.
33. **MR. ROSE** to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal and amend certain sections of the "Civil Service Act of 1884."
34. **MR. HUTCHINSON** to move, That the Return to Order, "Mining Tenement, No. 31, Bonnie Dundee Reef and lots 8 and 9, section 8, town of Parkes," laid upon the Table of this House on the 7th March, 1893, be printed.
35. **MR. BAVISTEE** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the following clauses be inserted in all forms of tender for Government contracts:—
- (1.) The contractor to state in his form of tender the names (if any) of all contractors who shall assist him in carrying out the work or works; no other name to be substituted after the signing of contract.
 - (2.) The contractor or co-partner (if any) shall not be permitted to sublet or initiate any kind of piece or task work on any portion of the work or works.
 - (3.) All workmen employed on Government works shall be paid not less than the recognised minimum rate of wages of their respective trade or calling current at the time of the contract being signed.
 - (4.) Should any violation of the above conditions be attempted by the contractor or co-partner (if any) the Government shall cancel the contract.
36. **MR. G. D. CLARK** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the sale of intoxicating liquors in the Parliamentary Refreshment Room is unnecessary, and should, therefore, be discontinued.
37. **MR. G. D. CLARK** to move, That, in view of the manifold evils arising from the traffic in intoxicating liquors, and the widespread demand for reform, this House is of opinion that a Bill should be passed into law at the earliest possible moment, providing for the taking of a plebiscite vote of the men and women of the country on the distinct issue of prohibition.
38. **MR. J. D. FITZGERALD** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the present system of party Government has a direct tendency to waste time and energy, delay legislation, degrade representative institutions, and deprive the country of the administrative services of many of its ablest men; and that an amendment of the Constitution Act is desirable by which the administrative and legislative functions of Ministers should be divided, and Ministers be elected separately by the whole House at the beginning of each Parliament.
39. **SIR HENRY PARKES** to move,—
- (1.) That this House is of opinion that the case of Albert Edward Royle, a fireman in the tram service, who was crippled for life, and rendered incapable of earning the means of subsistence, in a collision in June, 1886, when on actual duty as a railway servant, ought to be considered by the Government, with a view to provision being submitted to this House to save him from absolute want and destitution.
 - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
40. **MR. CRUICKSHANK** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, a certain portion of the Prospecting Vote should be annually set apart for the purpose of testing deep sinking ground in the mining centres, with a view to offering workable areas surrounding same to working miners.
41. **MR. CRUICKSHANK** to move, That the present system of disposing of land by special area for purposes of settlement is objectionable, and that legislation should be immediately introduced for dealing with these rich agricultural lands under the perpetual lease system, surrounded by conditions of improvement and continuous residence.

42. MR. O'SULLIVAN 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 (if any) of Hugh McNeill and party to compensation for loss sustained through the neglect of the Mining Department to issue a communication in connection with a mineral lease at Captain's Flat.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Slattery, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Cann, Mr. Edden, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Gardiner, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Holborow, and the Mover.
 (3.) That the report and evidence of the Select Committee upon the subject in the Session of 1887-8 be referred to the Committee.
43. MR. WADDELL to move, That, in the opinion of this House,—
 (1.) It is a matter of great importance that the export of beef, mutton, butter, fruit, and other colonial products should in every reasonable way be encouraged and promoted.
 (2.) That, with a view to such, the Government should appoint a trustworthy and capable man to visit any countries likely to afford us markets for our products, for the purpose of obtaining information of a nature that will assist our producers in the disposal of their produce, and to, as far as possible, direct the attention of the residents of such countries to the various Australian products for which they may be likely to become purchasers.
44. MR. WALKER to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should bring in a Bill making provision for meeting all expenses connected with the defences of the Colony by a special tax on holders of property in value exceeding £300.
45. 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.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Copeland, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Francis Clarke, Mr. Colls, Mr. Bowes, Mr. Donald, Mr. Fuller, Mr. McCourt, and the Mover.
46. MR. NEILD to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the "Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893."
47. MR. NEILD to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 (1.) A copy of Major-General Hutton's reports on (a) the inspection of 2nd Regiment, New South Wales Volunteer Infantry; (b) on the review of the 2nd Regiment, New South Wales Volunteer Infantry, in the presence of His Excellency the Governor and Commander-in-Chief.
 (2.) A return showing (a) the names of officers of the New South Wales Partially-paid Forces who have resigned since Major-General Hutton assumed command in New South Wales; (b) the names of officers in the same who have been retired during the like period; (c) the names of all officers in the same who have been asked to resign during the like period.
48. MR. FRANK FARNELL to move,—
 (1.) That, whereas it is asserted that the most valuable food-fishes of the rivers, inlets, and lagoons of the Colony are diminishing in number, to the public injury, and so as to materially affect the fishing industry, it is the opinion of this House that the Government should be authorised and required to appoint a person from the public service of proved scientific and practical acquaintance with the fishes of the Colony to be Commissioner of Fisheries.
 (2.) That it should be the duty of the said Commissioner to prosecute investigations and inquiries on the subject, with a view of ascertaining whether any, and what diminution in the number of the food-fishes of the Colony has taken place, and, if so, to what causes the same is due; and also whether any and what protective, prohibitory, or precautionary measures should be adopted for the development of the industry.
 (3.) That the said Commissioner should be directed to make inquiries into the question of the development of our deep-sea fisheries, report on the best means of resuscitating our oyster fisheries, and deal with the subject of fish acclimatisation.
 (4.) That the heads of the Departments should be directed to cause to be rendered all necessary and practicable aid to the said Commissioner in the prosecution of his inquiries and investigations.
49. MR. CRICK to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the retention by the Railway Commissioners of the legal services of a private solicitor, Robert Smith, of the firm of Norton and Co., to conduct the defence of the two actions, Proudfoot v. the Railway Commissioners, and Same v. Same, is (1) contrary to the intention of the Railway Act; (2) opposed to sound policy; (3) highly improper if the Commissioners study only the welfare of the country and desire to safeguard the public purse.
50. MR. KELLY to move,—
 (1.) That this House affirms the absolute necessity of immediate steps being taken to provide against danger to the public owing to the unsafe state of the Pymont Bridge.
 (2.) That, in the opinion of this House, the best means to provide against danger consequent on the bridge's decay is to reclaim the head of Darling Harbour to the foot of Market-street.
 (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
51. MR. KELLY to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the operation of the shipping laws, and abuses connected with the same.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Sec, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Wise, Mr. Davis, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. J. D. FitzGerald, Mr. Garrard, Mr. G. D. Clark, Mr. Edden, and the Mover.
52. MR. MOLESWORTH to move,—
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the excessive rates of pilotage levied at the ports of Sydney and Newcastle are prejudicial to the commercial prosperity of the Colony, and should be considerably reduced forthwith.
 (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

53. MR. FRANCIS CLARKE to move, That, in the opinion of this House, in order to promote settlement on the land, and encourage the culture of tobacco in the Colony, it is desirable to amend the "Tobacco Act of 1884," so that the excise duty and annual fee prescribed under sections 4 and 5 of that Act shall not apply to tobacco grown within the Colony.
54. MR. MCGOWEN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should proclaim polling day a public holiday throughout the Colony of New South Wales.
55. MR. SHARP to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the dismissal of James Farr, late Clerk of Works, Government Architect's Department.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Lyne, Mr. Bavister, Mr. McGowen, Mr. Hoyle, Mr. Wright, Mr. Garrard, Mr. McCourt, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Vaughn, and the Mover.
56. MR. FRANK FARNELL to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should, at as early a date as convenient, meet their obligation to the purchasers of land on the Field of Mars by the construction of a railway or tramway through the district and on to Ryde.
57. MR. HAYNES to move, That in the opinion of this House the sum of £1,500 should be placed on the Estimates to make good the verdict of £3,000 returned by the jury in the case of M'Whannell (infant) v. the Commissioners for Railways, for loss of a leg through negligence of defendant's servants, and which verdict was reduced, by pressure and without a new trial, one-half.
58. MR. GRAHAME to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on conditional purchase by Mrs. Ann Rouse, in the parish of Kahibah, brought up on 26th February, 1892, a.m., be now adopted.
59. MR. BARBOUR to move, That the following Message be sent to the Legislative Council:—Mr. President,—Referring to the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated 13th June, 1893, a.m., requesting the concurrence of the Legislative Council in certain amendments made by the Assembly in the "Menindie Irrigation Bill," the proceedings with respect to which were interrupted by the prorogation of the Legislature, the Legislative Assembly requests that the said Message may be considered under the Council's Standing Order in that behalf.
60. MR. G. D. CLARK to move, That, in the opinion of this House, no further alienation of the public lands of the Colony should be made.
61. MR. WILLIS to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the acceptance by the Ministerial Law Officers of the Crown of retainers of briefs in law-suits against the Government is incompatible with their duty and positions as such, and should be discontinued.
62. MR. WILLIS to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the acceptance by the Attorney-General and the Minister of Justice of briefs in support of an action brought by Proudfoot & Co. against the Railway Commissioners does not accord with their duty as Ministers of the Crown, is against the public interest, and affords a precedent which should not be followed in the future.
63. MR. RAE to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Parliamentary franchise should be granted to women under the same conditions as it is exercised by men.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Licensing Law Further Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to prohibit the sale or gift of intoxicating liquors on Parliamentary polling days.
2. Licensing Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to prevent the sale of liquor as defined by 45 Vic. No. 14, section 3, by retail grocers or storekeepers.
3. Sydney Corporation Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
4. Parramatta Street Watering Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
5. Fisheries Act Amendment Bill (No. 2); second reading.
6. Children's Protection Act Amendment Bill (No. 2); second reading.
7. Public Works Committee Amendment Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading.
8. Friendly Societies Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
9. Public Instruction Act Amendment Bill; third reading.
10. Offenders Probation Bill; second reading.
11. Net-fishing in Port Hacking Prohibition Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
12. Municipal Council of Sydney Electric Lighting Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
13. Racing Association Bill; second reading.
14. Usury Abolition Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to abolish usury.
15. Custody of Children Bill; second reading.
16. Legal Practitioners Bill; second reading.
17. Fisheries Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
18. Bills of Sale Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading.
19. Supreme Court Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading.
20. Unclassified Roads; resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. McFarlane, "That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the sum of £100,000 should be provided for the year 1894, for the purpose of carrying out necessary works on unclassified roads."

21. Working of the Government Labour Bureau ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. J. D. FitzGerald, "That the Report from the Select Committee on 'Working of the Government Labour Bureau,' brought up on 2nd June, 1893, be now adopted."
22. Use of Camels Regulation Bill ; second reading.
23. Silkstone Coal-mine Railway Act Further Amending Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading.
24. Betting and Gambling Suppression Bill ; second reading.
25. Hawkers Pedlers and Carriers Regulation Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the laws relating to hawkers and pedlers in the Colony of New South Wales, and to impose a license fee on persons exercising the avocation of carriers in the said Colony, whether with camels, horses, oxen, bullocks, or other beasts of burden, and to restrict the granting of licenses, whether for hawkers, pedlers, or carriers, to certain persons.
26. Public Vehicles Regulation Act Further Amendment Bill ; second reading.
27. Navigation Act Further Amendment Bill ; second reading.
28. Homestead Protection Bill ; second reading.
29. Attorneys Admission Bill ; to be further considered in Committee
30. Timber Regulations ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Francis Clarke,—
"That, in the opinion of this House, in view of the depressed state of the timber industry, the timber-cutters' license fee, as prescribed under section 8 of the regulations for cutting timber, is excessive, and a severe hardship on those so employed at the present time."
31. Case of John Deniff ; resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. Waddell, "That the Report from the Select Committee on 'Case of John Deniff,' brought up on 18th October, 1893, be now adopted."
32. Truck Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate contracts made with respect to, and the payment of, wages ; to prohibit such payment being made in goods or otherwise than in money ; and to regulate the service of legal process.
33. Post Office Savings Bank—National Bank ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Dowel, "That the Report from the Select Committee on 'Post Office Savings Bank—National Bank,' brought up on the 16th May, 1893, be now adopted."
34. Australasian Rights Purchase Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's amendments.
35. Agricultural Holdings Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
36. Criminal Law and Evidence Amendment Bill (No. 2) ; second reading.
37. Demise of the Crown Bill ; second reading.
38. Illegitimacy Disability Removal Bill ; second reading.
39. Mining Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
40. Seamen's Laws Amendment Bill ; second reading.
41. Distress for Rent Abolition Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Rose, "That this Bill be now read a second time."

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

Legislative Assembly Office,
Sydney, 8th December, 1893.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

ATTENDANCES OF MEMBERS IN DIVISIONS AND COUNTS-OUT,
DURING THE SESSION OF 1893.

	Divisions in the House.	Divisions in Committee.	Counts-out.	Total.
Abbott, Joseph, Esq.	19	12	.....	31
Abbott, The Hon. Sir Joseph Palmer, Kt. (<i>Speaker</i>) .....	.....	1	.....	1
A'Becket, William Channing, Esq.	8	6	.....	14
Allen, Alfred, Esq.	23	16	.....	39
Barbour, Robert, Esq.	30	16	1	47
Barnes, John Frederick, Esq.	31	20	.....	51
Barton, The Hon. Edmund, Esq., Q.C.	35	60	.....	95
Bavister, Thomas, Esq.	39	58	.....	97
Black, George, Esq.	33	65	.....	98
Booth, Robert, Esq.	9	3	.....	12
Bowes, John Wesley, Esq.	26	60	.....	86
Brown, Edward George, Esq.	4	7	.....	11
Brown, Herbert Harrington, Esq.	8	6	.....	14
Brunker, James Nixon, Esq.	12	9	.....	21
Burdekin, Sydney, Esq.	8	6	.....	14
Campbell, Archibald, Esq.	24	18	.....	42
Cann, John Henry, Esq.	37	49	1	87
Carruthers, Joseph Hector, Esq.	15	20	.....	35
Chanter, John Moore, Esq.	17	30	.....	47
Chapman, Austin, Esq.	20	38	.....	58
Clark, Edward Mann, Esq.	12	20	.....	32
Clark, George Daniel, Esq.	42	27	1	70
Clarke, Francis, Esq.	41	61	.....	102
Clarke, Henry, Esq.	25	15	.....	40
Collins, Charles, Esq.	13	19	.....	32
Colls, Thomas, Esq.	21	21	.....	42
Cook, Joseph, Esq.	38	67	1	106
Copeland, The Hon. Henry, Esq.	28	43	1	72
Cotton, Francis, Esq.	21	19	.....	40
Crick, William Patrick, Esq.	11	10	.....	21
Cruikshank, George Alexander, Esq.	25	44	.....	69
Cullen, Joseph Francis, Esq.	18	24	.....	42
Cullen, William Portus, Esq., LL.D.	14	17	.....	31
Dale, David, Esq.	8	.....	.....	8
Danahey, Cornelius James, Esq.	27	65	.....	92
Darnley, Edward, Esq.	35	63	.....	98
Davis, Thomas Martin, Esq.	21	48	.....	69
Dawson, Henry, Esq.	17	15	.....	32
Dibbs, The Hon. Sir George Richard, K.C.M.G.	44	56	.....	100
Dickens, Edward Bulwer Lytton, Esq.	25	44	.....	69
Donald, George, Esq.	34	26	.....	60
Donnelly, Denis Cornelius Joseph, Esq.	17	31	.....	48
Dowel, William Springthorpe, Esq.	22	13	1	36
Edden, Alfred, Esq.	40	61	.....	101
Eve, James, Esq.	21	17	.....	38
Ewing, Thomas Thomson, Esq.	7	7	.....	14
Farnell, Frank, Esq.	21	12	.....	33
Fegan, John Lionel, Esq.	43	72	.....	115
FitzGerald, John Daniel, Esq.	33	18	.....	51
FitzGerald, Robert George Dundas, Esq.	10	44	.....	54
Fuller, George Warburton, Esq.	21	24	.....	45
Gardiner, Albert, Esq.	37	68	.....	105
Garrard, Jacob, Esq.	21	14	1	36
Garvan, James Patrick, Esq.	24	15	.....	39
Gillics, John, Esq.	25	50	.....	75
Gormly, James, Esq.	21	46	.....	67
Gough, John George, Esq.	27	19	.....	46
Gould, Albert John, Esq.	12	38	.....	50
Grahame, William, Esq.	30	51	.....	81
Hart, John Shadrach, Esq.	30	55	.....	85
Hassall, Thomas Henry, Esq.	28	29	.....	57
Hayes, James, Esq.	27	33	.....	60
Haynes, John, Esq.	23	2	.....	25
Hindle, John, Esq.	25	17	1	43

	Divisions in the House.	Divisions in Committee.	Counts-out.	Total.
Hogan, Patrick, Esq.	17	6	.....	23
Holborow, William Hillier, Esq.	22	10	.....	32
Hollis, Leslie Thomas, Esq., M.B., Ch.M.	21	41	.....	62
Houghton, Thomas John, Esq.	31	28	.....	59
Hoyle, Henry Clement, Esq.	6	.....	.....	6
Hutchinson, George Fairhurst, Esq.	44	73	.....	117
Hutchison, Alexander, Esq.	19	15	.....	34
Inglis, James, Esq.	12	2	.....	14
Jouancoret, Charles Edward, Esq.	17	52	.....	69
Johnston, James, Esq.	37	19	.....	56
Jones, Robert, Esq.	23	29	.....	52
Kelly, Andrew Joseph, Esq.	28	55	.....	83
Kidd, The Hon. John, Esq.	45	64	.....	109
Kirkpatrick, John, Esq.	18	9	.....	27
Langwell, Hugh, Esq.	38	68	1	107
Lee, Charles Alfred, Esq.	19	24	.....	43
Lees, Samuel Edward, Esq.	30	40	.....	70
Levien, Robert Henry, Esq.	11	17	.....	28
Lonsdale, Edmund, Esq.	23	27	.....	50
Lyne, The Hon. William John, Esq.	25	25	.....	50
Mackinnon, James Archibald, Esq.	5	25	.....	30
Manning, William Patrick, Esq.	5	50	.....	55
Marks, James, Esq.	24	17	.....	41
Martin, James, Esq.	7	7	.....	14
McCourt, William, Esq.	16	19	.....	35
McCredie, George, Esq.	33	8	.....	41
McFarlane, John, Esq.	29	17	.....	46
McGowen, James Sinclair Taylor, Esq.	36	55	.....	91
McKinnon, Hugh, Esq.	34	55	1	90
McMillan, William, Esq.	17	45	.....	62
Melville, Ninian, Esq. (<i>Chairman of Committees</i>)	28	.....	.....	28
Miller, Gustave Thomas Carlisle, Esq.	27	48	.....	75
Molesworth, Edmund William, Esq.	25	29	.....	54
Morgan, James, Esq.	33	47	1	81
Morton, Philip Henry, Esq.	30	34	.....	64
Murphy, William Alfred, Esq.	29	47	.....	76
Neill, John Cash, Esq.	19	11	.....	30
Newman, Henry William, Esq.	31	34	.....	65
Newton, James, Esq.	19	57	.....	76
Nicholson John Barnes, Esq.	31	28	.....	59
Nicoll, Bruce Baird, Esq.	18	22	.....	40
O'Sullivan, Edward William, Esq.	22	23	1	46
Parke, The Hon. Sir Henry, G.C.M.G.	16	6	.....	22
Parke, Varney, Esq.	11	14	.....	25
Perry, John, Esq.	33	19	.....	52
Rae, Arthur, Esq.	31	30	.....	61
Reid, George Houston, Esq.	18	8	.....	26
Rose, Thomas, Esq.	29	50	.....	79
Ross, Andrew, Esq., M.D.	18	20	.....	38
Schoy, William Francis, Esq.	42	74	.....	116
Scobie, Robert, Esq.	26	53	.....	79
Scott, David, Esq.	32	59	.....	91
See, The Hon. John, Esq.	3	.....	.....	3
Sharp, William Henry, Esq.	40	60	.....	100
Sheldon, Job, Esq.	26	25	.....	51
Slattery, The Hon. Thomas Michael, Esq.	37	67	.....	104
Smith, Bruce, Esq.	7	38	.....	45
Smith, Sydney, Esq.	16	36	1	53
Stevenson, Richard, Esq.	47	33	1	81
Sutton, The Hon. Francis Bathurst, Esq.	39	55	1	95
Taylor, Hugh, Esq.	18	37	.....	55
Tonkin, James Ebenczer, Esq.	24	10	1	35
Torpy, James, Esq.	34	28	.....	62
Traill, William Henry, Esq.	13	8	.....	21
Vaughn, Robert Matteson, Esq.	30	31	.....	61
Waddell, Thomas, Esq.	30	59	1	90
Walker, Thomas, Esq.	19	12	.....	31
Wall, William Chandos, Esq.	16	12	.....	28
Want, John Henry, Esq., Q.C.	16	13	.....	29
Wilkinson, John, Esq.	12	33	.....	45
Wilkinson, Robert Bliss, Esq.	20	25	.....	45
Williams, Thomas Henry, Esq.	9	.....	.....	9
Willis, William Nicholas, Esq.	18	9	.....	27
Wise, Bernhard Ringrose, Esq.	5	.....	.....	5
Wright, Francis Augustus, Esq.	25	9	.....	34
York, Thomas Henry, Esq.	8	14	.....	22
Young, James Henry, Esq.	31	12	43

Legislative Assembly Office,
Sydney, 8th December, 1893.

F. W. WEBB,
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1893.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

BUSINESS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NEW SOUTH WALES
DURING THE SESSION OF 1893.

1. New Writs issued	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
2. Select Committees:—											
On Public Matters	...	...	...	...	...	6					
On Private Bills	...	...	...	...	...	3					
						9					
3. Standing Committees	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
4. Public Bills:—											
Originated in the Assembly—											
Received the Royal Assent	...	...	...	...	...	3					
Otherwise disposed of	...	...	...	...	...	59					
						62					
Brought from the Council—											
Received the Royal Assent	...	...	...	...	...	0					
Otherwise disposed of	...	...	...	...	...	5					
						5	...	...	...	...	67
5. Private Bills:—											
Originated in the Assembly—											
Received the Royal Assent	...	...	...	...	...	0					
Otherwise disposed of	...	...	...	...	...	6					
						6					
Brought from the Council—											
Received the Royal Assent	...	...	...	...	...	0					
Otherwise disposed of	...	...	...	...	...	0					
						0	...	...	...	...	6
6. Petitions received:—											
Printed	...	...	...	...	...	111					
Not Printed	...	...	...	...	...	6					
						117					
7. Divisions:—											
In the House	...	...	...	...	...	48					
In Committee of the Whole	...	...	...	...	...	74					
						122					
8. Sittings:—											
Days of Meeting	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	36
Hours of Sitting	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	257 h. 28 m.
Hours of Sitting after Midnight	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15 h. 50 m.
Daily Average	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7 h. 9 m.
Adjourned for want of a Quorum—											
Before commencement of Business	...	...	...	...	...	0					
After commencement of Business	...	...	...	...	...	1					
						1					
9. Votes and Proceedings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	116
Entries in Votes and Proceedings—											
Of Business done	...	...	...	...	...	476					
Of Notices of Motion	...	...	...	...	...	2,226					
Of Orders of the Day	...	...	...	...	...	1,495					
Of Questions	...	...	...	...	...	668					
Of Contingent Notices	...	...	...	...	...	31					
						4,896					
Daily Average	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	136
10. Contingent Notice Papers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
11. Orders for Papers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	31
12. Addresses for Papers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
13. Other Addresses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
14. Papers laid upon the Table:—											
By Message	...	...	...	...	...	11					
By Command	...	...	...	...	...	141					
In Return to Orders	...	...	...	...	...	19					
In Return to Addresses	...	...	...	...	...	1					
Reports from Standing and Select Committees	...	...	...	...	...	2					
						174					
Ordered to be Printed	...	...	...	...	...	170					
Not ordered to be Printed	4					
						174					

Legislative Assembly Offices,
Sydney, 8th December, 1893.

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1893.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

No. 1.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

(EXTRACTED FROM THE MINUTES.)

WEDNESDAY, 4 OCTOBER, 1893.

No. 1.

DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTORATES UNDER PARLIAMENTARY ELECTORATES AND ELECTIONS ACT:—
LIST OF NAMES OF ELECTORAL DISTRICTS.

No.	Names of Electoral Districts.	No.	Names of Electoral Districts.
1.	Sydney, King Division	33.	Jersey Ryde
2.	" Fitzroy "	34.	Willoughby
3.	" Bligh "	35.	Warringah
4.	" Flinders "	36.	St. George
5.	" Belmore "	37.	Salisbury Canterbury
6.	" Cook "	38.	Gladstone Granville
7.	" Phillip "	39.	Parramatta
8.	" Denison "	40.	Sherbrooke
9.	" Pyrmont "	41.	The Hawkesbury
10.	" Brisbane Lang Division	42.	The Nepean
11.	" Gipps Division	43.	Camden
12.	Paddington	44.	Woronora
13.	Redfern (East)	45.	Illawarra
14.	" (West) Darlington	46.	Kiama
15.	Waterloo	47.	Bowral
16.	Glebe (East)	48.	Hartley
17.	" (West) Annandale	49.	Northumberland
18.	Balmain Franklin Division South	50.	West Maitland
19.	" Waterview " North	51.	East Maitland
20.	" St. Leonards "	52.	Wallsend
21.	Woolahra	53.	Kahibah
22.	Waverley	54.	Newcastle (East)
23.	Randwick	55.	" (West)
24.	Botany	56.	Carrington Wickham
25.	Newtown, Camperdown Division	57.	Waratah
26.	" Erskine Division	58.	Gloucester
27.	" St. Peters Division	59.	Durham
28.	Marrickville	60.	Singleton
29.	Petersham	61.	The Hunter Robertson
30.	Leichhardt	62.	Mitchell Rylstone
31.	Ashfield	63.	Mudgee
32.	Burwood	64.	Orange

No. Names of Electoral Districts.

65. Macquarie
 66. Bathurst
 67. ~~Blayney~~ West Macquarie
 68. Argyle
 69. Goulburn
 70. The Shoalhaven
 71. The Clyde Moruya
 72. Braidwood
 73. Queanbeyan
 74. Yass
 75. Boorowa
 76. Cowra
 77. Molong
 78. Wellington
 79. Dubbo
 80. Gunnedah
 81. Quirindi
 82. Tamworth
 83. Uralla—Walcha
 84. The Manning
 85. ~~Kippara~~ The Hastings and The Macleay
 86. Raleigh
 87. Armidale
 88. ~~The Gwydir~~ Bingara
 89. Narrabri
 90. Coonamble
 91. Condoulin
 92. "Ashburnham"
 93. Grenfell
 94. Young
 95. ~~Narrandera~~ The Murrumbidgee

No. Names of Electoral Districts.

96. Wagga Wagga
 97. Gundagai
 98. Tumut
 99. ~~Cooma~~ Monaro
 100. Bega
 101. Eden—Bombala
 102. The Hume
 103. Albury
 104. "The Murray"
 105. Deniliquin
 106. ~~The Murrumbidgee~~ Hay
 107. The Lachlan
 108. Wentworth
 109. Alma
 110. ~~Willyama~~ Broken Hill
 111. Sturt
 112. Wilcannia
 113. Bourke
 114. Cobar
 115. The Barwon
 116. Morce
 117. Inverell
 118. Glen Innes
 119. Grafton
 120. The Clarence
 121. Ballina
 122. Lismore
 123. The Tweed
 124. The Richmond
 125. Tenterfield.

Names of Electoral Districts Nos. 1-13 having been agreed to,—

No. 14. "Redfern West" (*read.*)

Motion made (*Mr. Molesworth*) to omit the words "Redfern West" with a view to the insertion in their place of the word "Darlington."

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. J. A. Mackinnon.
Mr. Want,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Barnes.
Mr. Barton,	
Mr. Hassall,	
Sir George Dibbs,	
Mr. Lyne,	
Sir Henry Parkes,	
Mr. Sheldon,	
Mr. Murphy,	
Mr. Cann,	
Mr. Ewing,	
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,	
Mr. Langwell,	
Mr. Sharp,	
Mr. Colls,	
Mr. Vaughn,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Miller,	
Mr. Nicholson,	
Mr. Donnelly,	
Mr. Perry,	
Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. Henry Clarke,	
Dr. Ross,	
Mr. Kidd,	

Noes, 54.

Mr. Reid,	Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Lees,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Bowes,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Danahey,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Newman,	Mr. Scott,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Donald,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Marks,	Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Manning,	Mr. Newton,
Mr. Jeanncret,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Eve,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Collins,	Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Rac,
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	Mr. Gough.
Mr. Cruickshank,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Bruncker,	Mr. Cullen.
Dr. Cullen,	

Words omitted.

And the word "Darlington" having been inserted,—

Name, as amended, agreed to.

No. 15, No. 16, and No. 17 having been agreed to with the amendments indicated;—

No. 2.

SAME LIST.

No. 18. Balmain—"Franklin Division" (*read.*)

On motion of Mr. Murphy the words "Franklin Division" having been omitted with a view to the insertion of the word "South";—

Question

Question put,—That the word "South" proposed to be inserted be so inserted.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 78.		Noes, 2.
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Perry,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Donnelly,	Mr. Eve,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Barton,	Dr. Cullen,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Miller,	Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Gough,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. J. A. Mackinnon,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Colls,	Mr. Newton,
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. Cruickshank,	Mr. Donald,
Mr. Murphy,	Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Fuller,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Daraley,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Marks,	Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Langwell,	Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. G. D. Clark,	Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Waut,	Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Cann,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Young,	Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Gould,	Mr. John Wilkinson,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Sheldon,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Bowes,	Mr. Collins,	
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Garrard,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Scott,	Mr. Crick,
Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Hassall.
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Rae,	

Word inserted.

Name, as amended, agreed to.

And No. 19 having been agreed to with the amendment indicated;—

No. 3.

SAME LIST.

No. 20. "St. Leonards" (*read*).

Motion made (*Mr. E. M. Clark*) to omit the words "St. Leonards" with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "North Sydney."

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 57.		Noes, 19.
Mr. Colls,	Mr. Bavister,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Copland,	Mr. Eve,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Barton,	Dr. Cullen,	Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Donnelly,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Marks,	Mr. Perry,	Mr. Gough,
Mr. E. G. Brown,	Mr. Dawson,	Mr. Cotton,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Rae,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. J. A. Mackinnon,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Gould,	Mr. Fuller.
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Carruthers,	
Mr. Bowes,	Mr. Brunker,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Lees,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Neild,	Mr. E. M. Clark.
Mr. Collins,	Mr. Sheldon,	
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Fegan,	
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Donald,	
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Newton.	
Mr. Lee,		
Mr. Waut,	<i>Tellers,</i>	
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Alfred Allen,	
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Scott.	
Mr. Danahey,		

Words stand.

Name, as read, agreed to.

No. 21 to No. 36 having been agreed to with the amendment indicated;—

No. 4.

SAME LIST.

No. 37. "Salisbury" (*read*).

On motion of Mr. Carruthers the word "Salisbury" having been omitted with a view to the insertion of the word "Canterbury";—

Question put,—That the word "Canterbury" proposed to be inserted be so inserted.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 57.

Mr. Sheldon,	Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Want,	Mr. Donnelly,
Mr. Colls,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Young,	Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Rae,
Mr. John Wilkinson,	Mr. Langwell,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Murphy,	Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,	Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. J. A. Mackinnon,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Newton,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Donald,
Mr. Bowes,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. A. Beckett,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Gough,
Mr. Hindle,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. G. D. Clark,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Eve,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Kelly.
Mr. Lees,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Jones,	
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Bavister.
Mr. Lee,	

Noes, 30.

Mr. Barton,	Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Wall.
Mr. Slattery,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Sir George Dibbs,	
Mr. Copland,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Frank Farnell.
Mr. Hassall,	
Mr. McCourt,	
Mr. Levien,	
Mr. Campbell,	
Mr. Alfred Allen,	
Mr. Jeanneret,	
Mr. E. G. Brown,	
Mr. Garrard,	
Mr. Cullen,	
Mr. Granhame,	
Mr. Scott,	
Mr. Schey,	
Mr. Lyne,	
Mr. E. M. Clark,	
Mr. Cruickshank,	
Mr. Chanter,	
Mr. Miller,	
Mr. Torpy,	
Mr. Collins,	
Dr. Cullen,	

Word inserted.

Name, as amended, agreed to.

No. 5.

SAME LIST.

No. 38. "Gladstone" (*read*).

Motion made (*Mr. Neild*) to omit the word "Gladstone" with a view to the insertion of the word "Granville."

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 38.

Mr. Colls,	Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Copland,	Mr. Torpy,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. J. A. Mackinnon,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Rac,
Mr. Want,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Edden,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Gough,
Mr. Bowes,	Mr. Newman.
Mr. Garrard,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Garvan,	
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Miller,	Mr. Rose.
Mr. Lonsdale,	
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. Jeanneret,	
Mr. Donnelly,	
Mr. Nicholson,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	

Noes, 44.

Mr. E. G. Brown,	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Young,	Dr. Cullen,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Sheldon,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Lees,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Scott,	Mr. Newton,
Mr. G. D. Clark,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Donald.
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Danahey,	
Mr. Perry,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Houghton.

Word omitted.

And the word "Granville" having been inserted in place of the word omitted,—

Name, as amended, agreed to.

No. 39 to No. 60 having been agreed to with the amendment indicated;—

No. 6.

No. 6.

SAME LIST.

No. 61, "The Hunter" (*read*).

Motion made (*Sir Joseph Abbott*) to omit the words "The Hunter," with a view to the insertion of the word "Robertson."

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Young,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Bowes,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Newman.
Mr. Garrard,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Miller,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. G. D. Clark,	Mr. McCourt.
Mr. Scott,	
Dr. Cullen,	
Mr. Lee,	
Mr. Nicholson,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Collins,	
Mr. Hindle,	
Mr. Bavister,	
Mr. Lees,	
Mr. Rae,	
Mr. Langwell,	
Mr. Dawson,	
Mr. Kelly,	
Mr. Gough,	
Mr. J. A. Mackinnon,	
Mr. Newton,	
Mr. Donald,	

Noes, 47.

Dr. Ross,	Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. Donnelly,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Haycs,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Chanter,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Want,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Colls,	Mr. Bruncker,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Sir Joseph Abbott,	Mr. Crick,
Mr. Sheldon,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Jeanneret,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Rose,	Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Cruickshank.
Mr. Fegan,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Chapman.
Mr. Henry Clarke,	
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,	

Words omitted.

And the word "Robertson" having been inserted.

Name, as amended, agreed to.

No. 62 to No. 91 having been agreed to with the amendments indicated ;—

No. 7.

SAME LIST.

No. 92 "Ashburnham" (*read*).

Motion made (*Mr. Gardiner*) to omit the word "Ashburnham" with a view to the insertion of the words "Parkes and Forbes."

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 34.

Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Colls,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Danahey,
Mr. J. A. Mackinnon,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Donald,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,	Mr. Gough.
Mr. Scott,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Hassall.
Mr. Hayes,	

Noes, 20.

Mr. Jones,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. E. M. Clark,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Gardiner.
Mr. Gould,	
Mr. Cook,	
Mr. Jeanneret,	
Dr. Ross,	
Mr. Lee,	
Mr. Molesworth,	
Mr. Lonsdale,	
Mr. Darnley,	
Mr. Edden,	
Mr. Chanter,	
Mr. Miller,	
Mr. Dawson,	
Mr. Langwell,	
Mr. Rae,	
Mr. Cruickshank.	

Words stand.

Name, as read, agreed to.

No. 93 and No. 94 having been agreed to,—

No. 8.

No. 8.

SAME LIST.

No. 95 "Narrandera" (*read*).

Motion made (*Mr. Rae*) to omit the word "Narrandera" with a view to the insertion of the words "The Murrumbidgee."

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Colls,
Mr. Levien,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Morton,
Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Ewing,
Mr. J. A. Mackinnon,
Mr. Kidd.

Tellers,

Mr. Chapman,
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson.

Noes, 31.

Mr. Jones,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Lees,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Garrard,

Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Collins,
Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Gough,
Mr. Donald,
Mr. Vaughn.

Tellers,

Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Rae.

Word omitted.

And the words "The Murrumbidgee" having been inserted,—

Name, as amended, agreed to.

No. 96 to No. 106 having been agreed to with the amendments indicated;—

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 5 OCTOBER, 1893, A.M.

The remaining Electorates were agreed to with the amendment indicated.

On motion of Mr. Lyne, the Chairman left the Chair to report to the House, that the Committee had agreed to the names of the Electorates with amendments.

No. 9.

SAME LIST.

No. 10. Sydney, "Brisbane" Division (*read*).

Motion made (*Mr. Black*) to omit the word "Brisbane" with a view to the insertion of the word "Lang."

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 10.

Mr. Morton,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Gould,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Morgun.

Tellers,

Mr. Lees,
Mr. Chapman.

Noes, 28.

Sir George Dibbs,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Rae,
Mr. Gough,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Colls,
Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. E. G. Brown,
Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Nicholson,

Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Collins,
Mr. J. A. Mackinnon,
Mr. Donald.

Tellers,

Mr. Cook,
Mr. Gardiner.

Word omitted.

And the word "Lang" having been inserted.

Name, as amended, agreed to.

No. 13 and No. 83 having been agreed to with the amendments indicated;—

No. 10.

No. 10.

SAME LIST.

No. 104. "The Murray" (*read*).

Motion made (*Mr. Chanter*) to omit the words "The Murray" with a view to the insertion of the word "Jerilderie."

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

Ayes, 35.

Mr. E. G. Brown,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Donald,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Rae,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. J. A. Mackinnon,
Mr. Colls,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Gough,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Cruickshank.
Mr. Lees,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Hassall.
Mr. Cann,	
Mr. Gould,	

Noes, 3.

Mr. Chanter.
Tellers,
Mr. Hugh McKimmon,
Mr. Gardiner.

Words stand.

Name, as read, agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Lyne the Chair left the Chair to report to the House that the Committee had agreed to the names of the Electorates with further amendments.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk Assistant.

1893.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

No. 2.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS

IN

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

(EXTRACTED FROM THE MINUTES.)

TUESDAY, 10 OCTOBER, 1893.

No. 1.

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

Clauses 1 to 3 having been dealt with,—

Clause 4.

- (i) It shall be the duty of the committee of every society and branch to cause all the accounts of such society or branch to be regularly kept in books prescribed by the registrar with the approval of the Minister. Accounts—how kept.
- (ii) There shall be entered in such books particulars of all moneys received or paid on account of each and every fund or benefit assured to the members or their relatives for which a separate table of contributions payable is adopted distinct from all moneys received or paid on account of any other fund or benefit.
- (iii) Each society and branch shall annually elect two or more auditors at a general meeting of members, and shall similarly fill up any vacancy occurring in the office of auditor during the year. Audit.
- (iv) The committee shall cause a statement of accounts of the society or branch with all necessary vouchers for the six months ending on the last days respectively of June and December in each year to be made out and laid before the auditors for the time being.
- (v) The committee shall lay before each yearly meeting a balance-sheet signed by the auditors showing the receipts and expenditure and the assets and liabilities of the society or branch, together with a statement of the affairs of the society since the previous yearly meeting, and of their condition at the date of such statement. Balance-sheet.
- (vi) The auditors shall make to such meeting a report in writing upon the balance-sheet so presented, and in case they do not approve the said balance-sheet or any part thereof they shall specify such disapproval, and the grounds of the same to such meeting. Auditors' report.
- (vii) The books and accounts of every society or branch shall be open to the inspection of any of its members, or of any person acting under authority "of the registrar" or any Public Officer authorised by the Minister for that purpose, at all reasonable times, during the hours in which such society or branch ordinarily conducts its business and every member shall be entitled to one copy of the annual statement and report without payment of any fee. Books, &c., open to inspection.
- (viii) The general statement and return to be transmitted to the registrar under the provisions of section forty-five of the Principal Act shall be in such form as shall be prescribed by the registrar with the approval of the Minister, and shall include the balance-sheet and the auditors' report (if any) thereon. It shall not be sufficient for a copy of the last annual report of the society or branch to be transmitted to the registrar in lieu of the said general statement. A copy of all such returns shall be kept at the registered office of the society or branch, and shall be open to inspection as provided in this section. General statement. *(Read.)*

The clause having been amended as indicated,—

Motion made (*Mr. Edden*) to omit from line 2 of sub-section (VII) the words "of the registrar"
Question put,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 43.

Mr. Barton,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Inglis,
Mr. Traill,	Mr. Bruce Smith,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Francis Clarke,
Mr. Rose,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Newton,	Mr. Jeanneret,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Colls,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. McCredie,
Mr. Sheldon,	Mr. Carruthers,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Manning,	Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Dickens,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Donald,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Dr. Cullen,	Mr. Crick,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. McFarlane.
Mr. Gardiner,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Black,	Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Newman,	Mr. Frank Farnell.
Mr. Lees,	
Mr. Bavister,	

Noes, 18.

Mr. Fegan,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Hutchinson.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Rac.

Words stand.

And the clause having been further amended as indicated,—

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

No. 2.

SAME BILL.

Official
Investigation of
accounts.

Clause 5. It shall be lawful for the registrar to cause an investigation to be made by an officer of his department of the books and accounts of any society or branch if he shall be of opinion that any breach of the provisions of the Principal Act or of this Act coming to his knowledge, or anything appearing in any document **officially** transmitted to him, renders such investigation expedient in the interest of the members, or if he shall be requested so to do by a resolution of the majority of the members present at any general meeting or at any special meeting convened in accordance with the rules of such society or branch dealing with special meetings, and it shall be the duty of the officers of such society or branch to produce all documents required by such officer "having reference to the accounts." (*Read.*)

The clause having been amended as indicated,—

Motion made (*Mr. Bavister*) to add to the words already added the words "having reference to the accounts."

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Walker,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Scott,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Francis Clarke,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Bavister,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. G. D. Clark,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Newman,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Dr. Cullen,	Mr. Rac.
Mr. Langwell,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Fegan.
Mr. Reid,	
Mr. Danahey,	

Noes, 23.

Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Traill,	Mr. Crick,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Dickens,	Mr. Newton.
Mr. McCourt,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Donald.
Mr. Houghton,	
Mr. Carruthers,	
Mr. Barton,	
Mr. Scobie,	
Mr. Torpy,	
Mr. Inglis,	
Mr. Manning,	
Mr. Gormly,	

Words added.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

No. 3.

SAME BILL.

Clause 6.

Model tables of
rates.

(1) "The" registrar shall have power to prepare and quinquennially to revise, subject to the approval of the Minister, tables of rates or fees applicable to the various purposes for which societies may be established under the Principal Act, showing the minimum scale of payments proper to be made by members to entitle them to the benefits assured by such societies, and shall, on application, furnish at cost price copies of any such tables to the committee of any society or branch already existing or about to be established.

(II)

- (II) In every case in which any table of rates of any society or branch now registered provides for a lower scale of payment in any respect than the minimum scale aforesaid applicable to the purpose contemplated in the said scale, the registrar shall, by notice in writing under his hand directed to the secretary of the said society or branch requiring the said table to be altered in that respect; and if after sixty days from receipt of the said notice the said society or branch shall put into effect any provisions required by the said notice to be altered, every officer of the said society or branch assisting in so doing shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding *ten* pounds, to be recovered with costs at the suit of the registrar in a summary way.
- (III) The registrar shall refuse to register any society or branch whose scales of payment are in any respect lower than the minimum scales aforesaid.
- (IV) The tables of rates prepared by the registrar as aforesaid shall be framed upon a graduated basis varying with the age of the member. (*Read.*)

Motion made (*Mr. Walker*) to omit from line 1 the word "The"

Motion made (*Mr. Cullen*),—That the Chairman leave the Chair, report progress, and ask leave to sit again this day fortnight—and Question put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 28.

Mr. Sheldon,	Dr. Cullen,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Cotton,	Mr. Cruickshank.
Mr. Donald,	Mr. Stevenson.
Mr. Jeas,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Newton,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Hindle.
Mr. Jones,	
Mr. Johnston,	
Mr. E. M. Clark,	
Mr. G. D. Clark,	
Mr. McGowen,	
Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. Francis Clarke,	
Mr. Manning,	
Mr. Torpy,	
Mr. Garvan,	
Sir George Dibbs,	
Mr. Morgan,	

Noes, 19.

Mr. Danahy,
Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Rae,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Newman,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Collins,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Black,
Mr. Walker.

Agreed to.

Chairman left the Chair to report accordingly.

RICHARD A. ARNOLD,
Clerk Assistant.

1893.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

No. 3.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS

IN

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

(EXTRACTED FROM THE MINUTES.)

TUESDAY, 24 OCTOBER, 1893.

No. 1.

REDUCTION OF COST OF LITIGATION BILL.

Clause 1 having been agreed to,—

Clause 2. Upon taxation of any bill of costs between party and party there shall not be allowed either the costs of instructing or the fee or fees paid to any counsel to support or oppose any chamber application, unless the Judge disposing of such application shall certify that it was necessary to employ counsel either to support or oppose such application as the case may be: Provided always that this section shall not apply to any chamber application in which counsel has been instructed before or at the time of the passing of this Act. *(Read.)*

Motion made (*Mr. Perry*) to add to the clause the words "Provided further that no costs shall be allowed exceeding ten per centum of the value of the property in dispute."

Costs of counsel on any chamber application not allowable between party and party, unless Judge certify that employment of counsel was necessary. *Provide.*

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 9.

Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Murphy,

Tellers,

Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Perry.

Noes, 36.

Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Rose,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Dawson,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Jeas,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Newton,
Mr. Kirkpatrick,	Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Jeanneret,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cotton,	Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Darnley,	Mr. Walker.
Mr. Stevenson,	

*Addition of proposed words negatived.**Clause, as read, agreed to.*

And the Preamble having been agreed to,—

On motion of Mr. Walker, the Acting Chairman (*Mr. Young*) left the Chair to report the Bill without amendment.

RICHARD A. ARNOLD,
Clerk Assistant.

1893.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

No. 4.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS

IN

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

(EXTRACTED FROM THE MINUTES)

TUESDAY, 8 NOVEMBER, 1893.

No. 1.

PUBLIC INSTRUCTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

The clauses of the Bill having been dealt with,—

Mr. Carruthers brought up the following new clause to follow clause 1 of the Bill:—

2. Section twenty-seven of the Public Instruction Act is repealed in so far as the same provides for fees to be charged "in High Schools or" for the higher classes in Superior Public Schools. (*Read.*)

Partial repeal of section 27 of Public Instruction Act of 1880.

Motion made (*Mr. Garrard*) to omit from line 2, the words "in High Schools or"

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 28.

Mr. Grahame,	Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Walker,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Ruc,	Mr. Danahy,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Eve,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Holborow,	Dr. Hollis,
Mr. Scott,	Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Hindle,	Mr. Hart.
Mr. Carruthers,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Langwell.
Mr. Schey,	

Noes, 21.

Mr. Morton,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Collins,	Sir George Dibbs,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Rose.
Mr. Molesworth,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Hugh McKinnon.
Mr. Perry,	
Mr. Barton,	
Mr. Fuller,	
Mr. Jeanneret,	
Mr. Barbour,	
Mr. Garvan,	
Mr. Kidd,	
Mr. Howes,	

*Words stand.**Clause, as read, agreed to.*

And another new clause, and the Preamble and the Title, having been dealt with,—

On motion of Mr. Walker, the Chairman left the Chair to report the Bill with amendments and an amended Title.

RICHARD A. ARNOLD,
Clerk Assistant.

1893.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

No. 5.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS

IN

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

(EXTRACTED FROM THE MINUTES.)

WEDNESDAY, 15 NOVEMBER, 1893.

No. 1.

WAYS AND MEANS.

Bank Notes Bill—(Resolution).

Sir George Dibbs moved,—That the Committee agree to the following Resolution :—

(2.) *Resolved,—*

That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to regulate the issue of Bank Notes ; to make Bank "Notes" a legal tender, except at the chief offices of the Banks in Sydney ; and to amend the "Stamp Duties Act of 1880" ; to declare the past operation of section one of the Bank Issue Act of 1893 ; and to repeal that section and re-enact it with amendments ;—such Bill to provide that towards raising the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty, there shall be paid to the Commissioner of Stamp Duties, under section twenty-four of the "Stamp Duties Act of 1880," from and after the first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three, in lieu of that now existing, an annual composition at the rate of fifty shillings for every one hundred pounds upon the amount of Bank Notes mentioned in that section.

(*Read.*)

Motion made (*Mr. Rose*) that the Resolution be amended in line 2, by inserting after the word "Notes" the following words, "purchased from the Treasury"

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 33.

Mr. Hugh Mackinnon,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Fegan,	
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Rose,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Houghton.
Mr. Miller,	
Mr. Kelly,	
Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Dr. Hollis,	
Mr. McGowen,	
Mr. Darnley,	
Mr. Black,	
Mr. Rae,	
Mr. Gardiner,	
Mr. Langwell,	
Mr. Gough,	
Mr. Bavister,	
Mr. Lees,	
Mr. Kirkpatrick,	
Mr. Cook,	
Mr. Nicholson,	
Mr. Stevenson,	
Mr. Edden,	
Mr. G. D. Clark,	
Mr. Cann,	
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. Cotton,	
Mr. Newton,	
Mr. Danahey,	
Mr. Newman,	
Mr. Dawson.	

Noes, 62.

Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Francis Clarke,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Gould,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. E. G. Brown,
Mr. McCredie,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Jeanneret,	Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Scott,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Want,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Sheldon,	Mr. Crick,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Marks,	Mr. Lync,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Colls,	Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Seobie,	Mr. York,
Mr. Donald,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Young,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Donnelly,	Mr. Collins.
Mr. Johnston,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Martin,	
Mr. Walker,	Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Hassall.

Insertion of proposed words negatived.

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No. 2.

No. 2.

Same Resolution.

Question put,—That the Committee agree to the Resolution as read.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 46.

Noes, 36.

Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Reid,	Mr. Dawson,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Collins,	Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Miller,	Mr. Gardiner.
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,	Mr. Black,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Lyne,	Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. Barton,	Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Durnley,	Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Donnelly,	Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Jeanneret,	Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Want,	Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Hugh McKinnon.
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Scobie,	Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Hart,	Mr. Cotton,	
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Morton,	Mr. Walker,	Mr. Rose,
Mr. Marks,	Mr. Lee,	Mr. Hutchinson,	Dr. Hollis.
Mr. Francis Clarke,	Mr. E. G. Brown,	Mr. Sheldon,	
Mr. McCredie,	Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Kelly,	
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Gornly,	Mr. Hutchison,	
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Dickens,	Mr. Stevenson,	
Mr. Colls,	Mr. Newton,	Mr. Lees,	
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Holborow.	Mr. Rae,	
Mr. Gould,	<i>Tellers,</i>	Mr. Gough,	
Mr. McCourt,		Mr. Bavister,	
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Schey,	
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Hassall.	Mr. Crick,	

Resolution agreed to.

And the Committee having agreed to Resolution (No. 3) respecting Stamp Duties,—

On motion of Sir George Dibbs, the Chairman left the chair to report progress and ask leave to sit again, and also to report that the Committee have agreed to certain Resolutions.

FRIDAY 17 NOVEMBER, 1893.

No. 3.

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF SYDNEY ELECTRIC LIGHTING BILL.

Clauses 1 to 5 having been dealt with.

Clause 6. The Council may from time to time license or contract with any company or person to **generate and supply electricity under this Act and do all works** for all or any of the purposes mentioned in this Act, and for any period or periods not exceeding "twenty-one" years at one time, and subject to such regulations and conditions as to the performance by any such company or person of their duties in regard to such supply, for the revocation of the license or contract where the said company or person shall fail to perform such duties to the satisfaction of the Council, for securing the safety of the public from injury, fire, or otherwise, for authorising inspection and inquiry from time to time by any officer of the Council, and generally with regard to any other matters in connection with any such license or contract or supply of electricity. (*Read.*)

And the clause having been amended as indicated,—

Motion made (*Mr. Martin*) to omit from lines 3 and 4 the word "twenty-one" with a view to the insertion in its place of the word "forty-two"

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 19.

Noes, 24.

Mr. Want,	Mr. Francis Clarke,	Mr. Neild,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Dowel,	Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Manning,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Fegan,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Jeanneret.	Mr. Hart,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Suttor,	<i>Tellers,</i>	Mr. Donald,	Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Hassall,		Mr. Joseph Abbott,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Lee,	Mr. Murphy,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Bowes,	Mr. Cullen.	Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Hutchinson,		Mr. Davis,	Mr. Hugh McKinnon.
Mr. Lees,		Mr. Black,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Sir George Dibbs,		Mr. Schey,	
Mr. Morton,		Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Barton,		Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Martin.

Word omitted.

And the insertion of the word "forty-two" having been negatived,—

No. 4.

SAME BILL.

*Same Clause.*Motion made (*Mr. Manning*),—That the blank be filled by the insertion of the word "twenty"

Question put,—That the word proposed to be inserted be so inserted.

Committee

Committee divided.

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Barton,
Mr. Want,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Manning,	Mr. Francis Clarke,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Hassall,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Waddell,	
Mr. Bowes,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Jeanneret.
Mr. Dowel,	
Mr. Cullen,	
Mr. Lee,	
Sir George Dibbs,	
Mr. Martin,	

Noes, 24.

Mr. Neild,	Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Hart,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Donald,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Murphy,	Mr. Darnley,
Mr. E. M. Clark,	Mr. Stevenson.
Mr. Danahey,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Davis,	
Mr. Black,	Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Hugh McKinnon.

Insertion of proposed word negatived.

And the insertion of the word "seven" having been proposed and negatived,—

No. 5.

SAME BILL.

Same Clause.

Motion made (*Mr. Houghton*),—That the blank be filled by the insertion of the word "ten"

Question put,—That the word proposed to be inserted be so inserted.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Barton,
Mr. Dowel,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Want,	Sir George Dibbs.
Mr. Manning,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Suttor,	
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Francis Clarke,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Martin.
Mr. Waddell,	
Mr. Bowes,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Cullen,	
Mr. Lee,	
Mr. Jeanneret,	
Mr. Lees,	

Noes, 25.

Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Hart,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Donald,	Mr. Stevenson.
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Murphy,	
Mr. E. M. Clark,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Danahey,	Mr. Kelly.
Mr. Davis,	

Insertion of proposed word negatived.

No. 6.

SAME BILL.

Same Clause.

Motion made (*Mr. Manning*),—That the Chairman leave the Chair, report progress, and ask leave to sit again on Friday next,—and Question put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 34.

Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Neild,
Mr. Manning,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Donald,
Mr. Bowes,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Lees,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Francis Clarke,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. E. M. Clark,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Cook.
Mr. Barton,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Molesworth,	
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Bavister.

Noes, 3.

Mr. Gardiner.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon.

Agreed to.

Chairman left the Chair accordingly.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk Assistant.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

No. 6.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS

IN

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

(EXTRACTED FROM THE MINUTES.)

WEDNESDAY, 22 NOVEMBER, 1893.

No. 1.

BANK NOTES BILL.

Clause 1. This Act shall apply only to the banks named in the Schedule to this Act and to the notes of those "banks": Provided that the Governor with the advice of the Executive Council may by notice in the *Gazette* amend the Schedule by taking from or adding to the list one or more of the banks therein named. And the Schedule so amended shall for all purposes be considered as the Schedule to this Act. (*Read.*)

Motion made (*Mr. Rose*) to insert in line 2, after the word "banks," the words "the balance-sheets of which show gold amounting to twenty per cent of their liabilities."

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Danahey,
Dr. Hollis,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Newman,
Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Cook.

Tellers,

Mr. Cann,
Mr. Gardiner.

Noes, 52.

Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Perry,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Gould,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Barton,	Dr. Cullen,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. John Wilkinson,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Donnelly,
Mr. Lees,	Mr. J. A. Mackinnon,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Gornly,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Holborow,	Mr. York,
Mr. Eve,	Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Scott,
Mr. Donald,	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. R. G. D. FitzGerald,	Mr. Francis Clarke,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Newton,
Mr. Jeanneret,	Mr. Vaughn.
Mr. Cullen,	
Mr. Nicoll,	Tellers,
Mr. Booth,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Murphy.

Insertion of proposed words negatived.

And the clause having been amended as indicated,—

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No. 2.

No. 2.

SAME BILL.

Same Clause.

Question put,—That the clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 41.

Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Donnelly,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Vaughn,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. John Wilkinson,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Booth,	Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Jeanneret,	Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Francis Clarke,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Cruickshank,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Scott,	Mr. Dickens.
Mr. Grahame,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. R. G. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. J. A. Mackinnon.
Mr. Newton,	
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,	

Noes, 19.

Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Schey,
Dr. Hollis,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Newman.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Langwell.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

No. 3.

SAME BILL.

What banks may
issue notes.

Clause 2. Notes shall only be issued, circulated, or reissued in this Colony under the authority and subject to the provisions of this Act, and by a bank named in the Schedule of this Act. (*Read.*)

Question put,—That the clause as read stand part of the Bill.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 39.

Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. J. A. Mackinnon,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Vaughn,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Murphy,	Mr. Gould,
Mr. Jeanneret,	Mr. McMillan,
Mr. R. G. D. FitzGerald,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Francis Clarke,	Mr. Newton,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Donnelly,
Mr. Scott,	Mr. Chapman.
Mr. Grahame,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Bowes.
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Cruickshank.
Mr. John Wilkinson,	
Mr. Hart,	

Noes, 19.

Mr. Schey,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Cann,
Dr. Hollis,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Davies,
Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Newman.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Fegan.

Clause, as read, agreed to.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 23 NOVEMBER, 1893, A.M.

No. 4.

SAME BILL.

Limit of note
issue.

Clause 3. No bank shall issue, reissue, or have in circulation at any one time in this Colony notes to an amount in excess of one-third of the paid-up capital of the bank (such amount not in any case being greater than one-third of Two million pounds), together with the value of the coin and gold bullion held by the bank in the said Colony. **And no bank shall issue notes to an amount in excess of "one million" pounds in this Colony.**

Any bank issuing, reissuing, or having in circulation notes in excess of the amount authorised shall be liable to a penalty equal to the amount of that excess. (*Read.*)

Motion made (*Mr. Chapman*) to insert before the word "Colony" in line 4, the word "said"

Question

Question put,—That the word proposed to be inserted be so inserted.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 40.

Mr. Barton,	Mr. Newton,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Gould,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. York,
Mr. Cruickshank,	Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Bowes,	Mr. John Wilkinson,
Mr. Jeanneret,	Mr. J. A. Mackinnon,
Mr. R. G. D. FitzGerald,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Francis Clarke,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Murphy.
Mr. Scott,	
Mr. Grahame,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Donnelly,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Gormly.

Noes, 19.

Mr. Black,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Danshey,
Mr. Bavier,
Mr. McGowen,
Dr. Hollis,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Newman
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Cann.

Word inserted.

No. 5.

SAME BILL.

Same Clause.

Motion made (*Mr. McMillan*) to insert after the word "Colony." in line 4, the words "And no bank shall issue notes to an amount in excess of 'one million' pounds in this Colony."

Motion made (*Mr. Cann*) to omit from line 2 of the amendment the words "one million" with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "seven hundred thousand"

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

Ayes, 38.

Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Barton,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Manning,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Kelly,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. J. A. Mackinnon,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Donnelly,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. R. G. D. FitzGerald,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Newton,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Jeanneret,	Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Bowes,	Mr. McMillan.
Mr. Francis Clarke,	
Mr. Morgan,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Scott,	Mr. Murphy.

Noes, 14.

Mr. Cann,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Gardiner,
Dr. Hollis,
Mr. Langwell,
Mr. McGowen.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Schey.

Words of amendment stand.

And the words in the clause, proposed to be inserted, having been inserted.

No. 6.

SAME BILL.

Same Clause.

Motion made (*Mr. Schey*) to insert after the words just inserted the following words, "and such capital shall be invested in New South Wales Government Bonds."

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

Ayes, 11.

Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Langwell
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Davis.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Rose.
Mr. Schey.

Noes, 39.

Mr. Barton,	Mr. J. A. Mackinnon,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Newton,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Francis Clarke,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Donnelly,
Mr. Suttor,	Dr. Hollis,
Mr. R. G. D. FitzGerald,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Jeanneret,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Hart,	Mr. Manning,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Booth,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Lees,	Mr. Darnley.
Mr. Murphy,	
Mr. Kelly,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Waddell.
Mr. Scott,	

Insertion of proposed words negatived.

No. 7.

No. 7.

SAME BILL.

Same Clause.

Motion made (*Mr. Schey*) to add to end of the clause the words "and shall in addition lose its charter or registration under the Companies Act as the case may be, and each and every of its directors shall be liable to imprisonment for any term not exceeding ten years."

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 9.

Mr. Schey,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon.

Tellers,

Mr. Rose,
Mr. Gardiner.

Noes, 37.

Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Donnelly,
Mr. Slatfery,	Mr. Scott,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Francis Clarke,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. J. A. Mackinnon,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. R. G. D. FitzGerald,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Newton,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Hart,	Mr. Manning,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Cruickshank.
Mr. Lees,	
Mr. Murphy,	Tellers,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Kelly,	Dr. Hollis.
Mr. Morton,	

Addition of proposed words negatived.

No. 8.

SAME BILL.

Same Clause.

Motion made (*Mr. Schey*) to add to the end of the clause the words—"And shall not be permitted to make any further issue of notes for a period of one year from the date of payment of such penalty."

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 12.

Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Langwell,
Dr. Hollis,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Hutchinson.

Tellers,

Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Schey.

Noes, 36.

Mr. Francis Clarke,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Donnelly,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Scott,
Mr. Slatfery,	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Newton,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. J. A. Mackinnon,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. McMillan,
Mr. R. G. D. FitzGerald,	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Hart,	Mr. Manning,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Cruickshank.
Mr. Lee,	
Mr. Murphy,	Tellers,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Chapman.

Addition of proposed words negatived.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

No. 9.

SAME BILL.

Clause 4. Any officer nominated by the Colonial Treasurer for that purpose may at any reasonable times enter the premises of a bank, and may require the manager, accountant, or any officer of the bank to produce for his inspection, and may inspect and take copies of any books of account of note issue of the bank, and may inspect and value the coin and gold bullion in the bank.

Whosoever hinders or obstructs any of the first-mentioned officers in the exercise of any of the powers conferred by this section, or refuses or neglects to produce any books of account of note issue when lawfully required, shall be liable to a penalty of *one hundred pounds for the first offence and two hundred pounds for every subsequent offence.* (*Read.*)

Motion made (*Mr. Scott*) to add to the end of the clause the words—"for the first offence and two hundred pounds for every subsequent offence."

Question

Inspection of
books and of
coin and bullion
of bank.

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

Ayes, 43.

Mr. Barton,	Mr. Langwell,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Manning,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. J. A. Mackinnon,
Mr. Donnelly,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Scott,	Mr. Newton,
Mr. Sharp,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. R. G. D. Fitzgerald,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Francis Clarke,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. McMillan,	
Mr. Black,	Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Kelly,	

Noes, 5.

Mr. Darnley,
Dr. Hollis,
Mr. Cook,
Tellers,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Gardiner.

Words added.

No. 10.

SAME BILL.

Same clause.

Motion made (*Mr. Schey*) to add to the clause as amended the words "and the charter or registration of the Bank shall be and remain suspended until such fine is paid."

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 14.

Mr. Cann,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Cook,
Dr. Hollis,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Darnley,
Mr. McGowen.
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Schey.

Noes, 35.

Mr. Barton,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Manning,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. J. A. Mackinnon,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. R. G. D. Fitzgerald,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Scott,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Newton,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Cruickshank.
Mr. B. B. Wilkinson,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Chapman,	
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Francis Clarke,	Mr. Jeanneret.
Mr. Donnelly,	

Addition of proposed words negatived.

No. 11.

SAME BILL.

Same Clause.

Question put.—That the clause as amended stand part of the Bill.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 32.

Mr. R. G. D. Fitzgerald,	Mr. Bruce Smith,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Hayes,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Cruickshank,	Mr. John Wilkinson,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. J. A. Mackinnon,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Jeannerot,	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Scott,	Mr. Newton,
Mr. Manning,	Mr. Gormly.
Mr. Francis Clarke,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Morgan,	
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Donnelly,	Mr. Sharp.

Noes, 13.

Mr. Davis,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Black,
Dr. Hollis,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. McGowen.
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Cook.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Schey.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

No. 12.

SAME BILL.

Clause 5. Each bank shall cause to be prepared and published in the *Gazette* on or before the fifth day of each month a statement of the average amount of coin and gold bullion held by the bank in the Colony during the last preceding month, and of the average amount of the notes of the bank issued, reissued, or circulated in the Colony during that period, which statement shall be verified by the oath or declaration of the manager, chief cashier, or chief clerk of the bank to which the statement refers. Monthly statement to be made by bank.

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If a bank fails to cause to be published the statement verified as aforesaid, or if the statement be false in any particular, the bank shall be liable to a penalty of *five hundred pounds for the first offence and one thousand pounds for every subsequent offence.*
(*Read.*)

Motion made (*Mr. Gillies*) to insert after the word "bank" in line 6 the words "to which the statement refers."

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 31.		Noes, 17.	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. R. G. D. FitzGerald,	Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Rose,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Black,	Mr. Schey.
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Hayes,	Dr. Hollis,	
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Donnelly,	Mr. Miller,	
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. J. A. Mackinnon,	Mr. Cann,	
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. John Wilkinson,	Mr. McGowen,	
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Bowes,	Mr. Langwell,	
Mr. Cruickshank,	Mr. Hart,	Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Cook,	
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Dickens,	Mr. Danahey,	
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Newton,	Mr. Edden,	
Mr. Jeanneret,	Mr. Gormly.	Mr. Hugh McKinnon,	
Mr. Grahame,	<i>Tellers,</i>	Mr. Fegan,	
Mr. Scott,	Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Darnley,	
Mr. Manning,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson.	Mr. Bavister.	
Mr. Francis Clarke,			
Mr. Morgan,			

Words inserted.

And the clause having been further amended as indicated.

No. 13.

SAME BILL.

Same clause.

Motion made (*Mr. Cann*) to add to the clause as amended the following words "and shall be excluded from the provisions of this Act."

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 12.		Noes, 34.
Mr. Schey,		Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Rose,		Mr. Davis,
Mr. Black,		Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Cann,		Dr. Hollis,
Mr. Fegan,		Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Miller,		Sir George Dibbs,
Mr. Cook,		Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Edden,		Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Danahey,		Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Bavister.		Mr. Jeanneret,
<i>Tellers,</i>		Mr. Scott,
Mr. Langwell,		Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon.		Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
		Mr. Scobie,
		Mr. Gormly,
		Mr. Morgan,
		Mr. Manning,
		Mr. R. G. D. FitzGerald,
		Mr. Waddell,
		Mr. Sydney Smith,
		Mr. Bruce Smith,
		Mr. McMillan,
		Mr. Kelly,
		Mr. Kidd,
		Mr. Gillies,
		Mr. Donnelly,
		Mr. John Wilkinson,
		Mr. Sharp,
		Mr. Bowes,
		Mr. Hart,
		Mr. Dickens,
		Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
		Mr. John Wilkinson,
		Mr. Newton,
		Mr. Gormly,
		Mr. Hutchinson.
		<i>Tellers,</i>
		Mr. Francis Clarke,
		Mr. Darnley.

Addition of proposed words negatived.

No. 14.

SAME BILL.

Same Clause.

Motion made (*Mr. Black*) to add to the clause as amended, the words "and its responsible officers shall be liable to imprisonment."

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 15.		Noes, 33.
Mr. Rose,		Mr. Grahame,
Mr. McGowen,		Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Cann,		Mr. Hugh P. Taylor,
Mr. Schey,		Dr. Hollis,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,		Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Davis,		Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Darnley,		Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Fegan,		Sir George Dibbs,
Mr. Miller,		Mr. Jeanneret,
Mr. Cook,		Mr. Manning,
Mr. Edden,		Mr. Scott,
Mr. Langwell,		Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Bavister.		Mr. Morgan,
<i>Tellers,</i>		Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Black,		Mr. R. G. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. Danahey.		Mr. Sydney Smith,
		Mr. Bruce Smith,
		Mr. McMillan,
		Mr. Gillies,
		Mr. Donnelly,
		Mr. Francis Clarke,
		Mr. Hart,
		Mr. Bowes,
		Mr. Sharp,
		Mr. J. A. Mackinnon,
		Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
		Mr. Dickens,
		Mr. John Wilkinson,
		Mr. Newton,
		Mr. Gormly,
		Mr. Hutchinson.
		<i>Tellers,</i>
		Mr. Kelly,
		Mr. Chapman.

Addition of proposed words negatived.

No. 15.

No. 15.

SAME BILL.

Same Clause.

Question put,—That the clause as amended stand part of the Bill.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Manning,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Newton,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Scott,	Mr. John Wilkinson.
Mr. Francis Clarke,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. R. G. D. FitzGerald,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Waddell.
Mr. Murphy,	
Mr. McMillan,	

Noes, 17.

Mr. Gardiner,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Rose,	Mr. Danahey.
Dr. Hollis,	
Mr. McGowen,	
Mr. Black,	
Mr. Schey,	
Mr. Miller,	
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,	
Mr. Cann,	
Mr. Edden,	
Mr. Langwell,	
Mr. Fegan,	
Mr. Darnley,	
Mr. Cook,	

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

No. 16.

SAME BILL.

Clause 6. The annual composition payable to the Commissioner of Stamp Duties under section twenty-four of the Stamp Duties Act of 1880 shall be at the rate of "fifty" shillings for every one hundred pounds upon the amount of notes mentioned in "that" section. *(Read.)* Stamp duty at rate of 2½ per cent.

Motion made (*Mr. Schey*) to omit from line 2 the word "fifty" with a view to the insertion in its place of the words "one hundred"

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 29.

Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Bruce Smith,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. R. G. D. FitzGerald,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Francis Clarke,	Mr. John Wilkinson,
Mr. Scott,	Mr. Newton.
Mr. Kidd,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Chapman.
Mr. Morgan,	
Mr. Manning,	

Noes, 18.

Mr. Gardiner,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Rose,
Dr. Hollis,	Mr. Schey.
Mr. McGowen,	
Mr. Bavister,	
Mr. Black,	
Mr. Fegan,	
Mr. Darnley,	
Mr. Danahey,	
Mr. Cook,	
Mr. Langwell,	
Mr. Edden,	
Mr. Cann,	
Mr. Miller,	
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	

Word stands.

No. 17.

SAME BILL.

Same Clause.

Motion made (*Mr. Waddell*) to omit from line 3 the word "that" with a view to the insertion in its place of the words "the said"

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 38.

Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Manning,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Scott,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Francis Clarke,	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. R. G. D. Fitzgerald,	Mr. John Wilkinson,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Newton,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Hutchinson.
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Cann,	Dr. Hollis.
Mr. Chapman,	

Noes, 9.

Mr. Gardiner,	
Mr. Davis,	
Mr. Black,	
Mr. Rose,	
Mr. McGowen,	
Mr. Fegan,	
Mr. Darnley,	
<i>Tellers,</i>	
Mr. Schey,	
Mr. Waddell,	

Word stands.

No. 18.

SAME BILL.

Same Clause.

Motion made (*Mr. Rose*) to add to the clause the words "on all issues up to five hundred thousand pounds."

Question

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

Ayes, 7.

- Mr. Schey,
- Mr. Davis,
- Mr. Rose,
- Mr. Miller,
- Mr. Black.

Tellers,

- Mr. McGowen,
- Mr. Gardiner.

Noes, 40.

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| Mr. Slattery, | Mr. McMillan, |
| Mr. Barton, | Mr. Kelly, |
| Mr. Waddell, | Mr. Manning, |
| Dr. Hollis, | Mr. Darnley, |
| Mr. Vaughn, | Mr. Bowes, |
| Mr. Bruce Smith, | Mr. Hart, |
| Mr. Hugh Taylor, | Mr. Bavister, |
| Mr. Grahame, | Mr. Cook, |
| Mr. Scott, | Mr. Danahey, |
| Mr. Scobie, | Mr. Fegan, |
| Mr. Suttor, | Mr. Chapman, |
| Mr. R. G. D. FitzGerald, | Mr. Dickens, |
| Mr. Gillics, | Mr. Sharp, |
| Mr. Hugh McKinnon, | Mr. Newton, |
| Mr. Cann, | Mr. Gormly, |
| Mr. Bruce Smith, | Mr. Edden, |
| Mr. John Wilkinson, | Mr. Hutchinson. |
| Mr. Kidd, | |
| Mr. Francis Clarke, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Sir George Dibbs, | Mr. Morgan, |
| Mr. Murphy, | Mr. Langwell. |

Addition of proposed words negatived.

No. 19.

SAME BILL.

Same Clause.

Question put,—That the clause as read stand part of the Bill.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 37.

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| Mr. R. G. D. FitzGerald, | Mr. McMillan, |
| Sir George Dibbs, | Mr. Sydney Smith, |
| Mr. Kelly, | Mr. McGowen, |
| Mr. Suttor, | Mr. Chapman, |
| Mr. Gillics, | Mr. Black, |
| Mr. Kidd, | Mr. Scobie, |
| Mr. Waddell, | Mr. Hart, |
| Mr. Barton, | Mr. Bowes, |
| Mr. Slattery, | Mr. Edden, |
| Mr. Hugh Taylor, | Mr. Danahey, |
| Mr. Grahame, | Mr. Darnley, |
| Mr. Scott, | Mr. Bavister, |
| Mr. Jeanneret, | Mr. Hutchinson, |
| Mr. Manning, | Mr. Newton, |
| Mr. Sharp, | Mr. Gormly. |
| Mr. Morgan, | |
| Mr. Francis Clarke, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Vaughn, | Mr. Dickens, |
| Mr. Bruce Smith, | Mr. Murphy. |
| Mr. John Wilkinson, | |

Noes, 11.

- Mr. Langwell,
- Mr. Davis,
- Dr. Hollis,
- Mr. Rose,
- Mr. Schey,
- Mr. Cook,
- Mr. Miller,
- Mr. Gardiner,
- Mr. Fegan.

Tellers,

- Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
- Mr. Cann.

Clause, as read, agreed to.

No. 20.

SAME BILL.

Notes to be legal tender except at chief office in Sydney.

Clause 7. A tender of notes issued under the authority of this Act shall, everywhere within the Colony, except as hereinafter provided, be a legal tender to the amount expressed in those notes.

Provided that this section shall operate in respect of the notes of any bank only so long as it continues to pay them in gold on demand at its chief office in Sydney.

Provided also that no notes shall be legal tender of payment by any bank at its chief office in Sydney. (*Read.*)

Motion made (*Mr. Cann*) to add to clause the words "or any branch at Broken Hill"

Motion made (*Dr. Hollis*) to add to the amendment the words "Newcastle, Tenterfield, Bathurst, Bourke, Goulburn and Albury"

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

Ayes, 19.

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| Mr. Edden, | Mr. Darnley, |
| Mr. Schey, | Mr. Newton, |
| Mr. Rose, | Mr. McGowen. |
| Mr. Hugh McKinnon, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Dr. Hollis, | |
| Mr. Cook, | Mr. Grahame, |
| Mr. Cann, | Mr. Fegan. |
| Mr. Langwell, | |
| Mr. Miller, | |
| Mr. Bavister, | |
| Mr. Davis, | |
| Mr. Black, | |
| Mr. Gardiner, | |
| Mr. Danahey, | |

Noes, 25.

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| Mr. Manning, | Mr. Hart, |
| Mr. Hugh Taylor, | Mr. Francis Clarke, |
| Mr. Barton, | Mr. Gillics, |
| Mr. Slattery, | Mr. Sydney Smith, |
| Mr. Suttor, | Mr. Kelly, |
| Mr. Kidd, | Mr. Gormly, |
| Mr. Bruce Smith, | Mr. Murphy, |
| Mr. Sharp, | Mr. John Wilkinson, |
| Mr. Scobie, | Mr. Hutchinson. |
| Mr. R. G. D. FitzGerald, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Morgan, | |
| Sir George Dibbs, | Mr. Waddell, |
| Mr. McMillan, | Mr. Bowes. |
| Mr. Dickens, | |

Addition to amendment of proposed words negatived.

No. 21.

No. 21.

SAME BILL.

Same Clause.

Motion made (*Mr. Hugh McKinnon*) to add to the amendment the words "Wagga, Morpeth,
"West Maitland, Raymond Terrace, Kempsey, Dubbo, Singleton, Tarco"

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 6.

Mr. Schey,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Gardiner.

Tellers,

Mr. Rose,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon.

Noes, 39.

Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Manning,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Jeanneret,	Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Cann,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Newton,
Mr. Hart,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Dickens,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Bavister,	Mr. John Wilkinson.
Dr. Hollis,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Francis Clarke,	Mr. R. G. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. Miller,	Mr. Fegan.
Mr. Danahey,	
Mr. Edden,	

Addition to amendment of proposed words negatived.

No. 22.

SAME BILL.

Same Clause.

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 20.

Mr. Hugh McKinnon,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Rose,	Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Miller,	Mr. Grahame.

Tellers,

Mr. Edden,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Langwell.
Mr. Davis,	
Mr. Dickens,	
Mr. Bavister,	
Dr. Hollis,	
Mr. Cook,	
Mr. Gardiner,	
Mr. Darnley,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	

Addition of proposed words negatived.

Noes, 25.

Mr. Manning,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Francis Clarke,
Mr. Jeanneret,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. R. G. D. FitzGerald,	Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Sydney Smith.
Sir George Dibbs,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. John Wilkinson,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Newton.
Mr. Bruce Smith,	
Mr. McMillan,	

No. 23.

SAME BILL.

Same Clause.

Motion made (*Mr. Schey*) to add to the clause the words "and such other places as the
"Governor may by proclamation from time to time declare"

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Schey,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Miller,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Rose.
Mr. Davis,	
Mr. Cook,	
Mr. Francis Clarke,	
Mr. Kelly,	
Dr. Hollis,	
Mr. Fegan,	
Mr. Langwell,	
Mr. Cann,	
Mr. McGowen,	
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,	
Mr. Gardiner,	
Mr. Darnley,	

Noes, 29.

Mr. Grahame,	Mr. John Wilkinson,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. R. G. D. FitzGerald,	Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Scobie,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Jeanneret,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Scott,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Sharp.
Mr. Newton,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Manning,
Mr. Bowes,	Mr. Bavister.
Mr. Sydney Smith,	
Mr. Danahey,	

Addition of proposed words negatived.

No. 24.

SAME BILL.

Same Clause.

Motion made (*Mr. Schey*) to add to the clause the words "and all its offices within the city boundaries."

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

Ayes, 10.

Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Gardiner.

Tellers.

Mr. Rose,
Mr. Schey.

Noes, 32.

Mr. Grahame, Mr. Kidd, Mr. Hugh Taylor, Mr. Barton, Mr. R. G. D. FitzGerald, Mr. Slattery, Mr. Waddell, Mr. Danahey, Sir George Dibbs, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Suttor, Mr. Manning, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Scott, Mr. Jeanneret, Mr. Scobie, Mr. Bavister,	Mr. Copeland, Mr. John Wilkinson, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Francis Clarke, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Gillies, Mr. Newton, Mr. Miller, Mr. McMillan, Mr. Hart, Mr. Hutchinson, Dr. Hollis, Mr. Gormly, Tellers, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Bowes.
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Addition of proposed words negatived.

No. 25.

SAME BILL.

Same Clause.

Question put,—That the clause as read stand part of the Bill.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Barton, Sir George Dibbs, Mr. Slattery, Mr. Manning, Mr. Kidd, Mr. Gillies, Mr. Francis Clarke, Mr. John Wilkinson, Mr. R. G. D. FitzGerald, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Hugh Taylor, Mr. Suttor, Mr. Scott, Mr. Grahame, Mr. Dickens, Mr. Bowes, Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Murphy, Mr. Danahey, Mr. Bavister, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. McMillan, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Scobie, Mr. Davis, Mr. Hart, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Newton, Mr. Gormly, Tellers, Mr. Jeanneret, Mr. Waddell.
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Noes, 11.

Mr. Black,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Fegan,
Dr. Hollis,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Gardiner.
Tellers,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Rose.

Clause, as read, agreed to.

No. 26.

SAME BILL.

Clause 8. Section one of the Bank Issue Act is hereby repealed, and it is declared and enacted that the past operation of that section had and shall have the effect only of charging the assets of a bank in the event of the winding-up of that bank **whether voluntary or otherwise.** (*Read.*)

And the clause having been amended as indicated,—

Motion made (*Mr. Schey*) to add to the clause as amended, the words "or any reconstruction or arrangement with its creditors"

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. McGowen, Mr. Bavister, Mr. Rose, Mr. Black, Mr. Fegan, Mr. Langwell, Mr. Miller, Dr. Hollis, Mr. Edden, Mr. Danahey, Mr. Cook, Mr. Davis, Mr. Darnley, Mr. Gardiner.	Tellers, Mr. Schey, Mr. Hugh McKinnon.
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Noes, 27.

Mr. Barton, Mr. Slattery, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Waddell, Sir George Dibbs, Mr. Suttor, Mr. G. R. D. FitzGerald, Mr. Hugh Taylor, Mr. Grahame, Mr. Scott, Mr. Gormly, Mr. Scobie, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Manning, Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Murphy, Mr. Bowes, Mr. Gillies, Mr. John Wilkinson, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. McMillan, Mr. Hart, Mr. Jeanneret, Mr. Newton, Mr. Hutchinson, Tellers, Mr. Francis Clarke, Mr. Kelly.
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Addition of proposed words negatived.

No. 27.

No. 27.

SAME BILL.

Same Clause.

Question put,—That the clause as read stand part of the Bill.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 35.

Mr. Barton,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. R. G. D. FitzGerald,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Manning,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. John Wilkinson,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Cruickshank,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Newton,
Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Jeanneret.
Mr. Grahame,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Scott,	Mr. York,
Mr. Bowes,	Mr. Dickens.
Mr. Gould,	
Mr. Francis Clarke,	

Noes, 14.

Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Rose,
Dr. Hollis,
Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Edden.

Tellers,

Mr. Davis,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon.

Clause, as read, agreed to.

No. 28.

SAME BILL.

Clause 9. All notes issued, circulated, or reissued in this Colony by any bank shall, to the amount of the issue authorised, be a first charge in the event of the winding-up of the bank on all the assets and property of the bank, being assets for the payment of debts or other obligations contracted or entered upon or due and payable in the Colony aforesaid. (Read.)

Notes to be first charge on winding-up.

Motion made, (*Mr. R. G. D. FitzGerald*) to add to this clause the word "aforesaid."

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 34.

Mr. Barton,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Manning,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. York,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Danahey,
Mr. R. G. D. FitzGerald,	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. McMillan,
Mr. John Wilkinson,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Cruickshank,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Newton,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Jeanneret.
Mr. Grahame,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Scott,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Bowes.
Mr. Francis Clarke,	

Noes, 15.

Mr. Schey,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Miller,
Dr. Hollis,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Darnley.

Tellers,

Mr. Black,
Mr. McGowen.

Word added.

No. 29.

SAME BILL.

Same Clause.

Question put,—That the clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 34.

Mr. Barton,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. R. G. D. FitzGerald,	Mr. Manning,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Murphy,	Mr. York,
Mr. John Wilkinson,	Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Cruickshank,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Newton,
Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Jeanneret.
Mr. Scott,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Bowes,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Dickens.
Mr. Francis Clarke,	

Noes, 14.

Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Miller,
Dr. Hollis,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Gardiner.

Tellers,

Mr. Edden,
Mr. Langwell.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

No. 30.

No. 30.

SAME BILL.

Recovery of penalties.

Clause 10. All penalties may be recovered by action of debt in the Supreme or any District Court. (*Read.*)

Motion made (*Mr. Schey*) to add to the clause the words "by any resident of New South Wales."

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 16.

Dr. Hollis,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Black,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Darnley.

Tellers,

Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Schey.

Noes, 33.

Mr. Barton,
Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Gould,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. R. G. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. Bruce Smith,
Mr. John Wilkinson,
Sir George Dibbs,
Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Francis Clarke,
Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Hart,
Mr. York,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Newton,
Mr. Jeanneret,
Tellers.
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Cruickshank.

Addition of proposed words negatived.

No. 31.

SAME BILL.

Same Clause.

Question put,—That the clause as read stand part of the Bill.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 33.

Mr. Barton,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Gillies,
Mr. R. G. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. Bruce Smith,
Mr. John Wilkinson,
Mr. Morgan,
Sir George Dibbs,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Francis Clarke,
Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Gould,
Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Murphy,
Mr. York,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. Hart,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Newton,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Jeanneret,
Tellers.
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Scobie.

Noes, 16.

Dr. Hollis,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Black,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Gardiner,
Tellers.
Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Bavister.

Clause, as read, agreed to.

No. 32.

SAME BILL.

Definitions.

Clause 11. In this Act the word "bank" includes a branch bank and agency, and means a company or corporation carrying on the business of banking; and the word "notes" means promissory-notes made by a bank payable to bearer on demand. (*Read.*)

Question put,—That the clause as read stand part of the Bill.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Barton,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Gillies,
Mr. R. G. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. Bruce Smith,
Mr. John Wilkinson,
Mr. Morgan,
Sir George Dibbs,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Francis Clarke,
Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Gould,
Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Hart,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Newton,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Jeanneret,
Tellers.
Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Scott.

Noes, 15.

Mr. McGowen,
Dr. Hollis,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Schey,
Tellers.
Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Gardiner.

Clause, as read, agreed to.

No. 33.

No. 33.

SAME BILL.

Clause 12. This Act shall take effect on and from the ~~_____ day of _____, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three;~~ ^{Commencement and short title.} have effect for eighteen months and no longer from the date of the passing thereof and may be cited as the "Bank Notes Act of 1893." (*Read.*)

Motion made (*Mr. McMillan*) to omit from lines 1 and 2 the words "shall take effect on and from the _____ day of _____, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three;" with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "have effect for 'eighteen' months and no longer from the date of the passing thereof."

And the words proposed to be omitted having been omitted,—

Motion made (*Mr. Hugh McKinnon*) to omit from the amendment the word "eighteen" with a view to the insertion in its place of the word "twelve"

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Barton,	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Scott,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Francis Clarke,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. York,
Mr. R. G. D. FitzGerald,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. John Wilkinson,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Newton,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. McMillan,	
Mr. Dickens,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Manning,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Sharp,	

Noes, 15.

Mr. Cann,
Dr. Hollis,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Langwell,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Cook,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Davis,

Word in amendment stands.

And the clause having been amended as indicated by the insertion of the words proposed,—

No. 34.

SAME BILL.

Same Clause.

Question put,—That the clause as amended stand part of the Bill.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 34.

Mr. Manning,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Gould,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. R. G. D. FitzGerald,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. John Wilkinson,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Newton,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Jeanneret.
Mr. Scott,	
Mr. Bowes,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Francis Clarke,	Mr. York,
Mr. Cruickshank,	Mr. Sharp.

Noes, 14.

Mr. Cann,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Langwell,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Cook,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Rose,
Dr. Hollis,

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

No. 35.

SAME BILL.

SCHEDULE.

Bank of New South Wales.
 Commercial Banking Company of Sydney (Limited).
 Union Bank of Australia (Limited).
 Bank of Australasia.
 Australian Joint Stock Bank (Limited).
 London Bank of Australia (Limited).
 Commercial Bank of Australia (Limited).
 City Bank of Sydney.
 English, Scottish, and Australian Bank (Limited).
 Bank of New Zealand.
 National Bank of Australasia (Limited).
 "Queensland National Bank (Limited)." (*Read.*)

Motion

Motion made (*Mr. John Wilkinson*) to omit line 12, viz., "Queensland National Bank (Limited)."

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Francis Clarke,
Mr. Manning,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. York,
Mr. R. G. D. FitzGerald,	Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Bowes,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Newton,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Jeanneret.
Mr. Scott,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Murphy.
Mr. Gillies,	

Noes, 17.

Dr. Hollis,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,	Mr. Rose,
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Fegan.
Mr. Schey,	
Mr. Edden,	
Mr. Bavister,	
Mr. Cook,	
Mr. Davis,	
Mr. Langwell,	
Mr. Cann,	
Mr. Darnley,	
Mr. Black,	
Mr. Danahey,	
Mr. Miller,	
Mr. McGowen.	

Words stand.

No. 36.

SAME BILL.

Same Schedule.

One of the Honorable Members for Redfern, Mr. Schey, having been directed by the Chairman, under Standing Order No. 20, to discontinue his speech on account of its unwarrantable length, required that the Question, "Whether he be further heard," be put,—and Question put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 24.

Mr. Schey,	Mr. Danahey,
Dr. Hollis,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Scott,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Darnley,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Newton.
Mr. Cann,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Bavister,	Mr. Rose,
Mr. Miller,	Mr. Fegan.
Mr. Langwell,	

Noes, 24.

Mr. Barton,	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Gillies,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Manning,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. York,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. R. G. D. FitzGerald,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. John Wilkinson,	Mr. Jeanneret.
Mr. Hayes,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Bowes.
Mr. Francis Clarke,	

The numbers being equal, the Chairman gave his casting vote with the *Noes*, and declared the Question to have passed in the *negative*.

No. 37.

SAME BILL.

Same Schedule.

Question put,—That the Schedule as read stand part of the Bill.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 31.

Mr. R. G. D. FitzGerald,	Mr. Francis Clarke,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Manning,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. John Wilkinson,	Mr. York,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Dickens,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Jeanneret,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Newton.
Mr. Sharp,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Bowes.
Mr. Hayes,	
Mr. Scott,	

Noes, 19.

Dr. Hollis,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Rose,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Hugh McKinnon.
Mr. Fegan,	
Mr. Black,	
Mr. Davis,	
Mr. Edden,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Murphy,	
Mr. Miller,	
Mr. Danahey,	
Mr. Langwell,	
Mr. McGowen,	
Mr. Cann,	
Mr. Darnley,	
Mr. Bavister,	
Mr. Cook.	

Schedule, as read, agreed to.

No. 38.

SAME BILL.

Preamble.

Be it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—(*Read.*)

Question

Question put,—That this be the Preamble of the Bill.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 30.

Mr. R. G. D. FitzGerald,	Mr. Manning,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Sutton,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. York,
Mr. John Wilkinson,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Dickens,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Newton,
Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Jeanneret.
Mr. Waddell,	
Mr. Kidd,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Scott,
Mr. Francis Clarke,	Mr. Sharp.

Noes, 17.

Dr. Hollis,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Rose,	Mr. Gardiner.
Mr. Schey,	
Mr. Fegan,	
Mr. Miller,	
Mr. Cook,	
Mr. Davis,	
Mr. Bavister,	
Mr. Edden,	
Mr. Danahey,	
Mr. Langwell,	
Mr. McGowen,	
Mr. Cann,	
Mr. Darnley.	

Preamble agreed to.

On motion of Sir George Dibbs, the Chairman left the Chair to report the Bill with amendments to the House.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk Assistant.

1893.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

No. 7.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS

IN

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

(EXTRACTED FROM THE MINUTES.)

WEDNESDAY, 29 NOVEMBER, 1893.

No. 1.

MINING ON PRIVATE LANDS BILL:—

Clause 9. It shall be lawful for the Warden of any mining district to grant to any person in the prescribed manner an authority **in duplicate** to enter into and upon any private land which is subject to the operations of mining under the provisions of this Act, and on ~~exhibiting such authority to~~ **servicing the duplicate of such authority on** the owner or occupier thereof, such person shall either personally or by his agent be entitled to search and examine the surface of such land, but shall not be entitled to commence ~~mining operations to mine~~ thereon or thereunder until the amount of compensation, to be ascertained as hereinafter provided, shall have been paid, and a lease from the Governor to such person shall have been first obtained. And any person applying for authority to examine the surface of such private land, or for a mining lease thereof, shall (if the Register of Crown grants has been provided, but not otherwise) accompany such application with a certified copy of the form of mineral reservation contained in the grant of such land, and such certified copy shall be supplied by the Land "Agent" of the district wherein such land is situated, and shall be a correct extract from the Register of Crown grants, or shall certify that a grant of such land is not included in such Register. (*Further considered.*)

The clause having been amended as indicated,—

Motion made (*Mr. Wall*) to insert after "Agent" in line 13, the words "or by the Mining Registrar"Question put,—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 18.

Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Newton,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Rac,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Lonsdale.

Tellers,

Mr. Wall,
Mr. Fegan.

Noes, 52.

Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Levien,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Holborow,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Cruickshank,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Newman,	Mr. J. A. Mackinnon,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Scott,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Hart,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Jeanneret,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Francis Clarke,
Mr. Donald,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Want,	Mr. Davister,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Danahey,
Dr. Cullen,	Mr. Sheldon.
Mr. Hassall,	
Mr. Perry,	Tellers,
Mr. Donnelly,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Hugh McKinnon.

*Insertion of proposed words negatived.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.*

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And

No. 2. And clauses 10 to 22 having been dealt with,—

SAME BILL.

Duration of lease.

Rents payable.

Area of lease.

Clause 23. The term for which a lease may be granted under this Act shall not exceed twenty years, but may, subject to such conditions as the Governor may approve, be renewed for a further period not exceeding twenty years, and the yearly rental reserved to the owner of the land in respect of such leases shall be two shillings and sixpence per acre for land whereof the mining will be confined to minerals other than gold, and ~~five~~ **twenty** shillings per acre for land applied for for gold-mining purposes. The area of a lease shall not exceed twenty acres in the case of ordinary auriferous lands, and shall not exceed forty acres in the case of alluvial auriferous land where the mining operations will be conducted through basaltic rock formations, or where the quantity of water is such as to necessitate the erection of steam machinery, or where, in the opinion of the Minister, a large outlay of money is necessary to make such land available for gold-mining purposes. And no lease of land for mining for minerals other than gold shall be granted of an area greater than eighty acres except in the case of land containing coal, and in such case the area shall not exceed six hundred and forty acres. Where practicable such leases shall be granted in conformity with the existing divisions of such land, but in all other cases such leases shall be measured in the prescribed form. The areas and rents herein specified shall apply to leases whether for only below the surface or for both on and below the surface. (*Read.*)

Motion made (*Mr. Copeland*) to omit from line 6 the word "five" with a view to the insertion in its place of the word "twenty"

And the word "five" having been omitted,—

Question put,—That the word proposed to be inserted be so inserted.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 44.

Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. J. A. Mackinnon,
Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Colls,
Mr. Donnelly,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. A'Beckett,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Donald,
Mr. Francis Clarke,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. McGowen,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Rae,
Mr. Wall,	Mr. Murphy.
Mr. Darnley,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Newman,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Hassall.
Mr. Cook,	

Noes, 6.

Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Lees,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Lee.

Tellers,

Mr. Jones,
Mr. Lonsdale.

Word inserted.

On motion of Mr. Copeland, the Chairman left the Chair to report progress and ask leave to sit again To-morrow.

• THURSDAY, 30 NOVEMBER, 1893.

No. 3.

MINING ON PRIVATE LANDS BILL.

Duration of lease.

Rents payable.

Area of lease.

Clause 23. The term for which a lease may be granted under this Act shall not exceed twenty years, but may, subject to such conditions as the Governor may approve, be renewed for a further period not exceeding twenty years, and the yearly rental reserved to the owner of the land in respect of such leases shall be two shillings and sixpence per acre for land whereof the mining will be confined to minerals other than gold, and ~~five~~ **twenty** shillings per acre for land applied for for gold mining purposes. The area of a lease shall not exceed ~~twenty~~ **five** acres in the case of ordinary auriferous lands, and shall not exceed forty acres in the case of alluvial auriferous land where the mining operations will be conducted through basaltic rock formations, or where the quantity of water is such as to necessitate the erection of steam machinery, or where, in the opinion of the Minister, a large outlay of money is necessary to make such land available for gold-mining purposes. And no lease of land for mining for minerals other than gold shall be granted of an area greater than eighty acres except in the case of land containing coal, and in such case the area shall not exceed six hundred and forty acres. Where practicable such leases shall be granted in conformity with the existing divisions of such land, but in all other cases such leases shall be measured in the prescribed form. The areas and rents herein specified shall apply to leases whether for only below the surface or for both on and below the surface. (*Further considered.*)

The Clause having been amended as indicated,—

Motion made (*Mr. Chapman*) to omit from line 7 the word "twenty" with a view to the insertion in its place of the word "five"

Question

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

Ayes, 33.

Mr. Barton,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Vaughn.
Mr. Lyne,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Dowel,	Mr. Parkes.
Mr. H. H. Brown,	
Mr. Bowes,	
Mr. Gillies,	
Sir Henry Parkes,	
Mr. McMillan,	
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,	
Mr. Lee,	
Mr. Marks,	
Mr. Francis Clarke,	
Mr. Barbour,	
Mr. Johnston,	
Mr. Morgan,	
Mr. Morton,	
Mr. Stevenson,	

Noes, 46.

Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Rae,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Eve,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Danahey,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Traill,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Hart,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. A'Beckett,	Mr. Barister,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Jeanneret,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Donald,	Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Newton,
Mr. Newman,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Darnley.
Mr. Hutchinson,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cotton,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Pegan.
Mr. G. D. Clark,	

Word omitted.

No. 4.

SAME BILL.

Same Clause.

Question put,—That the word proposed to be inserted be so inserted.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 46.

Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Newman,	Mr. Barister,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Traill,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Jeanneret,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Hart,	Mr. Darnley,
Mr. A'Beckett,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,	Mr. Newton,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Eve,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Miller,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Cotton,	Mr. Campbell.
Mr. Nicoll,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. G. D. Clark,	Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Rae,	Mr. Cullen.
Mr. Donald,	

Noes, 31.

Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Holborow.
Mr. Suttor,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Johnston.
Mr. Dowel,	
Mr. Marks,	
Mr. Fuller,	
Mr. Parkes,	
Mr. Barbour,	
Mr. Stevenson,	
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,	
Mr. Kidd,	
Mr. Lyne,	
Mr. Hassall,	
Mr. Gillies,	
Mr. Vaughan,	
Mr. Perry,	
Mr. Francis Clarke,	
Mr. Cruickshank,	
Mr. H. H. Brown,	

Word inserted.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

And Clauses 24 to 27 having been dealt with,—

No. 5.

SAME BILL.

Clause 28. Adjoining lands or lands disconnected by roads only and held under separate leases may be worked conjointly as one mine, provided such contiguous lands shall not in the aggregate exceed the area allowed respectively for leases under this Act, and except as hereinafter provided such mines shall be continuously worked according to the practice of efficient mining. And every lease granted under the authority of this Act shall contain a provision that if the lessee, his executors, administrators, or assigns fail at any time during the term of such lease to fulfil the conditions and covenants therein contained, or to use the land *bona fide* for the purposes for which it shall be demised, such lease shall for any such failure be liable for forfeiture and may be forfeited on the authority of the Governor: Provided that if at any time the mine shall become unworkable from any cause which, in the opinion of the Minister **Warden**, would necessitate a suspension of mining operations, he may grant such suspension for a period not exceeding ~~six~~ **three** months, "and, in the event of operations having wholly ceased in connection with such mine for a period of" ~~twelve~~ **six** months, the lease shall thereupon become absolutely void and determined. (*Read.*)

Adjoining lands may be worked as one area.

Failing to fulfil conditions lease may be forfeited.

And

And the clause having been amended as indicated,—

Motion made (*Mr. Wall*) to omit from lines 12 and 13 the words “and, in the event of operations having wholly ceased in connection with such mine for a period of”

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 57.

Mr. Levien,	Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Eyo,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Jeanneret,
Mr. Donald,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Dowel,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Newton,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Scott,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Marks,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Sheldon,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Francis Clarke,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Langwell,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Kirkpatrick.
Mr. Rae,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Willis,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Hassall.
Mr. Fuller,	
Mr. Stevenson,	

Noes, 14.

Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Wall,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Jones.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Lees,
Mr. Chapman.

Words stand.

No. 6.

SAME BILL.

Same Clause.

Motion made (*Mr. Newman*) to omit from line 14 the word “twelve” with a view to the insertion in its place of the word “six”

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Barton,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Holborow.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Francis Clarke,
Mr. Gillies.

Noes, 44.

Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Miller,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Darnley,	Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Hart,	Mr. Scott,
Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Jeanneret,	Mr. Newton,
Mr. Donald,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. McGowen.
Mr. Rae,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Cotton,	Mr. Newman.
Mr. Wall,	
Mr. G. D. Clark,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Black,	
Mr. Davis,	

Word omitted.

And the word “six” having been inserted in the place of the word omitted,—

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

And the remaining clauses of the Bill having been dealt with,—

No. 7.

No. 7.

SAME BILL.

Mr. Copeland brought up a new clause, to follow Clause 27 of the Bill:—

The owner of any private land shall be at liberty to enter into an agreement in writing with any holder of a miner's right giving such holder power to take possession of such land for gold-mining purposes as if it were Crown land, subject to the regulations of the Mining Board in force for the time being, and it shall not be necessary to obtain a mining lease under the provisions of this Act for such private land so occupied as aforesaid under miners' rights: Provided that every such agreement shall within seven days thereafter be registered with the Mining Registrar for the district in which such land is situated, in accordance with regulations to be made by the Governor. **And in such case no royalty shall be payable to the Crown, the owner, or occupier on the gold obtained therefrom, whether such gold has been specifically reserved to the Crown or otherwise.**

Power to owner of private land to enter into agreement with holder of miner's right to occupy for mining purposes.

(Read.)

And the clause having been amended as indicated,—

Question put,—That the clause as amended stand part of the Bill.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Newton,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Donald,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Lovien,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Scott,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Francis Clarke,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Holborow.
Mr. Sharp,	
Mr. Johnston,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Hassall.

Noes, 27.

Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,	Mr. Rae,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Miller,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Hart,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. A'Beckett,	Mr. Cann.
Mr. Morgan,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cotton,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Fegan.
Mr. Hindle,	
Mr. Darnley,	
Mr. Danahey,	
Mr. Houghton,	
Mr. Schey,	
Mr. Nicholson,	

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

And the preamble and title having been dealt with,—

On motion of Mr. Copeland, the Chairman left the Chair to report the Bill with amendments and an amended title to the House.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk Assistant.

1893.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

No. 8.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS

IN

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

(EXTRACTED FROM THE MINUTES.)

TUESDAY, 5 DECEMBER, 1893.

No. 1.

STORM-DRAINS AND SEWERS BILL:—

Clause 1 having been amended and agreed to,—
Clause 2.

- (I) The Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, may, by proclamation in the *Gazette*, declare that any storm-water drains and sewers therein mentioned, together with any lands and buildings used in connection therewith shall be, and the same shall thereupon be transferred to and vested in the Board on behalf of Her Majesty. Proclamation as to drains and sewers and drainage areas.
- (II) The Governor, with the advice aforesaid, may also by the same or any other proclamation in the *Gazette* declare the boundaries of a drainage area in respect of those drains and sewers. Provided that thirty days notice of such proposed drainage area shall be given in the *Gazette* and in a local newspaper, and that an appeal against the boundaries of such area may be made by any person or body interested to the nearest Court of Petty Sessions, whose decision on such appeal shall be taken as a recommendation to the Governor, and the boundaries shall then be amended in accordance with such recommendation, and the Minister for Works may make, alter, and repeal by-laws to give better effect to this provision. (*Read.*)

And the clause having been amended as indicated,—

Question put,—That the clause as amended stand part of the Bill.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 78.

- Mr. Barton,
- Mr. Hogan,
- Mr. Lyne,
- Mr. Grahame,
- Mr. Kidd,
- Mr. Kelly,
- Mr. Perry,
- Mr. Bowes,
- Mr. Slattery,
- Mr. Parkes,
- Mr. Morton,
- Mr. Young,
- Mr. R. G. D. FitzGerald,
- Mr. Marks,
- Mr. Hugh Taylor,
- Dr. Ross,
- Mr. Henry Clarke,
- Mr. Barnes,
- Mr. Manning,
- Mr. Barbour,
- Mr. Gould,
- Mr. Scobie,
- Mr. Molesworth,
- Mr. Chanter,
- Mr. Sheldon,
- Mr. Truill,
- Mr. Nicoll,
- Sir Henry Parkes,
- Mr. Want,
- Mr. Houghton,
- Mr. Joseph Abbott,
- Mr. McCourt,
- Mr. Crick,
- Mr. Hutchinson,
- Mr. Stevenson,
- Mr. Gillies,
- Mr. Levien,
- Mr. Torpy,
- Mr. Sharp,
- Mr. Newman,
- Mr. Eyo,
- Mr. Davis,
- Mr. Nicholson,
- Mr. Tonkin,
- Mr. Fuller,
- Mr. McCredie,
- Mr. Lonsdale,
- Mr. Langwell,
- Mr. Rae,
- Mr. Bavister,
- Mr. Lees,
- Mr. Gough,
- Mr. Johnston,
- Mr. Hassall,

Noes, 8.

- Mr. G. D. Clark,
- Mr. Black,
- Mr. Fegan,
- Mr. Gardiner,
- Mr. Darnley,
- Mr. Scott.
- Tellers,*
- Mr. F. M. Clark,
- Mr. Danahey.

- Mr. O'Sullivan,
- Mr. Francis Clarke,
- Mr. H. H. Brown,
- Mr. Dickens,
- Mr. Chapman,
- Mr. Dawson,
- Mr. Rose,
- Mr. Hart,
- Mr. Lec,
- Mr. Hutchison,
- Mr. Jones,
- Mr. Carruthers,
- Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,
- Mr. Dowel,
- Mr. Collins,
- Mr. Schey,
- Dr. Culleu,
- Mr. Kirkpatrick,
- Mr. McFarlane,
- Mr. Cann,
- Mr. Willis,
- Mr. Donnelly.
- Tellers,*
- Mr. Alfred Allen,
- Mr. Cullen.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

No. 2.

SAME BILL.

Clause 3.

The Board may make, alter, and repeal by-laws:—

- (I) For prescribing the method of valuing the lands and tenements within a drainage area proclaimed under this Act: Provided that the valuation of any lands or tenements shall not exceed in any year the valuation (if any) of those lands or tenements during the same or the previous year by the Municipal Council of the city of Sydney, or of the Borough or Municipal District in which those lands or tenements are situated.
- (II) For prescribing the rates to be paid in respect of all or any of those lands and tenements, not exceeding the amount of ~~five~~ **three** pounds per centum per annum of the ~~valuation~~ **assessed rental value**.
- (III) For carrying this Act into effect.

All by-laws on being approved by the Governor, with the advice aforesaid, and published in the *Gazette*, shall have the force of law and shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament without delay. (*Read.*)

Motion made (*Mr. Joseph Abbott*) to omit from line 8 the word "five" with a view to the insertion in its place of the word "three"

And the word "five" having been omitted,—

Question put,—That the word "three" proposed to be inserted, be so inserted.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 51.

Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Dowel,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Bowes,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. Colls,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Chanter,
Mr. R. G. D. FitzGerald,	Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Marks,	Mr. Donnelly,
Mr. Harbour,	Mr. Wall,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. McCredie,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Scott,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Manning,	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Traill.
Mr. Kidd,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Newman,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Hassall.
Mr. McCourt,	
Sir George Dibbs,	

Noes, 24.

Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Burdakin,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Lec,
Mr. Eve,
Mr. Mollesworth,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Schey,
Dr. Cullen,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Lees,
Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Danahey.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Rae,
Mr. Black.

Word inserted.

And the clause having been further amended as indicated,—

Clause, as amended, agreed to:

And clause 4 having been agreed to,—

No. 3.

SAME BILL.

Clause 5.

- (I) The Board may impose the rates authorised by this Act, and may recover them from the owner "or occupier" of the lands or tenements in respect of which they are payable, and shall have for that purpose the powers granted to them in respect of sewerage rates by the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts 1880-1889 and this "Act": **Provided that the rate to be raised shall not exceed the amount of interest payable upon the capital cost of the drain or sewer and the expense of maintenance of the same.**
- (II) Provided that when sewerage rates become payable in respect of any lands or tenements, those lands and tenements shall be exempt from any rates imposed under the authority of this Act. (*Read.*)

Motion made (*Mr. Houghton*) to omit from line 2 the words "or occupier"

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

Committee

Rates and charges and by-laws.

Recovery of rates and charges.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 50.

Mr. Lyne,	Mr. McCredie,
Mr. Eve,	Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Colls,
Mr. Sheldon,	Mr. Gould,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Wall,	Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Francis Clarke,
Mr. Bowes,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. R. G. D. FitzGerald,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Manning,
Mr. Newman,	Mr. Scott,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. McCourt,	Dr. Ross,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Marks,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Dowel,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Donnelly,	Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Lees,	Mr. Rose.
Mr. Dickens,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Dr. Cullen,	
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Jeanneret,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Parkes.

Words stand.

Noes, 21.

Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Cook.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Alfred Allen.

No. 4.

SAME BILL.

Same clause.

Motion made (*Mr. Carruthers*) to insert in line 4 after the word "Act" the words "Provided that the rate to be raised shall not exceed the amount of interest payable upon the capital cost of the drain or sewer and the expense of maintenance of the same."

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 48.

Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Francis Clarke,
Mr. Danahey,	Mr. Gould,
Mr. Walker,	Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Wall,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Eve,	Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. Colls,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Jeanneret,	Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Donnelly,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Hart,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Marks,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Gough,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Hindle,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Hutchinson.
Mr. Houghton,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Langwell,	
Mr. Rae,	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. G. D. Clark,	Mr. Cullen.

Words inserted.

Noes, 17.

Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Barton,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Newman,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Scott,
Dr. Cullen,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Perry.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Morton.

No. 5.

SAME BILL.

Same clause.

Motion made (*Mr. Parkes*) to insert after the words just inserted the words "Provided also that the owner or owners shall have the right to appeal as to cost of works to arbitration as provided by the Arbitration Act of 1892."

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

Committee

Committee divided.

Ayes, 3.

Mr. Jones.

Tellers,

Mr. Burdckin,

Mr. Parkes.

Noes, 52.

Mr. Sheldon,

Mr. Perry,

Mr. Carruthers,

Mr. Lyne,

Mr. Rae,

Mr. McCredie,

Mr. McCourt,

Mr. Black,

Mr. Newman,

Mr. Dickess,

Mr. Sharp,

Dr. Ross,

Mr. Barbour,

Mr. Scott,

Mr. Marks,

Mr. Eve,

Mr. Fuller,

Mr. Wright,

Mr. Molesworth,

Mr. Hutchison,

Mr. Cullen,

Mr. Stevenson,

Mr. Walker,

Mr. Chanter,

Mr. Alfred Allen,

Mr. Houghton,

Mr. Hindle,

Mr. Nicoll,

Mr. Kidd,

Mr. Cook,

Mr. Cotton,

Mr. Barnes,

Mr. Barister,

Mr. Manning,

Mr. Torpy,

Mr. Scobie,

Mr. Donnelly,

Mr. Wall,

Mr. Colls,

Mr. Darnley,

Mr. Lees,

Mr. Langwell,

Mr. G. D. Clark,

Mr. Gardiner,

Mr. Schey,

Mr. Gough,

Mr. Hutchinson,

Mr. Chapman,

Mr. Fegan,

Mr. Collins.

Tellers,

Mr. E. M. Clark,

Mr. Danahey.

*Insertion of proposed words negatived.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.*

No. 6.

SAME BILL.

Ss. 5, 6, 7 of 53
Vic. No. 16 to
apply to storm-
water drains
and sewers.

Clause 6. The provisions of sections five, six, and seven of the "Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act Amendment Act of 1889" shall "*mutatis mutandis*," apply to storm-water drains and sewers transferred to and vested in the Board under this Act. (*Read.*)

Motion made (*Mr. Alfred Allen*) to omit from line 2 the words "*mutatis mutandis*" with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "notwithstanding any changes"

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 35.

Sir George Dibbs,

Mr. Barton,

Mr. Morton,

Mr. Lyne,

Mr. Kidd,

Mr. Slattery,

Mr. Sheldon,

Mr. Parkes,

Mr. Torpy,

Mr. Wright,

Mr. Barbour,

Mr. H. H. Brown,

Mr. Francis Clarke,

Mr. Marks,

Mr. Manning,

Mr. Barnes,

Mr. Sharp,

Dr. Ross,

Mr. Dowel,

Mr. R. G. D. FitzGerald,

Mr. Cruickshank,

Mr. Carruthers,

Mr. McCourt,

Mr. McCredie,

Mr. Gould,

Mr. Gardiner,

Mr. Scobie,

Mr. Jeanneret,

Mr. Colls,

Mr. Stevenson,

Mr. Wall,

Mr. Willis,

Mr. O'Sullivan.

Tellers,

Mr. Fuller,

Mr. Hassall.

Noes, 29.

Mr. Alfred Allen,

Mr. Houghton,

Mr. Nicholson,

Mr. Danahey,

Mr. Rae,

Mr. Black,

Mr. Newman,

Mr. Scott,

Mr. Molesworth,

Mr. E. M. Clark,

Mr. Walker,

Mr. Eve,

Mr. Chanter,

Mr. Hindle,

Mr. Nicoll,

Mr. Cotton,

Mr. Cook,

Mr. Langwell,

Mr. Darnley,

Mr. Gough,

Mr. Perry,

Mr. Lees,

Mr. Schey,

Mr. Fegan,

Mr. Jones,

Mr. Collins,

Mr. Hutchinson.

Tellers,

Mr. Barister.

Mr. G. D. Clark.

Words stand.

Clause, as read, agreed to.

And the remaining Clauses, three new Clauses, and the Preamble of the Bill having been dealt with,—

On motion of Mr. Lyne, the Chairman left the Chair to report the Bill with amendments to the House.

No. 7.

LIQUOR TRAFFIC LOCAL OPTION BILL (No. 2.)

(*Resolution.*)

Mr. Kidd moved,—That the Committee agree to the following Resolution:—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to make provision in substitution for some, and in aid of other provisions in the Sale of Liquors Licensing Acts, as to the voting in respect of licenses, and to enable electors in electorates to prevent the sale of intoxicating liquors, or otherwise to have effectual control over the drink traffic within such areas, "and to provide a system of compensation to all owners and occupiers who shall be affected by the closing of any hotel hereunder."

Motion made (*Mr. Alfred Allen*),—That the resolution be amended by the omission of the words "and to provide a system of compensation to all owners and occupiers who shall be affected by the closing of any hotel hereunder."

Question

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

Ayes, 47.

Mr. Barton,	Mr. Willis,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Traill,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Jeanneret,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Eve,
Mr. Sheldon,	Mr. Gough,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Dowel,	Mr. Fuller,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Colls,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Scott,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Marks,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Manning,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Francis Clarke,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. R. G. D. FitzGerald,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Hassall,	Sir George Dibbs,
Mr. Donnelly,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. J. D. FitzGerald.
Mr. Cruickshank,	
Mr. Nicoll,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Newman,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Lees,	Mr. Parkes.
Mr. Lync,	

Words stand.

Noes, 35.

Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Bowes,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Cann.
Mr. Hutchison,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Rose,	Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Cullen.
Mr. Scobie,	
Mr. Morton,	
Mr. Alfred Allen,	
Mr. Molesworth,	
Mr. Gould,	
Dr. Cullen,	
Mr. Perry,	
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	
Mr. Edden,	
Mr. Rae,	
Mr. Kirkpatrick,	
Mr. Langwell,	
Mr. Carruthers,	
Mr. Dawson,	

No. 8.

Same Resolution.

Question put,—That the Committee agree to the Resolution, as proposed.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 61.

Mr. Barton,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Willis,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Lync,	Mr. Traill,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Jeanneret,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Eve,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Gough,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Sheldon,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Dowel,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Colls,	Mr. Young,
Mr. Scott,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Marks,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Manning,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Francis Clarke,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. Gould,	Sir George Dibbs,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Donnelly,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,
Dr. Cullen,	Mr. Wall.
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Cruickshank,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. R. G. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. Newman,	Mr. Hassall.
Mr. Lees,	

Resolution agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Kidd, the Chairman left the Chair to report that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk Assistant.

