

Votes

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 17 JANUARY, 1894.

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 second day of January, 1894.

Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

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

" NEW SOUTH WALES, } Proclamation by His Excellency The Right Honorable Sir ROBERT
" to wit. } WILLIAM DUFF, a Member of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy
" (L.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 sixteenth day of January 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 Wednesday, the seventeenth day of January instant: And I do hereby further announce and proclaim that the said Parliament shall assemble for the despatch of business on the aforesaid seventeenth day of January 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 second day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four, 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 THE COMMISSIONERS:—The Usher of the Black Rod being admitted, delivered a Message, that "The Commissioners request the immediate attendance of this Honorable House in the Legislative Council Chamber, to hear the Commission for opening Parliament read." The House went, and the President said:—"Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,—His Excellency the Governor, not thinking it fit to be personally present here this day to declare the purpose for which this Session of Parliament is convened, has been pleased to cause a Commission to be issued, under the Great Seal of the Colony, constituting us Commissioners to do and perform all things required to be done or performed by or on behalf of Her Majesty, or by or on behalf of the Governor of the Colony, in and about the opening and holding of the said Session, as will more fully appear by the Commission itself, which must now be read."

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

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

" To all to whom these presents shall come,

" Greeting:—

" WHEREAS, by Proclamation, made on the second day of January instant, His Excellency the Right Honorable Sir ROBERT WILLIAM DUFF, a Member of our Most Honorable Privy Council, a Knight Grand Cross of our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, our Governor and Commander-in-Chief of our Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies,
" did,

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“ did, in pursuance of the power and authority vested in him as Governor and Commander-in-Chief of our said Colony, by virtue of the Act of the late Legislature thereof, intituled ‘ *An Act to confer a Constitution on New South Wales and to grant a Civil List to Her Majesty*,’ as assented to by us, proclaim that a Session of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly, constituted under the said Act, and composing the Parliament of our said Colony of New South Wales, should commence and be holden on Wednesday, the seventeenth day of January instant: And whereas, for certain causes, our said Governor and Commander-in-Chief cannot conveniently be present in person at the opening of the said Session: Now know ye, that we, trusting in the discretion, fidelity, and care of our trusty and well-beloved the Honorable John Lackey, President of the said Legislative Council, the Honorable Henry Norman MacLaurin, M.D., LL.D., Vice-President of the Executive Council, and the Honorable Sir William Montagu Manning, K.C.M.G., LL.D., Members of the said Legislative Council, do, with the advice of our Executive Council of our said Colony, give and grant by the tenor of these presents unto the said John Lackey, Henry Norman MacLaurin, and Sir William Montagu Manning, so being such President and Members of the said Legislative Council, or any two of them, full power in our name, to open and hold the said Session of the said Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly on the said seventeenth day of January, on our behalf, and to do all things necessary to be done in our name or in the name of our Governor of our said Colony, in and about the opening and holding of the said Session: Commanding also by the tenor of these presents all whom it concerns to meet in the said Session, that to the said John Lackey, Henry Norman MacLaurin, and Sir William Montagu Manning, or any two of them, they diligently attend in the premises in the form aforesaid.

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

(L.S.) “ Witness our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor Sir ROBERT WILLIAM DUFF, a Knight Grand Cross of our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, our Governor and Commander-in-Chief of our Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies, at Government House, Sydney, in our said Colony, this sixteenth day of January, in the fifty-seventh year of our Reign, and in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four.

“ R. W. DUFF.

“ *By His Excellency's Command,*

“ GEORGE R. DIBBS.”

The President then said:—“ Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,—We, the Commissioners appointed by His Excellency the Governor under the Commission you have just heard, do now proceed to acquaint you with the causes for which this Parliament has been called together, and to read to you the Speech entrusted to us by His Excellency for this purpose.”

The President then read the Governor's Opening Speech—and said, “ Having heard His Excellency's Speech read, it will now be for you, Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly, to take the matters submitted to you and such other matters as, in your wisdom, you may deem fit, into your grave consideration in those places in which you are appointed to sit.”

And the House having returned, adjourned, on motion of Sir George Dibbs, at a quarter past Twelve o'clock, until Four o'clock This Day.

The House met at Four o'clock pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

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

- (1.) Trustees of Schools of Arts Enabling Bill:—

R. W. DUFF,

Governor.

Message No. 1.

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.*”—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, 13th December, 1893.

- (2.) Mortgages Release Bill:—

R. W. DUFF,

Governor.

Message No. 2.

A Bill, intituled “ *An Act to render more simple and inexpensive the Release of Mortgages,*”—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, 13th December, 1893.

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4. PAPERS:—

Sir George Dibbs laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Observations by Sir George Dibbs, Chief Secretary of New South Wales, on the Imperial State Paper on "The Australian Crisis of 1893."
- (2.) Report of the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the working of the Deeds and Search Branch of the Registrar-General's Department.
- (3.) Remarks of the Registrar-General on the Report of the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the working of the Deeds and Search Branch of the Registrar-General's Department.
- (4.) Amended Regulations under the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893.
- (5.) By-law of the Borough of Mudgee.
- (6.) By-laws of the Borough of North Sydney.
- (7.) By-laws of the Borough of Randwick.
- (8.) By-laws of the Borough of North Sydney.
- (9.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Balranald.
- (10.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Muswellbrook.
- (11.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Cabramatta and Canley Vale.
- (12.) By-law of the Municipal District of Moree.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. See laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report on the administration of the Diseased Animals and Meat Act, for the year ended 31st March, 1893.
- (2.) Report of the Railway Commissioners on Railways and Tramways for the year ended 30th June, 1893.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Slattery laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Additional Regulation (No. 3A), under the Crown Lands Acts of 1884 and 1889, relating to removal of timber.
- (2.) Additional Regulation (No. 4A), under the Crown Lands Acts of 1884 and 1889, relating to removal of timber.
- (3.) Cancellation and substitution of Regulation No. 59, under the Crown Lands Acts of 1884 and 1889, relating to removal of timber.
- (4.) Substitution of certain Regulations for those at present in force under the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve Act.

Ordered to be printed.

5. 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*.

6. THE GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH:—Mr. Speaker reported that the House had been at the Legislative Council Chamber, at the desire of the Commissioners appointed under the Great Seal of the Colony for holding this Session of the present Parliament, and that the President of the Council, being one of the said Commissioners, delivered the Opening Speech of His Excellency the Governor to both Houses of Parliament, in pursuance of His Excellency's commands, and of which Mr. Speaker said he had, for greater accuracy, obtained a copy,—which he read to the House as follows:—

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

1. We are commanded by His Excellency the Governor to inform you that he has called you together, after a short recess, in order that the limited period which remains of this Parliament may be utilised by passing into law certain measures which had reached an advanced stage when Parliament was prorogued in December last.

GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

2. The Estimates of Expenditure for the current year will be laid before you without delay. They have been prepared with due regard to rigid economy, and without in any way interfering with the efficiency of the Public Service.

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

3. At the earliest possible opportunity you will be invited to consider the "Crown Lands Leases and Purchases Validating Bill" and the "Mining upon Private Lands Bill," which passed the Assembly during last Session, and which are of the utmost importance to a large section of the community. You will also be invited to proceed with the consideration of the "Coal Mines Regulation Bill" and certain financial and other Bills which were partly dealt with during last Session.

4. The importance of the interests involved in our Friendly Societies, and the magnitude of the benefits they confer on the poorer classes of the public, demand that these Societies should receive all the protection and assistance which reasonable legislation can afford. If time will permit, a Bill will be submitted to you for the better regulation of these Societies, and for the simplification of the law respecting them.

5. The Electoral Rolls under the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893 are rapidly approaching completion, and every effort will be made to bring the new law into operation at the earliest possible date.

6. It affords His Excellency sincere gratification to state that the Revenue Returns to the 31st December last have exceeded the amount estimated by £218,100, which may be fairly taken as an indication of returning prosperity.

His Excellency trusts that under the guidance of Divine Providence your labours may be so directed as to advance the best interests of the Colony.

Sir

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Sir W. P. Manning moved, and Mr. Waddell seconded the motion,—

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

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. R. G. D. FitzGerald, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Crick, Mr. Hugh McKinnon, Mr. Sheldon, Mr. Waddell, Mr. Levien, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

And the Committee retired to prepare the Address.

And Sir W. P. Manning 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, Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, desire to express our loyalty and attachment to Her Most Gracious Majesty's Person and Government, and offer our respectful thanks for the Speech which you have caused your Commissioners to pronounce.

Sir W. P. Manning then moved, and Mr. Morgan seconded the motion, That the Address in reply to the Governor's Opening Speech, as read by the Clerk, be now adopted by this House.

Mr. Reid moved, That the Address be amended by the addition of the following words:—

"At the same time we feel bound to inform your Excellency that the conduct of Ministers in advising your Excellency to prorogue Parliament on the 8th ultimo, in the midst of an important Session, was utterly unjustifiable.

"If Ministers meant, by that arbitrary proceeding, to resent the vote carried against them in this House on the previous day, or sought to evade its consequences, or intended to intimidate Honorable Members of this House, they were, in our opinion, guilty of a gross abuse of their duty as your Excellency's advisers.

"If Ministers had no such design, their conduct is still open to grave censure, as an unwarrantable interference with the course of public business, when measures of pressing importance awaited the attention of both Houses, and no supplies had been voted for the present year."

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

Debate ensued.

And the Honorable the Secretary for Lands, Mr. Copeland, having interrupted the orderly conduct of the business of the House, was, by direction of Mr. Speaker, removed from the Chamber by the Sergeant-at-Arms.

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

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 103.			Noes, 8.
Sir W. P. Manning,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,	Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. See,	Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Lousdale,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Sehey,	Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. McMillan,	Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. John Wilkinson,	Mr. Murphy,	Mr. Hugh McKinnon,	Mr. Miller.
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Dickens,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Cruickshank,	Dr. Hollis,	Mr. Rae,
Mr. Lync,	Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Fegan.
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Black,	
Mr. Dowel,	Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Hart,	
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,	Mr. Wise,	
Mr. Jeanneret,	Mr. Traill,	Mr. Perry,	
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Newman,	
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Martin,	Mr. Johnston,	
Mr. Melville,	Dr. Cullen,	Mr. Hoyle,	
Dr. Ross,	Mr. J. A. Mackinnon,	Mr. Nicholson,	
Mr. Wright,	Mr. E. G. Brown,	Mr. McCredie,	
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Wall,	Mr. Langwell,	
Mr. Colls,	Mr. Cann,	Mr. Williams,	
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Darnley,	Mr. Gardiner,	
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Edden,	Mr. Gough,	
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Barbour,	
Mr. Scott,	Mr. Danahey,	Mr. Vaughn,	
Mr. Francis Clarke,	Mr. G. D. Clark,	Mr. Inglis,	
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Newton,	
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Lees,	Mr. Donnelly,	
Mr. Dawson,	Mr. Donald,	Mr. Sydney Smith,	
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Sheldon,	
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. Holborow,	Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,	
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Dale,	Mr. York.	
Mr. Young,	Mr. Davis,	<i>Tellers,</i>	
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Rose,	
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Levien,	Mr. Haesall.	
Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Houghton,		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

The House adjourned, on motion of Sir George Dibbs, at six 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. 2.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 18 JANUARY, 1894.

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

PERSONAL EXPLANATION AND APOLOGY:—Mr. Copeland expressed his sincere regret for what had taken place last night in this House, and stated that he had tendered the resignation of his office of Secretary for Lands.

2. MINING ON PRIVATE LANDS 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. 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 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.

Government House,
Sydney, 17th January, 1894.

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

3. VOTE OF CREDIT:—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. 4.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly, that provision be made for defraying the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of January or following month of the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four together with provision for the advance to the Colonial Treasurer.

Government House,
Sydney, 17th January, 1894.

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

4. COAL MINES REGULATION 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. 5.

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

Government House,
Sydney, 17th January, 1894.

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

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5. CROWN LANDS PURCHASES AND LEASES VALIDATION BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir George Dibbs, and read by Mr. 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 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, 17th January, 1894.
 Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.
6. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:—Sir George Dibbs informed the House that since leaving his office this afternoon he had received a letter from Mr. Copland, tendering his resignation of the position of Secretary for Lands. He made the statement with great pain and regret, as Mr. Copland had shown himself an able and loyal colleague and administrator of his office.
7. SILKSTONE COAL-MINE RAILWAY ACT FURTHER AMENDING BILL:—
 (1.) Mr. Stevenson presented a Petition from the Clyde Coal, Land, and Investment Company (Limited), representing that the "Silkstone Coal-mine Railway Act Further Amending Bill," which was introduced into this House during the last Session of Parliament, and passed through several stages, was interrupted by the close of the Session, and praying that leave may be 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. Stevenson then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to further amend the 'Silkstone Coal-mine Railway Act of 1889,'*"—which was read a first time.
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday next.
8. LIQUOR TRAFFIC LOCAL OPTION BILL:—Mr. Donald presented a Petition from W. G. Maconochie, Chairman of a public meeting of the residents of Orange, expressing satisfaction at the introduction of the Liquor Traffic Local Option Bill, and most emphatically protesting against the addition of any compensation clause thereto, and praying the House to pass the said Bill.
 Petition received.
9. BETTING AND GAMBLING SUPPRESSION BILL:—Mr. E. M. Clark presented two Petitions (1) from Charles Stead (ex-President of the Conference), Chairman of a meeting of the Wesleyan Methodist Ministers of the city and suburbs of Sydney, and (2) from residents of New South Wales, representing that the practices of betting and gambling on horse-races and public sports have a disastrous hold on many of the people of New South Wales, and that unless effectually stopped by the Legislature they will tend to demoralise large numbers of their fellow colonists, and in a great measure impede the healthy development of the national life of New South Wales; and praying that the Betting and Gambling Suppression Bill introduced into the House, and read a first time on the 24th November, 1893, be passed in its entirety.
 Petitions received.
10. PAPERS:—
 Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—
 (1.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Tilbuster, county of Sandon, for deviation of road from Armidale to Spring Mount, through portion 3.
 (2.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Louce, county of Phillip, for deviation of road from Rylstone to Ryangle, at Camboon-Jane.
 (3.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Middlehope, county of Durham, for a wharf site near Largs.
 (4.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Boraig, county of Buccleuch, for the formation of a road through portion 6.
 (5.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Ollera, county of Hardinge, for a way of approach to bridge over Limestone Creek.
 (6.) Amended By-laws under the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts 1880-1889.
 Mr. Kidd laid upon the Table,—Notification of reduced fee for the registration of cypher addresses for telegrams.
 Ordered to be printed.
11. THE GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Sir W. P. Manning, That the following Address in Reply to the Governor's Opening Speech, as read by the Clerk, be now adopted by this House:—
 "To His Excellency the Right Honorable 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, Members of the Legislative Assembly of
 "New South Wales, desire to express our loyalty and attachment to Her Most Gracious Majesty's
 "Person and Government, and offer our respectful thanks for the Speech which you have caused
 "your Commissioners to pronounce."
 Upon

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18th January, 1894.

Upon which Mr. Reid had moved, That the Address be amended by the addition of the following words:—

“ At the same time we feel bound to inform your Excellency that the conduct of Ministers in advising your Excellency to prorogue Parliament on the 8th ultimo, in the midst of an important Session, was utterly unjustifiable.

“ If Ministers meant, by that arbitrary proceeding, to resent the vote carried against them in this House on the previous day, or sought to evade its consequences, or intended to intimidate Honorable Members of this House, they were, in our opinion, guilty of a gross abuse of their duty as your Excellency's advisers.

“ If Ministers had no such design, their conduct is still open to grave censure as an unwarrantable interference with the course of public business, when measures of pressing importance awaited the attention of both Houses, and no supplies had been voted for the present year.”

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

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 19 JANUARY, 1894, A.M

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 66.

Mr. Jeanneret,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Marks,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Newman,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Rae,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Danahey,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Houghton,	Mr. E. G. Brown,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Wise,	Dr. Cullen,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. Dale,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. McCredie,	Mr. Cotton,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Donald,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Brunner,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Bavister.
Mr. G. D. Clark,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hindle,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Lees,	Dr. Hollis.
Mr. Duraley,	
Mr. Bruce Smith,	
Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,	

Noes, 67.

Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Wuddell,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Dowel,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. John Wilkinson,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Francis Clarke,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Sutor,	Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Lync,	Mr. Booth,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. York,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Traill,	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Colls,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. See,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Scott,	Mr. J. A. Mackinnon,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Dawson,
Sir W. P. Manning,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Murphy,	Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Crieck,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. R. G. D. FitzGerald,	Mr. Gough,
Mr. Walker,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Cruickshank,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Sheldon,	Mr. Grabame,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Willis,
Mr. Bowes,	Mr. Melville.
Mr. Newton,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Rose,
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,	Mr. Hassall.
Mr. Kidd,	
Mr. Johnston,	

And so it passed in the negative.

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

The House adjourned, on motion of Sir George Dibbs, at six minutes before Two 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. 3.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 23 JANUARY, 1894.

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

ADDRESS IN REPLY TO GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had presented to the Governor their Address in Reply to His Excellency's Speech on opening the Session,—and that His Excellency had been pleased to give thereto the following answer:—

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,—

I thank you for your Address renewing the expression of your loyalty and devotion to the Queen's Person and Throne, and I confidently rely on your wisdom and patriotism in the discharge of your duties.

Government House,
19th January, 1894.

R. W. DUFF.

2. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the requirements of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893, 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 Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893, I do hereby appoint—

“Thomas Bavister, Esquire,
“Henry Clarke, Esquire,
“William Patrick Crick, Esquire.
“William Portus Cullen, Esquire, LL.D.,
“Thomas Thomson Ewing, Esquire,

“John Daniel FitzGerald, 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-third day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight
“hundred and ninety-four.

“J. P. ABBOTT,
“Speaker.”

3. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Mining Accidents at Broken Hill:—Mr. Cann asked the Secretary for Mines,—In view of the number of accidents that have occurred in the open cut mining at Broken Hill, has he called for a special report as to the security of the men engaged in this work, and also of the miners working below; if not, will he do so at once and lay the report upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Slattery answered,—No special report has been called for since the early part of last year, but periodical reports are received from the local inspector, in which all accidents are recorded. The number of fatal accidents during 1893 was one, and the non-fatal accidents twelve; of these twelve, nine were comparatively trivial. Two fatal accidents also occurred in the open cutting this month, but the deceased went after some tools against the orders of the manager, and the Coroner's jury returned a verdict—no blame be attached to any one.

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- (2.) State Property in Market-street, &c. :—Mr. Cann asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Into how many distinct tenements is that portion of State property situated in and bounded by Market-street, Castlereagh-street, and Elizabeth-street divided, and who are the tenants; what rent does each pay; who are the sub-tenants in actual occupation at the present day, and what rental does each pay—as shown by latest receipts; what sum did the property originally cost the Government; and to what public purposes are such portions as are at the present day used by the Government devoted?

Mr. See answered,—The information will be prepared and laid upon the Table in the form of a return, in the course of a few days.

- (3.) Case of Proudfoot v. the Railway Commissioners :—Mr. Crick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—(1.) Adverting to Mr. Crick's question No. 5, partially answered on the 6th December, 1893, 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?

Mr. See answered,—I am informed the Railway Commissioners have executed contracts under their corporate seal, and that Mr. Robert Smith was acting as Crown Solicitor when Mr. Proudfoot claims that certain alleged contracts were signed by the late David Proudfoot. The Railway Commissioners do not decline to answer Questions, but feel compelled to withhold information relating to pending litigation, which might prejudice the public interests. The Railway Commissioners state that they did not instruct Mr. Robert Smith to write to a solicitor in England, but Mr. Smith has informed them that his agent in England and former partner has advised him that he has been retained by Mr. Proudfoot against the Commissioners in the case of an appeal to the Privy Council.

- (4.) Cost of Schey-Eddy Commission—Tarana Railway Accident :—Mr. Crick asked 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?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) This information will be laid upon the Table in the form of a return.
- (2.) Nothing was paid to Mr. Robert Smith.
- (3.) Nothing; Mr. Smith's retainer covered and included his attendance and fees.
- (4.) Nothing was paid Mr. Smith in connection with the Tarana accident; and beyond the expenses incurred in connection with the Coroner's inquest a sum of £80 8s. 6d. was paid to two engineers outside the Department for a special investigation into the cause of the accident.

- (5.) Mr. Robert Smith, Crown Solicitor :—Mr. Crick asked 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?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) On the 9th January, 1891, and retired on 7th September in the same year.
- (2.) Not that I am aware of.
- (3.) £1,349 9s. 3d.
- (4.) The only action of the kind mentioned was that of Sparke v. the Minister for Works. Messrs. Norton & Co. acted for Sparke. This case was prior to Mr. Robert Smith's appointment.
- (5.) I believe so, but cannot say for certain. Mr. Robert Smith, on the present Crown Solicitor's appointment, took over all railway matters.

- (6.) Zig Zag Railway :—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?

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Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) I shall be prepared to give this when the necessary resolution referring the question to the Public Works Committee is submitted to the House.
- (3.) The Minister for Works.

(7.) Appointment of Trustees for Cemetery at Sutherland:—*Mr. Molesworth*, for Mr. Carruthers asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) What is the cause of the delay in the appointment of trustees for the proposed Illawarra Suburbs Cemetery at Sutherland?
- (2.) When may it be expected that the trust will be appointed?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) The whole of the nominations of trustees have only recently been received.
- (2.) The papers are now before the Executive Council, and the trustees will probably be gazetted this week.

(8.) Lease of Crown Lands near Randwick Race-course:—*Mr. Molesworth*, for Mr. Carruthers, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Was any portion of the Crown lands near the Randwick race-course, or at Bunnerong, leased to Messrs. Clark and Rowley?
- (2.) If so, for what term, at what rent, or for what purpose?
- (3.) Is he aware that portion of the land has been converted into a race-course, and is being used weekly for pony racing?
- (4.) Was it made known to the Department that the land was to be put to use as a race-course?
- (5.) Does the lease permit of such use of the land?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) Yes; 60 acres were leased to Mr. G. B. Rowley.
- (2.) For fifteen years, from 1st January, 1890, for recreation purposes, at a rental of £400 per annum for the first five years, £600 per annum for the second terms of five years, and £800 per annum for the remainder of the lease.
- (3.) I have heard so
- (4.) No.
- (5.) The lease was granted for the purpose of providing recreation for the public.

(9.) Sheriff's Officers:—*Mr. McCourt* asked 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?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) £993 16s. 3d. for the year 1893, equal to £30 4s. each officer per annum.
- (2.) No; Sheriff's officers have been allowed £18 per annum since 1st April last.
- (3.) Yes; in pursuance of a general scheme of retrenchment adopted by the late Minister of Justice.
- (4.) Yes, when the necessity arises; but a plaintiff's attorney is responsible for all fees and expenses.
- (5.) Yes, in some instances.

(10.) Darling Island:—*Mr. Crick* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Was Darling Island purchased on the recommendation of the Railway Commissioners?
- (2.) Is there a yearly loss of several thousands by reason of such purchase?
- (3.) If so, is such loss charged against the Railway revenue?

Mr. See answered,—The correspondence regarding purchase of land known as Darling Island was laid upon the Table on 23rd July, 1889.(11.) Bombo Quarry:—*Mr. Crick* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Have the Railway Commissioners purchased Bombo Quarry?
- (2.) If so, for what amount, and from what persons?
- (3.) Have they power to make such purchases?
- (4.) Who reported on the purchase?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The lease of the quarries, including plant, &c., was purchased for £18,159, as already stated in Answers to Questions on the 26th October and 15th November, 1892. The purchase was made from Mr. George Hill.
- (3.) Yes.
- (4.) The Railway Commissioners decided on the purchase after inquiry by their responsible officers.

(12.) Cost of Prosecution of Reseigh Martin:—*Mr. Crick* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Has any sum been paid from the Treasury as law costs or other expenses in connection with the prosecution of Reseigh Martin by Mr. Eddy?
- (2.) If so, what sum, and to whom?

Mr. See answered,—Similar Questions to these were answered by *Sir George Dibbs* on the 2nd November last.

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- (13.) Railway Free Passes:—Mr. Crick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House a return showing the number of free passes issued by the Railway Commissioners for the last twelve months, to what persons issued, and for what reason?

Mr. See answered,—Yes, if moved for in the form of a return, and the information desired clearly defined. For the guidance of the Honorable Member it is pointed out that there are passes issued under section 27 of the Government Railways Act of 1888, passes issued to persons travelling on the business of the Department, and passes issued to the Railway staff for holiday purposes.

- (14.) Sir W. P. Manning:—Mr. Bavister, for Mr. Danahy, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is the Honorable Member for South Sydney, Sir W. P. Manning, a member of the Board of Health?

(2.) If so, has he received any remuneration for such services since holding a seat in this Assembly?

(3.) If so, what is the amount?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) His Worship the Mayor of Sydney is an *ex-officio* member of the Board of Health.

(2.) He is entitled to fees, but has not drawn any.

- (15.) Subletting of Government Contracts at Rydalmere and Parramatta:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he cause an inquiry to be made with reference to the subletting of Government contracts, especially at the Hospital for Insane at Rydalmere and the storm-water drain at Parramatta, contrary to the decision of the House on 23rd March, 1893?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I have caused inquiry to be made in these matters. The Government Architect reports, in regard to the Hospital for the Insane at Rydalmere, that he can give no information, as he is unaware how the contractor is arranging his work, having only recently started the same. With regard to the storm-water drain the engineer for the work reports that “when the Brickfield Creek excavation was commenced no doubt the work was sublet. The excavation was, however, being done so roughly that I had to write to the contractor asking him to improve matters, and telling him that he would have to fill in any excess excavation with cement at his own cost. The result of this was that he stopped piece-work, and he informs me that he is now carrying out the work by day labour, and the excavation is being done satisfactorily.”

- (16.) Cartage of Telegraph Material:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked 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?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

(1.) For heavy goods, within the city boundary, at 2s. per ton.	s.	d.
Parcels within the city and suburbs, under $\frac{1}{4}$ cwt.	0	3
Do do $\frac{1}{2}$ ”	0	3
Do do 1 ”	1	0
Do do 5 ”	2	0
Do do 10 ”	3	0
Do do 1 ton	3	0

Work at per horse per hour or portion of an hour 2 0

(2.) Shortly before the expiration, on the 31st December next, of the present contract.

- (17.) Improvements at Hillview, Moss Vale:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What amount has been spent in improvements to the residence of His Excellency the Governor at Moss Vale since the arrival of Sir Robert Duff?

(2.) What amount has been spent on furniture, &c., for Hillview, Moss Vale, since Sir Robert Duff's arrival?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

(1.) £2,288.

(2.) £812.

- (18.) Fishermen of Port Jackson and Cook's River:—Mr. Hart asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that fishermen of Port Jackson and Cook's River are allowed the use of the garfish net for catching prawns?

(2.) Is it also a fact that they are allowed to catch prawns all the year round?

(3.) Will he see that the same privileges are granted to the fishermen in other parts of the Colony?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Commissioners of Fisheries:—

(1.) The law enacts a special net for prawn capture, but fishermen would not be prevented from utilising prawns which they might catch in a garfish net.

(2.) Yes; such is in accordance with law.

(3.) Fishermen in other parts of the Colony, except the Hunter River, which is barred by Statute, have the same privileges as those in Port Jackson and Cook's River.

- (19.) Residence of Engineer at Prospect:—Mr. Bavister asked 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?

Mr. Lyne answered,—No; but when land was resumed for the Prospect dam a house known as Veteran Hall was included in the resumption. This place has not been sold. The officer in charge of the dam resides in the house referred to.

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4. **PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS**:—Mr. Garrard, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table, Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, Appendices, and Plans, from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works on the proposed Railway from Narrabri to Moree.
Ordered to be printed.
5. **INFUX OF ASIATICS**:—Mr. Sheldon 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.
6. **MINING ON PRIVATE LANDS BILL**:—Sir George Dibbs (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the "Mining on Private Lands 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 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,"—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 Assembly requests that the said Bill be proceeded with under the Council's Standing Orders in that behalf.
Debate ensued
Question put and passed.
Message sent to the Legislative Council accordingly.
7. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Frank Farnell, 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, namely, the action of the Government in disregarding a resolution passed by the Legislative Assembly on the 28th September, 1893, condemning the practice of running special trams and trains for the convenience of Members after the ordinary service had ceased for the day."
And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—
Mr. Farnell moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Fuller,	
Mr. Garrard,	
Mr. Gardiner,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hindle,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Kirkpatrick,	Mr. E. M. Clark.
Mr. Bavister,	
Mr. Molesworth,	
Mr. Perry,	
Mr. Fegan,	
Mr. Crick,	
Mr. G. D. Clark,	
Mr. Cann,	
Mr. Danahey,	
Mr. Williams,	
Mr. Langwell,	
Mr. Lee,	
Mr. Black,	
Mr. McCredie,	
Mr. Hart,	
Mr. Parkes,	
Mr. Collins,	
Mr. Francis Clarke,	
Mr. Houghton,	
Mr. Stevenson,	
Mr. Darnley,	
Mr. Rae,	
Dr. Cullen.	

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Mr. Wright,	Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Young,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. See,	Mr. Colls,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Dowel,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Traill,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Donnelly,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. E. G. Brown,	Mr. Donald,
Sir W. P. Mauning,	Mr. J. A. Mackinnon,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Hoyle,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Scott,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Willis,
Mr. Wall,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Bowes,	Mr. Cook.
Mr. Nicoll,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Walker,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Hassall.
Mr. Melville,	

And so it passed in the negative.

8. **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, 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."

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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, 43.

Mr. See,	Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Garvan,	Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Bruce Smith,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Donnelly,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Dale,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Neild,
Mr. Hoyle,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Bowes,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Francis Clarke,	Dr. Cullen,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. H. H. Brown.
Mr. Levien,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Dawson.
Mr. Garrard,	
Mr. Sheldon,	

Noes, 34.

Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. McCredie,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,	Mr. Rae.
Mr. Barnes,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Newman,	Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,	Mr. Darnley.
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. Vaughn,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. G. D. Clark,	
Mr. Cann,	
Mr. Kirkpatrick,	
Mr. Walker,	
Mr. Kelly,	
Mr. Rose,	
Mr. Hindle,	
Mr. Donald,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question again proposed.

Mr. G. D. Clark moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word "and"

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, 58.

Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. See,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Donnelly,
Mr. Cruickshank,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Hoyle,	Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Bowes,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. McCredie,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Neild,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Young,
Mr. Francis Clarke,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Traill,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Dale,	Mr. Rose,
Mr. Sheldon,	Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Burdekin.
Mr. Hayes,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Chapman.
Mr. Collins,	

Noes, 24.

Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Newman,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Donald,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. McGowan,
Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Scott.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Rae,
Mr. Walker.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question put and passed.

9. 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.
Question put and passed.
10. 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 on Tuesdays, and Government Business shall take precedence of General Business on Wednesdays and Thursdays.
 - (2.) That General Notices of Motions, and General Orders of the Day, shall take precedence respectively on each alternate Tuesday.
 Question put and passed.
11. 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.

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12. **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 of Bills; and, on any such Motion or Order being called, it shall be competent for the Member otherwise entitled to move it to have the above question put with reference thereto; and such "Formal" Motions or Orders of the Day shall be disposed of in the relative order in which they stand on the Business Paper, taking precedence of all the other Motions and Orders of the Day.
 - (3.) That no debate shall be allowed upon any such "Formal" Motions or Orders of the Day, or upon the further proceedings consequent on the reading of such Orders; but the House may proceed to division thereupon, without amendment or debate, as in the case of a motion for the first reading of a Bill.
 - (4.) That, in consequence of any such "Formal" Orders of the Day having been disposed of as aforesaid, it shall not be held that the House has proceeded to the Orders of the Day upon the Business Paper, so as to exclude thereafter the presentation of Petitions, or the reception of Notices of Motions.
 - (5.) That no motion for the appointment of a Select Committee, excepting upon a Private Bill, shall be held to be a "Formal" Motion.
- Question put and passed.
13. **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.
14. **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.
15. **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.
16. **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.
17. **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.
18. **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.
19. **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.
20. **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.

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21. **LIBRARY COMMITTEE (Sessional Order)**:—Sir George Dibbs moved, pursuant to 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.
22. **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. Chapman, 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.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
23. **COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY**:—Mr. See moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on next sitting day, resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.
Question put and passed.
24. **COMMITTEE OF WAYS AND MEANS**:—Mr. See moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on next sitting day, resolve itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Question put and passed.
25. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT**:—Sir George Dibbs, referring to the resignation by Mr. Copland of the office of Secretary for Lands, stated that in the best interests of the country, the Government had declined to accept that resignation.
Mr. Reid also addressed the House.
26. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES OF THE WHOLE HOUSE**:—Mr. Speaker stated that, as the House had no Standing Order of its own providing for the appointment of the Chairman of Committees of the Whole House, he wished to inform Honorable Members that in future the practice of the House of Commons would be adopted until this House should frame a Standing Order for that purpose.
27. **PYRMONT BRIDGE**:—Mr. Kelly moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(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 Pyrmont 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.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
28. **OPERATION OF THE SHIPPING LAWS**:—Mr. Kelly 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 operation of the "shipping laws, and abuses connected with the same."
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. See, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Wise, Mr. Davis, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. J. D. FitzGerald, Mr. Garrard, Mr. G. D. Clark, Mr. Edden, and the Mover.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Molesworth moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the words, "shipping laws, and abuses connected with the same," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "laws relating to the employment of seamen."
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 put and passed.
29. **MENINDIE IRRIGATION BILL**:—Mr. Barbour moved pursuant to Notice, 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 Assembly requests that the said Message may be considered under the Council's Standing Orders in that behalf.
Point of Order:—Mr. McCourt pointed out that the proposed Message was not authorised under the terms of the new Standing Orders.
Mr. Speaker ruled that the House did not require any special authority for communicating by Message with the Legislative Council on this or any other subject. He ruled that the motion was quite in order.
Question put and passed.
Message sent to the Legislative Council accordingly.
30. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Sir George Dibbs moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put,—and Division called for,—but there not being Tellers on the part of the *Noes*, no Division could be had, and Mr. Speaker declared the Question to have been resolved in the *affirmative*.
The House adjourned accordingly at twenty-five 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. 4.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 24 JANUARY, 1894.

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

VOTE OF CREDIT:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. See, 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 to the Legislative Assembly that provision be made for defraying the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of January or following month of the year 1894, together with provision for an advance to the Colonial Treasurer, an urgent service of the current year, and for certain Services to be hereafter provided for by loan.

*Government House,**Sydney, 23rd January, 1894.*

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

2. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Lyne, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) Lithgow Water Supply Works Bill:—

R. W. DUFF,

*Governor.**Message No. 8.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to sanction the construction of works of water supply for the town of Lithgow, county of Cook.

*Government House,**Sydney, 23rd January, 1894.*

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

- (2.) Glen Innes to Inverell Railway Bill:—

R. W. DUFF,

*Governor.**Message No. 9.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Glen Innes to Inverell.

*Government House,**Sydney, 23rd January, 1894.*

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

- (3.) Public Works Betterment Bill:—

R. W. DUFF,

*Governor.**Message No. 10.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends, for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill 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 costs 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.

*Government House,**Sydney, 23rd January, 1894.*

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

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(4.) Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act Extension Bill :—

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.

Government House,
Sydney, 23rd January, 1894.

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

3. TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:—Sir George Dibbs (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That Ninian McIlville, Esquire, do take the Chair in Committee of the Whole House for this day only.

Point of Order:—Mr. Neild submitted that this motion was not authorised by the Constitution Act, and was contrary to the ruling delivered by Mr. Speaker last night.

Mr. Speaker ruled that as this motion was for the appointment of a temporary Chairman for this day only, his ruling given yesterday would not apply to it. That ruling was quite correct.

Question then put and passed.

4. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Delivery of Cast-iron Pipes by Pope, Maher, & Co.:—Mr. Lonsdale asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What quantity of cast-iron pipes has been delivered in each year by Pope, Maher, & Co., since their tender was accepted?
- (2.) What was their cost?
- (3.) What was the amount paid upon them?
- (4.) What works were they delivered at?
- (5.) Same information with regard to any other contract for cast-iron pipes?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) 1893—37,453 pipes, weighing 3,234 tons 11 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. This includes 4,603 pipes, weighing 336 tons 17 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb., supplied to the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage. 1894—1,397 pipes, weighing 135 tons 13 cwt. 3 qrs. 20 lb.
- (2.) £28,646 19s. 10d.
- (3.) £27,999 10s. 8d., which includes £2,530 16s. 7d. paid by the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage.
- (4.) Moss Vale, Nyngan, Moama, Jerilderie, Parkes, Tamworth, Junee, Lithgow, and Dubbo Water Supplies.
- (5.) No other contractors have supplied cast-iron pipes; the other contracts were for special castings, such as bends, junctions, &c.

(2.) Land resumed for School Purposes at West Maitland:—Mr. Lonsdale asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) The date of resumption of Mr. J. D. Prentice's property, at West Maitland, for a girls' high school?
- (2.) The amount of purchase money paid, or agreed to be paid, for the property?
- (3.) The purposes for which it has been used since the date of resumption?
- (4.) Is it a fact that there is not a room in the buildings erected on the site resumed suitable for school purposes?

Mr Suttor answered,—

- (1.) 14th October, 1892.
- (2.) The amount agreed to be paid is £4,709, with interest as provided by law.
- (3.) From the 14th October, 1892, to the 21st January, 1893, Mr. Prentice was allowed to reside in the premises, he waiving interest on the compensation money for that period. After the last mentioned date they were occupied by the teacher.
- (4.) The rooms have been adapted to meet all requirements. I may add that my predecessor had expressed the opinion that this property should be resumed, but the actual resumption did not take place until after I took office.

(3.) Cost of Wagga Wagga Waterworks:—Mr. Rae asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What was the total cost of the Wagga Wagga waterworks?
- (2.) What was the original estimate submitted to the municipality, and on which the construction of the works was agreed upon?
- (3.) Is it not a fact that on more than one occasion the local authorities protested against what they alleged to be excessive or unnecessary expenditure?
- (4.) What is the total amount, including interest, now due, and what steps does he intend taking for the gradual liquidation of this and similar debts due from other municipalities?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) Cost to date of handing over works, 4th March, 1887, £34,485; additional cost to 31st December, 1893, £2,818; total cost, £37,303.
- (2.) £20,000, which did not include 10 miles of additional mains and reticulation, £10,000; nor engineer's and fireman's cottages, £1,500. The balance of cost is found in the adoption of a more substantial and expensive class of engine, and consequently increased expenditure on engine-house.

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- (3.) I understand the local authorities have objected to the expenditure, but that was after the obligations had been incurred which the Council by express resolution had previously agreed to come under.
- (4.) The amount claimed by the Crown Solicitor for overdue instalments is £12,404 12s., and I have directed that a writ be issued against the Wagga Wagga Council for the recovery of this amount. I am quite prepared, however, pending legislation on the subject, to enter into an arrangement with any municipality to accept payment on the 100 years basis, with interest on the unpaid balances from year to year, at the rate of 3½ per cent.
- (4.) Floods in the Hunter River :—Mr. Hart asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Has he received the report on the survey from Berry Park to Greenway's Creek, *re* the alleviation of floods in the Hunter River?
- (2.) If so, has he any objection to lay the same upon the Table of this House?
- Mr. Lyne answered,—The report has not been received yet.
- (5.) Iron Industry of the Colony :—Mr. Johnston asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he at once proceed with the work as pointed out to him by a deputation composed of delegates from the combined iron trades of the Colony?
- Mr. Lyne answered,—I intend to push on as rapidly as possible with all necessary public works as soon as supply is available. This will of course apply to any works which I promised to the deputation referred to, or to any other persons.
- (6.) Bourke Meat Company's Works :—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Have strong protests been made to him against the proposed sale of land at the Bourke Meat Company's works; and if so, by whom?
- (2.) Is he aware that a large public meeting at Bourke has condemned the proposal to sell this land?
- (3.) Have the resolutions passed at such meeting been presented to him?
- (4.) In face of the protests made, is it his intention to proceed with the sale?
- Mr. Copeland answered,—In view of the representations made to the Department in respect of the proposed sale of this land, I directed that it be withdrawn for the present, to which effect the Members of the District were informed yesterday.
- (7.) Brush Farm, Parramatta River :—Mr. Darnley asked 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?
- Sir George Dibbs* answered,—The Government are about to lease the Brush Farm for a term of ten years, for a Boy's Reformatory, at an annual rental of £500, in lieu of the Rookwood Estate, which has been utilised for a branch asylum for the infirm and destitute. And in this arrangement, it is expected, the establishment will be worked upon lines that will make it self supporting.
- (8.) Appointment of Chief Clerk in the Customs, Newcastle :—Mr. Scott asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Why was the present Acting Chief Clerk in the Customs, Newcastle, appointed to the position?
- (2.) How long has he been in the service?
- (3.) What was the position held by him, and amount of his salary, prior to his appointment at Newcastle?
- (4.) What remuneration does he now receive?
- (5.) Were none of the officers in the Newcastle Branch of the Department eligible for the position?
- Mr. See answered,—
- (1.) Because he was considered the most eligible person for the performance of the duties.
- (2.) Since the 1st February, 1892.
- (3.) Prior to his undertaking the duties of Senior Clerk at Newcastle his position was that of Junior Locker at Sydney, with salary of £180 per annum.
- (4.) The voted salary, £180 per annum, and the usual travelling allowance of 9s. 4½d. per day.
- (5.) None of the officers of the Newcastle Branch were considered eligible for the position.
- (9.) Regulations respecting Pupil-teachers :—Mr. Perry asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Are the regulations of his Department so framed that no poor persons can afford to allow their son or daughter to train for teachership; if so, will he have them altered in the direction of more liberality to pupil-teachers?
- Mr. Suttor answered,—It is not a fact that the regulations of the Department of Public Instruction are so framed that no poor persons can afford to allow their son or daughter to train for teachership. No alteration has been made for some years past in the regulations in respect to the education and training of pupil-teachers.
- (10.) Accidents at Level Crossing at Kogarah Railway Station :—Mr. Carruthers asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Have the Railway Commissioners been aware of the fact that a number of serious accidents have taken place at the level crossing for foot-passengers at Kogarah?
- (2.) Will the Commissioners take some steps to provide a safer crossing for the people who have to use the railway at this particular place?
- (3.) When is it likely that a proper horse-dock will be provided at Kogarah, to load and unload the large number of race-horses that are frequently conveyed to and from that station?

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Mr. See answered,—I am informed that there have been four accidents since the line was opened (10 years), and that the risk is not greater than is inseparable from crossings on the level. The erection of an overhead bridge is under consideration, but the carrying out of the work awaits the necessary funds being made available. As regards the horse-dock, I am informed that the large expenditure which would be necessary is not considered to be at present justified by the value of the traffic. In more prosperous times the work will be further considered.

- (11.) Electoral Rolls, Canterbury Electorate:—Mr. Carruthers asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that certain points, relating to the qualifications of certain persons whose names have recently been placed upon the Electoral Rolls, have been remitted to the Attorney-General for opinion?
 - (2.) Is he aware that the Revision Court for the new Electorate of Canterbury has refused to enrol as an elector a person who has resided for the last thirty-one years at Canterbury, upon the ground that for a portion of the three months preceding the revision of the Roll that person had been absent from his home at work elsewhere?
 - (3.) Will he remit the question to the Attorney-General as to whether any person having his principal place of abode in one particular electorate is to be disqualified because he does not happen to dwell in that place of abode every day during three months prior to the collection or revision of the Rolls?
 - (4.) In case the Attorney-General advises that persons have been illegally disqualified by the Revising Courts, what steps will be or can be taken to correct the Rolls?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—From these Questions it is not clear whether the Honorable Member intends that they should refer to persons within the new Electorate of Canterbury. If such is the case, I would suggest that the names and particulars should be furnished to me for the purpose of investigation, and I will cause the Chief Electoral Officer to make a thorough investigation, with a view to determining what course it is advisable to take (under the ascertained circumstances) in the public interests.

- (12.) Closing of Gates on Great Northern Railway:—*Mr. Crick*, for Mr. Hutchison, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Adverting to Mr. Hutchison's Question partially answered 24th November, 1893, *re* the closing of gates on public road at 318 miles 10 chains on the Great Northern Railway, will he state who were the two neighbours who disagreed and were the primary cause of the Commissioners closing the gates?

Mr. See answered,—If the Honorable Member will again refer to Answer given on the 24th November he will observe that the alleged statement was not made. He could be fully informed of the details of the matter at the office of the Railway Commissioners.

- (13.) Importation of Wheat, Flour, Oats, &c., into Colony:—Mr. Colls asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What quantity of wheat has been imported into the Colony since the duty was imposed?
 - (2.) Similar information in regard to flour, oats, barley, maize, chaff, potatoes, and onions?
 - (3.) The duty paid upon each article, and the total value of each commodity so imported?

Mr. See answered,—The information will presently be laid upon the Table in the form of a return.

5. LITHGOW WATER SUPPLY WORKS BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Lyne moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of works of water supply for the town of Lithgow, county of Cook.
Question put and passed.
6. PUBLIC WORKS BETTERMENT 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"; 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; 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.
Question put and passed.
7. 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 further considered in Committee on Tuesday, 6th February.
8. CUSTODY OF CHILDREN AND CHILDREN'S SETTLEMENTS BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
- (1.) 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, and to provide for settlements for the benefit of children in certain cases.
Question put and passed.
 - (2.) Mr. Carruthers then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the law relating to the custody of children, and to provide for settlements for the benefit of children in certain cases,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 6th February.

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9. **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, 6th February.
10. **FISHERIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Edden 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 To-morrow.
11. **ATTORNEYS ADMISSION BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Crick moved, pursuant to Notice, That the "Attorney's 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 on Tuesday, 20th February.
12. **MASTERS AND SERVANTS BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—
(1.) Mr. Willis moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal the "Masters and Servants Act of 1857," and the "Agreements Validating Act," and to make other provisions in the laws relating to Masters and Servants, and contracts made out of the Colony of New South Wales for personal service therein, and for other purposes connected therewith.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Willis then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to repeal the 'Masters and Servants Act of 1857,' and the 'Agreements Validating Act,' and to make other provisions in the laws relating to Masters and Servants, and contracts made out of the Colony of New South Wales for personal service therein, and for other purposes connected therewith,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 20th February.
13. **OFFENDERS PROBATION BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—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 on Tuesday, 20th February.
14. **LEGAL PRACTITIONERS BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—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.
15. **SYDNEY CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Crick moved, pursuant to Notice, That the "Sydney Corporation 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, 20th February.
16. **REFERENCE BRANCH, FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Danahey moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing the titles of the books which have been purchased, or which have been ordered to be purchased, for the Reference Branch of the Free Public Library, during the last three months, on the recommendation of the Principal Librarian.
Question put and passed.
17. **MINING ACT AMENDMENT BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Cann moved, pursuant to Notice, That the "Mining 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, 6th March.
18. **IMMIGRATION RESTRICTION BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Sheldon 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 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.
Question put and passed.
19. **RETIREMENT OF MR. E. G. WARD, LATE REGISTRAR-GENERAL** (*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 connection with the retirement of Mr. E. G. Ward, late Registrar-General.
Question put and passed.

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20. CHILDRENS PROTECTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—
 (1.) Mr. Neild moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend and extend the "Children's Protection Act, 1892."
 Question put and passed.
 (2.) Mr. Neild then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend and extend the 'Children's Protection Act, 1892,'*"—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 20th February.
21. DISTRESS FOR RENT ABOLITION BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Walker moved, pursuant to Notice, That the "Distress for Rent Abolition 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, 6th February.
22. APPRENTICES BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Houghton moved, pursuant to Notice, That the following Message be sent to the Legislative Council :—Mr. President,—Referring to the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated the 28th September, 1893, requesting the Legislative Council to proceed with the "Apprentices Bill," the proceedings in respect to which were interrupted by the prorogation of the Legislature, the Assembly requests that the said Bill be proceeded with, under the Council's Standing Orders in that behalf.
 Question put and passed.
 Message sent to the Legislative Council accordingly.
23. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Silkstone Coal-mine Railway Act Further Amending Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) postponed until To-morrow.
24. PAPERS :—
 Mr. See laid upon the Table,—Return showing quantity and value of wheat, flour, oats, barley, maize, hay and chaff, potatoes, and onions imported into New South Wales, and the amount of duty received on the same, from the date when the duties were imposed, 2nd December, 1891, to 31st December, 1893.
 Ordered to be printed.
 Mr. Slattery laid upon the Table,—Proclamation declaring Kaolin to be a mineral within the meaning of the Mining Act of 1889.
 Ordered to be printed.
 Mr. Kidd laid upon the Table,—New and amended By-laws of the University of Sydney.
 Ordered to be printed.
 Mr. Copeland laid upon the Table,—
 (1.) Regulations Nos. 246 and 247, substituted for those at present in force bearing the same numbers, under the Crown Lands Acts.
 (2.) Regulation No. 245, substituted for that at present in force bearing the same number, under the Crown Lands Acts.
 (3.) Additional Regulation (No. 286) under the Crown Lands Acts.
 (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 Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under 4th and 101st sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
 (6.) 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.
 (7.) 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.
 (8.) Return to an Order made on 7th December, 1893,—"*Application of Mr. A. Daly, selector, for access to water in Billabong Creek.*"
- Sir George Dibbs laid upon the Table,—
 (1.) Eighth General Report, together with returns giving a record of the Committee's inquiries and minutes of proceedings of Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.
 (2.) Report on Police Department for the year 1893.
 (3.) Report on Immigration for the year 1893.
 Ordered to be printed.
25. AUSTRALASIAN RIGHTS PURCHASE BILL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—
 MR. SPEAKER,—
 Referring to the Legislative Council's Message, dated 1st November, 1893, requesting the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly in certain amendments made by the Council in the "Australasian Rights Purchase Bill," the proceedings with respect to which were interrupted by the prorogation of the Legislature, the Council requests that the said Message may be considered under the Assembly's Standing Orders in that behalf.
Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 24th January, 1894.
- JOHN LACKEY,
 President.
- Mr. Dowel moved, That the Council's request be complied with.
 Question put.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 50.

Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. See,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Stevenson,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Donald,
Mr. Tenkin,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Colls,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Cruickshank,	Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Jenneret,
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	Mr. Francis Clarke,
Mr. Traill,	Mr. J. A. Mackinnon,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Cotton,
Sir W. P. Manning,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Newton,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. McCredie,
Mr. Scott,	Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Hoyle,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Donnelly,	Mr. Newman.
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Willis.
Mr. Johnston,	
Mr. Lonsdale,	
Mr. Garrard,	
Mr. Cullen,	

Tellers,

	Mr. Dowel,
	Mr. Waddell.

Noes, 39.

Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Darnley,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Dawson,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Williams,	Mr. Rae,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Danahy,
Mr. Parke,	Mr. McGowen.
Mr. Carruthers,	
Mr. Kirkpatrick,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hart,	Mr. Hugh McKinnon
Mr. Hindle,	Mr. Fegan.
Mr. Black,	
Mr. Kelly,	
Mr. Collins,	
Mr. G. D. Clark,	
Mr. Nicoll,	
Mr. Miller,	
Mr. Walker,	
Mr. Cook,	
Mr. Bavister,	
Dr. Hollis,	
Mr. Sheldon,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

26. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:—Mr. See moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of a Bill, intituled "A Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1894, and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan," through all its stages in one day, and would also preclude the resolutions of the Committees of Supply and of Ways and Means respectively, whereon the Bill is proposed to be founded, being received on the same day on which they were come to by the said Committees respectively.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

27. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES OF THE WHOLE HOUSE, AND NOMINATION OF TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN:—Sir George Dibbs moved, pursuant to amended Notice, That the following Standing Order be adopted by this House, and presented by Mr. Speaker to His Excellency the Governor for approval:—

The House shall, by resolution upon Notice, at the commencement of each Session of Parliament, appoint a Member to be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House, who shall hold office until his successor shall be appointed.

When a vacancy occurs in the office of Chairman, a new Chairman shall be appointed in like manner.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Neild moved, That the Question be amended by the addition of the words, "Mr. Speaker shall nominate, at the commencement of every Session, a panel of not more than five Members to act as temporary Chairmen of Committees when requested by, or in the absence of, the Chairman of Committees."

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

Debate continued.

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

Question as amended:—

That the following Standing Order be adopted by this House, and presented by Mr. Speaker to His Excellency the Governor for approval:—

The House shall, by resolution upon Notice, at the commencement of each Session of Parliament, appoint a Member to be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House, who shall hold office until his successor shall be appointed.

When a vacancy occurs in the office of Chairman, a new Chairman shall be appointed in like manner.

Mr. Speaker shall nominate, at the commencement of every Session, a panel of not more than five Members to act as temporary Chairmen of Committees when requested by, or in the absence of, the Chairman of Committees,—

Put and passed.

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

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

Mr. Melville also reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Melville, that the report be now received.

Mr. Melville 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 £1,113,947, being £542,947 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of January or following month of the year 1894, to be expended at the rates which have been sanctioned for the year 1893, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the

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the expenditure of the year 1894; £200,000, to enable the Treasurer to make Advances to Public Officers, and on account of other Governments, and to pay expenses of an unforeseen nature, which will afterwards be submitted for Parliamentary appropriation—the whole amount to be adjusted not later than the 31st December, 1895; £300,000, to meet urgent claims in connection with Roads, Bridges, and other Public Works. And in anticipation of Loan Votes—For Water Supply and Sewerage—£13,000, towards the construction and completion of Country Towns Water Supplies (further sum); £6,000, for Sydney Water Supply—further reticulation and works. For Railway Construction Branch—£35,000, for the construction of Tramways (further sum); £2,000, for North Shore Railway (further sum in respect of land); £5,000, for Railway Trial Surveys (further sum); and for Railways—£10,000, towards improvement of grades and curves.

On motion of Mr. See, the resolution was read a second time and agreed to.

29. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Melville* reported progress and obtained leave to sit again.

Mr. Melville also reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

Ordered, on motion of *Mr. Melville*, that the report be now received.

Mr. Melville then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

- (1.) *Resolved*.—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Services of the year 1894, the sum of £1,113,947 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

On motion of Mr. See, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

30. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL:—

- (1.) Ordered, on motion Mr. See, that a Bill be brought in, founded on resolution of Ways and Means (No. 1), to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1894, and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan.

- (2.) Mr. See then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1894, and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and now read a second time.

- (3.) Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Melville* reported the Bill without amendment.

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

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

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

Mr. See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1894, and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan*."

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1894, and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence:

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 24th January, 1894.

The House adjourned at six 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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FOURTH SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 25 JANUARY, 1894.

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

ADDITIONAL STANDING ORDER No. 1a—(*Appointment of Chairman of Committees of the Whole House, and nomination of temporary Chairmen*):—Mr. Speaker announced to the House that he had this day presented to His Excellency the Governor the Additional Standing Order No. 1a, adopted by the House on the 24th instant, and that His Excellency had been pleased to approve of the same.

2. TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES:—Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 1a, appointed—

Jacob Garrard, Esquire,
William McCourt, Esquire,
Sir William Patrick Manning, Knt.,
John Cash Neild, Esquire, and
William Chandos Wall, Esquire,

to act as temporary Chairmen of Committees for the present Session.

3. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Pilotage Rates at Sydney and Newcastle:—Mr. Molesworth asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that he promised a joint deputation from the Chambers of Commerce of Sydney and Newcastle, about two years ago, that he would bring in a Bill without delay to reduce the excessive rates of pilotage levied at those ports?

(2.) Is it his intention to bring in the said Bill with the view to its being passed into law this Session?

Mr. See answered,—The Bill has been prepared, and it was my intention to introduce it this Session if the state of public business had permitted.

(2.) Simpson's Railway:—Mr. Stevenson, for Mr. Rae asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has Simpson's Railway been commenced; and, if so, when?

(2.) Was it not urged as the principal reason for the construction of this work by private enterprise that it would provide work for the unemployed?

(3.) How many men have been employed thereon up to date?

(4.) What sum has been paid into the Treasury on deposit, and will he forfeit same and strictly enforce the provisions of the Act if the work is not commenced within the prescribed time?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) The Department has no information on the subject.

(2.) No doubt this was one of the reasons urged.

(3.) I cannot say.

(4.) A sum of £3,000 has been deposited. If a breach of the Act is established it will be dealt with as the circumstances of the case may demand.

(3.) Chinese entering Colony at Wahgunyah:—Mr. Kelly, for Mr. J. D. FitzGerald, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that seven Chinese crossed the Murray bridge at Wahgunyah, on 18th January?

(2.) Did they comply with the law imposing a poll-tax?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) Yes. The men were old residents of Corowa, well known by the sub-collector.

(2.) The poll-tax was not imposed.

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(4.) Dredge "Sydney":—Mr. Johnston asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the dredge "Sydney" has only one set of buckets and links, thereby causing a stoppage in the whole of the machinery of the said dredge when any repairs are necessary?
- (2.) If such is found to be the case, will he at once order a duplicate set of links and buckets for the said dredge?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) The Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers informs me there are forty-eight buckets belonging to the dredge "Sydney"; thirty-eight are a full set. The dredge has not two sets of links, but no stoppage has occurred when renewing links on this account.
- (2.) It is not necessary to supply duplicate buckets and links.

(5.) Pilot Service at Port of Newcastle:—Mr. Johnston asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the pilot service of Newcastle is hampered for want of a suitable steamer?
- (2.) If so, will he consider the advisableness of calling tenders for a steamer similar to the "Captain Cook," doing pilot service at the port of Sydney?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) The pilot service at Newcastle can scarcely be said to be hampered for the want of a suitable steamer. At the same time the service would be improved, but at considerable increased cost, if a steamer were provided.
- (2.) There are no funds available for this purpose.

(6.) Report on Newtown Road Wood-paving:—Mr. Frank Farnell, for Mr. Lee, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has any reports (and of what date) been made by the Commissioner for Roads or the Supervising Engineer having charge of the Newtown Road wood-paving, as to the construction or maintenance or responsibility for repairing and maintaining the said road and wood-pavement, since the occurrence of an alleged accident on that road to a Mrs. Seymour, one of the plaintiffs in the action Seymour and wife v. Lyne?
- (2.) Was such report furnished by the Department of Public Works to Mr. Slattery, then Minister for Mines; if so, on what date?
- (3.) Was such report asked for at the direction of Mr. Slattery?
- (4.) Was Mr. Slattery at that time attorney for the plaintiffs in the abovementioned action?
- (5.) Had any writ at that time been issued in the action?
- (6.) Was the Secretary for Public Works, or were the officers reporting, informed at the time that their reports would be furnished to the attorney for the plaintiff in an action claiming damages against the Works Department for an accident alleged to have happened through the negligent construction and repair of that road, then under the charge of such officer or officers?
- (7.) Has Mr. Slattery, as attorney for the plaintiff, retired from the case, and when?
- (8.) What is the name of the present attorney for the plaintiff in the action Seymour and wife v. Lyne?
- (9.) Did such attorney serve his articles in the office of Mr. Slattery, and was he, until recently, employed there?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) Various reports have been received in this matter since the date of the alleged accident.
- (2.) No copies of such reports, so far as I am aware, have been furnished to Mr. Slattery.
- (3.) Mr. Slattery asked who was responsible for this road some time in November, 1892, and was informed that the attitude the Department took up with regard to the matter was that the work came under the control of the Municipal Council.
- (4.) I am not aware. When this reply was given to Mr. Slattery nothing was known by the Department of any such claim.
- (5.) No writ had been issued at the time the information referred to was given.
- (6.) No copies of reports were furnished to Mr. Slattery as before stated.
- (7.) I believe he did some time ago.
- (8.) I am informed Mr. Scanlan is now in charge of the case.
- (9.) I am informed by my colleague, Mr. Slattery; that he did serve his articles, but left fifteen months ago.

(7.) Building occupied by the Lending Branch of the Free Public Library:—Mr. Frank Farnell, for Mr. Tonkin, asked the Secretary for Mines,—Will the Government utilise the building now occupied by the Lending Branch of the Free Public Library, Macquarie-street, for the purpose of a Geological and Mining Museum, if it is found that the present building need for that purpose is totally unfitted for the same?

Mr. Slattery answered,—If the building now used as the Lending Branch of the Free Public Library should become vacant, an effort will be made to secure it for the Museum in connection with this Department.

(8.) Requisition to Police Magistrates:—Dr. Hollis asked the Minister of Justice,—What are the instructions to Clerks of Petty Sessions who are located in outlying parts of a Police Magistrate's district with regard to requisitioning the Police Magistrate to come to their part of the district and preside at particular Sessions?

Mr. Slattery answered,—No special instructions have been issued to Clerks of Petty Sessions on this subject. Police Magistrates have, however, been instructed to ascertain beforehand whether the business to be transacted at any particular minor Court would warrant his attendance.

(9.) Road along Deep Creek, Ulmarra:—Mr. McFarlane asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the road along Deep Creek, Ulmarra, be opened for traffic?

Mr. Lyne answered,—This matter is being dealt with by the Lands Department, where, upon inquiry, it has been ascertained that the road will probably be opened in a month. (10.)

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(10.) Agricultural Lands of the Colony:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for *Mr. Collins*, asked 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 or orchards of from (say) 5 to 20 acres?

Mr. Sec answered,—The Railway Commissioners would be glad to receive and consider proposals from any persons for the occupation, as suggested, of unused railway land.

(11.) Sir William Patrick Manning:—*Mr. Baxister*, for *Mr. Danahey*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Referring to the Answer given by the Honorable the Colonial Treasurer, on Tuesday, 23rd instant,—That Sir William Patrick Manning, Member for South Sydney, has not drawn any fees for his services as member of the Board of Health,—

(1.) Were any fees for such services at any time paid to Sir William Patrick Manning, and has he since refunded them; if so, what were the dates of such payments and such refund?

(2.) When was the regulation made, entitling *ex-officio* members of the Board of Health to receive fees?

(3.) Was any sum voted for such purpose in last year's Estimates?

(4.) By what authority have such fees been allowed, and at what rate?

(5.) Since what date has Sir William Patrick Manning been an *ex-officio* member of the Board of Health?

(6.) How many meetings of the Board of Health have taken place from the date when Sir William Patrick Manning became an *ex-officio* member of the Board of Health to the date of the regulation or Executive Minute authorising the payment of fees to *ex-officio* members for their attendance?

(7.) How many of such meetings between those two dates did Sir William Patrick Manning attend?

(8.) How many meetings of the Board of Health have taken place since the date of the regulation authorising payment to *ex-officio* members?

(9.) How many meetings since that date has Sir William Patrick Manning, the Honorable Member for South Sydney, attended?

Mr. Sec answered,—I have already replied to these Questions, but as the Honorable Member appears to doubt my former replies, I will give categorical answers to the whole of his queries:—

(1.) No fees for attendance at meetings of the Board of Health have at any time been paid to Sir W. P. Manning.

(2.) The regulation took effect as from 1st January, 1893.

(3.) Yes, under Contingencies—Board of Health.

(4.) The Executive Council; £2 2s. for each attendance.

(5.) The 10th April, 1891, when he was elected Mayor of Sydney.

(6.) Eighty-four.

(7.) Two.

(8.) Fifty.

(9.) One.

(12.) Lease granted to the Dudley Coal Company:—*Mr. Scott* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) What is the date of the granting of lease No. 318, 48 Victoria, portion 116, parish of Kahibah, to the Dudley Coal Company; the date of the first suspension of labour conditions, and the reasons given for the suspension; the dates of subsequent suspensions, and the reasons therefor; and has the rent been paid to date?

(2.) Do the Company hold other leases upon which suspensions have been granted; and, if so, the dates of such suspensions, and the reasons therefor?

(3.) Will he take into consideration the distress prevailing in the Newcastle district, and compel these and other leases to be worked, or to be forfeited, so that *bona-fide* people may develop the mineral?

(4.) Is there any objection to lay upon the Table the Company's applications for the various suspensions?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) 18th January, 1888, to T. G. Alcock, transferred to the South Barwood Coal Company (Limited), now the Dudley Coal Company, on the 16th November, 1888. Suspensions granted 15th January, 1889; 18th July, 1889; 22nd April, 1890; 5th August, 1892; 7th February, 1893; 2nd December, 1893. Prior to the suspension of the 5th August, 1892, a considerable amount of work had been done in boring and sinking trial shaft. In September, 1893, the sinking of a pit was commenced, but had to be stopped, as it was on the line of an adjoining company's railway. The last suspension was granted to allow of an arrangement for an exchange of land between the Durham and an adjoining company. Rent paid to 17th January, 1894.

(2.) Yes; No. 302 (48 Vic.). Suspension granted 3rd August, 1888; 15th January, 1889; 11th December, 1889; 12th October, 1892; 22nd April, 1893; 24th November, 1893. These suspensions were granted to enable the Durham Company to reach this land from their working by means of headings, which were being driven in that direction.

(3.) I will do all I justly can in the direction indicated.

(4.) No; if moved for in the usual way.

4. CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Hayes* moved, pursuant to Notice, That Ninian Melville, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon *Mr. Melville* made his acknowledgments to the House.

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5. METROPOLITAN WATER AND SEWERAGE ACTS EXTENSION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Lyne moved, pursuant to Notice, That the "Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts Extension 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 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,"—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 Assembly requests that the said Bill be proceeded with under the Council's Standing Orders in that behalf.
Question put and passed.
Message sent to the Legislative Council accordingly.
6. BANKRUPTCY ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Neild moved, pursuant to Notice That the "Bankruptcy 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.
Mr. Neild then moved,—
(1.) That the "Bankruptcy Act Amendment 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. Cann, Mr. Perry, Mr. Francis Clarke, Mr. McCredie, Mr. Torpy, Mr. Hindle, Mr. Gould, Mr. O'Sullivan, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
7. APPLICATION FOR THE RELEASE OF RODERICK MCNAMARA (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. E. M. Clark 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, petitions, and papers in connection with any application for the release of Roderick McNamara, convicted for conspiracy in connection with the Australian Banking Company's frauds.
Question put and passed.
8. REDUCTION OF COST OF LITIGATION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Walker moved, pursuant to Notice, That the "Reduction of Cost of Litigation 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 lessen the Cost of Litigation,"—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 Assembly requests that the said Bill be proceeded with under the Council's Standing Orders in that behalf.
Question put and passed.
Message sent to the Legislative Council accordingly.
9. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
(1.) Fisheries Act Amendment Bill; second reading;—until Tuesday, 6th March.
(2.) Immigration Restriction Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of 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;—until Tuesday, 6th March.
(3.) Silkstone Coal-mine Railway Act Further Amending Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until Tuesday, 6th March.
(4.) Australasian Rights Purchase Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's amendments;—until Tuesday next.
10. PARRAMATTA STREET WATERING BILL:—
(1.) Mr. Frank Farnell presented a Petition from the Council of the Borough of Parramatta, representing that the Parramatta Street Watering Bill, which was reintroduced 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 Tuesday, 6th March.
11. 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 reintroduced 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.

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(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.

12. BANK NOTES BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

Referring to the Legislative Council's Message, dated the 6th December, 1893, requesting the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly in an amendment made by the Council in the "Bank Notes Bill," the proceedings in respect to which were interrupted by the prorogation of the Legislature, the Council requests that the said Message may be considered under the Assembly's Standing Orders in that behalf.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 25th January, 1894.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

Sir George Dibbs moved, That the Council's request be complied with.

Question put and passed.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, that the amendment made by the Legislative Council be taken into consideration on Wednesday next.

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

MR. SPEAKER,—

Referring to the Legislative Council's Message, dated the 5th October, 1893, requesting the Legislative Assembly to proceed with the "Disorderly Conduct Suppression Bill," the proceedings in respect to which were interrupted by the prorogation of the Legislature, the Council requests that the said Bill may be proceeded with under the Assembly's Standing Orders in that behalf.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 25th January, 1894.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

Sir George Dibbs moved, That the Council's request be complied with.

Question put and passed.

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

14. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1894, and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan.*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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Sydney, 25th January, 1894.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

15. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS (*Railway from Narrabri to Moree*):—

Mr. Lyne moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient that a line of railway from Narrabri to Moree, as referred by the Legislative Assembly to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out, 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.

Mr. Bruncker moved, That the Debate on this subject be now adjourned.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Thursday next.

16. MEDICAL BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to regulate the practice of Medicine and Surgery, and for other matters connected therewith.*"—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 Council requests that the said Bill may be proceeded with under the Assembly's Standing Orders in that behalf.

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JOHN LACKEY,
President.
Mr.

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

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 68.

Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. McCredie,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Gough,
Mr. See,	Mr. Donnelly,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Barnes,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Colls,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Barister,
Mr. Brunner,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Has-all,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Waddell,	Dr. Hollis,
Mr. Donald,	Mr. Cotton,
Sir W. P. Manning,	Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Dowel,	Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Lees,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	Mr. Francis Clarke,
Mr. Gormly,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. E. M. Clark,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Sheldon,	Mr. Dawson.
Mr. Jones,	
Mr. Kirkpatrick,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hart,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Cruickshank,	Mr. Langwell.

Nocs, 5.

Mr. Haynes,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Williams.

Tellers,

Mr. Black,
Mr. G. D. Clark.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

17. **LABOUR SETTLEMENTS ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—Mr. Copeland moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the "Labour Settlements Act."
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
18. **PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS (*Pymont and Glebe Island Bridges*)**:—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 removing the present Pymont "and Glebe Island bridges"; the construction in lieu thereof of certain other means of communication between Sydney, Pymont, Balmain, and the Northern Suburbs; and the carrying out of incidental works in connection therewith.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Hugh McKinnon moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the words "and Glebe Island bridges" with a view to the insertion in their place of the word "bridge."
Question proposed.—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
Debate continued.
Proposed amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Original Question put and passed.
19. **GLEN INNES TO INVERELL RAILWAY BILL**:—Mr. Lyne 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 sanction the construction of a line of railway from Glen Innes to Inverell.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
20. **PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS (*Deviation to avoid Lithgow Zig Zag*)**:—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 carrying out a deviation on the Great Western Line of Railway for the purpose of avoiding the Lithgow Zig Zag.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
21. **LITHGOW WATER SUPPLY WORKS BILL**:—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Lyne moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of works of water supply for the town of Lithgow, county of Cook.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to sanction the construction of works of water supply for the town of Lithgow, county of Cook.

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 Lithgow, county of Cook*,"—which was read a first time.

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

22. PUBLIC WORKS BETTERMENT 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 amend the "Public Works Act of 1888" and the "Public Works Act Amendment Act of 1889"; 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; 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.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the "Public Works Act of 1888," and the "Public Works Act Amendment Act of 1889"; 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; 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.

On motion of 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 costs 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.

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

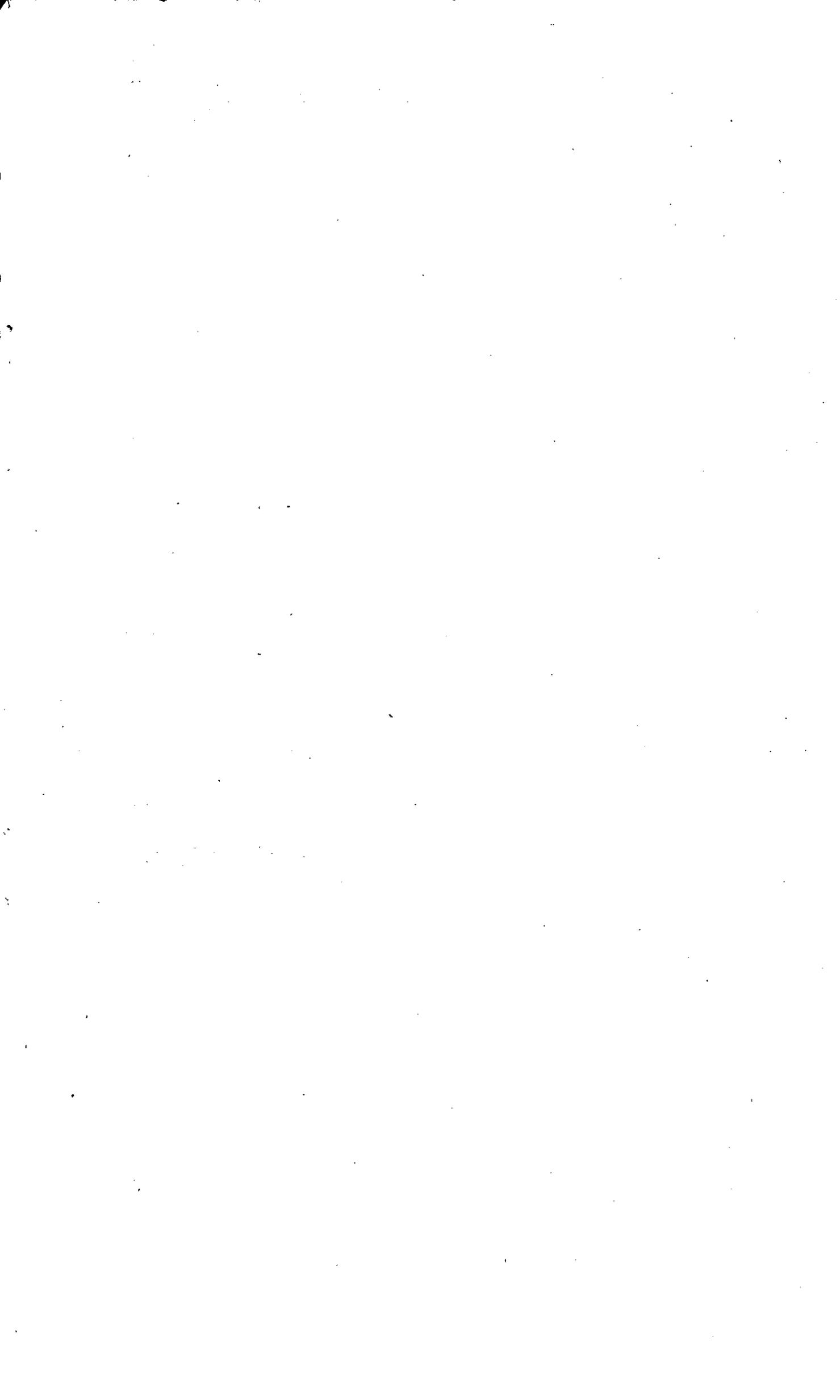
Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

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

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.



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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 30 JANUARY, 1894.

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

PRIVILEGE—NEWSPAPER ARTICLE:—Mr. Neild drew attention to an article headed "Political," published in the *Evening News* of Friday, 26th January, 1894, and moved, That the two paragraphs marked, be now read by the Clerk.

Question put and passed.

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

POLITICAL.

A number of Members, particularly on the Ministerial side of the House, are anxious to baulk the motion, as it is feared some unpleasant and discreditable disclosures will crop out during the debate. The doings of the refreshment room, and the gambling tables, will probably have a light thrown upon them that will surprise the community.

People outside the House would like to know the name of the "democratic" member who recently lost his month's salary during one night's carouse over the gambling table at the Parliamentary refreshment room.

Mr. Neild then moved, That Mr. Hogue, the Editor of the *Evening News* be summoned to the Bar of the House at 5 p.m. to-morrow, to answer in respect of the truthfulness or otherwise of the paragraphs just read by the Clerk.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 53.

Mr. Melville,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Traill,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Colls,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Rose,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Hoyle,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Darnley,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Francis Clarke,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. McCredie,
Mr. Danahey,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Lees,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. G. D. Clark,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Murphy.
Mr. McGowen,	
Mr. Cook,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Neild.
Mr. O'Sullivan,	

Noes, 24.

Mr. Reid,
Mr. Morton,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Copeland,
Sir George Dibbs,
Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Jeanneret,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Want,
Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Vaughn,
Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. Houghton,
Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. Grahame.

Tellers,

Mr. Wall,
Mr. Bowes.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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2. PRIVILEGE—NEWSPAPER ARTICLE:—Mr. Carruthers drew attention to an article headed "Parliamentary Business" in *The Daily Telegraph* of Monday, 29th January, 1894, and moved that the marked portion of the article be now read by the Clerk.

Question put and passed.

The Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, read the portion of the article referred to, as follows:—

PARLIAMENTARY BUSINESS.

* * * * * Considerable interest is being evinced in Mr. Hindle's motion. Some Members of Parliament condemn it very strongly, while others as warmly commend Mr. Hindle for the step he has decided to take. A member of the Ministry stated on Saturday that the debate on Wednesday night would probably be the most disgraceful exhibition ever seen in the New South Wales Assembly, which is, of course, saying a good deal. It seems, according to this Minister, that some Members on one side will not hesitate to refer openly to the conduct of certain Members on the other side. The private life of Members is to be dragged in as well as their life within the precincts of Parliament buildings, where it is asserted that much heavy drinking and not a little gambling is indulged in on dull nights. Altogether, if the assertions of this Minister and of other Members of Parliament as to what is going to take place prove correct, the debate on Wednesday night will be a most nauseous one.

Mr. Carruthers then moved, That Mr. Brient, the Editor of *The Daily Telegraph*, be summoned to appear at the Bar of the House to give evidence in relation to this matter.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Kelly requested Mr. Speaker to rule whether this motion could be put without Notice.

Mr. Speaker ruled that, under Standing Order No. 34, a Notice should be given.

3. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Ocean-street Cable Tramway:—Mr. Molesworth asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What is the cost of the Ocean-street cable tramway to date?
- (2.) What is the estimated cost of the following items connected therewith:—(1) Rolling-stock and motive-power; (2) engine-house, car-houses, and other buildings?
- (3.) What will be the probable outlay when everything is completed?
- (4.) When will the line be opened for traffic?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) £98,353 16s. 7d.
- (2.) (1) Rolling stock, £8,600; motive power, £26,680; (2) power and car-house, £20,523.
- (3.) £145,752. This is inclusive of land and expenses connected with the additional power and appliances which have been provided for future extensions of the line. The original estimate did not include either the land or these additional works.
- (4.) About the end of May.

- (2.) Reclamation Works at Shea's Creek:—Mr. Carruthers asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Shea's Creek reclamation works have again been started?
- (2.) How many men have been put on the works to date?
- (3.) How many of the former workmen have applied to be employed on the works?
- (4.) How many of such former workmen have been put on?
- (5.) Is he aware that a large number of these workmen are married men with large families, and are in a state of destitution?
- (6.) Is he aware that in St. Peters, and close by Cook's River and Shea's Creek, a number of people have been induced to settle there by reason of finding employment on the reclamation works?
- (7.) Will these people be put upon these works as work occurs for them, or will workmen be introduced from outside localities, irrespective of the local distress and lack of employment?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) Yes; but only to a limited extent, for the purpose of filling in at the back of the banks and effecting repairs generally.
- (2.) One hundred and one.
- (3.) No correct records have been kept, nor is it possible to do so in the case of casual labourers employed on undertakings of this kind.
- (4.) Fourteen.
- (5.) I cannot say.
- (6.) I cannot say.
- (7.) I cannot make any such promise, which would mean that the work should be specially kept for them. When an application is made by any of these men for employment the case will be considered with others.

- (3.) Contributors to the Superannuation Fund:—Mr. Carruthers asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the Civil Service Board has recently refused to admit railway employees as contributors to the Civil Service Superannuation Fund?
- (2.) Upon what grounds is such refusal based?
- (3.) In view of the fact that his honorable colleague the Minister for Mines stated last Session, in reply to the Honorable Member for The Clarence, that the Civil Service Board had no power to reject applications made in accordance with section 57 of the Civil Service Act, will he see that any railway servant applying under that section is admitted as a contributor to the fund?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—Yes; under the Railway Act of 1888, all railway employees are appointed by the Railway Commissioners, and hold office during their pleasure only. It has, therefore, been held that railway officers and employees are not persons permanently employed by the Government within the meaning of the Civil Service Act, 1884.

- (4.) Salaries of ex-Students of the Training College:—Mr. Carruthers asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Have the salaries of ex-students of the Training College, who received appointments as teachers since December, 1893, been reduced from £113 per annum to £80 per annum?
- (2.) What classification, as a rule, do such ex-students hold after a successful career in the College? (3.)

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- (3.) Has any reduction been made in the case of ex-students who left the Training College in and prior to the month of December, 1892?
- (4.) Is it a fact that ex-students of one year's training, with a classification of 3A, have also been reduced from £96 per annum to £80 per annum?
- (5.) Is it intended to pay the same salary to ex-students as teachers whether they hold the classification of 2A or 3A, and whether they have been trained one or two years?
- (6.) Have any teachers with 2A classification received this year an increase of £16 per annum upon a salary of £113 per annum, whilst the ex-student teacher, holding similar classification, is being reduced from £113 to £80 per annum; and, if so, why?
- (7.) Are any teachers of 3A classification now drawing higher salaries than other teachers of the higher (2A) classification; and, if so, why?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

- (1.) No ex-student who ever received £113 has been reduced to £80 per annum, or reduced at all; but ex-students leaving the Fort-street Training School in December, 1893, will receive while waiting appointment to schools an allowance of £80 and £95 during their first and second years of temporary service, respectively.
- (2.) No actual classification, but they are ranked, provisionally, as 2A, 2B, or 3A, according to attainments; the provisional rank being confirmed or reduced after three years trial as temporary teachers on probation.
- (3.) Yes; the reduction of 5 per cent. made on all teachers' salaries in 1893.
- (4.) No.
- (5.) Yes; until their appointment to schools.
- (6.) No; but eight ex-students who left the Training School in 1890 and were first on the list for appointment to country schools received their appointments in their turn on 1st January instant, at the regulation salary of £136 a year.
- (7.) Yes; many teachers of long service holding 3A certificates are in receipt of higher salaries than those paid to young short-service men who have recently gained 2A.
- (5.) Temporary Draughtsmen in Lands Department:—*Mr. J. D. FitzGerald*, for Mr. Black, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that there are about ninety-five temporary draughtsmen employed by the Lands Department?
- (2.) Is it a fact that sixty-four out of the total have an average service of nine and a half years?
- (3.) Is it a fact that the work of these "temporary" hands is as permanent and important as that of the permanent staff, of whom there are one hundred and thirty-five?
- (4.) Is it not a fact that under these circumstances temporary draughtsmen of long service are frequently passed over, promotion being given in preference to draughtsmen of shorter service and less salary?
- (5.) Is it a fact that temporary draughtsmen are limited to a maximum salary of £250 per annum?
- (6.) Is it a fact that in respect of leave of absence their privileges are only two-thirds of those engaged by the permanent staff?
- (7.) Is it a fact that their retiring allowances are less than those of the temporary staff?
- (8.) Is it not a fact that in 1890 the then Secretary for Lands admitted that this principle of permanent "temporary" employment was a wrong one?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

- (1.) Yes; including head office and fourteen district offices.
- (2.) A considerable number have served for the period named.
- (3.) Temporary draughtsmen are employed on the same work as the rank and file of the permanent staff; but the most important positions of trust and responsibility are filled by officers on the permanent staff.
- (4.) No; and I may mention that fully one-half of the present permanent staff is comprised of officers who have from time to time been transferred from the temporary staff.
- (5.) Yes.
- (6.) Yes, as regards annual leave, but on the same footing as to sick leave.
- (7.) Yes, presuming that permanent staff is intended; but temporary officers do not contribute to the Civil Service Fund.
- (8.) I am not aware.
- (6.) Licenses to Assyrian and Cingalese Hawkers:—*Mr. Sheldon*, for Mr. Collins, asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Have the Police Magistrates in the country districts been authorised to refuse hawkers licenses to all Hindoos unless they can obtain certificates of character from responsible persons living in the district where such applications are made?
- (2.) Is it a fact that Mr. Johnson, the Stipendiary Magistrate, refused to grant licenses to Hindoos in Sydney, whilst the Police Magistrate at Narrabri granted twenty-eight licenses in one day on the surety of one Assyrian?
- (3.) In view of the fact that the Assyrian and Cingalese hawkers are becoming a great nuisance to the settlers in the country districts, will he advise the Police Magistrates to refuse licenses unless they are accompanied by certificates of character from responsible persons living in the district?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) No instructions have been issued to Police Magistrates, but certificates of character must be produced to entitle applicants to the issue of a license.
- (2.) The Licensing Bench in Sydney refused to grant licenses to certain Hindoo and Assyrian hawkers whose characters were not known to the Police, but, where proper certificates were produced, the licenses were granted irrespective of nationality. On the 4th instant eighteen Assyrian and Hindoos were granted licenses by the Police Magistrate at Narrabri on the surety of an Assyrian storekeeper and another storekeeper.
- (3.) It is not considered necessary or desirable to instruct Magistrates as to the exercise of the discretion vested in them by law. (7.)

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- (7.) Subletting of Government Contracts :—Mr. Bavister asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the officers of his Department found work that had been sublet by the contractor for one of the public works now in progress being done in such a careless and unskilful manner that special instructions were issued to such contractor to prevent the work being continued in that manner?
 - (2.) Did not the contractor then state he would immediately stop subletting?
- Mr. Lyne answered,—Yes. I presume the Honorable Member refers to the storm-water drain at Parramatta, and I have to refer him to the answer I gave to the Honorable Member for Parramatta on the subject on the 23rd instant, which contains all the information I have on the subject.
- (8.) Contract for Sewer Works at Stanmore :—Mr. Bavister asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Was the contract for the sewer works now in course of construction at Stanmore let on a schedule of prices?
 - (2.) What were the prices and conditions for the excavation portion of the work?
 - (3.) Was any provision made for special or increased rates under certain conditions; if so, what were they?
 - (4.) On what date was the tender sent in, and what was the date of accepting same?
- Mr. Lyne answered,—The Board of Water Supply and Sewerage have furnished me with the following replies, this being one of their contracts :—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) Excavation in soil—

In open trenches, &c.	... ..	...	...	...	...	...	1s. 8d. cubic yard
In solid rock, with use of explosives	... ..	...	...	...	...	...	3d. " "
In solid rock, without use of explosives	... ..	...	...	...	...	...	1s. " "

 It is understood there is little, if any, rock work in this contract.

Excavation in tunnel—							
In ordinary soil	... ..	...	...	...	...	...	13s. cubic yard
Solid rock, with use of explosives	... ..	...	...	...	...	...	5s. " "
Solid rock, without use of explosives	... ..	...	...	...	...	...	40s. " "
 - (3.) When the use of explosives is prohibited, special rates are provided. (See Answer to Question No. 2.)
 - (4.) Tenders sent in on 16th November, 1892; accepted by Board, 22nd November, 1892; approved by Minister, 20th November, 1893.
- (9.) Influx of Asiatics :—Mr. Hutchinson asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it his intention to introduce a Bill this Session making provision for the stopping of any further influx of undesirable aliens?
- Sir George Dibbs answered,—I am not in a position to answer this or the following Question on to-day's paper at present.
- (10.) Pastoral Leases in the Central Division :—Mr. Hutchinson asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that all the applications with regard to the extension of pastoral leases in the Central Division will have to be inquired into, and the recommendations and decisions of the Local Land Boards and Appeal Court finally dealt with before next August?
 - (2.) What is the total number of cases to be reported upon; have any reports or recommendations been received from the Local Land Boards; if so, how many, and what is the estimated value of improvements upon Crown lands under lease within the Central Division?
 - (3.) Will he, in view of the importance of such question as affecting the public interest in the matter of permanent settlement, and the rights of pastoral tenants, take into consideration the advisability of introducing an amended Land Bill this Session?
- Mr. Copeland answered,—
- (1.) The Act provides that the Land Boards shall, before the commencement of the last year of the current leases, inquire into and report on all applications for extensions of leases, but it does not follow that such recommendations must be finally dealt with before next August.
 - (2.) There are 578 applications to be reported on, on eight of which reports have been received. The value of the improvements upon Crown lands under lease within the Central Division cannot be stated.
 - (3.) I would refer the Honorable Member to the report in *Hansard* of my speech on the 24th instant on the Temporary Supply Bill, wherein I informed the House that it is the intention of the Government to take the new Land Bill to the country at the ensuing general election, for an expression of opinion thereon.
- (11.) Dubbo Boiling-down Company :—Mr. Morgan asked the Attorney-General,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the Dubbo Boiling-down Company was recently fined about £50,000 for slaughtering sheep without a license, on the ground that sheep are "cattle"?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that a decision was recently given by a Stipendiary Magistrate at Newtown to the effect that sheep are not cattle?
 - (3.) Will he take steps to more clearly define sheep, cattle, and pigs?
- Mr. Slattery answered,—
- (1.) Yes. The exact amount was £50,610.
 - (2.) The decision referred to is probably one which was given at the Glebe Police Court on Thursday, 14th December last. That was not a decision under the Cattle Slaughtering Acts, but under the By-laws of the Borough of Leichhardt, and therefore has no reference to the interpretation of the Statutes as to cattle slaughtering.
 - (3.) It is unnecessary. It has been held by the Supreme Court in the case of *Regina v. Money*, reported in 4 Weekly Notes, on page 163, that the word "cattle," in the Cattle Slaughtering Acts, includes pigs, *a fortiori*, therefore, it includes sheep.

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- (12.) Crown Leases held by Colliery Companies:—Mr. Fegan asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) How many colliery companies have leases from the Crown?
 - (2.) The name of the colliery, and area leased?
 - (3.) Are the said colliery companies paying royalties for the mineral worked?
 - (4.) If so, how much per ton is paid?
 - (5.) What amount has been paid by the various collieries who have leased the mineral from the Crown

Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) Nineteen.
- (2.) Wickham and Bullock Island Coal Company a. r. p.
 Scottish Australian Mining Company 5,023 3 7
 Dudley Coal Company 947 0 14
 North Stockton Coal Company 5 0 0
 Hetton Coal Company 1,103 3 19
 Genowlan Shale Company 420 0 0
 Stockton Coal Company 2,109 1 24
 Centenary Coal and Coke Company 1,133 1 30½
 Oakey Park Coal-mining Company 536 0 0
 Metropolitan Coal Company 18,175 0 0
 Burwood Coal Company 387 2 27
 Cullen Bullen Coal and Coke Company... .. 1,468 2 29
 Northumberland Land and Coal Company 113 3 10
 North Bulli 1,627 1 0
 Red Head 122 0 0
 Mount Pleasant 1,281 0 0
 Osborne, Wallsend 563 2 0
 Australian Agricultural Company 2,560 0 0
 Burwood Extended 1,280 0 0
- (3.) Yes.
- (4.) 6d. per ton on round and 3d. per ton on small coal.
- (5.) £66,914 3s. 5d. during the past six years.

- (13.) Bank Notes Bill:—Mr. Haynes asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Does he propose to proceed with the measure to make Bank notes a legal tender in all parts of New South Wales outside the Metropolis?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the reconstructed Banks, while holding large sums of depositors' moneys at low interest named by the Banks, are either charging much higher interest to depositors compelled to borrow, or pressing such depositors into bankruptcy?
- (3.) Is it a fact that certain reconstructed Banks are now exercising a terrorism over woolgrowers and other producers indebted to them to send their produce for sale to any firm named by those Banks, the penalty of refusal being foreclosure?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) I refer the Honorable Member to the Business Paper.
- (2 and 3.) I am assured the allegations contained in these Questions are unfounded. The Banks as a whole have not departed from their usual practice in dealing with their customers.

- (14.) Pymont Bridge:—Mr. Houghton asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What has been the total expenditure of every description on the Pymont Bridge from 1st January, 1890, to 20th January, 1894, including wages, supervision, materials, boat and steam hire, &c.?

Mr. Lyne answered,—£6,186 7s. 5d.

4. NAVIGATION ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Darnley, for Mr. Murphy, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the "Navigation Act Further 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, 20th March.
5. PUBLIC VEHICLES REGULATION ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Kelly moved, pursuant to Notice, That the "Public Vehicles Regulation Act Further 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, 20th March.
6. USE OF CAMELS REGULATION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Waddell moved, pursuant to Notice, That the "Use of Camels Regulation 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, 6th February.
7. NET-FISHING IN PORT HACKING PROHIBITION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
 (1.) Mr. Young, 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" in certain respects.
 Question put and passed.
 (2.) Mr. Carruthers then 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, 20th March.

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8. **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 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.
Question put and passed.
9. **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 Tuesday, 20th February.
10. **RAILWAY FROM NARRABRI TO MOREE**:—
(1.) Mr. Waddell presented a Petition from certain residents of Collarendabri and surrounding Districts, praying that for certain reasons set forth in the Petition, an immediate survey of a direct line of railway from Narrabri West, *via* Gurleigh Point, on to the Barwon, at or near Collarendabri, and to the Border, at or near Angledool be ordered, and urging that the same be made before anything is decided upon regarding railway extension from Narrabri to Moree.
(2.) Mr. Waddell presented a Petition from certain graziers, merchants, hotelkeepers, and residents of the Districts of Narran River and Southern Border, Queensland, praying that before sanction is given to the direct line of extension of railway from Narrabri to Moree, a trial survey be made of a route from the present Narrabri Railway Station to a place on the Namoi River known as Gurley Point, some 4 or 5 miles from Wee Waa, to cross the Namoi there; and thence run through Boolcarroll to Millie or West Millie, and so on to Moree; and setting forth reasons in support of the said route.
Petitions received.
11. **CLAIM OF JAMES GUIHEN, OF BROGER'S CREEK**:—Mr. Morton 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 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.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Donald,
Mr. Fuller,
Mr. McCourt,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Colls,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Danahy,
Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Newman.

Tellers,

Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. Morton.

Noes, 43.

Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Traill,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. McCredie,
Mr. Sharp,	Sir George Dibbs,
Mr. Hart,	Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Willis,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Murphy.
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	
Mr. Wall,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Levick,
Mr. Cotton,	Mr. Houghton.
Mr. Hutchinson,	

And so it passed in the negative.

12. **PAPER**:—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Counsel's opinion on the validity of the 107th Standing Order of the Legislative Assembly, respecting the punishment of Strangers for contempt.
Ordered to be printed.
13. **GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS**:—Mr. Bavister moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the following clauses should 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.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Dowel moved, That the Question be amended by the omission from paragraph (4) of the words "or co-partner (if any)."
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
Debate continued.

And

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And Mr. Reid requiring that the paragraphs be put *seriatim*,—

Question put,—That, in the opinion of this House, the following clauses should 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.

The House divided.

Ayes, 37.

Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Donald,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Hoyle,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Colls,	Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Darnley,	
Mr. McCredie,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Murphy,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Bavister	Mr. Fegan.
Mr. Black,	

Noes, 11.

Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. See,
Sir George Dibbs,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Kidd.

Tellers,

Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Francis Clarke.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question put,—(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.

The House divided.

Ayes, 37.

Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Donald,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Hoyle,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Colls,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Morgan,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. McCredie.
Mr. Darnley,	
Mr. Murphy,	<i>Tellers,</i>
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Tellers,

Mr. Francis Clarke,
Mr. Dowel.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question,—(3.) All workmen employed on Government works shall be paid not less than the recognized minimum rate of wages of their respective trade or calling current at the time of the contract being signed,—put and passed.

Question proposed,—(4.) Should any violation of the above conditions be attempted by the contractor "or co-partner (if any)" the Government shall cancel the contract.

Upon which Mr. Dowel had moved the omission of the words "or co-partnership (if any)."

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

Question then,—(4.) Should any violation of the above conditions be attempted by the contractor the Government shall cancel the contract,—put and negatived.

Mr. McCourt moved, That the Question be further amended by the addition of the following words, to stand paragraph (4.) Every such contract shall contain a stipulation for a forfeiture of the contract and of the amount of the bond signed in connection therewith, when, in the opinion of the Minister of the Department concerned, there has been a breach of any one of the foregoing conditions.

Question put and passed.

Question, as amended,—That in the opinion of this House, the following clauses should 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 recognized minimum rate of wages of their respective trade or calling current at the time of the contract being signed.

(4.) Every such contract shall contain a stipulation for a forfeiture of the contract and of the amount of the bond signed in connection therewith, when, in the opinion of the Minister of the Department concerned, there has been a breach of any one of the foregoing conditions,—put and passed.

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14. MORTGAGES SUSPENSION BILL:—Mr. Wall moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to suspend the operation of mortgages, liens, and other liabilities in connection with certain banking institutions, and other registered companies.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned at fourteen 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. 7.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 31 JANUARY, 1894.

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

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE 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. 12.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1894, and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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Sydney, 30th January, 1894.

2. PAPER:—*Sir George Dibbs*, for Mr. Speaker, laid upon the Table,—Copy of a Minute of His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council, authorising the transfer of an amount from one Head of Service to supplement a Vote for another Service in connection with the Department of Mines, transmitted to the Legislative Assembly under directions contained in the 18th section of the Audit Act of 1870.
Ordered to be printed.
3. 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 Tuesday, 23rd January, 1894, 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 125th section of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893.
- (2.) *Members sworn*:—Henry Clarke, Esquire, Samuel Edward Lees, Esquire, William Patrick Crick, Esquire, William Portus Cullen, Esquire, LL.D., John Daniel FitzGerald, Esquire, and Philip Henry Morton, Esquire, came to the Table, and were sworn by the Clerk as Members of the Committee.
4. DEPUTY SPEAKER'S COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER THE OATH OF ALLEGIANCE:—Mr. Speaker reported that he had received a Commission, under the Seal of the Colony, dated thirtieth January, 1894, 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

31st January, 1894.

“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 thirtieth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four, and in the fifty-seventh year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

“E. W. DUFF.

“By His Excellency's Command,

“GEORGE R. DIBBS.”

5. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Legal Advice to the Railway Commissioners :—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Mr. Rose, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What amount have the Railway Commissioners paid away for legal advice up to date?
- (2.) The names of the recipients?
- (3.) The separate amounts paid to each recipient, inclusive of the date of payment?
- (4.) Have the Commissioners ever sought legal advice from an Attorney-General?
- (5.) Is the present Attorney-General prepared to advise the Commissioners?

Mr. See answered,—

(1, 2, and 3.) The information desired embraces a period of over five years, but it will be compiled and supplied in the form of return.

(4.) Yes; but advice was refused. The Attorney-General who was in office when the Railway Commissioners were appointed decided that he was the legal adviser of his colleagues only, and not of Departments or State Corporations, and no Attorney-General as such has ever acted for the Railway Department either under the present or late Railway Act. The Commissioners on taking office continued the practice then in force, and renewed the retainers of the then standing counsel of the late Commissioner for Railways.

(5.) Respecting this Question, the Attorney-General advises as follows :—I consider that it is no part of my duty to advise the Railway Commissioners direct, but I am prepared to advise any of my honorable colleagues, including the Ministerial head of the Railway Commissioners, and including any matter concerning the Railways as to which he may require my advice.

(2.) Sheriff's Officers :—*Mr. McCourt* asked the Minister of Justice,—In view of the Answer given on Tuesday, the 23rd instant, that Sheriff's Officers have to find from their own funds the amounts required to pay expenses for service of writs and under writs of execution, and at times lose such amounts, will he provide some way of protecting such officers from loss?

Mr. Slattery answered,—The matter, which is one surrounded with some little difficulty, will receive consideration.

(3.) Oleomargarine and Butterine made in the Colony :—*Mr. Perry* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that large quantities of oleomargarine and butterine are made in this Colony and sold as butter?
- (2.) Will he take steps to impose an excise duty of (say) 6d. per lb., in order to prevent these deleterious compounds going into consumption?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) I am not aware that large quantities of oleomargarine and butterine are made in this Colony and sold as butter at the present time.

(2.) An excise duty can only be imposed by Act of Parliament.

(4.) Railway and Tramway Employees :—*Mr. Hutchinson* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What are the maximum and minimum wages paid per day to conductors, assistants, porters, firemen, and engineers on the trams and railways?
- (2.) Is it a fact that many of such men are entitled to increases in their wages for more than twelve months, and have not received them?
- (3.) What are the reasons for withholding such increases; and when is it intended to allow the increases to take place?
- (4.) Is it a fact that employees in the tram and railway service are compelled to pay assurance or guarantee fees annually?
- (5.) To what fund are these moneys paid, and are any refunds made to persons who resign or are retrenched; if not, what is the reason?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) The wages vary from 6s. to 15s. per day in the Railway, and from 5s. to 14s. per day in the Tramways.

(2.) No; the classification allowances having been for a time suspended.

(3.) The classification increases have been withheld in consequence of the large falling off in revenue. The Commissioners see no prospect of giving advances of pay for the same duties; their difficulty has been to maintain the present rates of pay.

(4.) Yes; if entrusted with the custody of cash.

(5.) To the Treasury Guarantee Fund. Refunds to persons who resign or are retrenched are not made.

(5.) Crown Lands :—*Mr. Hutchinson* asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it a fact that the acreage of lands actually transferred during the last ten years exceeds by many millions of acres the lands conditionally purchased during the same period?

Mr.

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Mr. Copeland answered,—Apparently so; but it may be pointed out that many of these transfers are by way of mortgage only, and the area transferred consists in a great degree of selections taken up more than ten years ago. Moreover, many of such conditional purchases have been repeatedly transferred.

(6.) Railway Freights on Lines, Wallerawang-Mudgee, and Molong, Parkes, and Forbes:—Mr. Hutchinson asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What are the rates and charges per ton and truck at present fixed by the Commissioners for the conveyance of goods and stock between Wallerawang and Mudgee, and Molong, Parkes, and Forbes?

(2.) Are main or branch line rates and charges adopted on the respective lines mentioned?

(3.) If any differences exist what are the reasons?

(4.) Is he aware that contracts for carriage of goods to and from Forbes, Parkes, and Sydney have been entered into between teamsters and business people of the towns of Forbes and Parkes on account of lesser rates being charged for carriage by team than is now demanded for carriage by rail?

(5.) What is the estimated loss or profit for the year 1894 upon the Wallerawang-Mudgee and Molong, Parkes, and Forbes lines of railway?

(6.) What was the actual loss upon the Wallerawang-Mudgee line for the year 1893?

Mr. See answered,—

(1, 2, and 3.) The ordinary mileage rates per ton and per truck applicable to an equal distance on the main line are charged between the stations named.

(4.) The Railway Commissioners are aware that a small amount of traffic has been carried by road. The matter, however, is one that does not demand any serious consideration, and only arises from exceptional circumstances existing at the present time, which cannot continue.

(5.) It is not possible at the present time to form anything like an accurate estimate of what the traffic will be upon these lines for the present year.

(6.) The loss on the Mudgee line for the year ending 31st December, 1892, after providing for working expenses and interest, was £29,517.

(7.) Clerk of Petty Sessions at Newcastle:—Mr. G. D. Clark asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a clerk recently employed as Clerk of Petty Sessions at Newcastle abstracted from the Government funds a considerable sum of money?

(2.) If so, what is the name of the clerk, and the amount abstracted; and has the money been refunded?

(3.) Is the said clerk still retained in the Public Service, and in what capacity?

(4.) Is it the intention of the Government to take any action with reference to the matter?

Mr. Slattery answered,—No information as to any such occurrence has been received at the Department of Justice.

(8.) Transmission of Telegrams by Railway Department on Public Holidays:—Mr. Grahame asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that on public holidays, when, during certain hours, the Electric Telegraph Department is closed to the public, telegrams concerning the results of horse races, cricket matches, and other sporting events are transmitted upon the telegraphs of the Railway Department from Sydney to country towns?

(2.) Is it a fact that such telegrams have been sent from Sydney, and have been received by sporting tobacconists and totalisator runners in Newcastle and other places, while the general public are unable to have any messages sent through?

(3.) If this is the case, will he urge the Commissioners either to open their telegraphs for general public business on holidays, or to discontinue the practice of granting their use to one section of the community?

Mr. See answered,—I am informed that some of the Railway Telegraph Offices are also Public Telegraph Offices, and, when open, messages are received and forwarded for any person requiring to forward messages. On the 26th instant, some telegrams were sent from the Redfern Railway Telegraph Office, which is also a Public Telegraph Office, to Newcastle.

(9.) Girls' School, South Parramatta:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Will he cause an immediate inquiry to be made of the unsuitable building now being used as a school for girls at the public school, South Parramatta?

Mr. Suttor answered,—Tenders were accepted for the erection of buildings for a girls' department on the 21st December last. Ample provision exists in the other departments for the temporary accommodation of the girls, pending the completion of the buildings.

(10.) Recreation Ground for Harris Park and Granville:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Will he give instructions for a survey to be made of land suitable for a park in Harris Park and Granville?

(2.) Is there a large and increasing population in that part of the electorates of Parramatta and Granville for which no recreation ground has been provided?

Mr. Copeland answered,—If the Honorable Member can inform me of the locality of any Crown lands in that vicinity suitable for a park, I shall have no objection to giving instructions for a survey. But there are no funds available for the purchase of any private lands for the purpose.

(11.) Silver Coinage:—Mr. Dowel asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What action is being taken by the Government in reference to the silver coinage question?

(2.) Has the Agent-General been instructed to take concerted action with the Agents-General of the other colonies in reference to this matter?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The matter is still under consideration. No action has been taken in the direction suggested by the Honorable Member.

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- (12.) Chief Inspector of Stock :—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Is it true that the Chief Inspector of Stock is now in London ?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that this officer has for a long time past taken a warm interest in the matter of opening up markets for our preserved meats and other produce ?
 - (3.) If so, will he consider the advisability of arranging, by cable message, for Mr. Bruce to obtain as much information as possible (before returning) of a nature likely to assist our producers to open up markets in England and on the continent for our preserved meats, butter, wines, fruit, and other colonial products ?
- Mr Slattery answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) Yes.
 - (3.) Yes.
- (13.) Leprosy in New South Wales :—Mr. J. D. FitzGerald asked the Colonial Secretary,—Can he state how many cases of supposed leprosy are at present under medical observation in New South Wales ?
- Sir George Dibbs answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Medical Adviser to the Government :—There are no cases of supposed leprosy under medical observation by this Department. There are thirty-seven cases of leprosy at the lazarets at Little Bay.
- (14.) Persons in Debtors' Prison, Darlinghurst Gaol :—Mr. J. D. FitzGerald asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) How many persons are imprisoned for debt in Darlinghurst Gaol ?
 - (2.) How long have they been confined in each case ?
 - (3.) In each case for what amount of debt ?
- Sir George Dibbs answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Department of Justice :—
- (1.) Nine.
 - (2.) They have been confined respectively since the 9th, 11th, 16th, 25th, and 30th instant, 4th and 8th November, 1893, 2nd and 29th March, 1892.
 - (3.) £25, £101 6s. 4d., £5, £111 4s. 11d., £25, £225, £20, and £99, and one for contempt in refusing to be sworn at the Bankruptcy Court.
- (15.) Cast-iron Pipes :—Mr. Alfred Allen, for Mr. Lonsdale, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it his intention to send cast-iron pipes to the various towns that have asked to have waterworks constructed, whether such works are authorised by this House or not ; if so, for what reason ?
 - (2.) Is it his intention to charge interest on cost of such pipes for the time they are unused, though in some cases it may be two or three years before the waterworks will be constructed ?
 - (3.) Is it his intention to add the accrued interest to the capital cost of such works ?
- Mr. Lyne answered,—
- (1.) This is a Question which requires no Answer, as its very terms imply a negative.
 - (2.) I cannot undertake to answer Questions of such a highly hypothetical character as this.
 - (3.) Accrued interest, where justly chargeable, will be added to the capital cost, as it practically forms part of that cost.
- (16.) New Parliament Houses :—Mr. Davis asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he, in view of the congested state of the labour market, and the consequent distress prevailing amongst all classes of the building trades, offer some relief by placing a sum of £100,000 on the Estimates for the current year towards the building of the new Parliament Houses, the foundation stone of which was laid some considerable time back ?
- Mr. Lyne answered,—I am afraid I cannot, in the present state of our finances, undertake to recommend the construction of works such as this, which can, without serious injury to the country, be postponed for a time. I may, however, inform the Honorable Member that in regard to all necessary works for which money is available, I have given instructions for them to be put in hand as quickly as possible. A considerable amount of work will thus shortly be put on the labour market, and thereby tend to relieve its present congested state.
- (17.) Rodd Island :—Mr. G. D. Clark asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is it his intention to comply with the request made some time since by residents of Leichhardt, and set apart Rodd Island for recreation purposes ?
 - (2.) If so, can he state when ?
- Mr. Copeland answered,—The matter is under consideration, and will be dealt with without unnecessary delay.
- (18.) Closing of Gates on Great Northern Railway :—Mr. Garrard, for Mr. Hutchison, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Adverting to Mr. Hutchison's Question, partially answered 24th November, 1893, *re* the closing of gates on public road at 338 miles 10 chains on the Great Northern Railway, and again adverting to the same Question on the 24th January, 1894, will he state who were the two neighbours who disagreed and were the primary cause of the gates being closed ?
- Mr. See answered,—I have to point out to the Honorable Member that it has never been stated that a disagreement by two neighbours was the primary cause of the gates in question being closed, and would again point out that he could be fully informed of the details of the matter at the office of the Railway Commissioners.

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(19.) Public Gates across Great Northern Railway:—Mr. Hutchison asked the Secretary for Lands,—Advertising to Mr. Hutchison's Question of 23rd November, 1893, *re* Mr. Surveyor Legge being authorised to inquire into and report upon the closing of gates, &c., on the Great Northern Railway at 318 miles 10 chains near Stonchenge, will he state when the promised report will be laid upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Copeland answered,—In compliance with the promise made by me on the 23rd November last, a copy of Mr. Surveyor Legge's report has been this day forwarded to the Honorable Member.

6. BONUSSES GRANTED IN RAILWAY AND TRAMWAY DEPARTMENTS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. McGowen moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing the amount of bonuses granted over and above the amount of salary stated in the Railway Estimates to officers in the Traffic Department, the Locomotive Department, the Permanent-way Department, the Interlocking Department, and the Tramway Department, showing the name and salary of each officer, with the amount of bonus granted in each case for years 1891, 1892, and 1893.
Question put and passed.

7. THE PERMANENT ARTILLERY AND HEAD-QUARTERS STAFF (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Edden moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—

- (1.) The pay and allowances (total sum) of each officer of the Permanent Artillery and Headquarters Staff under the Estimates of 1893.
- (2.) The pay and allowance (total sum) of each officer as above under the newly-arranged South African standard.
- (3.) The difference in each case between the amount actually paid to officers in 1893, and that proposed to be paid in 1894, under the South African arrangement.
- (4.) The amounts of pay in each case (if any) due for 1893 to officers, in addition to the sums already paid to them.

Question put and passed.

8. REAL PROPERTY ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Fuller moved, pursuant to Notice, That the "Real Property Acts Further Amendment 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 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,'"—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 Assembly requests that the said Bill be proceeded with under the Council's Standing Orders in that behalf.
Question put and passed.

Message sent to the Legislative Council accordingly.

9. PRIVILEGE—NEWSPAPER ARTICLE:—The Order of the Day having been read, for the consideration of statement published in the *Evening News* of 26th January, 1894, in reference to alleged drunkenness and gambling of Members; examination of Mr. Hogue, editor of the *Evening News*,—Sir George Dibbs moved, That the Order of the Day be discharged.
Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 32.

Mr. See,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Suttor,
Sir George Dibbs,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Traill,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Hoyle,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Levison,
Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Dale,
Mr. Morgan,
Mr. J. A. Mackinnon,
Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Newton,
Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Donnelly,
Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. Johnston.

Tellers,

Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Cruickshank.

Noes, 79.

Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Neild,
Mr. Reid,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Gould,
Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. McCredie,
Mr. Jeanneret,
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Hart,
Mr. Donald,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Garrard,
Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Newman,
Mr. Wall,
Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Morton,
Mr. Molesworth,
Dr. Cullen,
Mr. Lees,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,

Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Colls,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Darnley,
Dr. Hollis,
Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Francis Clarke,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Gough,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Grahame,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. York,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Sheldon.

Tellers,

Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Walker.

And so it passed in the negative.

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Mr. Neild moved, That this House do now proceed to the consideration of the statement published in the *Evening News* of 26th January, 1894, in reference to alleged drunkenness and gambling of Members.

Question put and passed.

The witness (Mr. James A. Hogue) was, by direction of Mr. Speaker, conducted to the Bar of the House by the Sergeant-at-Arms.

Mr. Speaker then read to the witness the Order of the House under which he was summoned, and Mr. Hogue was sworn by the Clerk of the Assembly.

The witness, in examination by Mr. Neild, having declined to answer certain questions,—

Mr. Speaker drew his attention to the law for punishing the refusal to give evidence, but the witness still persisted in his refusal.

Witness was then requested to withdraw.

Mr. Neild moved, That Mr. James A. Hogue having been summoned and attending to give evidence before the Legislative Assembly, and having refused to answer a lawful question put during his examination, this House deems him guilty of a contempt of Parliament.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 92.

Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Young,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Gould,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Neild,
Dr. Hollis,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Jeanneret,	Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Dowel,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. J. A. Mackinnon.
Mr. Slattery,	Dr. Cullen,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Parkes,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Donnelly,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Hoyic,
Mr. Murphy,	Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Francis Clarke,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Scott,	Mr. York,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Rose,	Mr. Dickens,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Dale,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Wall,	Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. Willis,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Hoiborow,
Mr. Sheldon,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. McCredie,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Bavister,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. G. D. Clark,	Mr. Colls,
Mr. E. M. Clark,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Newton,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Donald,
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Jones.
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Gormly,	
Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Sharp.

Noes 6.

Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Miller.

Tellers,

Mr. Lees,
Mr. Stevenson.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Hogue being readmitted by direction of Mr. Speaker, was informed by him of the resolution adopted by the House, and again retired.

Whereupon Mr. Young moved, That Mr. James A. Hogue having been adjudged guilty of contempt of Parliament, this House orders that he be committed to "gaol" "for a period of one calendar month."

Mr. Hogue, by direction of Mr. Speaker, was again conducted to the Bar by the Sergeant-at-Arms, and informed of the motion now proposed, whereupon, by permission of Mr. Speaker, he explained his conduct in refusing to answer certain questions, and then withdrew.

Debate ensued.

Point of Order :—Mr. Sydney Smith submitted that the first proceedings in this matter were out of order, because they were taken without Notice.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker ruled that if any irregularity occurred in the initiation of the proceedings, it was cured by the issue of the summons by order of the House.

Mr. Reid moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word "gaol" with a view to the insertion in its place of the words "the custody of the Sergeant-at-Arms."

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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, 25.

Mr. Willis,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Hugh McKinnou,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Garrard,
Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Gould,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Newman,
Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Danahey.

Tellers,

Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Cruickshank.

Noes, 81.

Mr. Cook,	Mr. J. A. Mackinnon,
Mr. Black,	Mr. York,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Grahame,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Traill,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Francis Clarke,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Sheldon,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Bowes,	Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Gough,
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. Reid,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Dale,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. A'Beckett,	Mr. See,
Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Colls,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Donnelly,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Holborow,
Dr. Hollis,	Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Scott,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Donald,
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Miller,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Wall,	Mr. Chapman.

Tellers,

Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Newton.

And so it passed in the negative.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 53.

Mr. Cook,	Mr. Schey,
Dr. Hollis,	Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Perry,	Dr. Cullen,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Traill,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Hurt,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. York,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Gough,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Dale,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Sheldon,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Bowes,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Rose,	Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Donald,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Newman,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Colls.

Tellers,

Mr. Black,
Mr. Gardiner.

Noes, 47.

Mr. Willis,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. J. A. Mackinnon,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Cruickshank,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. A'Beckett,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. See,	Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Gillies,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Holborow.

Tellers,

Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. Bavister.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Garrard moved, That the Question be further amended by the omission of the words "for a period of one calendar month."

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

Debate ensued.

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Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.
Question, as amended, put,—That Mr. James A. Hogue having been adjudged guilty of contempt of Parliament, this House orders that he be committed to the custody of the Sergeant-at-Arms.

The House divided.

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Perry,	Mr. Fegan.
Mr. Sheldon,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cook,	Dr. Hollis,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Rose.
Mr. Melville,	
Mr. Sharp,	
Mr. Burdekin,	
Mr. Scott,	
Mr. Nicoll,	
Mr. Molesworth,	
Mr. Gardiner,	
Dr. Cullen,	
Mr. Barnes,	
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	
Mr. E. M. Clark,	
Mr. Chanter,	
Mr. Garrard,	
Mr. Gould,	
Mr. Bowes,	
Mr. Murphy,	
Mr. Newman,	
Mr. Nicholson,	
Mr. York,	
Mr. Houghton,	
Mr. Scobic,	
Mr. Morton,	
Mr. Darnley,	
Mr. Donald,	
Mr. Colls,	

Noes, 55.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Dowel,	Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Sutor,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Lync,	Mr. J. A. Mackinnon,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Hayes,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. See,	Mr. Wright,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Dale,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. A'Beckett,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Newton,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Holborow,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Gough,
Mr. Miller,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Lec.
Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. Danabey,	Mr. Bavister.
Mr. Francis Clarke,	
Mr. Haynes,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Sir George Dibbs then moved, That Mr. Hogue be discharged from further attendance.

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

Mr. Speaker then directed the Sergeant-at-Arms to inform Mr. Hogue accordingly.

10. POSTPONEMENTS :—The whole of the Government Business on the Paper for to-day postponed until To-morrow.

The House adjourned at twenty-three 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. 8.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 1 FEBRUARY, 1894.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Mr. W. J. Weston's Conditional Purchase, Parish of Mount Allen :—Mr. Hutchinson asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Was a conditional purchase selected by Mr. W. J. Weston for mineral purposes under the 1861 Act, county of Blaxland, Mount Allen; if so, what was the date of application, and the acreage of land taken, and were conditions complied with?

(2.) Was such conditional purchase afterwards validated; if so, when, and under what Act, and for what reasons?

(3.) Did a Mr. Joseph Reilly or others apply for a permit to mine for gold upon such conditional purchase; if so, what was the date of application, and the area applied for, and was same granted?

(4.) When was permit taken up and work commenced upon conditional purchase to prospect for gold?

(5.) Did a Mr. John Dodd make application for permit to mine for gold upon same conditional purchase; what was the date of his application, and the extent of claim, and was permit granted; if refused, what were the reasons for refusal?

(6.) Did John Dodd make a subsequent application for permit in same locality, and was permit granted; if so, what was date of application and date of granting permit; if refused, were any reasons given?

(7.) Was discovery of payable gold reported; if so, when, by whom, and under any permit issued to mine on such conditional purchase, and was any aid granted by Department of Mines?

(8.) Was application made to lease any portion of such mineral conditional purchase; if so, by whom, and under what date?

(9.) Was any portion of such conditional purchase resumed by the Crown; if so, what were the reasons of such resumption, and the acreage resumed?

(10.) Was any lease granted; if so, to whom, and what was the date of granting lease?

(11.) Were there any objections lodged against the granting of such lease by any person, persons, or company; if so, by whom, and what were the objections?

(12.) Did the owner of the conditional purchase, or any person or persons, in his or others' behalf, object or make any claim for compensation on account of resumption of portion of conditional purchase and the granting of lease, and the taking of ironstone ore, &c.; if so, what were the names of objectors and claimants?

(13.) What was the amount claimed as compensation, and was amount of such compensation determined by Local Land Board or Appeal Court, and what was the finding or award, if any?

(14.) Was any amount paid by way of compensation; if so, to whom, and what was the amount so paid, and for what area of resumption?

(15.) Has the whole of conditional purchase been resumed for gold-mining purposes; if so, have any other leases been granted; if so, to whom; if not, who now occupies or uses the land, and for what purposes is it used?

(16.) What was the total amount paid by original selector or transferee for such mineral conditional purchase; and what were the value of improvements erected upon or amount expended by such owner or owners upon the land in the way of shafts or drives prior to granting of permit or lease?

(17.) What would be the estimated cost of printing copies of all letters, papers, telegrams, reports, minutes, evidence, and memoranda of such case referred to in the Questions now asked?

(18.) Is there any objection to such correspondence, &c., being printed; if so, what are the objections?

Mr.

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Mr. Slattery answered,—Copies of the whole of the papers were laid upon the Table by the Minister for Lands, and I understand that the Honorable Member's object in placing these Questions on the paper is to save the cost of printing those papers. As, however, the papers are now with the Land Board at Hay, answers cannot be given. I therefore ask the Honorable Member to postpone the matter to this day week.

- (2.) Inspectors of Conditional Purchases :—Mr. Hutchinson asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) How many inspectors of conditional purchases are there employed in the service?
 - (2.) What are their names, salaries, and what travelling allowances per diem for such officers?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The information sought by the Honorable Member will be furnished in the form of a return, if moved for in the usual manner.

- (3.) Roads Superintendents :—Mr. Hutchinson asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) How many superintendents of roads and assistants are there employed in the service?
 - (2.) What are their names, salaries, and districts, and what are the travelling expenses allowed per diem for such officers?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The information asked for by the Honorable Member cannot conveniently be given in the form of replies to Questions, and I would suggest to him that it be moved for in the shape of a return.

- (4.) Inspectors of Stock and Watering-places :—Mr. Hutchinson asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) How many inspectors of watering-places and inspectors of stock are there employed in the service?
 - (2.) What are their names, salaries, and districts?
 - (3.) Do such officers' duties require them to travel practically over the same country in their particular districts several times a year?
 - (4.) Could those offices be amalgamated with a view of giving equal results in the way of supervision and report at a considerably less cost to the country?
 - (5.) Is it a fact that several of those officers visit their districts almost simultaneously, and that much expense could be saved by one officer doing the combined duties of inspectorship?

Mr. Slattery answered,—If the Honorable Member will move for the information in the usual way, there will be no objection to lay a return upon the Table.

- (5.) Coastal Defence :—Mr. Hart asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is Port Stephens included in the scheme for coastal defence?
 - (2.) If so, has any provision been made for carrying out the same on the Estimates for 1894?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—Port Stephens is not included in the scheme for coastal defence.

- (6.) Expenditure on Unclassified Roads of the Colony :—Mr. McFarlane asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) With regard to the amount of £300,000, now available for the repair of roads, will a substantial portion of this sum be expended on the unclassified roads of the Colony?
 - (2.) Will urgent works already sanctioned receive prior consideration?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) A substantial sum will be allocated for the purpose named.
- (2.) They will be taken in the order of their urgency. We cannot, of course, allow priority of application to determine cases of this kind.

- (7.) Road Votes for 1893 :—Mr. Nicoll asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it his intention to expend at once, before the winter sets in, the balance of unexpended Road Votes for 1893?
 - (2.) If so, will he give instructions that contracts be let in small sums, to enable persons who are out of employment in the country districts to tender?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I have already given instructions that every effort shall be made to get out road contracts as speedily as possible, and it is the practice of the Department to let the work in sufficiently small tasks, but this all depends upon the nature of the work.

- (8.) Lismore to Casino Railway :—Mr. Nicoll asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it his intention to submit to Parliament the report of the Public Works Committee recommending the construction of the Lismore to Casino Railway this Session?

Mr. Lyne answered,—No.

- (9.) Electoral Acts of 1880 and 1893 :—Mr. Edden asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Has his attention been called to articles and correspondence in the press, stating that under the Act authorising the Queen to assent to our Constitution it is provided that "the assent of Her Majesty in Council" is necessary to any colonial law amending the franchise; that an Imperial Act was passed in 1862 to validate the Electoral Act of 1858; and that a similar Imperial Act is necessary to validate the Electoral Acts of 1880 and 1893?
 - (2.) If not, will he have inquiry made into the matter so that all doubt of a constitutional difficulty may be removed?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The Honorable Member's Question involves a legal opinion, and the perusal of certain articles and correspondence in the newspapers, which I have not time to give. If the Honorable Member will state a case embodying the information he requires I will endeavour to get the Attorney-General's opinion.

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(10.) Sydney Hospital:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. Lonsdale*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Who was the contractor for the Sydney Hospital?
- (2.) What was the amount of the contract?
- (3.) What amount has been paid on the contract?
- (4.) Who were the sureties?
- (5.) What was the amount of the bond?
- (6.) Has the contract been cancelled?
- (7.) Have the sureties been released?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) *Alexander Mudie Allan*.
- (2.) £62,923 9s. 2d.
- (3.) £57,151.
- (4 and 5.) The contractor gave a cash deposit of £1,000 in lieu of sureties, and entered into an agreement for carrying out the works.
- (6.) Yes.
- (7.) Answered by Nos. 4 and 5.

(11.) Case of *Seymour and Wife v. Lyne*:—*Mr. Lee* asked the Secretary for Mines,—Referring to the replies given by the Minister for Public Works on Thursday, the 25th instant, to the Question in the matter of the action of *Seymour and wife v. Lyne*,—

- (1.) Will he state whether he did or did not see any of the reports furnished to the Department of Public Works by its responsible officers in the abovenamed case, or any *précis* or other Departmental abstract of those reports, on any date subsequent to the occurrence of the alleged accident which formed the cause of complaint?
- (2.) If so, was he or was he not at the time of seeing such report or reports or *précis* or abstract, the attorney for the plaintiff in the above action?

Mr. Slattery answered,—I never saw or even heard of any report or *précis* of any kind whatever on the matter. The Department of Public Works always disputed its liability and said that the claim should have been made against the Municipal Council of Newtown and not against the said Department.

(12.) Case of *Seymour and Wife v. Lyne*:—*Mr. Lee* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence, letters, reports, and minutes relating to the case of *Seymour and wife v. Lyne*, including any letters received from or sent to the Minister for Mines and Justice, *Mr. Slattery*?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The Honorable Member had better move for the production of these papers in the usual way.

(13.) Wharf at Moama:—*Mr. Chanter* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it intended to give the public facilities to use the new wharf at Moama?
- (2.) Will he appoint a wharfmaster, and so arrange the charges that they do not exceed those charged at the Echuca Wharf in Victoria?
- (3.) Will he arrange with the owners of the Moama and Deniliquin Private Railway to run a loop line to the wharf, and convey goods to and therefrom as required?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) This is a matter that comes under the jurisdiction of the Treasury.
- (3.) In answer to this I can only refer the Honorable Member to the letters already sent to him on the subject.

(14.) Railway from Jerilderie to Deniliquin:—*Mr. Chanter* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is he aware that 80,000 or 90,000 bags of wheat will be sent from Moama to Victoria this year, consequent upon there being no railway to Sydney?
- (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to invite Parliament this Session to sanction the construction of a railway from Jerilderie to Deniliquin; if so, when?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) I believe that a large quantity of wheat is likely to be sent from Moama to Victoria this year consequent upon there being no railway to Sydney.
- (2.) By a reference to the Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works on the proposed railway from Jerilderie to Deniliquin, it will be seen that a resolution was come to that the Committee was of opinion that the consideration of this railway should be postponed until it shall be determined by Parliament that the private railway between Deniliquin and Moama should be purchased in terms of the "Deniliquin to Moama Railway Act." I may state in reference to this that I am prepared, subject to the approval of Parliament, to negotiate for the purchase of the Deniliquin to Moama railway, but it must be on a more reasonable basis than that prescribed by the Act.

(15.) Artesian Bores at Byrock, Brewarrina, and Hungerford:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Have any tenders been invited or contracts let for the sinking of artesian bores at Byrock, Brewarrina, and Hungerford; if so, to whom have such contracts been let, and the amount of each contract or schedule rates in each case respectively?
- (2.) Will he see that the artesian bore is placed near the town of Hungerford, it being the most suitable place for travelling stock from the Paroo?

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Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) A contract has been let for sinking artesian bores, which includes a bore between Byrock and Brewarrina and one at Hungerford. The contractor is A. G. P. Creed, and the schedule rates, which are the same in both cases, are as follows :—From ground level to 500 feet—20s. per foot; from 500 to 1,000 feet—25s. per foot; from 1,000 to 1,500 feet—30s. per foot; from 1,500 to 2,000 feet—35s. per foot; from 2,000 to 2,500 feet—40s. per foot; from 2,500 to 3,000 feet—45s. per foot.

(2.) The site selected is close to the town of Hungerford, and was chosen as the most suitable on all grounds.

(16.) Expenditure on Public Works :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Out of what fund or from what source do the Government intend to proceed with the construction of the Moree and Inverell Railway, the tunnel at the Lithgow Zig Zag, Pymont and Glebe Bridge or reclamation works thereof, and Lithgow Water Supply?

(2.) The amount required to complete these public works; and is it the intention of the Government to float a new loan on the London money market for the purpose of carrying on these public works; if so, when?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) Out of funds voted or to be voted for the works referred to.

(2.) The estimate for the Narrabri-Moree line is £153,000, for the Glen Innes-Inverell £421,400. I cannot at present give the exact estimate for the Lithgow tunnel, or the Pymont and Glebe Bridge works. The Lithgow Water Supply is estimated to cost £15,000. With regard to the floating of a new loan, this is a matter which will be dealt with by the Treasurer; it is not one for my Department.

(17.) Lock-up at Cumnock :—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Justice,—Will he see that some steps are taken to have an exercise yard constructed of brick or slab erected at the lock-up at Cumnock to prevent the escape of prisoners; if so, when will the work be proceeded with?

Mr. Slattery answered,—The Inspector-General of Police reports that it is proposed to erect a Court-house and Lock-up at Cumnock, but funds are not available at present, and that the expense of erecting an enclosure at the present station would not be justifiable.

(18.) Road Cumnock to Obley and the Bogan :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is he aware that the main road passing through the town of Cumnock to Obley and the Bogan is in a very dangerous state owing to late heavy rains, and will he see that some steps are taken to have the same repaired; and the main road put into a proper state of repair?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I am not aware, but I have directed that a report be obtained on the subject.

(19.) Public School, North Parramatta :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Will he cause an immediate inquiry to be made of the unsuitable building now being used as a school for girls at the Public School, North Parramatta?

Mr. Suttor answered,—There is no necessity for any alterations in the present buildings as the accommodation is ample, and the buildings are in a very fair state of repair.

2. ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1894, AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1893 AND PREVIOUS YEARS :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. See, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

R. W. DUFF,
Governor.

Message No. 13.

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, 31st January, 1894.

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

3. ADDITIONAL ESTIMATE FOR 1894 :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. See, 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 accompanying Additional Estimate of Expenditure for the Year 1894.

Government House,
Sydney, 31st January, 1894.

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

4. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS—*Sewerage Works for Parramatta*—(Formal Motion) :—Mr. Lyne moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient that the Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works upon the proposed construction of Sewerage Works for the Town of Parramatta be remitted to the said Committee for its further consideration and report for the following reasons :—That since the said report was made, a Commission of Experts has reported favourably upon the scheme proposed by the Department, subject to certain modifications, a consideration of which report might lead the Committee to arrive at a different and more favourable conclusion.

Question put and passed,

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5. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—James Torpy, Esquire, and Thomas Bavister, Esquire, came to the Table, and were sworn by the Clerk as Members of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.
6. BETTING AND GAMBLING SUPPRESSION BILL:—Mr. E. M. Clark presented a Petition from certain residents of Bathurst, representing that the practices of betting and gambling on horse-races and public sports have a disastrous hold on many of the people of New South Wales, and that unless effectually stopped by the Legislature they will tend to demoralise large numbers of their fellow-colonists, and in a great measure impede the healthy development of the national life of New South Wales; and praying that the Betting and Gambling Suppression Bill introduced into the House, and read a first time on the 24th November, 1893, be passed in its entirety.
Petition received.
7. PAPERS:—

Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Copies of *Gazette* Notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the dedication of certain Lands, in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18, and the 41st section of the Act 53 Victoria No. 21.

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

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Suttor laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order made on 24th January, 1894,—“Reference Branch, Free Public Library.”

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Notifications of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land for public school purposes, at Bulbodny, Gulgulandah, and Myrtleville.

Mr. See laid upon the Table,—Report of Railway Commissioners on Railways and Tramways for Quarter ended 31st December, 1893.

Ordered to be printed.

8. INFUX OF ASIATICS:—Dr. Ross presented a Petition from John Black, Mayor, Chairman of a public meeting at Molong, expressing sympathy with the anti-alien labour movement at Bourke, and affirming the desirableness of Parliament at once passing an Act for the suppression of the increasing Asiatic evil, which is becoming a menace to the well-being of the Colony, and praying the House to grant such relief as it may deem fit and proper.
Petition received.

9. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

- (1.) Real Property Acts Further Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill returned herewith, 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,’*—with the amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 1st February, 1894.*

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

REAL PROPERTY ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.

Schedule of the Amendment referred to in Message of 1st February, 1894.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, clause 4, line 25. *After “Commissioners” insert “for their services as such Commissioners”*
Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, that the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Tuesday next.

- (2.) Reconstructed Companies Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to facilitate the carrying out the Reconstruction Schemes of certain Companies,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 1st February, 1894.*

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

Bill, on motion of Sir George Dibbs, read a first time.

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

(3.)

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(3.) Supreme Court Bill:—

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 a previous 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 may be proceeded with under the Assembly's Standing Orders in that behalf.

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Sydney, 1st February, 1894.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, that the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 6th March.

10. PAPER:—*Sir George Dibbs*, for Mr. Speaker, laid upon the Table,—Copy of a Minute of His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council, authorising the transfer of an amount from one Head of Service to supplement a Vote for another Service in connection with the Department of Mines, transmitted to the Legislative Assembly under directions contained in the 18th section of the Audit Act of 1870.

Ordered to be printed.

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

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

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

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

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

(2.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £2,395 to defray the expenses of the establishment of His Excellency the Governor for the year 1894.

On motion of Mr. See, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress in order to obtain the direction of Mr. Speaker as to the Chairman's right to order strangers to withdraw, and obtained leave to sit again so soon as such direction should have been given.

The Chairman then explained that his attention was called to the presence of strangers, and that he had, in accordance with practice, ordered the galleries to be cleared.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker stated that the 102nd Standing Order of this House very clearly prescribed that the power to order strangers to withdraw was limited to the Speaker.

On motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Committee resumed.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

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

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

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

(2.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Service of the year 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 Mr. See, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

13. MENINDIE IRRIGATION BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Assembly in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable and authorise the Menindie Irrigation Settlement (Limited), a Company duly incorporated under the Companies Acts of 1874 and 1888 of the Colony of New South Wales, to establish a system of Irrigation and Water Supply within the counties of Menindie, Tandora, and Yancowinna, in the said Colony; to acquire lands; to establish Irrigation Works; to authorise the sale and supply of water for irrigation and domestic use; and to construct, make, and lay dams, weirs, or flood-gates upon or across the Menindie Creek and Lake, and the other creeks mentioned herein; and to take water therefrom and from the river Darling; and for all other purposes which may be incidental thereto.*"

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 1st February, 1894.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

14. PAPERS:—Mr. See 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 actual savings on Appropriations for 1892.

Ordered to be printed.

The House adjourned at eight 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. 9.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 6 FEBRUARY, 1894.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Rewards for Discoveries of New Gold-fields:—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Mines,—
 (1.) Has any specific sum recently been offered for the discovery of a new gold-field?
 (2.) If so, what is the amount?
 (3.) If not, will he consider the advisability of offering rewards (naming the amount in each case) for the discovery of reefing or alluvial gold-fields of a payable nature?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) No.
 (2.) Answered by No. 1.
 (3.) This matter has been considered by the Cabinet, and a reward of £1,000 for the discovery of a payable alluvial gold-field has been authorised, and will be forthwith advertised.

- (2.) Contract for Works at Government House:—Mr. Bavister asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it with his knowledge or consent that a contract for certain works at Government House, for which the accepted tender is less than £100, was immediately advertised for tenders from masons, bricklayers, plumbers, and drainers, to sub-contract these portions of the work?
 (2.) Was his consent to this course given in writing, and on what grounds?
 (3.) Will he prevent the repetition of such a thing in any contract in his Department?

Mr. Copeland answered,—My honorable colleague has made inquiries respecting this matter, and the Government Architect informs him that nothing of the kind referred to in these Questions has come under his notice.

- (3.) Military Encampment:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. McCourt, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is there to be a camp of instruction for Military Forces this year?
 (2.) If so, when?
 (3.) What will be the duration?
 (4.) What will be the probable cost as apart from pay?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—In reply to the Honorable Member's four Questions I may say that the probable cost of an encampment, all charges included, would be £33,000. I do not see my way clear at this stage to recommend it.

2. BETTING AND GAMBLING SUPPRESSION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. E. M. Clark moved, pursuant to Notice, That the "Betting and Gambling 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.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 20th March.

3. OCCUPATION OF ALLOTMENTS IN VILLAGES OF WILBERFORCE AND PITT TOWN (*Formal Motion*):—

Mr. Garrard, for Mr. Burdekin, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all minutes, papers, documents, and plans in connection with the occupation of the allotments in the villages of Wilberforce and Pitt Town.

Question put and passed.

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4. **LAW VACATIONS ABOLITION BILL (Formal Motion):**—Mr. Walker moved, pursuant to Notice,—That the “Law Vacations Abolition 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 restrict the power of Judges in certain respects, and to facilitate the transaction of business in certain Courts,”—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 Assembly requests that the said Bill be proceeded with under the Council’s Standing Orders in that behalf.
Question put and passed.
Message sent to the Legislative Council accordingly.
5. **ADJOURNMENT:**—Mr. Fegan rising to move the adjournment of the House,—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice under Standing Order No. 15, respecting motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House “with the view of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the maladministration of the Coal Mines Regulation Act.”
And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—
Mr. Fegan moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
6. **AGRICULTURAL HOLDINGS 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.
On motion of Mr. Bowes (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
7. **CUSTODY OF CHILDREN AND CHILDRENS SETTLEMENTS BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Carruthers moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Wise, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
8. **HOMESTEAD PROTECTION BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Donald 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. Donald, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday, 3rd April.
9. **POSTPONEMENT:**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Distress for Rent Abolition Bill postponed until To-morrow.
10. **USE OF CAMELS REGULATION BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Waddell moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Melville,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Hoyle,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Holborow,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Sheldon,	Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Sehey,	Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Caun,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Wall,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Gormly,	Mr. Rae,
Mr. Danahey,	Mr. Murphy.
Mr. O’Sullivan,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. McGowen,	
Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Francis Clarke,
Mr. Donald,	Mr. Waddell.

Noes, 6.

Mr. Sutor,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Wise.

Tellers,

Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Fuller.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

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

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

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11. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the 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,—postponed until To-morrow.
12. **MORTGAGES SUSPENSION BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Wall, 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 suspend the operation of mortgages, liens, and other liabilities in connection with certain banking institutions, and other registered companies. 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 suspend the operation of mortgages, liens, and other liabilities in connection with certain banking institutions, and other registered companies.
On motion of Mr. Wall, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
13. **REAL PROPERTY ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—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 amendment 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 amendment.
On motion of Mr. Fuller, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

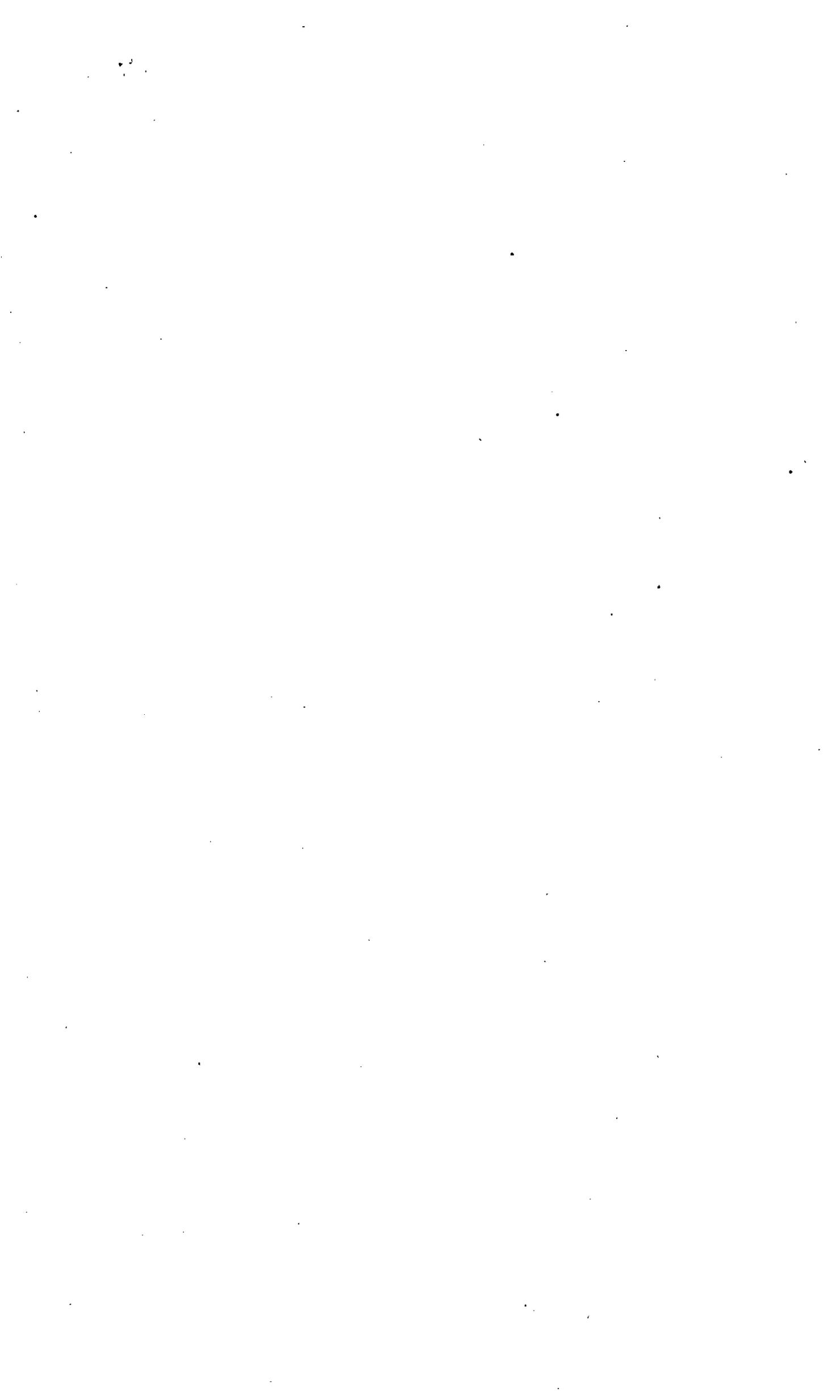
The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Real Property Act' and the 'Real Property Act Further Amendment Act of 1877,' and to repeal the 'Land Titles Commissioners' Fees Act of 1887.'*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 6th February, 1894.*

The House adjourned at half-past 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. 10.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 7 FEBRUARY, 1894.

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 Governor was delivered by Mr. See, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

R. W. DUFF,
Governor.

Message No. 15.

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 February, 1894.

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

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Postal Assistant at Wagga Wagga:—Mr. Fegan asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a postal assistant at Wagga Wagga has been appointed post and telegraph master at Ashfield?

(2.) Is this postal assistant, though a number of years in the Service, unacquainted with telegraphy, and therefore unable to have any intelligent control over his subordinates?

(3.) Will he lay the papers with reference to this appointment upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) He is, like many others in charge of suburban offices, unacquainted with telegraphy, but it is not considered that this deficiency will render him "unable to have any intelligent control over his subordinates," as he possesses large experience of the general working of postal, money order, and savings bank business, which class of duties greatly preponderates at Ashfield, where, moreover, there are two telegraphists employed. Mr. Lynch is the senior of the purely postal officials who applied for the office, and it is only in cases such as this, where it is not absolutely necessary to place an operator in charge, that the postal staff have any chance of promotion.

(3.) Yes; if moved for in the usual way.

(2.) Prospecting Vote:—Mr. Alfred Allen, for Mr. Newman, asked the Secretary for Mines,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House the following information respecting the Prospecting Vote:—

(1.) The amount voted by this House for prospecting purposes in the years 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, and 1894?

(2.) The various amounts actually paid away for prospecting during the years before mentioned?

(3.) What became of the residue from each of the above votes (if any)?

(4.) The proportion of the seven Votes in question devoted each to gold, silver, copper, tin, lead, coal, and other minerals?

Mr. Slattery answered,—If the Honorable Member will move for a return, there will be no objection to furnish the information.

(3.) Chinese entering Colony at Wahgunyah:—Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Referring to Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald's Questions, answered on the 25th January,—

(1.) Will he give the names of the Chinese who crossed the Murray at Wahgunyah on 18th January?

(2.) Will he state how long they were residents of Corowa?

(3.) Will he say if it is not a fact that these Chinese were residing in Victoria for the last five years?

(4.) Did five more Chinese cross into New South Wales on Monday, 29th January?

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Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) Ah Shing, Ah Fook, Ah Hing, Hin Foon, Ah Chow, Cheong Shun, Cheong Chang.
- (2.) All residents of Corowa district, from twelve to thirty years.
- (3.) Not residents of Victoria; they crossed from Corowa on a temporary visit to the Chinese Camp at Wahgunyah.
- (4.) No Chinese crossed at Corowa on the 29th January.

(4.) Members of the Police Force :—*Mr. Fegan*, for Mr. Rae, asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that in the event of married members of the Police Force being removed from place to place at the instance of the Department, the entire cost of removal of such members' wives and families has to be borne by the constables themselves, the constable getting a free pass for himself only?
- (2.) Will he make inquiries with a view to getting this practice altered?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Inspector-General of Police :—

- (1.) A certain allowance is made for removal of effects, but the Police have to pay the cost of conveyance of their families. They receive the usual travelling allowance while removing. Transfers are generally in the interests of members themselves, or on promotion, but occasionally on account of misconduct.
- (2.) The matter will be further inquired into.

(5.) Parks, Charlotte-place Square :—*Mr. Fegan*, for Mr. Black, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is he aware that Charlotte-place Square, two small parks near the Observatory, and one in Kent-street, are closed at mid-day every Saturday until Monday morning?
- (2.) Has his attention been drawn to the unsafe condition of the approaches to the battery?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

- (1.) I am not aware; but the reserves in question are under the control of the Municipal Council of Sydney.
- (2.) No; but this is not a matter for the Department of Lands to deal with.

(6.) Singleton Coal Company :—*Mr. Fegan* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Has the Singleton Coal Company any mineral lease from Government?
- (2.) If so, what is the area?
- (3.) What is the royalty charged per ton?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) No lease in name of the Singleton Coal Company.
- (2.) Answered by No. 1.
- (3.) Answered by No. 1.

(7.) Waratah Coal Company :—*Mr. Fegan* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Has the Waratah Coal Company any mineral lease from the Government?
- (2.) If so, what is the area?
- (3.) What is the royalty charged per ton?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) Mineral leases 17,925, 17,926, 17,927, 17,928, issued under the Crown Lands Occupation Act, 1861.
- (2.) 1,280 acres.
- (3.) No royalty. Each lease carries a rental of £80 per annum.

(8.) Members of the Police Force :—*Mr. Waddell* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is any provision made for the maintenance of the wives and families of members of the Police Force who are killed in the execution of their duty?
- (2.) If so, what are the rates of allowance in such cases?
- (3.) In the case of a policeman being so seriously injured in the execution of his duty that he is rendered unfit for further service in the force, what provision is made for his support?
- (4.) In the event of a member of the Police Force being seriously injured when discharging his duty, does he receive his usual rate of pay during the time he is incapacitated for service owing to such injuries?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Inspector-General of Police :—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) They vary according to circumstances.
- (3.) Pensions or gratuities are granted as the circumstances justify.
- (4.) Yes.

(9.) Vine Diseases Act :—*Mr. Parkes* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is he aware that great complaint is being made against the Vine Diseases Act?
- (2.) Will he, at the earliest possible date, bring in an amending Act, to overcome the causes of complaint as far as he can?
- (3.) If so, will he, in compiling that Act, call into his assistance experienced vinegrowers selected from the various districts?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) Yes; but with the exception of the one that no provision is made for payment of members of the Vine Disease Boards, they can be explained away.
- (2.) The Bill as introduced by me contained provision for paying members of such Boards, but it was struck out by Parliament. Under these circumstances, it is doubtful whether such an amendment of the law could be carried.
- (3.) It would not be proper to submit a Bill to the consideration of persons outside of Parliament, but any suggestions offered by the vinegrowers will receive due consideration.

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- (10.) Customs and Excise Duty:—*Mr. Molesworth*, for *Mr. Wise*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What was the total revenue derived from Customs and Excise during 1893?
 - (2.) What amount of this revenue was derived from duties of Customs and Excise upon (a) narcotics, (b) intoxicants?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) £2,391,445.
- (2.) (a) Narcotics, £389,772.
- (3.) (b) Intoxicants, £910,987.

- (11.) Crown Lands:—*Mr. Molesworth*, for *Mr. Wise*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) What, according to the latest estimate, is the total unimproved value of lands alienated by the State to private persons by sale, grant, and conditional purchase?
 - (2.) What amount has the State received for such lands?
 - (3.) What is the unimproved value of these alienated lands (a) within municipal areas, (b) outside municipal areas; and what is the number of owners in each case?
 - (4.) What is the total unimproved value of holdings outside municipal areas in each of the following classes, and what are the number of owners in each class:—
 - (a) When the unimproved value of each holding is less than £500?
 - (b) The same as to holdings between £500 and £1,000?
 - (c) The same as to holdings between £1,000 and £5,000?
 - (d) The same as to holdings between £5,000 and £10,000?
 - (e) The same as to holdings above £10,000?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—If the Honorable Member will move for a return embracing this information, I shall endeavour to obtain it.

- (12.) Grant for Discovery of payable Gold:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for *Mr. Walker*, asked the Secretary for Mines,—In the proposed grant of £1,000 for a prospecting party discovering payable gold, has he considered the advisability of dividing the sum into three portions, and providing equipment for three prospecting parties?

Mr. Slattery answered,—It would not be proper to expend in the equipment of prospecting parties moneys set apart to provide rewards for the discovery of new gold-fields.

- (13.) Land Lottery:—*Mr. Haynes* asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Has he directed the attention of the Inspector-General of Police to the offices in the Imperial Arcade, where land lottery is being openly conducted under the title of the Mutual Provident Property Distribution Association?
 - (2.) Is he aware that it is alleged that the first drawing for prizes in connection with this lottery was a swindle, and that a second lottery is now announced?
 - (3.) Will he press on the Inspector-General of Police the necessity for immediate action in this matter?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—This matter is engaging the attention of the Government.

- (14.) The Codlin Moth:—*Mr. Colls* asked the Secretary for Mines,—In view of the ravages of the codlin moth and other fruit pests, will he take steps during the present Session of Parliament by bringing in a Bill or otherwise to deal with the same?

Mr. Slattery answered,—A Bill has been prepared, but it is feared there will be no chance of passing it this Session.

3. CROWN LANDS PURCHASES AND LEASES VALIDATION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Lyne*, for *Mr. Copeland*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the "Crown Lands Purchases and Leases Validation 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 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,"—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 Assembly requests that the said Bill be proceeded with under the Council's Standing Orders in that behalf.

Question put and passed.

Message sent to the Legislative Council accordingly.

4. AGREEMENTS VALIDATING ACT REPEAL BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Hassall*, for *Mr. Willis*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the "Agreements Validating Act Repeal 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 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,"—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 Assembly requests that the said Bill be proceeded with under the Council's Standing Orders in that behalf.

Question put and passed.

Message sent to the Legislative Council accordingly.

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5. **TRUCK BILL (Formal Motion)**:—*Mr. Molesworth*, for *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. **CUSTODY OF CHILDREN AND CHILDREN'S SETTLEMENTS BILL (Formal Order of the Day)**, on motion of *Mr. Carruthers*, read a third time, and passed.
Mr. Carruthers then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the law relating to the custody of children, and to provide for settlements for the benefit of children in certain cases.*"
Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the law relating to the custody of children, and to provide for settlements for the benefit of children in certain cases,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 7th February, 1894.

7. **METROPOLITAN WATER AND SEWERAGE ACT EXTENSION 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 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,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 7th February, 1894.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

METROPOLITAN WATER AND SEWERAGE ACT EXTENSION BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 7th February, 1894.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 1, clause 1, line 9. Omit "or"
Page 1, clause 1, line 9. After "charges" insert "or expenses"
Page 1, clause 1, line 10. After "payable" insert "provided that the Board shall have taken all legal remedies against, and shall have failed to recover the said rates from the occupiers of the said lands or tenements"
Page 2, clause 1, line 4. Omit "or"
Page 2, clause 1, line 4. After "charges" insert "or expenses"
Page 2, clause 1, line 5. Omit "or"
Page 2, clause 1, line 5. After "charges" insert "or expenses"
Page 2, clause 2, line 20. After "newspaper" insert "and where such area is within a Borough or Municipality thirty days notice in writing shall be given to the Council Clerk of such Borough or Municipality"
Page 2, clause 3, line 37. Omit "rental" insert "annual"
Page 2, clause 3, line 40. After "by-laws" insert "being consistent with the provisions of this Act"
Page 3, clause 7, line 6. After "Sewerage" insert "Act"
Page 3, clause 7, line 8. Before "lands" insert "occupied"
Page 3, clause 7, line 16. After "purpose" insert "Provided that before commencing any such works the Board shall give twenty-one days notice to such owner or occupier, and such owner or occupier may then appeal to the nearest Court of Petty Sessions, when, if the Board shall prove to the satisfaction of such Court that such works are necessary in the interest of the public health the Board shall be allowed to carry out the said works, but if the Board shall fail in such proof the said works shall be disallowed with costs in either case, if the said Court shall think fit, against the losing party"
Page 4, clause 11, line 11. Omit "January" insert "March"
Page 4, clause 11, line 13. Omit "1893" insert "1894"

Examined—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by *Mr. Speaker*, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

8. PAPERS:—

Mr. See laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Schedule to the Estimates-in-Chief for 1894, showing the total remuneration received by all public officers who hold more than one office, or who received any fees, special allowance, quarters, fuel, or light, in addition to their fixed annual salaries, during the year 1893.

(2.) Return showing particulars of State property situated in and bounded by Market, Castlereagh, and Elizabeth Streets, Sydney.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

7th February, 1894.

Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Narranggarril, county of Argyle, for the enlargement of the grounds for the Hospital for Insane at Kenmore.

(2.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, town and parish of Wollongong, county of Camden, for the purposes of national defence.

Ordered to be printed.

9. RAILWAY FROM NARRABRI TO MOREE:—Mr. Sheldon presented a Petition from certain residents of Central and Lower Namoi, praying that, for the reasons set forth in the Petition, a survey be made of the Narrabri-Moree line of railway, which will cross the Namoi a few miles west of Gurligh Point.
Petition received.
10. JUNECE WATER SUPPLY WORKS 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. 16.

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 Junece Water Supply Works Act of 1893.

Government House,
Sydney, 6th February, 1894.

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

11. INFUX OF ASIATICS:—Mr. Dawson presented a Petition from certain residents of the Colony, representing that there are large numbers 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.
12. 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 "for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., the unsatisfactory way the Land laws are being administered by selling land by auction only."
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.
13. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 8 FEBRUARY, 1894, A.M.

Disorder:—Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported that in the Committee of Supply the following disorderly words were used by Mr. Schey, one of the Honorable Members for Redfern,—“I hope this may be the last occasion on which I shall be selected for the impertinent and improper interference of the Chairman of Committees whose conduct,”—and requested Mr. Speaker's direction in the matter.

Mr. Speaker directed the Sergeant-at-Arms to request Mr. Schey to attend in his place.

Mr. Schey, being in attendance, stated that the words reported were not exactly correct, and repeated those which he had used.

Sir George Dibbs moved, That Mr. Schey, one of the Honorable Members for Redfern, is guilty of having wilfully and vexatiously interrupted the orderly conduct of the business of the House, wherefor this House adjudges him guilty of a contempt of this House.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 42.

Mr. Sheldon,	Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Barton,	Sir W. P. Manning,	Mr. Wall,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Parkes,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. See,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Rose,	Mr. Scobie,	Mr. John Wilkinson,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Newton,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Hart,	Mr. Jeanneret.
Mr. Dickens,	Mr. Francis Clarke,	
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Jones,	Tellers,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Donnelly,	Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Lees.
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Tonkin,	

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Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Williams,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Darnley.
Tellers,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. G. D. Clark.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Sir

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Sir George Dibbs then moved, That for the contempt aforesaid, Mr. Schey be committed by the Warrant of Mr. Speaker to the custody of the Sergeant-at-Arms attending this House, and by the said Sergeant-at-Arms safely kept in custody during the pleasure of this House.

By direction of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Schey was again admitted, when Mr. Speaker informed him what had been done, and read to him the motion before the House.

Mr. Schey further explained his conduct, apologised to the House, and then withdrew.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Schey re-entered the Chamber, and stated that he had intended his previous apology to be unreserved.

Whereupon Sir George Dibbs, by leave, withdrew his motion.

Mr. Speaker then left the Chair, and the Committee resumed.

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at three minutes before Four 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. 11.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 8 FEBRUARY, 1894.

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

QUESTIONS:—

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

(1.) Has it frequently been brought under his notice, and that of his predecessors in office, by deputations and otherwise,—

(a) That a very large proportion of the inhabitants of the Colony are settled in the North Coast Districts?

(b) That the fertile lands, the regular rainfall, and general climatic conditions justify the belief that these districts will always maintain a large population?

(c) That producers in these districts suffer much inconvenience and loss for want of connection with the general railway system?

(d) That the North Coast railway, if completed, would shorten the distance between Sydney and Brisbane by over 100 miles, and would avoid the necessity of the traffic between those cities being dragged up Ben Lomond, 4,471 feet, only to go down again?

(e) That the said line would commence to pay well directly it was completed from Maitland to the Manning, and still more so every section further north?

(2.) Have the replies from himself and his predecessors in office always been of a favourable character?

(3.) Having regard to these facts, and also to the improved condition of the finances and credit of the Colony, is it his intention during the present Session to submit for the consideration of the Public Works Committee a proposal for the construction of a portion of the North Coast railway from Maitland or Morpeth to Taree?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Representations of the kind referred to by the Honorable Member have been made to the Department from time to time. With regard to the statement that this railway, if completed, will shorten the distance between Sydney and Brisbane by over 100 miles, it is not strictly correct. The present distance by the Northern line is 723 miles, by the proposed North Coast line 664 miles, showing a difference of 59 miles. With respect to the question as to whether it is my intention to submit the proposal to the Public Works Committee—in view of the short time which now remains to the present Parliament, and the number of important public works which demand attention—I regret to say that it is impossible to comply with the Honourable Member's suggestion.

(2.) Nowra Court-house:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for Mr. Morton, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Has attention been called to the condition of the Nowra court-house?

(2.) Will he consider the advisability of erecting a new court-house, funds for which have already been voted?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The matter will receive due consideration.

(3.) Tamworth Water Supply:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for Mr. Lonsdale, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has an Act been passed authorising the construction of water supply works for Tamworth?

(2.) Has he already forwarded a quantity of cast-iron pipes to Tamworth in anticipation of their being required for this work?

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- (3.) If so, will he state the quantity he has so sent, or intends to send?
 (4.) As these pipes may not be used for a considerable time, is it his intention to charge interest on their value against the Tamworth water supply scheme?
 (5.) Does he propose to send or has he sent pipes to other towns in New South Wales in anticipation of water supply works being sanctioned by Parliament?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) No.
 (2.) Yes.
 (3.) About 450 tons have been sent—910 tons in all have to be delivered.
 (4.) In the event of these pipes not being used for a considerable time, as suggested by the Honorable Member, it is not my intention to charge interest on their value against the Tamworth water scheme, and this answer will apply to any other similar case.
 (5.) 235 tons have been sent to Lithgow—144 tons have yet to be forwarded.

(4.) Electoral Registrars:—*Mr. Kelly*, for Mr. Houghton, asked the Colonial Secretary:—

- (1.) What are the rates of remuneration being paid to Electoral Registrars under the new Electoral Act?
 (2.) Are such rates payable alike to all such Registrars, whether they are Clerks of Petty Sessions or hold other positions in the Public Service or not?
 (3.) Have any complaints been received from Electoral Registrars respecting the smallness of their remuneration?
 (4.) How many Electoral Registrars have tendered their resignations?
 (5.) Does he intend to more adequately remunerate Electoral Registrars who are not Clerks of Petty Sessions?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) (a) Where the population of the district does not exceed 1,000 persons, £15. (b) Where the population of the district exceeds 1,000, but does not exceed 2,000, £20. (c) Where the population of the district exceeds 2,000, but does not exceed 3,000 persons, £25. (d) Where the population of the district exceeds 3,000, then for the first 3,000 persons, £25; and in addition to the foregoing payments for the first 3,000, a further payment for each 1,000 persons over and above 3,000, and for any fraction of 1,000 persons over and above 3,000 or over and above any other complete 1,000 of such population, 5s.
 (2.) As the duties are exactly similar, the payment is alike.
 (3.) As the duties at present performed by the Registrars are merely of a formal character, the Registrars are not in a position to state whether the allowance is adequate or inadequate.
 (4.) Several persons, who were under the misapprehension that the duties of Electoral Registrars would engage the whole or half of their attention, applied for the position, believing that they would be remunerated accordingly; but having ascertained that the regular duty will not average a tenth of that period, have withdrawn their applications, but there are not less than a dozen applications for every such vacancy.
 (5.) I am of opinion that, in view of the Answer to the second Question, the remuneration is adequate.

(5.) Premises occupied by the Pharmaceutical Society:—*Mr. Stevenson* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has the Pharmaceutical Society the privilege of subletting any portion of the premises occupied by them to private tutors; and, if so, who receives the rent of same, if any paid?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—I am informed by the Secretary and Registrar to the Board of Pharmacy that no portion of the premises alluded to have at any time been sublet.

(6.) Tide-waiters in H.M. Customs:—*Mr. Stevenson* asked the Colonial Treasurer:—

- (1.) How many tide-waiters, excluding those acting as clerks and lockers, were there in the service of H.M. Customs, Sydney, on the 1st January, 1894?
 (2.) What were the total earnings of the tide-waiters (excluding those acting as clerks and lockers) for the year 1893; and what were the average earnings of a tide-waiter per month, as well as per year?
 (3.) Does it happen in a winter month that very many of the tide-waiters receive nothing at all for "ship duty"?
 (4.) What allowance is made to a tide-waiter for "ship duty," "removal duty," and "removal duty "night watches," respectively?
 (5.) Has a landing-waiter, on finishing a day's "ship duty" on a sailing vessel, to make up his books; does this duty entail the necessity, as a rule, to work until midnight, as well as on Saturday afternoons and Sundays; and what remuneration, if any, is given to the tide-waiters for this service?
 (6.) Does it frequently occur that a tide-waiter is occupied for two or three days in the adjustment of his books at the completion of a ship's discharge, for which he is not remunerated by the Department?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) Twenty-nine.
 (2.) £2,558 7s. 1d. Average per month, £7 7s.; average per year, £88 4s. 5d.
 (3.) Very few are in that position.
 (4.) For ship duty, 10s. 6d. per day and 1s. 6d. per hour for overhours; for removal duty, 1s. 6d. per hour; for night watches, 15s. each night.
 (5.) Any competent tide-waiter can make up all necessary books within official hours.
 (6.) No.

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- (7.) Post-office at Bobundarah :—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Mr. Miller, asked the Postmaster-General,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the post-office at Bobundarah has been closed?
 - (2.) If so, at whose instigation, and what are the reasons assigned for such action?
- Mr. Kidd answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) The lessor of the premises intimated that he was unable to grant the postmaster a renewal of the lease, and, in view of the small business transacted, it was decided to close the office.
- (8.) Additional Conditional Purchases :—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Mr. Miller, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that persons holding conditional purchase land adjoining population boundaries are making applications and having them approved by the Land Boards to conditionally purchase special areas within population boundaries as additional conditional purchases?
 - (2.) Will steps be taken immediately to prevent such areas being alienated as additional conditional purchases?
- Mr. Copeland answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) Steps are being taken to prevent such alienation for the future, and, in addition, the papers in a test case have been sent to the Crown Solicitor with a view to obtaining the decision of the Supreme Court on the legality of these applications.
2. JUNE WATER SUPPLY WORKS ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Lyne* moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the "June Water Supply Works Act of 1893."
- Question put and passed.
3. STAMP DUTIES ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. See* moved, pursuant to Notice, That the "Stamp Duties Acts Further Amendment 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 further amend the 'Stamp Duties Act of 1880,' and the 'Stamp Duties Act Amendment Act of 1886,'"—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 Assembly requests that the said Bill be proceeded with under the Council's Standing Orders in that behalf.
- Question put and passed.
- Message sent to the Legislative Council accordingly.
4. PRISON LABOUR—MAT-MAKING INDUSTRY (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Houghton* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing the whole of the correspondence that has passed between the firm of John Armstrong and Sons and the Department of Justice relative to prison labour competing with free labour in the mat-making industry.
- Question put and passed.
5. AMALGAMATION OF OFFICES OF CROWN LANDS AGENT AND CLERK OF PETTY SESSIONS, COONAMBLE (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Stevenson*, for *Mr. Morgan*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all letters and correspondence in reference to the amalgamation of the offices of Crown Lands Agent and Clerk of Petty Sessions at Coonamble.
- Question put and passed.
6. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Distress for Rent Abolition Bill, postponed until Tuesday, 3rd April.
7. MORTGAGES SUSPENSION BILL :—*Mr. Wall* presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to suspend the operation of mortgages liens and other liabilities in connection with certain banking institutions and other registered companies*,"—which was read a first time.
- Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
8. BETTING AND GAMBLING SUPPRESSION BILL :—*Mr. E. M. Clark* presented a Petition from certain residents of Surry Hills and Paddington, representing that the practices of betting and gambling on horse-races and public sports have a disastrous hold on many of the people of New South Wales, and that, unless effectually stopped by the Legislature, they will tend to demoralise large numbers of their fellow-colonists, and in a great measure impede the healthy development of the national life of New South Wales; and praying that the Betting and Gambling Suppression Bill, introduced into the House and read a first time on the 24th November, 1893, be passed in its entirety.
- Petition received.
9. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of *Mr. See*, *Mr. Speaker* left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

10. 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 One o'clock a.m., until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.



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No. 12.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 13 FEBRUARY, 1894.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Protection of Kempsey from Floods:—Mr. Francis Clarke asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Have the surveys and reports been obtained in connection with the proposal to protect Kempsey from floods?

(2.) If not, will he expedite such reports as far as possible?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The survey has just been completed, but the plans cannot be furnished by the local officers for about a fortnight.

- (2.) Cases dealt with by Local Land Boards:—Mr. Francis Clarke asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) What number of cases has been dealt with by the various Local Land Boards during each of the years since 1884 to the end of 1893?

(2.) What is the average cost of dealing with each case?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The information sought by the Honorable Member would entail a large expenditure of time and money to obtain, inasmuch as some cases are before the Board on several occasions either as adjourned cases or otherwise. If the Honorable Member desires information about specific cases I shall be glad to supply him with it, otherwise it would be better to move for a return if he thinks the information worth what it will cost.

- (3.) Special Areas on the Allomera and Unkya Creeks:—Mr. Francis Clarke asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Referring to a Question asked by Mr. Francis Clarke on the 31st October, 1893, as to special areas on the Allomera and Unkya Creeks, have the reports promised on that occasion been yet received?

(2.) If not, will he urge that they be furnished without further delay?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The necessary reports have been received, and the Honorable Member was informed on the 6th instant that the unselected portions of these special areas will be made available for ordinary selection by a proclamation, to be issued on the 3rd proximo.

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

(1.) Referring to Mr. Francis Clarke's Question of the 17th October, 1893, as to the desirableness of constructing a jetty at Trial Bay, and a tram line from that place to Jerseyville, have the reports which he promised on that occasion been yet obtained?

(2.) If not, will he urge that they be furnished without further delay?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The reports which were promised have been obtained, but have not yet been finally dealt with by my honorable colleague.

- (5.) Bank Liabilities and Assets:—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) When will the quarterly abstract of Bank liabilities and assets for quarter ending 30th September last be laid upon the Table?

(2.) What is the reason that this document has not yet been laid upon the Table, considering that the quarter in question ended over four months ago?

(3.) When will the quarterly abstract of Bank liabilities and assets for quarter ending 31st December last be laid upon the Table?

(4.) In view of the fact that now half the next quarter has already elapsed, will he endeavour to have future abstracts expedited?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—As soon as the returns are ready they will be laid upon the Table.

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(6.) Pay of Boatmen and Tide-waiters of Custom House, Sydney and Newcastle:—Mr. McCourt asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) How much per month do the boatmen in the service of the Custom House, Sydney, receive, and how much per month does each coxswain receive?
- (2.) How much per month do the tide-waiters as a body receive on an average?
- (3.) Does it frequently occur that a few of the tide-waiters get most of the work?
- (4.) Does it frequently occur that some officers have an exceptionally bad run of ships for several months in succession, each ship giving them only a few days employment?
- (5.) Will he place on the Additional Estimates a sum sufficient to ensure that the monthly earnings of the tide-waiters shall be at the least equal to the monthly earnings of the boatmen in the service of the Custom House, Sydney?
- (6.) Was a clerk in the Custom House, Newcastle, recently disgraced and placed on the list of tide-waiters in the service of the Custom House, Sydney?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) Boatmen are paid £11 1s. 8d per month; coxswains are paid £12 1s. 8d. per month.
- (2.) The average at the present time is about £7 7s. per month.
- (3.) No.
- (4.) There are such exceptional cases.
- (5.) No. There are a much larger number on the Tide List than is absolutely required to do the work, and to ensure earnings equal to the monthly amounts paid to boatmen, the services of a number of those at present on the list would have to be dispensed with. Those on the Tide List are regarded as temporary officers, and promotion is made from their ranks whenever practicable, provided they pass the necessary examination.
- (6.) Yes.

(7.) Contract for George's River Bridge at Liverpool:—Mr. Alfred Allen, for Mr. Parkes, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) How many claims were put in for payment from the Works Department upon the contract for the George's River bridge at Liverpool after the first contractor abandoned the work?
- (2.) What were the names of the claimants and nature of their claims?
- (3.) The names of those whose claims were settled, and those whose claims were refused?

Mr. Copeland answered,—This information can better be supplied in the shape of a return, which the Honorable Member will, perhaps, be good enough to move for in the usual way.

(8.) Freight on Fruit from Campbelltown, Minto, &c., to Sydney:—Mr. Parkes asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What was the amount of carriage (in case or weight) of fruit by the railway from June, 1892, to June, 1893, from the following stations to the City:—Campbelltown, Minto, Ingleburn, Glenfield, Liverpool, Cabramatta, Canley Vale, Fairfield, Guildford, and Merrylands?

Mr. See answered,—I would point out that the preparation of such a return will cost a considerable sum to compile. If, however, it is of public importance that the return should be obtained, and if the Honorable Member will communicate with the Railway Commissioners, they will be glad to direct its preparation.

(9.) General Cemetery for Districts North of Ryde:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Has any further action been taken by him in regard to the matter of providing a general cemetery for the districts north of Ryde, and as far as the Hawkesbury River?
- (2.) Will he state what he proposes to do to meet the requirements of these districts?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

- (1.) The matter has been referred to the District Surveyor for report.
- (2.) If it is found upon inquiry that it is necessary to provide another cemetery northward of Ryde, the question of setting apart a suitable site will be dealt with as early as practicable.

(10.) Proposed Military Camp at Campbelltown:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that, anticipating an adverse decision in regard to the proposal to hold a nine days military camp at Campbelltown, Major-General Hutton had arranged an alternative scheme, which provides for a four days camp being held at Campbelltown, and that the only cost to the Government involved in the holding of the four days camp relates to transport and rations for the troops which it is proposed shall go into camp?
- (2.) Will he have any objection to informing the House the nature of the proposed camp?
- (3.) Will there be any objection on his part to such camp being held?
- (4.) If the proposed four days camp is to be held, will he suggest to Major-General Hutton the desirableness of having inquiries made as to the suitability of the National Park as the site of the proposed camp?

Mr. See answered,—My honorable colleague refers the Honorable Member to the answer given on a former occasion to the effect that the probable cost of an encampment, all charges included, would be £33,000, and that he did not see his way clear at this stage to recommend it.

2. AGRICULTURAL HOLDINGS BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. Bowes, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Bowes then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act for amending the Law relating to Agricultural Holdings.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act for amending the Law relating to Agricultural Holdings,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 13th February, 1894.

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18th February, 1894.

3. **NOXIOUS TRADES AND SLAUGHTER HOUSES BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—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 regulate the carrying on of noxious trades. Question put and passed.
4. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Mortgages Suspension Bill, postponed until Tuesday next.
5. **OXFORD-STREET IMPROVEMENT BILL**:—Mr. Neild, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 25th January, 1894, together with Appendix and a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee. Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Neild then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 20th March. Question put and passed.
6. **POLLING DAY FOR A GENERAL ELECTION TO BE A PUBLIC HOLIDAY**:—Mr. McGowen moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should proclaim polling "day" a public holiday throughout the Colony of New South Wales.
Debate ensued.
Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That the Question be amended by the insertion after the word "day" of the words "for a general election."
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted.
Debate continued.
Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted,—put and passed.
Question, as amended, put,—That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should proclaim polling day for a general election a public holiday throughout the Colony of New South Wales.
The House divided.

Ayes, 51.

Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Dowd,	Mr. Colls,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. McCredie,
Mr. Wise,	Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Traill,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. E. M. Clark,	Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. G. D. Clark,	Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Danahey,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Darnley,	Mr. Willis.
Mr. Wall,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Nicoll,	
Mr. Walker,	Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Houghton.
Mr. Barnes,	

Noes, 9.

Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. R. G. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. See,
Sir George Dibbs,
Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Barbour.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Morton.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

7. **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. Question put and passed.
8. **SPECIAL TRAMS AND TRAINS FOR USE OF MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT**:—Mr. Frank Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) 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."
- (2.) That the above resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
Debate ensued.
Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That the Question be amended by the insertion after the word "discontinued," of the words "except upon special occasions to be announced by the Government in the "House by 10:30 p.m."
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted.
Debate continued.
Question put,—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 44.

Mr. See,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. G. D. Clark,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Wall,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Johnston,	Dr. Hollis,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Rae,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Francis Clarke,
Sir W. P. Manning,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Bowes,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Holborow,	Mr. Fegan.
Mr. Sheldon,	
Mr. Jones,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Gormly,	Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. Newton,	Mr. McCourt.

Noes, 17.

Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Williams,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Colls,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Morton,
Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Rose.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Collins,
Mr. Darnley.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question, as amended, put,—

(1.) 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, except upon special occasions to be announced by the Government in the House by 10.30 p.m.

(2.) That the above resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

The House divided.

Ayes, 49.

Mr. See,	Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Barnes,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. Wall,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Johnston,	Dr. Hollis,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Rae,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Gormly,	Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Newton,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Walker,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Dickens,	Mr. Francis Clarke,
Mr. G. D. Clark,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Fegan.
Sir W. P. Manning,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Bowes,	Mr. Sheldon.
Mr. Holborow,	
Mr. Barbour,	

Noes, 12.

Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Colls,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Rose.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Williams.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

9. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS TO EXAMINE AND REPORT UPON THE FINANCIAL POSITION OF BANKS:—
Mr. Hugh McKinnon moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should at once appoint auditors to examine and report upon the financial position of all Banks which have availed themselves of the Bank Issue Act.

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.

Debate ensued.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until 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 nineteen 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. 13.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 14 FEBRUARY, 1894.

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

NOXIOUS TRADES AND SLAUGHTER-HOUSES 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. 17.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to regulate the carrying on of Noxious Trades and the Slaughtering of Cattle; to incorporate the Board of Health; and for other purposes.

Government House,
Sydney, 14th February, 1894.

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

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Channel of George's River:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. Parkes*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he have the work of defining and making navigable the channel of the George's River to the town of Liverpool, as placed before him by the Municipal Council of that town, put in hand at an early date this year?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I cannot promise this at present. As I informed the Honorable Member on a previous occasion, there are works of greater urgency which must be undertaken before this.

(2.) Metallurgical Works:—*Mr. Torpy* asked the Secretary for Mines,—Has any progress been made in the erection of metallurgical works for the treatment and reduction of refractory ores in bulk quantities under the supervision of *Mr. Taylor*, the Government Metallurgist?

Mr. Slattery answered,—No progress has yet been made in the erection of metallurgical works, but a suitable site had been selected for the purpose. It is, however, now found that the site is not available, and the Government Metallurgist is now engaged in selecting another site.

(3.) Trustees of National Art Gallery:—*Mr. J. D. FitzGerald* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) How many trustees are there for the National Art Gallery?

(2.) What are the names of the gentlemen occupying the position of trustees?

(3.) Is there a gentleman named *Mr. Julian Ashton* on the Board of Trustees?

(4.) Was this gentleman appointed by virtue of his office as President of the Art Society?

(5.) Has he since retired from the position as President of that Society, and become its paid officer?

(6.) Will he consider the advisableness of making the President for the time being of the Art Society a trustee of the National Gallery by virtue of his office?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

(1.) Ten, including the Minister of Public Instruction, who is a trustee *ex officio*.

(2.) *E. Du Faur*, F.R.G.S.; *J. R. Fairfax*; *Hon. E. Combes*, C.M.G., M.L.C.; *Sir Patrick Jennings*, K.C.M.G.; *Josiah Mullens*; *Hon. W. J. Trickett*, M.L.C.; *B. R. Wise*, M.P.; *J. R. Ashton*; His Honor *Sir J. G. L. Innes*, Kt.; and the Minister of Public Instruction for the time being.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) No.

(5.) Yes.

(6.) I have not yet considered this proposal.

(4.)

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(4.) Appointment of Probationers in Lands Department:—Mr. Schey asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that Executive authority has been obtained for appointing a number of probationers to the permanent staff of draftsmen in the Lands Department?

(2.) If so, how many appointments are thereby authorised?

(3.) What are the reasons for passing over temporary officers of long service when adding to the permanent establishment of the Department?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) No particular number was authorised, but nineteen have been appointed at salaries of £50 per annum for the first year, £75 for the second year, and £100 for the third year of service, each of these having passed the necessary examinations before appointment.

(3.) Temporary officers of long standing would hardly care to accept the junior position which probationers attain to after three years service, and which entitles them to a position on the staff at £100 per annum.

(5.) Prospecting Vote of 1893:—Mr. Danahey, for Mr. Newman, asked the Secretary for Mines,—What is the amount paid out of the Prospecting Vote for 1893 towards sending the fossickers on to the various gold-fields of the Colony?

Mr. Slattery answered,—No portion of the Prospecting Vote has been used for the purpose.

(6.) Revenue derived from Parramatta North Post and Telegraph Office:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) What has been the total amount of revenue received at the Parramatta North post and telegraph office from all sources since it was opened for business up to 31st December, 1893?

(2.) What amount has been paid for carrying on the post and telegraph, &c., for the same period?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

(1.) This office was opened as a post office on 1st May, 1884, and as a telegraph office on 14th August, 1891, and the total revenue to 31st December, 1893, was £1,797 15s. 6d.

(2.) About £835, exclusive of the cost of the conveyance of mails, which forms part of the duty of the officials attached to the Parramatta office.

(7.) Lennox Bridge, Parramatta:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When is it likely that tenders will be invited for widening Lennox Bridge in the centre of the town of Parramatta to accommodate the increased traffic over it, which is now becoming dangerous to travellers, the Parliament having voted the sum of £4,000 to pay for the work as estimated by the Government Department?

Mr. Lyne answered,—There does not appear to be any necessity for this expenditure, and I cannot therefore promise that the work will be undertaken. I will presently lay upon the Table of the House a paper giving my reasons for this decision.

(8.) Allowance to Members of the Police:—Mr. Waddell asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that members of the Police force have received notice that the allowance for travelling expenses is not to be continued?

(2.) Has any similar notice been given to the officers of the force?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The following Answers have been supplied by the Inspector-General of Police:—

(1.) No.

(2.) No.

(9.) Appointment of Magistrate and Returning Officer for the Inverell Electorate:—Mr. Neild asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the small Debts Court bailiff at Inverell has been appointed a Magistrate and Returning Officer for the Inverell electorate?

(2.) Is it intended that the new Magistrate shall adjudicate on matters in which he may subsequently be required to act as bailiff?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—I will cause inquiry to be made.

(10.) Ocean-street Tramway—Technological Museum, Ultimo:—Mr. Neild asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What is the amount of the accepted tender for the rolling stock for the Ocean-street tramway, irrespective of goods or material supplied, or to be supplied, by the Department?

(2.) What is the amount of Mr. Allan Peirson's tender for the same work?

(3.) Was Mr. Peirson the contractor for the Technological Museum, Ultimo?

(4.) Why was not Mr. Peirson's tender accepted, being lower than that of the successful tenderer?

Mr. See answered,—I am informed—

(1.) That the amount of the accepted tender was £7,756.

(2.) £6,770.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) It was reported to the Railway Commissioners by the Tramway Locomotive Superintendent that Mr. Peirson personally informed him that he had had no experience in car building. The Superintendent further reported that Mr. Peirson's establishment was not adapted for car building, and that although he stated that he proposed to extend it, the Superintendent felt quite satisfied that Mr. Peirson would not be in a position to fulfil the conditions of his tender. For these reasons the tender of Mr. Peirson was rejected and the next lowest tender, out of four tenders, accepted. That of a firm which has had a large experience in car building.

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- (11.) Persons in the Civil Service not Naturalised:—Mr. Hugh McKinnon asked the Colonial Secretary,—How many persons are there in the Civil Service who, not being natural born subjects of Her Majesty, have not their naturalisation papers, and under which Governments were they appointed?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—If the Honorable Member will move for a return embracing this information I will endeavour to obtain it.

- (12.) Employment of Postmaster at Araluen in Water and Sewerage Department:—Mr. Hugh McKinnon asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Will he ascertain whether a man employed in the Water and Sewerage Department is the same man who, as postmaster at Araluen, was sentenced to twelve months in Braidwood gaol for embezzlement?

(2.) If so, on whose recommendation was he appointed?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I have inquired at the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage, and am informed that they know nothing about the matter.

- (13.) Alderman of the Municipality of Murrurundi:—Mr. Kelly, for Mr. R. G. D. FitzGerald, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Was an alderman of the Municipality of Murrurundi convicted, on the 10th January last, on two charges of using obscene language, and sentenced to fourteen days imprisonment on each charge, without the option of a fine?

(2.) If so, was the said alderman released before the expiration of his sentences, by whose order, upon whose recommendation, and upon what grounds?

(3.) Will he have any objection to lay the whole of the papers connected with this case upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) A person named Thomas Young, on 9th January last, was sentenced by the Bench at Murrurundi to fourteen days imprisonment without the option of a fine on two charges of using obscene language in a public street.

(2.) Yes; he was released after serving thirteen days upon my recommendation to His Excellency the Governor upon the ground that the sentences were clearly illegal, the informations being laid under the 5th section of the Vagrant Act, 15 Vic. No. 4, which provides for a fine, and, in default of immediate payment of same, imprisonment.

(3.) There will be no objection, if moved for in the ordinary way.

- (14.) Allowance due to Officers of Volunteer Infantry Regiments:—Mr. Alfred Allen, for Mr. Wise, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What amount is due on account of 1892 for allowance due to officers for authorised expenditure on behalf of the Volunteer Infantry Regiments?

(2.) Is any provision made for such sum on the Estimates?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

(1.) £1,436 1s. 6d.

(2.) No provision is necessary on the Estimates, as payment will be made under Executive authority from the unexpended balances of 1892.

- (15.) Pay of Tide-waiters of H. M. Customs:—Mr. Danahey asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Are the first three tide-waiters in order for employment on ship or general duty required to be in attendance every day, including Sunday and public holidays, from 8 a.m. to sundown, and, if necessary, to attend earlier and remain later?

(2.) Is the officer who is first on the list for ship duty the only one of these three officers in compulsory attendance who receives any payment; and is he paid only for each third day until he gets a ship?

(3.) If the same tide-waiter remains first on the list for employment on ship or general duty for eight days, is he paid only for the third day and the sixth day while he is in attendance?

(4.) Do the second and the third tide-waiters in compulsory attendance receive no payment, however long they may have to wait for a ship?

(5.) Is the officer second on the list for ship duty prohibited from taking removal duty?

(6.) Is the officer third on the list for ship duty allowed, in some instances, to take removal duty?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) The attendance of the first tide-waiter for duty is insisted upon, and he has to attend as required.

(2.) The attending officer is paid for the third day.

(3.) Yes; but such instances are of very rare occurrence.

(4.) No payment.

(5.) Yes.

(6.) Yes.

- (16.) Tide-waiters of H. M. Customs:—Mr. Darnley asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Are the tide-waiters instructed, when on duty or in attendance for ship, to appear in uniform, and to maintain a decent and respectable appearance?

(2.) Is each tide-waiter obliged to provide a decent and respectable uniform at his own cost?

(3.) Are the tide-waiters liable to be exposed to the inclemency of the weather day and night?

(4.) Is it the practice for the Department to furnish each officer with a macintosh and a pair of leggings?

(5.) If not, will he direct that such provision be made for each officer on the tide list, or for as many as may be likely to be called upon for service on any day?

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Mr. See answered,—

(1.) Yes. The uniform provided by tide-waiters need not be costly. They are expected to wear a regulation coat, cap, and badge, but some of them indulge in a more expensive outfit than the Department requires.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) By night, yes; by day, no.

(4.) No.

(5.) It is not considered advisable to supply macintoshes and leggings to tide-waiters. Such articles are not furnished to messengers, who are as much exposed to the inclemency of the weather as tide-waiters are.

(18.) William Stafford, ex-Mounted Sergeant of Police:—Mr. Darnley asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it true that two members of the Police force were charged with receiving bribes, before Mr. Giles, S.M., at the Central Police Court some time ago; if so, are those men still in the force?

(2.) Is it a fact that a Police sergeant was tried for murder at the Yass Circuit Court; if so, on his not having been found guilty, what was the total amount of back pay and gratuity, or either, paid to him?

(3.) In the case of Captain Armstrong, what time elapsed from the date on which the Select Committee's report (in his case) was adopted by Parliament until he was paid his compensation (£1,500) for wrongful dismissal?

(4.) Has the Premier read the evidence at page 86 in the case of Mounted Police Sergeant W. Stafford, *re* the dispensing of the Police Superannuation Fund, &c.?

(5.) Is it the intention of the Government to ignore the findings and recommendation of the Select Committee adopted by Parliament in the case of Sergeant W. Stafford; if not, will the Government give immediate effect to the desire of Parliament in his case?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

(1, 2, and 3.) I think these Questions are not of sufficient public interest at this stage to be answered.

(4.) I have not had time to read the evidence.

(5.) The Government will consider the matter.

3. CRIMINAL LAW AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. E. M. Clark moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the "Criminal Law Amendment Act of 1883" and the Acts amending same.
Question put and passed.

4. PROSPECTING VOTE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Kelly, for Mr. Newman, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House the following information respecting the Prospecting Vote:—

(1.) The amount voted by this House for prospecting purposes in the years 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, and 1894.

(2.) The various amounts actually paid away for prospecting during the years before mentioned.

(3.) What became of the residue from each of the above Votes (if any).

(4.) The proportion of the seven Votes in question devoted each to gold, silver, copper, tin, lead, coal, and other minerals.

Question put and passed.

5. CASE OF SEYMOUR AND WIFE *v.* LYNE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Lee 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, reports, minutes, and correspondence, including any letters received from or sent to the Minister for Mines, Mr. Slattery, relating to the case of Seymour and wife *v.* Lyne.

Question put and passed.

6. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the adjourned Debate respecting "Appointment of Auditors to examine and report upon the Financial Position of Banks,"—postponed until Tuesday, 3rd April.

7. PAPERS:—

Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—Return respecting the proposed widening of Lennox Bridge, Parramatta.

Ordered to be printed.

Sir George Dibbs laid upon the Table,—Statement in reference to the compilation of the Electoral Rolls under the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893, together with the number of Electors on the Rolls of the Electoral Districts.

Ordered to be printed.

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.

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Return to an Order made on 17th November, 1893,—"Floating Baths at Lavender Bay."

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

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And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

9. PAPERS:—Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Schedules A to E to Estimates-in-Chief for 1894—Public Works Department.

(2.) Return of Revenue and Expenditure of the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board, from 1st July, 1892, to 31st December, 1893.

(3.) Report by the President of the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board on the work of the Board from 1st July, 1892.

Ordered to be printed.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

F. W. WEBB,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,

Speaker.



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THURSDAY, 15 FEBRUARY, 1894.

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

REAL PROPERTY ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT 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. 18.

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,'*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Mr. W. J. Weston's Conditional Purchase, Parish of Mount Allen:—Mr. Hutchinson asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Was a conditional purchase selected by Mr. W. J. Weston for mineral purposes under the 1861 Act, county of Blaxland, Mount Allen; if so, what was the date of application, and the acreage of land taken, and were conditions complied with?

(2.) Was such conditional purchase afterwards validated; if so, when, and under what Act, and for what reasons?

(3.) Did a Mr. Joseph Reilly or others apply for a permit to mine for gold upon such conditional purchase; if so, what was the date of application, and the area applied for, and was same granted?

(4.) When was permit taken up and work commenced upon conditional purchase to prospect for gold?

(5.) Did a Mr. John Dodd make application for permit to mine for gold upon same conditional purchase; what was the date of his application, and the extent of claim, and was permit granted; if refused, what were the reasons for refusal?

(6.) Did John Dodd make a subsequent application for permit in same locality, and was permit granted; if so, what was date of application and date of granting permit; if refused, were any reasons given?

(7.) Was discovery of payable gold reported; if so, when, by whom, and under any permit issued to mine on such conditional purchase, and was any aid granted by Department of Mines?

(8.) Was application made to lease any portion of such mineral conditional purchase; if so, by whom, and under what date?

(9.) Was any portion of such conditional purchase resumed by the Crown; if so, what were the reasons of such resumption, and the acreage resumed?

(10.) Was any lease granted; if so, to whom, and what was the date of granting lease?

(11.) Were there any objections lodged against the granting of such lease by any person, persons, or company; if so, by whom, and what were the objections?

(12.) Did the owner of the conditional purchase or any person or persons, in his or others' behalf, object or make any claim for compensation on account of resumption of portion of conditional purchase and the granting of lease, and the taking of ironstone ore, &c.; if so, what were the names of objectors and claimants?

(13.) What was the amount claimed as compensation, and was amount of such compensation determined by Local Land Board or Appeal Court, and what was the finding or award, if any?

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- (14.) Was any amount paid by way of compensation; if so, to whom, and what was the amount so paid, and for what area of resumption?
- (15.) Has the whole of conditional purchase been resumed for gold-mining purposes; if so, have any other leases been granted; if so, to whom; if not, who now occupies or uses the land, and for what purposes is it used?
- (16.) What was the total amount paid by original selector or transferee for such mineral conditional purchase; and what were the value of improvements erected upon or amount expended by such owner or owners upon the land in the way of shafts or drives prior to granting of permit or lease?
- (17.) What would be the estimated cost of printing copies of all letters, papers, telegrams, reports, minutes, evidence, and memoranda of such case referred to in the Questions now asked?
- (18.) Is there any objection to such correspondence, &c., being printed; if so, what are the objections?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) Yes; 29th November, 1883, 80 acres.
- (2.) Yes; gazetted 23rd May, 1890, under section 3 of the Crown Lands Titles and Reservations Validation Act of 1886, the land being within the Bogan Gold-field.
- (3.) Yes; 15th September, 1888, portion G.L. 2, of 24 acres 3 roods 6 perches, but the portion G.L. 2 was embraced in two mineral conditional purchases, Nos. 83-79 and 84-20, Hillston. A permit for each of the mineral conditional purchases aforesaid was granted 12th August, 1890.
- (4.) Permits were delivered 30th August, 1890; not known when work was commenced.
- (5.) Yes; but not on proper form. No definite action was taken at the time, as Reilly's application for permit had not been granted. An application for a gold lease was pending when Dodd's application for permit was lodged, and the gold lease applicant when his application was refused was in accordance with the practice of the Department given the option of applying for a permit covering the area applied for to lease. Dodd's application was thereupon refused.
- (6.) Several applications were subsequently lodged by Dodd for himself and others, but as Reilly had reported discovery of gold under his permit, and steps were being taken to cancel part of the mineral conditional purchase, the applications were held over until that action was completed, after which a permit was granted to Dodd and another to search on the mineral conditional purchase to south-west of Reilly's area. This permit was cancelled 14th June, 1892, the holders having failed to search.
- (7.) Yes; by Joseph Reilly through Warden O'Neill, 9th September, 1890, under his permit to search. No aid was granted from the Prospecting Vote.
- (8.) Yes; by Joseph Reilly, 15th May, 1891.
- (9.) The sale of the whole of the mineral conditional purchase was cancelled, the land having been found to be auriferous.
- (10.) Yes; to Joseph Reilly; approved by the Governor and the Executive Council, 31st May, 1892.
- (11.) No objections, in terms of the regulations, were lodged, but a letter was received from John Dodd while the Executive Council was dealing with Reilly's application to lease.
- (12.) The New Mount Hope Copper-mining Company claimed compensation for the loss of the land proposed to be taken from their mineral conditional purchases.
- (13 and 14.) The sum of £13,983 was claimed; £1,000 was paid to the above Company, as appraised by the Land Board, for the whole area embraced by the two mineral conditional purchases, in all 200 acres.
- (15.) Yes; three applications have been made, namely, by W. Miller and others, 10 acres, not yet dealt with; by J. Hutchens, 24 acres 3 roods 6 perches, approved; by J. Hutchens, 10 acres, not yet dealt with.
- (16.) The total amount paid to the Crown in connection with the mineral conditional purchase 83-79 was £100 12s. 2d. The value of the improvements was not appraised by the Land Board.
- (17.) The cost of printing the papers would probably exceed £200.
- (18.) No objection except as to cost, which as no public purpose would be served would not be justified.

(2.) Eradication of the Sweet Briar:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for *Mr. Colls*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Will he take into consideration the necessity for giving work to the unemployed in the eradication of the sweet briar on the public lands in the southern districts of the Colony?
- (2.) Will he also bring in a short Bill making it compulsory upon private leaseholders and land-owners to carry out the same work upon their lands?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The Government are considering the best means of finding lawful employment for the unemployed, and the suggestion of the Honorable Member will receive their serious consideration.

(3.) Post Office at Collector:—*Mr. Dowel* asked the Postmaster-General,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the post office at Collector is an old wooden building of small size, and attached to a public-house, and connected therewith by a door?
- (2.) Is he aware that the post office is closed except on the arrival and closing of mails, and that persons requiring to obtain letters and transact other postal business have to go to the public bar and inquire for the postmistress?
- (3.) Will he cause the post office at Collector to be removed to the court-house or some other suitable place?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) I am not aware; but consider that in view of the small salary allowed, consequent on the smallness of the amount of business transacted, it would not be reasonable to expect the postmistress to be in her office throughout the whole of the day.
- (3.) Inquiry will be made as to the desirableness of removing the office.

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(4.) Post and Telegraph Master, Ashfield :—*Mr. Stevenson*, for *Mr. Wright*, asked the Postmaster-General,—

- (1.) What is the salary attached to the office of post and telegraph master at Ashfield?
- (2.) What class is this office in?
- (3.) What salary was paid to the postal assistant at Wagga Wagga recently appointed post and telegraph master at Ashfield?
- (4.) Is it a fact that the gentleman recently appointed to Ashfield was the junior of many applicants for the position?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

- (1.) £200 per annum.
- (2.) The third.
- (3.) £254 per annum.
- (4.) Yes; but he was senior to applicants other than post and telegraph masters, and expressed himself as willing to accept the position at the salary allowed, viz., £200 per annum.

(5.) Pay to Officers under the Licensing Act :—*Mr. Scott* asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Does the 18th section of the Licensing Act, which provides for the appointment of inspectors and sub-inspectors, also provide that such officers shall be paid?
- (2.) Have the inspectors and sub-inspectors under the Licensing Act been paid since the passing of such Act; if so, what was the average annual payment to each officer?
- (3.) Have the payments to any of the officers under the Licensing Act been stopped; if so, when, why, and upon whose recommendation did such stoppage occur, and have such officers (if any) been relieved from the duties under the Licensing Act; if not so relieved, how is it intended to remunerate them for the discharge of such duties?
- (4.) Are any of the inspectors or sub-inspectors under the Licensing Act now paid; if so, what are their names, where are they stationed, and what is the annual amount of such payment in each case?
- (5.) Will he, now that the revenue is improving, take the subject into consideration with a view to restoring the small amount hitherto paid to the officers under the Licensing Act?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) No; it merely provides that such officers may be remunerated by fees or salary.
- (2.) Yes; the allowance ranged from £5 to £25 per annum, except in the case of the Metropolitan Inspector, who receives a salary of £312 10s. per annum as District Inspector under the Licensing Act for the Metropolitan District.
- (3.) Yes; it became necessary, in the interests of retrenchment, to discontinue the allowances, but the officers are not relieved of the duties imposed on the Police by the provisions of the Licensing Act, though it is not intended to specially remunerate them.
- (4.) Yes; in certain cases within the Metropolitan District, and there will be no objection to furnish the particulars desired in the form of a return if deemed necessary, and moved for in the usual way.
- (5.) There appears to be no necessity for taking the matter into consideration at present.

(6.) *Mr. E. B. Price*, Harbours and Rivers Department :—*Mr. Edden* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has *Mr. E. B. Price*, of the Harbours and Rivers Department, been away in England on leave?
- (2.) What holidays were granted to him?
- (3.) What is his salary?
- (4.) Does he receive any allowance for house rent?
- (5.) What amount did he draw while away from his work?
- (6.) Did he draw any allowance for house rent while away?
- (7.) How long has he been in the Department?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Eight months.
- (3.) £470 per annum.
- (4.) Yes; £50 per annum.
- (5.) Half pay.
- (6.) No.
- (7.) Eight years and three months.

(7.) Savings Banks :—*Mr. Rose* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the 9 per cent. rate of interest charged by private Banks on money lent is having a very prejudicial effect on the smaller land-owners of the Colony?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the two Savings Banks of the Colony have now deposits exceeding £6,000,000, which money has been borrowed chiefly at 4 per cent., and payable at call, and which money has been deposited in sums not exceeding £200?
- (3.) Is it a fact that both Savings Banks are worked on a minimum gold basis?
- (4.) Is it a fact that the business of the Barrack-street Savings Bank, including losses, is worked at a cost of $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.?
- (5.) Will he consider the advisability of at once amalgamating the two Savings Banks, and abolishing the £200 maximum of deposit in favour of accepting deposits to any amount?
- (6.) Will he further consider the advisability of issuing Savings Banks stock or accepting money per medium of Savings Banks on long-dated loans?
- (7.) Is there any reason why the Government should not advance interminable Savings Banks deposits or funded stock to land-owners on approved security at a rate of interest not exceeding 5 per cent.?

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Sir George Dibbs answered,—

(1 to 4). I am not in a position to give the Honorable Member the definite information he seeks.
(5.) I have long thought that it was desirable to amalgamate the two Savings Banks, and at a later period of this year, I may have the honor of bringing in a Bill to effect that object.

(6.) I do not think it is desirable.

(7.) I am not quite clear upon this point either. It requires more consideration than I am able to give it at the present time.

(8.) Stock Trains from Bourke to Albury:—Mr. Waddell asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What is the cost per mile of running stock trains?

(2.) What is the net profit per mile on stock trains to the Department?

(3.) What is the gross amount received per mile on stock trains?

(4.) Under what clause of the Railway Act did the Railway Department allow a reduction of 25 per cent. on stock trains to Albury from Bourke, while no such concessions have been made between Bourke and Sydney?

Mr. See answered,—

(1, 2, and 3.) I am informed that separate details of the cost of running each description of train and traffic are not kept, and the information cannot therefore be afforded.

(4.) The arrangement was made under the general powers of control vested in the Commissioners under the Railway Act.

(9.) Customs Revenue for 1893:—Mr. Alfred Allen, for Mr. Morton, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What amount of revenue was received through the Customs from the 10 per cent. *ad valorem* duties during the year 1893?

(2.) The same from the 15 per cent. *ad valorem* duties?

(3.) What is the estimated amount of revenue to be received this year from the same sources?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) £388,465.

(2.) £61,196.

(3.) £525,000.

3. LAND BOILERS INSPECTION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Sir George Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That the following Message be sent to the Legislative Council:—Mr. President,—Referring to the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated the 26th October, 1892, requesting the Legislative Council to proceed with the "Land Boilers Inspection Bill," the proceedings in respect to which were interrupted by the prorogation of the Legislature, the Assembly requests that the said Bill be proceeded with, under the Council's Standing Orders in that behalf.

Question put and passed.

Message to the Legislative Council sent accordingly.

4. INSPECTION OF SCAFFOLDING (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Fegan, for Mr. Bavister, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—

(1.) The number of reports made by the Inspector of Scaffolding from 1st January to 31st December, 1893.

(2.) The number of instances where defective or unsafe material has been condemned as unfit for use, and the names of the employers on whose work it was being used.

(3.) The number of instances in which alterations have been made in scaffolding by inspector's demands or instructions.

Question put and passed.

5. CROWN LANDS PURCHASES AND LEASES VALIDATION 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 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*,"—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 February, 1894.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

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Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 15th February, 1894.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 3, clause 6. At end of clause add "or to validate any pending application which has not been confirmed"

Page 3, clause 8, line 17. Omit "1893" insert "1894"

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Wednesday next.

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6. PAPERS:—

Sir George Dibbs laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) By-laws of the Borough of West Maitland.
- (2.) Amended Regulations under the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893.
- (3.) General Summary of Liabilities and Assets of the Banking, Land, Building, and Investment Companies for quarter ended 30th September, 1893.
- (4.) General Abstract of Bank Liabilities and Assets for quarter ended 30th September, 1893.
Ordered to be printed.
- (5.) Return to an Order made on 18th October, 1893,—“Supply of ammunition from a Victorian factory for the Military Forces.”

Mr. See laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 31st January, 1894,—“Bonuses granted in Railway and Tramway Departments.”
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Suttor laid upon the Table,—Report of the Trustees of the National Art Gallery of New South Wales for the year 1893.
Ordered to be printed.

7. INFUX OF ASIATICS:—Mr. Darnley presented a Petition from Charles James Smith, Mayor, Chairman of a public meeting at Orange, representing that there are large numbers 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. CRIMINAL LAW AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. E. M. Clark presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to amend the ‘Criminal Law Amendment Act of 1883’ and the Acts amending same,*”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 6th March.

9. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress and obtained leave to sit again.

The House adjourned at seven 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. 15.

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FOURTH SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 20 FEBRUARY, 1894.

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

VOTE OF CREDIT:—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. 19.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that provision be made for defraying the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of February, or following month of the year 1894.

Government House,
Sydney, 19th February, 1894.

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Stockton Colliery:—*Mr. Kelly*, for Mr. Fegan, asked the Secretary for Mines,—Will he have any objection to lay upon the Table of the House the report of the Inspector of Mines on the Stockton Colliery?

Mr. Slattery answered,—These reports are in the nature of confidential documents, and cannot be laid upon the Table of the House.

(2.) Officers of the Royal Navy:—*Mr. Kelly*, for Mr. Tonkin, asked the Colonial Secretary,—What are the pay and allowances that would be received by officers and men in the Royal Navy holding similar positions in England to the officers and men employed in the Naval Torpedo Defence of this Colony?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table a return in answer to this Question.

(3.) Police on Duty at Stockton and Co-operative Collieries:—*Mr. Kelly*, for Mr. Fegan, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) How many police are on duty at the Stockton Colliery?
- (2.) How many plain-clothes constables are on duty at the Stockton Colliery?
- (3.) How many police are on duty at the Co-operative Colliery?
- (4.) How many plain-clothes constables are on duty at the Co-operative Colliery?
- (5.) Do the constables receive any extra pay; if so, how much?
- (6.) From what fund are the constables paid who are on duty at the Stockton and Co-operative Collieries?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—I do not consider the Questions asked by the Honorable Member are of sufficient public importance to require an answer. I regard them as an interference with the police administration, and I decline to answer the Questions.

(4.) Salary of Students of Training Schools:—*Mr. Kelly*, for Mr. Fegan, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Is there any difference in the salary of students who left the training schools in December, 1892, and students who left the training schools in December, 1893?
- (2.) If so, how much?

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Mr. Suttor answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The allowances paid were :—Males—31st December, 1892—First-year students, £84; second-year students, £120. Females—First-year students, £72; second-year students, £100. 31st December, 1893—Males—£80 during first year of service; £95 during second year of service. Females—£68 during first year of service; £80 during second year of service.

I may add, for the Honorable Member's information, that these ex-students have made an appeal to me asking me to reconsider their allowances, and it would have shown a better spirit on the part of these young people had they waited for my reply before setting Members of Parliament to ask Questions.

(5.) Claims for Mounted Rifles, Inverell :—*Mr. Kelly*, for Mr. Cruickshank, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that claims for office-rent, stationery, &c., for Mounted Rifles, including rent for rifle-range at Little Plain (Inverell), have not yet been settled by the Government for the year 1892, while claims for 1893 have been paid, with the exception of last quarter?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The accounts will be paid as soon as funds are available.

(6.) Case of Mrs. Hopkins, Bingera :—*Mr. Kelly*, for Mr. Cruickshank, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Was there a warrant issued for the arrest of Mrs. Hopkins, who is at present detained in Sydney, on the 26th December last, as a supposed lunatic, at the instigation of Mr. Solicitor Mainwaring?

(2.) Was not the warrant taken out for the purpose of getting the Master of Lunacy to take up the prosecution of Mrs. Hopkins' husband, who was arrested and charged with bigamy at Bingera?

(3.) After a first warrant was cancelled against Mrs. Hopkins, why was a second warrant signed by the Police Magistrate against this woman?

(4.) Why, and at whose instance, were three summonses for Mrs. Hopkins issued to appear against her husband?

(5.) Were the police ordered by the Police Magistrate to this woman's house on the morning she was to leave to attend Court?

(6.) How long was Mrs. Hopkins locked up under warrant as a lunatic, and subsequently discharged after medical examination?

(7.) Has Mrs. Hopkins since travelled by herself to Sydney from Bingera respecting property?

Mr. Slattery answered,—As it has been determined to hold an inquiry generally into the relations subsisting between the Bench of Magistrates at Bingera and the members of the Police Force at that place in regard to the administration of justice there, and as the matters referred to in these Questions will, among others, engage the attention of the Magistrate appointed to conduct the inquiry, it is not desirable that specific replies should be given to these Questions at present.

(7.) Attendance of Telegraph Operators at Race-meetings :—Mr. Miller asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Manager of the Operating-room, General Post Office (Mr. W. Wilson, who receives a salary of £560 a year), is in the habit of attending race-meetings regularly, and draws from the petty cash a fee of 10s. for each day which should properly be appropriated by an operator?

(2.) Is it a fact that the race-clubs furnish the Department with tickets for their races, to enable operators who are required to perform telegraphic duty at such meetings to obtain admission and lunch each day, and that friends of the Manager of the Operating-room are permitted to use them, notwithstanding that they are intended solely for the telegraph operators?

(3.) Will he make inquiry into the matter, and cause a statement to be prepared showing the number of operators sent to race-meetings during the past two years, and the number of tickets obtained from each club; the total amount paid to Mr. Wilson; the mode adopted by that officer for obtaining the money from the Cashier; and also the manner in which such cash was obtained during the absence of the Secretary for Telegraphs recently in connection with the New Caledonian cable?

(4.) Has his attention been drawn to the paragraphs in the Press, and especially in *Truth*, respecting petty-cash defalcations in the Telegraph Branch?

(5.) Is it a fact that two officers have been suspended for appropriating moneys from petty cash, and that two high officials, who are alleged to be also concerned, are allowed to continue duty; if so, why are the latter officials treated differently from the former?

(6.) Is it a fact that consignments of fish, game, fruit, &c., to these high officials, are carried from steamers' wharves, &c., to their private residences at the expense of the Department, both in time of the messengers employed so doing, and payments from petty cash?

(7.) Is it a fact that the Secretary for Telegraphs obtained an advance from the Cashier of the Postal Department to meet his expenses during absence in connection with the laying of the Bundaberg to Gomen submarine telegraph cable; if so, was Ministerial authority given for such advance?

(8.) What amount was advanced?

(9.) What amount of expenses were paid to the Secretary for Telegraphs for his services in connection with the cable; how many days was the officer named absent; and what expense was he under on board the French cable steamer?

(10.) Is it usual to grant advances to officers receiving such large salaries as the Secretary for Telegraphs?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

(1.) I understand that Mr. Wilson usually attends race-meetings in charge of the operating staff, it being deemed necessary that a superior officer should be present on these occasions to see that the telegraph business is done promptly and satisfactorily; and that he draws 10s. for each day to cover his expenses. The attendance is usually required on Saturday afternoons, when he would be otherwise off duty.

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- (2.) Racing-clubs are required to forward tickets of admission to the office in the grand-stand allotted to telegraph officials, and those are the only persons to whom such tickets have been issued.
- (3.) There will be no objection to prepare and lay upon the Table of the House a statement giving the particulars asked for, so far as it is possible to furnish them.
- (4.) No; having before me the facts as reported by the Treasury Inspector, it is not necessary to obtain information from the Press.
- (5.) Yes, to first portion of Question. No, to second.
- (6.) So far as I have been able to ascertain, no such consignments are carried as described to any officers of the Department.
- (7.) Yes; in accordance with the usual practice.
- (8.) £20.
- (9.) £71 Ss., being at the reduced rate of 21s. a day. I am unable to state what expenses this officer incurred on board the French cable steamer, as this is a private matter, which I have no right to inquire into.
- (10.) Yes; it is usual to grant advances to officers travelling on public business, the amount of advance to be adjusted on return.

(8.) Travelling Expenses to Officers in the Civil Service:—Mr. Miller asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) Is it a fact that in the year 1893 a Board, consisting of the Under Secretaries of the various Government Departments, was appointed by the Government to make a thorough investigation into the travelling expenses allowed to officers of the Civil Service of the Colony, and that a general reduction was made in the charges under this head in all classes?

(2.) If so, are the postal and telegraph inspectors receiving under £500 a year, whose status was fixed as third-class, and who were entitled to receive 12s. 6d. per day of twenty-four hours, with cost of conveyance, and 20s., without cost of conveyance, being paid at 30s. per day; and, if so, for what reason?

(3.) Is it a fact that when the new scale was introduced in May, 1893, the reduction was actually made in the allowances to the inspectors, but the old rate since reverted to, and the difference between the old and new rate, for the period these officers were paid on the latter scale, refunded to them; if so, by whose authority, and what was the total amount so paid?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

(1.) Yes; but it was subsequently intimated by the Chief Secretary's Department that it had been found necessary to cancel the new scale, with a view to a reconsideration of the subject, and that the old rates were to be reverted to.

(2.) They are receiving at the rate of 30s. a day, paying their own cost of conveyance (where such has to be paid), hire of horses, &c., in lieu of under the new scale, 15s. a day, the Government paying cost of conveyance, &c.

(3.) Yes; on the authority already mentioned. The total amount refunded was £210, out of which, as explained, the officers pay certain costs of conveyance, which under the other scale the Government would pay.

3. PRIVILEGE—STATEMENTS MADE BY MR. HINDLE, M.P.:—Mr. Hayes drew the attention of the House to certain statements reported in the *Daily Telegraph* of this date as having been made by Mr. Hindle, M.P.,—and moved, That the paragraph referred to be now read by the Clerk.

Question put and passed.

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

“A CONDEMNATION OF PARLIAMENT.—MR. HINDLE, M.P., ON DRUNKENNESS AND IMMORALITY.

“Lithgow, Monday.—Preaching yesterday at the harvest thanksgiving service at the local Primitive Methodist Church, Mr. Hindle, M.P. for Newtown, referred in strong language to the character of Parliament. “A reform in our liquor and land laws he described as the chief necessities of our time. In the present Parliament the temperance party had been tricked time after time, but what could he expect, he asked, from a Parliament that contained some notorious drunken blackguards? Some of the old-gang drunkards were putting up at the next election, and he warned people against them. He said shame on the man or men who would vote for a drunken, licentious brute, because he held the same opinions on certain questions. Questions of character and honesty should come first. More religion was needed in politics, as well as more politics in religion. The door of political life should be closed for ever against such characters. He (Mr. Hindle) had been an eye-witness of so much drunkenness on the part of the old political clique that he felt it was time to express himself, and he did not care whether he was blamed or not. He declared that men could be made better by legislation which would improve their condition. If they had better men in Parliament—men of honest, clean, and sober lives—there would be a different state of public affairs. But now men foremost in framing their laws were also great in underground engineering, and in buying up votes. It was sickening to find these evil forces gathering together when anything good was attempted, and outwitting honest men. Society was to blame for sending to Parliament men whose enormities would not bear examination. One of the foremost members in Parliament had told him (Mr. Hindle) that he could name three men in the Assembly worse than any three who could be found in the country. He (Mr. Hindle) believed that, and he spoke these words in order to stir up a spirit of retribution from the people.”

Mr. Hayes then moved, That it be an instruction to Mr. Speaker to require the Honorable Member for Newtown, Mr. Hindle, to state whether, at a meeting at Lithgow on Sunday last he employed language denouncing the Parliament as containing drunken blackguards, and there were men in it worse than any three who could be found in the country, and generally that Parliament was corrupt, and whether he is prepared to deny having used such language.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Mr. Speaker directed Mr. Hindle's attention to the terms of the resolution just agreed to, and pointed out to him the course which was taken by this House on a previous occasion.

Then Mr. Hindle was heard in his place, and admitted that the report was substantially correct, but that a careful examination of it would show that it did not refer to Parliament as being corrupt. He made no use of any such expression. He was very careful to apply his remarks to individuals of this Parliament, and if the report inferred that he said Parliament was corrupt, it was not correct.

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4. PICTURESQUE ATLAS COMPANY :—Mr. Frank Farnell (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Clerk have leave to return to the Registrar-General's Department the "Summary and List of Shareholders of the ' Picturesque Atlas Publishing Company, Limited,' " handed in to the Select Committee sitting on the subject on 21st February, 1893.
Question put and passed.
5. INFUX OF ASIATICS :—Mr. Waddell presented a Petition from certain residents of the Colony, representing that there are large numbers 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.
6. PAPERS :—Sir George Dibbs laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Return showing pay and allowances that would be received by officers and men in the Royal Navy holding similar positions in England to the officers and men employed in the Naval Torpedo Defence of the Colony.
(2.) Return respecting cost of " Parliamentary Debates."
Ordered to be printed.
7. ATTORNEYS ADMISSION 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 an amendment.
On motion of Mr. Crick (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
8. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Masters and Servants Bill postponed until To-morrow.
9. FIRST OFFENDERS PROBATION BILL (*changed from*) OFFENDERS PROBATION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Crick moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Crick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
On motion of Mr. Crick (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
10. SYDNEY CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Crick moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Crick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
On motion of Mr. Crick (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
11. CHILDRENS PROTECTION 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.
Point of Order :—Mr. Walker submitted that the Bill was not properly before the House, as clause 7 affected Trade, and the Bill had not been introduced in a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker considered that the clause referred to did not constitute the Bill one affecting Trade.
Debate continued.
Mr. Melville moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word " That " with a view to the insertion in their place of the words " the Bill be referred to a " Select Committee for consideration and report, with power to send for persons and papers.
" (2.) That such Committee consist of Sir George Dibbs, Mr. Neild, Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Cann, " Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Waddell, Mr. Walker, Mr. McCourt, Mr. Torpy, 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.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 18.

Mr. Cook,
Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Lees,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Houghton,
Mr. McGowen.

Tellers,

Mr. Neild,
Mr. Hassall.

Noes, 42.

Mr. Tonkin, Mr. Vaughn, Mr. Kidd, Mr. Rose, Mr. Suttor, Mr. Slattery, Mr. Waddell, Mr. Perry, Mr. Melville, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Lonsdale, Mr. Donald, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Parkes, Sir W. P. Manning, Mr. Marks, Dr. Ross, Mr. Hart, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Cann,	Mr. Nicoll, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Bowes, Mr. Torpy, Mr. Rae, Mr. Darnley, Mr. Schey, Mr. Wall, Mr. Dickens, Mr. Danahey, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Bavister, Mr. McCredie, Mr. Scott, Mr. Cotton, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Williams, Mr. J. D. FitzGerald.
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Tellers,

Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Langwell.

And so it passed in the negative.

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

Question as amended,—

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

(2.) That such Committee consist of Sir George Dibbs, Mr. Neild, Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Cann, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Waddell, Mr. Walker, Mr. McCourt, Mr. Torpy, and the Mover,—put and passed.

12. AUSTRALASIAN RIGHTS PURCHASE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Dowel moved, "That" Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Kelly 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 consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill stand an Order of the Day for this day six months."

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

Debate ensued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Suttor, Mr. Hassall, Mr. Rose, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Tonkin, Mr. Jeanneret, Mr. Barton, Mr. Vaughn, Mr. Willis, Mr. Burdekin, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Marks, Sir W. P. Manning, Mr. Torpy, Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Holborow, Sir George Dibbs, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Dickens, Mr. Donald, Mr. Wall, Mr. Kidd, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Cotton, Dr. Ross.
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Tellers,

Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Lees.

Noes, 26.

Mr. Neild, Mr. McGowen, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Hart, Mr. Hindle, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Schey, Mr. Cook, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Danahey, Mr. Fegan, Mr. Nicoll, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Miller, Mr. Rae,	Mr. Williams, Mr. Langwell, Mr. J. D. FitzGerald, Mr. Houghton, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Edden, Mr. Darnley, Mr. Bavister, Mr. Murphy.
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Tellers,

Mr. Black,
Mr. McCourt.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question put,—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

The House divided.

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Suttor, Mr. Hassall, Mr. Rose, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Tonkin, Mr. Jeanneret, Mr. Barton, Mr. Vaughn, Mr. Willis, Mr. Dowel, Mr. Burdekin, Dr. Ross, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Lees, Mr. Marks,	Sir W. P. Manning, Mr. Torpy, Mr. Slattery, Mr. Holborow, Sir George Dibbs, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Dickens, Mr. Kidd, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Cotton.
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Tellers,

Mr. Wall,
Mr. Donald.

Noes, 27.

Mr. Neild, Mr. Black, Mr. McCourt, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Jones, Mr. Hart, Mr. Hindle, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Cook, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Bavister, Mr. Darnley, Mr. Edden, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Houghton,	Mr. J. D. FitzGerald, Mr. Langwell, Mr. Williams, Mr. Rae, Mr. Miller, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Nicoll, Mr. Fegan, Mr. Danahey, Mr. Kelly.
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Tellers,

Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Schey.

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The numbers being equal, Mr. Speaker, stating that he would be guided by the practice in the House of Commons, and give his vote "in such a manner as not to make the decision of the House final," gave his casting vote with the *Ayes*, and declared the Question to have been resolved in the *affirmative*.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole accordingly.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

13. MORTGAGES SUSPENSION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Wall moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday, 20th March, and (*with the unanimous concurrence of the House*) take precedence of all other Business.

The House adjourned at twenty-four 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. 16.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 21 FEBRUARY, 1894.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Inspectors of Stock and Public Watering-places:—Mr. Hutchinson asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) How many Inspectors of Stock are there in the Colony, and how many Inspectors of Public Watering-places?

(2.) Do these officers travel over the same country in their particular districts several times a year?

(3.) Is it a fact that some Inspectors of Stock are also employed as overseers of Public Watering-places, and are they not fully capable of also carrying out all the duties attached to the office of Inspector of Public Watering-places?

(4.) If so, could not the work be given to Inspectors of Stock, and would there not be a saving thereby of a considerable sum per annum?

(5.) What amount was paid in salaries and travelling expenses to Inspectors of Public Watering-places during 1893?

(6.) Will he take the necessary steps to dispense with the services of all Inspectors of Public Watering-places, and thereby save the cost now annually incurred by their employment?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) Inspectors of Stock, 51; Inspectors of Public Watering-places, 6.

(2.) Occasionally they do.

(3.) Some Inspectors of Stock are employed as overseers of Public Watering-places; some of these would be capable of carrying out the duties of Inspectors of Public Watering-places.

(4.) They would not give the time and attention required without neglecting their other duties. It is not considered that any saving would result.

(5.) Salaries, £1,805; travelling expenses, £1,648 2s. 10d.

(6.) No.

- (2.) *Hansard*:—Mr. Stevenson asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What is the cost per annum of supplying *Hansard* to Members of Parliament?

Mr. See answered,—The annual cost of producing *Hansard* is, approximately, £7,000, but this includes the cost of its supply not only to Members of Parliament, but also to the public departments, schools of arts, public libraries, and the newspaper press.

- (3.) Harbours and Rivers Department Picnic:—Mr. Darnley asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it his intention to depart from the usual custom in connection with the payment for a holiday occasioned by the Harbours and Rivers Department picnic?

Mr. Copeland answered,—All the regular and permanent workmen of the Harbours and Rivers Branch employed in Sydney will be, or have been, allowed payment for the day granted for the annual picnic of the employees of that Branch.

- (4.) Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1893:—Mr. Darnley asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware of the danger of a large number of electors being disfranchised by the mere fact of their removal to another electorate?

(2.) Will he look to this matter at once, with a view to remedy this apparent defect in the Electoral Act?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The qualification for the franchise under the Electoral Act is residence. The 23rd section provides that there shall be a residence for a continuous period of three months within the district for which an elector's right is asked. When this condition has been complied with, electors' rights may at once be obtained from the Electoral Registrar of the district.

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district. The enrolment under the Act of 1880 was obtained after six months' residence in a district, and then only once a year. The existing Act provides for the issue of rights after three months' residence, and the revisions of the lists, general and supplementary, to be twice a year, viz., March and October. If the names, addresses, and occupations of those persons referred to by the Honorable Member are furnished me, I will cause the matter to be investigated without delay.

(5.) Mining Leases:—Mr. Black asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a number of long-since granted mining leases, on which the working conditions have not been fulfilled, and on some of which the soil is unbroken, are still unforfeited?
- (2.) If so, will he endeavour to have the Mining Act enforced?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) It is not known to be a fact. The officers of the Department in every district are required to report periodically upon all leases that are not being worked, and inducements are offered to the public to do the same. On receipt of a report from anyone it is at once investigated.
- (2.) Every effort is and has been made to enforce the Act. An evidence of this, 1,633 leases were cancelled during the year 1893.

(6.) Civil Servants contributing to the Superannuation Fund:—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for Dr. Hollis, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) How many persons of the Civil Service have been brought under the provisions of section 7 of the Civil Service Act?
- (2.) How many of these have been allowed the option of contributing to the Superannuation Fund?
- (3.) How many have been compelled to contribute to the fund, and of these how many have protested against contributing?
- (4.) What amount of money has been compulsorily subscribed to the Superannuation Fund up to 31st December, 1893, by Civil Servants who have been classified as coming under the provisions of section 7 of the Civil Service Act?
- (5.) Did the late Attorney-General, when consulted on this section, advise that Civil Servants classified under section 7 cannot be legally compelled to subscribe to the Superannuation Fund?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The information asked for in these Questions will necessitate much labour and expense in preparation, as voluminous details must be obtained from the various Departments involving searches for a period of ten years.

(7.) Public Roads of the Colony:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is he aware that of late years it has been a great nuisance to numbers of small settlers and others the practice of selling and closing roads, and will he see that immediate steps are taken to put a stop to the selling and closing of public roads, in the interest of the public?
- (2.) What is the number of applications that are at present in his office for the selling and closing of roads, and will he see that steps are taken to have such applications disallowed forthwith, to avoid injury to the settlement of the country and the travelling public?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

- (1.) I am not aware. The closing and alienation of unnecessary roads is provided for in the 67th clause of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, but very few, if any, complaints have been received against sales made under this section of the Act. When unnecessary roads are proposed to be closed, objections are invited by notification in the *Government Gazette* and by advertisement in the local papers; but such roads are not closed and alienated where a valid objection has been lodged, nor where one is known or believed to exist.
- (2.) The number of such applications cannot be stated accurately.

(8.) Case of Abraham Taylor:—Mr. Johnston asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that Police Sergeant Haviston arrested one Abraham Taylor on a charge of being a lunatic at large, incapable of taking care of himself?
- (2.) Is it a fact that on such charge a number of witnesses were called who proved that Mr. Taylor was in the custody of one Burnham, a respectable man, who received Mr. Taylor from the lunatic asylum, and further, that Burnham treated Mr. Taylor kindly?
- (3.) Is it a fact that Mr. Johnson, S.M., discharged Mr. Taylor to the custody of Burnham?
- (4.) Is it a fact that six days after Mr. Taylor was discharged, Police Sergeant Haviston laid an information against and re-arrested Mr. Taylor on the same charge; that he was brought before Mr. Smithers, S.M., at 2 o'clock—one hour after his arrest—and at once ordered to be confined in Callan Park?
- (5.) Did Police Sergeant Haviston inform Mr. Smithers, S.M., of the fact that Mr. Taylor had already been dealt with on the same charge; if not, why not?
- (6.) Will he order an inquiry to be held into the conduct of the Police Sergeant Haviston?
- (7.) Will he take steps to order the release of Mr. Taylor to the custody of Burnham, as ordered by Mr. Johnson, S.M.?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The facts are generally as stated. The patient was certified to be insane, and the Master in Lunacy is dealing with his estate. There will be no objection to lay the papers upon the Table if moved for in the ordinary way.

(9.) Survey of Land in the Molong District:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Are there any persons at present engaged in surveying land in the Molong district; if so, for what purpose, and the names and number of surveyors so employed?
- (2.) Have any applications been made for the survey of land in the district of Molong during the last twelve months; if so, by whom, for what purpose, and the area and cost of surveying the same, and the time they have been so employed?

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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(10.) The Unemployed :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) In carrying out the moot point of land settlement for the unemployed, will he see that some steps are taken with the view of settling a number of families on the auriferous areas of the Colony, on the same principle that has lately been adopted in village settlement schemes?

(2.) In the event of carrying out such a proposal, will he see that each family is allowed an allotment of 1 acre for residential purposes, with the option of selecting 20 acres additional area for cultivation?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) The provision in the Land Act for residential leases is intended to provide for the settlement of families on the gold-fields.

(2.) The maximum area that can be held under a residential lease is ten (10) acres.

(11.) Subletting of Road Contracts :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) In the letting and subletting of road contracts in the interior, will he see that some effectual steps are taken to secure the wages that are earned by honest labourers from contractors before contractors receive their money from the Government for such work so constructed?

(2.) Is he aware that contracts have frequently been let to contractors without means, and who have subsequently either absconded or else refused to pay the workmen their wages for labour done, and will he see that some provision is inserted in all future contracts so that labourers may be secured their wages, in place of having to rely upon often penniless and dishonest contractors?

Mr. Copeland answered,—Every protection is afforded in cases of this kind to the extent that the law or the conditions of the contract allow. In the case of contracts, every care is taken that the proper security demanded by the contract is obtained; notwithstanding this, however, in some cases it is impossible to avoid dealing with contractors who are afterwards found to be not financially able to complete their contracts.

2. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. See moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of a Bill, intituled "A Bill to apply a certain sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1894," through all its stages in one day, and would also preclude the resolutions of the Committees of Supply and of Ways and Means respectively, whereon the Bill is proposed to be founded, being received on the same day on which they were come to by the said Committees respectively.
Question put and passed.

3. ATTORNEYS ADMISSION 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 amend the law relating to the admission of attorneys, solicitors, and proctors in the Supreme Court of New South Wales, and to regulate the examination of persons applying under this Act to be admitted attorneys, solicitors, and proctors in the said Supreme Court.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the law relating to the admission of attorneys, solicitors, and proctors in the Supreme Court of New South Wales, and to regulate the examination of persons applying under this Act to be admitted attorneys, solicitors, and proctors in the said Supreme Court,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.*Legislative Assembly Chamber,**Sydney, 21st February, 1894.*

4. FIRST OFFENDERS PROBATION BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. Crick, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Crick then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Criminal Law so far as regards the punishment of persons convicted of first offences, and persons undergoing imprisonment or penal servitude.*"

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 Criminal Law so far as regards the punishment of persons convicted of first offences, and persons undergoing imprisonment or penal servitude,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.*Legislative Assembly Chamber,**Sydney, 21st February, 1894.*

5. SYDNEY CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. Crick, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Crick then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the 'Sydney Corporation Act' (43 Vic. No. 3).*"

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 'Sydney Corporation Act' (43 Vic. No. 3),*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.*Legislative Assembly Chamber,**Sydney, 21st February, 1894.*

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6. **MCQUADE ESTATE BILL**:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the receipt and investment by the Trustees of the will of William McQuade of certain compensation moneys payable by the Government of the Colony of New South Wales, and to add to the powers of investment under the said will,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee thereon.

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JOHN LACKEY,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Carruthers, read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 6th March.

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.
 - (2.) Abstract of Crown lands reserved from sale for the preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 101st, 109th, and 112th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
 - (3.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th and 101st sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
 - (4.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Cudal, county of Ashburnham, for an alignment of streets in the village of Cudal.
 - (5.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parishes of Bundanoon and Sutton Forest, county of Camden, for the widening of the road from Bundanoon to the Gullies.
 - (6.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of John's River, county of Macquarie, for wharfage accommodation at Kendall, Camden Haven River.
- Ordered to be printed.

Sir George Dibbs laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return to an Order made on 6th December, 1893,—“Scamen paid off in the Port of Sydney.”
 - (2.) Returns under Acts administered by the Registrar-General for the year 1893.
- Ordered to be printed.
- (3.) Return to an Order made on 14th November, 1893,—“Removal of Constable Andrews from “Byron Bay.”
 - (4.) Return to an Order made on 17th November, 1893,—“Wounding of Corporal Harrison at “Raudwick Rifle Range.”

8. **INFLUX OF ASIATICS**:—The following Petitions from certain residents of the Colony,—representing that there are large numbers 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,—were presented by the Members named:—

- (1.) By Mr. Dickens.
 - (2.) By Mr. Waddell.
 - (3.) By Mr. Donnelly.
- Petitions received.

9. **RAILWAY FROM NARRABRI TO MOREE**:—The following Petitions,—praying that, for the reasons therein set forth, the Narrabri-Moree line of railway extension should be constructed according to the recommendation of the Public Works Committee,—were presented by the Members named:—

- (1.) By Mr. Collins—From certain residents of the town and district of Narrabri.
 - (2.) By Mr. Hassall—From certain residents of Moree and District.
- Petitions received.

10. **STATEMENTS MADE BY MR. HINDLE, M.P.**:—Sir George Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, “That,” in the opinion of this House, the statements made by the Honorable Member for Newtown, Mr. Hindle, in a speech delivered by him on Sunday last, and published in the *Sydney Daily Telegraph* of Tuesday, 20th February, are a gross libel upon this House.

Mr. Neild 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 “a Select Committee be appointed with power to send for persons and papers, to consider and report upon the charges made by “John Hindle, Esquire, one of the Honorable Members for Newtown, reflecting upon the conduct “of certain Members of the Legislative Assembly.

“(2.) That such Committee consist of Sir George Dibbs, Mr. Reid, Mr. Cook, Mr. Crick, Mr. “Young, Mr. McGowen, Mr. Stevenson, Dr. Cullen, and the Mover.”

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

Mr. Hindle was heard in his place, and then withdrew.

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.

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And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

Original Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 61.

Mr. See,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Sheldon,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Parkes,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Want,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Dowel,	Mr. Wright,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. J. A. Mackinnon,
Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Colls,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Haycs,
Mr. Marks,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Scott,	Mr. Newton,
Mr. Donnelly,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Walker,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,	Mr. Kelly.
Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,	
Mr. E. M. Clark,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Rose,	Mr. Francis Clarke,
Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Hassall.
Mr. Barnes,	

Noes, 20.

Mr. Hart,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Donald,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Rae,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Darnley,
Mr. McGowen,
Dr. Hollis,
Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Cook.

*Tellers,*Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Fegan.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Sir George Dibbs moved, That Mr. Speaker do now reprimand the Honorable Member for Newtown, Mr. Hindle, for the said gross libel upon this House.

Point of Order:—Mr. Cann asked Mr. Speaker if the motion now proposed could be put without Notice.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker decided that, as this was not now a matter of privilege, the motion could not be put without Notice.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

F. W. WEBB,
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.



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FOURTH SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 22 FEBRUARY, 1894.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Lease for Boat-shed at Como, George's River :—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for Mr. Lonsdale, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has he yet obtained a further report on the subject of Messrs. Press and Wells' application for lease of water-frontage at Como, George's River, for boat-shed?

(2.) What officer has been commissioned to report, and when?

(3.) What is the cause of the delay?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Mr. Supervising Engineer Josephson was the officer who first reported on this matter, subsequently Mr. Grimshaw, another of the Supervising Engineers, was instructed to report further.

(3.) The reports of these officers are so opposite in their recommendations that I feel it necessary to obtain further information to enable me to determine which report is the one that should be adopted.

- (2.) Lease of Water-frontage at Como, George's River :—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for Mr. Lonsdale, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the case of Press and Wells' application for a lease of water-frontage at Como, George's River, is still delayed, inasmuch as the papers have not yet been dealt with by the Public Works Department?

(2.) Will he take steps to have this case dealt with by the Land Board without further delay from any other Department?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) I have asked the Chairman of the Land Board to arrange for the applications of Smith and Press and Wells being heard together as soon as the papers can be obtained from the Works Department.

- (3.) Leases in the Central Division :—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) The total area (or approximate area) and number of acres of land leased and unleased in the Central Division?

(2.) The number of runholders in the same, and the amount of annual rent or revenue derived from the same?

Mr. Copeland answered,—A return will be prepared, if moved for in the usual manner, giving information as to the area of lands leased and unleased in the Central Division; but in moving for such return it should be distinctly specified whether such information is sought only as regards lands now or formerly held under pastoral lease or occupation license, or whether it should also include lands held under conditional, annual, special, and other classes of leases.

- (4.) Electoral Rolls for 1894 :—*Dr. Ross* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) The number of voters enrolled on the new Electoral Rolls for 1894 compared with the number on the rolls for 1893?

(2.) What is the difference in number caused by the abolition of plural voting—or the adoption of the one man one vote principle—distinguishing Sydney and suburbs from the country respectively?

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Mr. See answered,—The total number of voters enrolled in the new Electoral Rolls of 1894 is 286,915; the total number enrolled under the old Act was for 1893, 316,653, a decrease of about 10·3 per cent.

	Act of 1880.	Act of 1893.	Difference.
In city and suburbs*	103,284	88,231	15,053
In country	213,369	198,684	14,685
Total difference			29,738

* Including the Electorates of Canterbury and St. Leonards on the outside limits.

- (5.) Lismore to the Tweed Railway:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What are the exact measurements and estimates calculated by *Mr. Alexander*, the supervising engineer of that part of Messrs. Wilcox and Firth's contract which had been sublet to *M. J. Lannan*, more particularly bank 52 of the 134 miles 5 chains of section 4 of the Lismore and Tweed Railway? *Mr. Lyne* answered,—It does not seem desirable that the Department should interfere in this matter, knowing nothing of *Mr. J. Lannan*.
- (6.) Payments to Civil Servants on leave in Postal Department:—*Mr. Miller* asked the Postmaster-General,—
- (1.) Will he furnish a return of the annual payments made to Civil Servants in his Department during the last five years during leave of absence on holidays?
 - (2.) Also a return of annual payments made to Civil Servants in his Department during a similar period on sick-pay?
- Mr. Kidd* answered,—I shall be glad to supply this information if moved for in the usual way.
- (7.) Payments to Civil Servants on leave in the Justice Department:—*Mr. Miller* asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) What are the yearly payments that have been made to Civil Servants in his Department while on leave of absence on holidays during the last five years?
 - (2.) What have been the total annual payments made to Civil Servants in his Department during the last five years for sick-pay?
- Mr. Slattery* answered,—I shall be glad to supply this information if moved for in the usual way.
- (8.) Payments to Civil Servants on leave in Lands Department:—*Mr. Miller* asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) What have been the annual payments made to Civil Servants in the Lands Department during leave of absence on holidays for the last five years?
 - (2.) What have been the annual payments made to Civil Servants in same Department during similar period for sick-pay?
- Mr. Copeland* answered,—As the reply to this Question will necessitate the preparation of a very costly return, and apparently would not be of much public interest, I do not feel justified in incurring such expenditure unless authorised by resolution of the House.
- (9.) Payments to Civil Servants on leave in Department of Public Instruction:—*Mr. Miller* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) What is the amount of money paid each year to Civil Servants in the Public Instruction Department while on leave of absence on holidays during the last five years?
 - (2.) What is the amount of money paid each year to Civil Servants in same Department during a similar term for sick-pay?
- Mr. Suttor* answered,—As the reply to this Question will necessitate the preparation of a very costly return, and apparently would not be of much public interest, I do not feel justified in incurring such expenditure unless authorised by resolution of the House.
- (10.) Payments to Civil Servants on leave in Attorney-General's Department:—*Mr. Miller* asked the Attorney-General,—
- (1.) What is the amount of money paid each year to Civil Servants in the Attorney-General's Department while on leave of absence on holidays during the past five years?
 - (2.) What is the amount of money paid each year to Civil Servants in the same Department for sick-pay during a similar period?
- Mr. Slattery* answered,—As the reply to this Question will necessitate the preparation of a very costly return, and apparently would not be of much public interest, I do not feel justified in incurring such expenditure unless authorised by resolution of the House.
- (11.) Payments to Civil Servants on leave in Colonial Secretary's Department:—*Mr. Miller* asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) What is the amount of money paid each year to Civil Servants in the Colonial Secretary's Department while on leave of absence on holidays during the past five years?
 - (2.) What is the amount of money paid each year to Civil Servants in the Colonial Secretary's Department for sick-pay during a similar period?
- Mr. See* answered,—As the Honorable Member has similar Questions to be asked of all the other Ministers, I think it would be better for him to move for a return, when the information will be furnished. I may add that a return of this kind from all the Departments will entail very considerable labour and expense.
- (12.) Payments to Civil Servants on leave in Railway and Treasury Departments:—*Mr. Miller* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What payments have been made each year during the past five years to Civil Servants in Treasury Department during leave of absence on holidays?
 - (2.) What payments have been made each year during same period to Civil Servants for sick-pay?
 - (3.)

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(3.) What payments have been made each year to Civil Servants in Railway Department during same period for leave of absence on holidays?

(4.) What payments have been made each year to Civil Servants during same period for sick-pay?

Mr. See answered,—The required information, which will take some time to prepare, and entail considerable expense, will be furnished in the form of a return if moved for in the usual way.

(13.) Payments to Civil Servants on leave in Public Works Department:—Mr. Miller asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Will he furnish a return of the payments made each year during the last five years to Civil Servants in his Department during leave of absence on holidays?

(2.) Also, payments made each year during a similar period to Civil Servants in same Department for sick-pay?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I have no objection to furnish this, but I think the Honorable Member had better move for a return to be prepared in the usual way.

(14.) Payments to Civil Servants on leave in Mines Department:—Mr. Miller asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Will he furnish a return showing payments made each year to Civil Servants in his Department in the past five years during leave of absence on holidays?

(2.) Will he also state what payments have been made each year during similar period for sick-pay?

Mr. Slattery answered,—As the reply to this Question will necessitate the preparation of a very costly return, and apparently would not be of much public interest, I do not feel justified in incurring such expenditure unless authorised by resolution of the House.

(15.) Reference Board, Public Works Department:—Mr. Edden asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Who constitutes the Board of Reference in the Department of Public Works,—

(2.) How long has this Board been formed?

(3.) How often do they meet?

(4.) What are their duties, and the object of the Board, and do they receive any extra pay for them?

(5.) Who is the Secretary?

(6.) Does he receive any extra pay for the duty; if so, what amount?

(7.) What other position does he hold in the Service?

(8.) What pay does he receive?

(9.) Does he do the work for the Board of Reference during office-hours?

(10.) Will he lay upon the Table the reports which this Board has recommended?

(11.) Is it his intention to allow this Board to continue?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) The Under Secretary for Public Works, the Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers, the Commissioner for Roads, the Engineer-in-Chief for Railway Construction, and the Government Architect, the Under Secretary being Chairman of the Board.

(2.) Since the 27th of January, 1891.

(3.) As often as the business requires, the average being somewhat less than three meetings a month.

(4.) The duties and objects of the Board are to advise the Minister on questions of general importance to the Department as a whole, and also such other matters as any of the members of the Board may wish to be so dealt with after the Minister's consent has been obtained to such reference. The Board has also to report on, and advise the Minister in regard to tenders received. The members of the Board do not receive any extra pay for their services.

(5.) Mr. J. W. Holliman.

(6.) Yes; £1 1s. per meeting.

(7.) Clerk-in-charge of Correspondence Branch and Shorthand Writer.

(8.) £330 per annum.

(9.) The sitting of the Board usually takes place after office hours, and they extend at times to a late hour in the evening. Occasionally the Board meet during office hours, but the Secretary writes up the minutes after office hours.

(10.) I have no objection to lay upon the Table of the House any report of the Board which the Honorable Member may particularise, but I do not see any necessity to lay every report upon the Table of the House.

(11.) Yes.

(16.) Post and Telegraph Office at Coolamon:—Mr. Stevenson, for Mr. Gormly, asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) Is he aware that a new Post and Telegraph Office is much needed at Coolamon?

(2.) What steps (if any) are being taken to have a suitable building provided?

Mr. Kidd answered,—The accommodation provided at Coolamon, in the building erected by the Railway Department for the purpose, is considered to be sufficient for the transaction of postal and telegraphic business; but, in view of there being no residence attached, it is intended to erect a new office. It has, however, been found necessary to postpone the erection of new offices at a number of places, including Coolamon, where they are not considered to be urgently required.

(17.) Electoral Registrars:—Mr. Darnley, for Mr. Black, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is he aware that considerable dissatisfaction prevails in certain Electoral Districts owing to the fact that the Electoral Registrars appointed thereto are resident in other districts, and in some cases in divisions?

Mr. See answered,—I am not aware of any dissatisfaction existing in any Electorate in consequence of Registrars appointed being resident in any other district, nor of any public inconvenience arising in the initiatory stages of the Act in the appointment of Registrars. (18.)

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(18.) Coal Mines Bill :—Mr. Edden asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Coal Mines Regulation Bill has lapsed through not being restored to the Business Paper?

(2.) If so, what is the intention of the Government in respect to that measure?

Mr. Slattery answered,—The Coal Mines Regulation Bill has not lapsed. A message from His Excellency the Governor was laid upon the Table some weeks since. I purpose moving a formal motion this afternoon, which I hope will be passed without opposition.

2. TREASURY INDEMNITY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. See moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to indemnify the Colonial Treasurer, the officers of the Treasury, and other persons, in respect of certain unauthorised withdrawals and payments from the Public Account of the Colonial Treasurer in the Bank of New South Wales.
Question put and passed.

3. ARREST OF ABRAHAM TAYLOR (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Johnston moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers and documents in connection with the arrest of Abraham Taylor, by Police Sergeant Haviston, on a charge of being a lunatic at large.
Question put and passed.

4. COAL MINES REGULATION BILL:—Mr. Slattery (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the following Message be sent to the Legislative Council :—Mr. President,—Referring to the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated the 4th October, 1893, requesting the Legislative Council to proceed with the "Coal Mines Regulation Bill," the proceedings in respect to which were interrupted by the prorogation of the Legislature, the Assembly requests that the said Bill be proceeded with under the Council's Standing Orders in that behalf.
Question put and passed.
Message to the Legislative Council sent accordingly.

5. PAPER:—Mr. See laid upon the Table,—Returns respecting vessels arriving at and leaving Ports of New South Wales for 1893.
Ordered to be printed.

6. CROWN LANDS PURCHASES AND LEASES VALIDATION BILL:—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 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. Copeland, 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 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.*"

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour of the day.

Disorder :—The Chairman reported that during the sitting of the Committee, Mr. Rae, one of the Honorable Members for The Murrumbidgee, was disorderly, and that by virtue of a decision of the Supreme Court, he, as Chairman, had ordered his removal for the rest of the sitting.

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, that the report be now received.

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

(3.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £542,947, to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of February or following month of the year 1894, to be expended at the rates which have been sanctioned for the year 1893, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1894.

On motion of Mr. See, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

8. WAYS AND MEANS :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour of the day.

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, that the report be now received.

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

(2.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty for the services of the year 1894, the sum of £542,947 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

On motion of Mr. See, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

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9. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 2):—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. See, that a Bill be brought in, founded on resolution of Ways and Means (No. 2), to apply a certain sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1894.

(2.) Mr. See then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to apply a certain sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1894,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and now read a second time.

(3.) Bill read a second time.

Disorder:—Mr. Speaker, referring to the Chairman's report of disorder in the Committee of Supply, stated that he wished to explain the position of the matter for guidance in the future. He did not think that the Chairman could exclude a Member for the whole sitting, but that the rule must be that the exclusion could only extend to the close of the proceedings of the Committee in which the disorder occurred.

Mr. Rae then re-entered the Chamber.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

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

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

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

Mr. See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to apply a certain sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1894.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply a certain sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1894,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 22nd February, 1894.

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

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

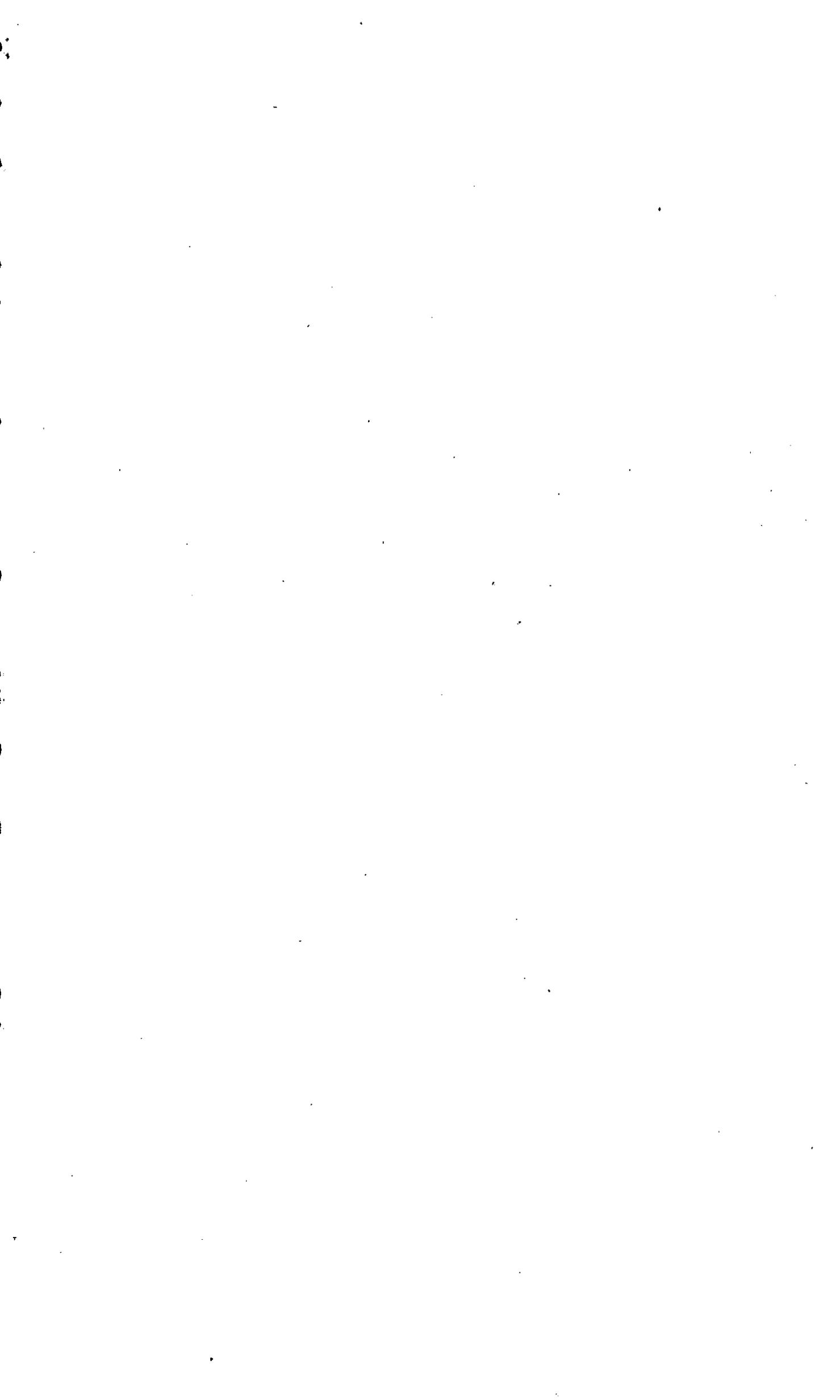
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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. McCourt* reported progress and obtained leave to sit again.

The House adjourned at two minutes before One o'clock a.m., until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.



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FOURTH SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 27 FEBRUARY, 1894.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Bombo Quarry:—*Mr. Kelly*, for Mr. Crick, asked the Colonial Secretary,—In reference to Mr. Crick's Question No. 11, of 23rd January, in reference to purchase of Bombo Quarry, will he state,—

- (1.) How long the said plant was worked after its purchase by the Commissioners?
- (2.) Did the said plant require any repairs; if so, what did such repairs cost?
- (3.) Is the same plant there now, or was it found necessary to erect a new plant?
- (4.) Was any money paid to Mr. Charles in connection with the said quarry; if so, how much, and for what?
- (5.) Was it necessary to make a cutting in connection with the said quarry; if so, at what cost?
- (6.) Was any other land bought in connection with the said quarry; if so, from what person, and for what amount?
- (7.) Was a house erected upon any of the land so bought; if so, for what purpose, and at what cost?
- (8.) Is anyone now residing there, and has he any salary?
- (9.) As no work is being done there, has the person in charge any other duties to perform than posting notices warning persons from allowing their pigs and goats to stray on the Commissioners' land?
- (10.) If he has other duties, what are they, and what is the pay attached to them?

Mr. Sec answered,—The Bombo Quarry was purchased on the 4th February, 1890, by the Railway Commissioners, and was kept in work until the beginning of the current year, when the urgent works having been completed, and the absolute necessity having arisen for stopping every expenditure that could be postponed for a time, the Commissioners suspended the bulk of the work at the quarry. The plant did not require repairs to any greater extent than is usual with similar machinery. The plant is still in working order, but was supplemented immediately after the purchase to permit of a large additional quantity of metal required in connection with urgent repairs to the line and for the duplication works to be taken out. No sum of money was paid to Captain Charles in connection with the purchase of the quarry, he being paid a rental under the terms of the lease, as already stated in reply to a Question asked on the 15th November, 1892. The cutting referred to was made to afford greater facilities for working the quarries, and to reduce the cost of turning out the metal; the cost was not taken, as the stone quarried out of the cutting was crushed and used for ballasting the lines. No other land was purchased in connection with the Bombo quarries leased from Captain Charles, but prior to the purchase of the lease, about 30 acres of land, for the purpose of a quarry, was purchased from Mr. Cameron for the sum of £4,000. A house was erected for the use of an officer-in-charge of the quarries, at a cost of £541. The quarries not being at present in work, the services of the officer-in-charge have been dispensed with, and the house is temporarily occupied at a rental of 7s. per week by Mr. Farquarson, who is overhauling the machinery and supervising the other work that may be going on, as small supplies of ballast are still being obtained for the tramways. He was foreman of the quarry and in receipt of 16s. per diem, but now receives 12s.

(2.) Conviction of Messrs. Macnamara and Rosa for selling *Hard Cash*:—*Mr. Schey* asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Under what section of what Act were Macnamara and Rosa, convicted of selling *Hard Cash* newspaper, convicted?
- (2.) Is such law in harmony with the state of the law in England in that behalf?

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(3.) If not, will the Government consider the advisability of amending the law in such a manner as to make it agree with the latest English legislation dealing with such offences?

(4.) As it is manifestly impossible for newsagents to inspect all newspapers before selling same, or by inspecting them to decide whether any of the contents of such papers are libellous or not, will he please say how newsagents may ensure themselves to keep within the provisions of the law under which Macnamara and Rosa were convicted?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) Under sec. 8 of 11 Vic. No. 13, which provides that any person maliciously publishing any defamatory libel knowing the same to be false, is liable on conviction to fine or imprisonment, or both, as the Court may award—imprisonment not to exceed two years.

(2.) The section above referred to is identical in terms with section 4 of the English Libel Act, 6 and 7 Vic., cap. 96, sec. 4, which does not appear to have been repealed.

(3.) In view of reply to last Question no such amendment will be necessary.

(4.) This is a matter on which I cannot give an opinion.

(3.) Perjury by Witnesses in case against Abdul Wade and others:—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. Waddell*, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is he aware that at the late Bourke Quarter Sessions His Honor Judge Gibson intimated that two witnesses in the case against Abdul Wade and others ought to be proceeded against for perjury?

(2.) Have proceedings been initiated with that object in view?

(3.) If not, is it the intention of the proper authorities to institute proceedings?

(4.) If not, why not?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) No; at the conclusion of the trial of Abdul Wade and others, His Honor, Judge Gibson, said that if application were made to him he would probably give leave to prosecute certain witnesses who were called in the case.

(2, 3, and 4.) Inquiry has been made of the Police, and I am informed that up to the present they are not aware of any proceedings having been taken, and that the expediency of taking such proceedings will depend upon the result of further inquiry.

(4.) Rental of Coal-fields at Berrima:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for *Mr. Frank Farnell*, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Having regard to a statement made by the Member for Camden, *Mr. McCourt*, recorded in *Hansard* of the 24th January, is it a fact that *Mr. John Hurley* has paid over £1,100 at Berrima in one payment for rental of land for coal purposes?

(2.) Is it a fact that the Inspector of Coal-fields, *Mr. Mackenzie*, reported on the said area, and stated it contained excellent coal?

(3.) Was not a block of coal weighing 2 tons from this very property sent to the Mines Department as an exhibit for the Melbourne Exhibition?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) £1,000 deposit on rent was paid in 1890, on nineteen applications by *Mr. Hurley*, as agent for lessees.

(2.) The Examiner of Coal-fields reported on 4,000 acres out of the 9,000 acres reserve, and said that the lower portion (about 5 feet 6 inches in depth) of the No. 1 coal-seam, where proved on the 4,000 acres, was a free burning bituminous caking and coking coal of superior quality to any he had hitherto seen in the Mittagong or Berrima district, and that further operations by boring would prove 2,000 of the 4,000 acres.

(3.) The block of coal referred to was exhibited by the Mittagong Coal Mining Company, Limited; but I cannot state whether it was from the property mentioned in the above Question.

(5.) Post and Telegraph Master, Ashfield:—*Mr. Lonsdale* asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) Under what designation has the late postal assistant at Wagga Wagga been appointed to the charge of the Ashfield Post and Telegraph Office?

(2.) Does this officer's name appear in the single classification of postal and telegraph officials, published in February last; if so, what is his position thereon?

(3.) Is there a separate classification for purely postal officials?

(4.) Were any applications received for Ashfield from officers who have a full knowledge of both postal and telegraph work; and is the officer lately appointed senior to all such applicants?

(5.) Has any report prior or subsequent to this appointment been obtained from responsible officers as to the knowledge and ability of the officer for the position of postal assistant; if so, is it favourable or otherwise?

(6.) Is there a rule or understanding that positions becoming vacant should be offered to the next in grade, the salary being lower?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

(1.) Post and Telegraph Master.

(2.) Yes; 73rd in the 2nd class.

(3.) No.

(4.) Yes, to first portion of Question; as regards the second portion, *Mr. Lynch* is not senior to all applicants having a full knowledge of both postal and telegraph work, but he is the senior of those who expressed themselves willing to accept the position at the salary attached thereto.

(5.) Yes; the Postmaster at Wagga Wagga under whom *Mr. Lynch* has served in the capacity of assistant for nearly ten years, when forwarding his application for promotion to the charge of an office, reported in December last that he was "most efficient and most zealous in the discharge of his postal duties."

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(6.) Mail Contract between Gunnedah and Coonabarrabran:—Mr. Murphy asked the Postmaster-General,—

- (1.) The name of the contractor for the conveyance of the mail between Gunnedah and Coonabarrabran, and the name or names of his bondsman or bondsmen?
- (2.) Has the present contractor complied with all the terms of his contract; and, if not, in what respects?
- (3.) Is it a fact that though the contract stipulates for a 4-horse coach he ran a 2-horse buggy instead for some time, and that on more than one occasion he conveyed the mail part of the way on horseback?
- (4.) Is it true that the present contractor was on one occasion thirteen hours late at Coonabarrabran when the opposition coach was within one hour of the contractor's time?
- (5.) Have complaints against the present system of conveying the mail been made; if so, their nature and number?
- (6.) Has the usual deposit money been refunded to the present contractor?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

- (1.) Mr. W. J. Johnston is contractor, and Messrs W. Jones and R. Chaffey are his sureties.
- (2.) The mails have not been conveyed regularly by 4-horse coach since the 1st January last.
- (3.) Contract is for a 4-horse coach. The contractor has occasionally used 2-horse buggy instead, and explained that it was owing to road being too heavy after rain to take a coach, and his horses not being used to the road caused him a lot of trouble.
- (4.) The mail was twelve hours late at Coonabarrabran on the 6th January—the cause assigned being “heavy roads after a storm.”
- (5.) One complaint made as to conveyance by buggy instead of coach.
- (6.) Yes; in due course.

2. PAPER:—Mr. Slattery laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 8th February, 1894,—“Amalgamation of offices of Crown Lands Agent and Clerk of Petty Sessions, Coonamble.” Ordered to be printed.

3. LIQUOR TRAFFIC:—Mr. Dowcl presented 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, at the earliest possible moment, 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, viz.:—¹

- (1.) From John M. Watt, Chairman of a public meeting of residents of Tamworth.
- (2.) From E. A. Cross (Chief Templar), on behalf of a meeting of the Members of the “Harvest Home” Lodge, and residents of Tamworth in meeting assembled.

Petitions received.

4. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Morgan 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 necessity for the introduction of legislation dealing with the pastoral leases in the Central Division which are about to expire.”

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

5. RATES OF PILOTAGE AT THE PORTS OF SYDNEY AND NEWCASTLE:—Mr. Molesworth moved, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the excessive rates of pilotage now levied at the ports of Sydney and Newcastle are seriously detrimental 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.

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.

Debate ensued.

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday, 3rd April.

The House adjourned at eleven minutes after 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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FOURTH SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 28 FEBRUARY, 1894.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Prepayment of Postage on Printed Circulars:—Mr. Molesworth asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) Is he aware that a practice is growing in his Department of allowing persons to post printed circulars without prepayment of any postage whatever, and that the receivers are charged the postage, together with a penalty of 100 per cent. thereon?

(2.) Does not the Postal Act require that all postages shall be prepaid?

(3.) By whose authority is this practice permitted?

Mr. Suttor answered,—The 11th section of the Postage Acts Amendment Act, 56 Victoria No. 31, provides that:—“If any letter or packet posted for delivery in New South Wales bears insufficient or no postage stamps, or is not prepaid by money, it shall nevertheless be regularly transmitted and delivered, but before such delivery there shall be paid double the amount of postage which shall have been omitted to be prepaid.”

(2.) Qualifications for Appointment in the Permanent Artillery:—Mr. Kelly asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a general order was issued some time ago wherein it made it necessary for all applicants for commissions in the Permanent Artillery to pass a certain examination at the University?

(2.) Is he aware that such an examination was held, in accordance with the general order, and that five names were handed in, and only one passed, three being rejected, and one refused to go up for examination at the last minute?

(3.) Is it a fact that the successful candidate has not yet been appointed to the vacancy, but the one that refused to go up for examination has been appointed?

(4.) Is this unsuccessful candidate Colonel Spalding's son, and is he attached to A Battery, Field Artillery Brigade, and in receipt of £12 a month and other allowances?

(5.) Is it also a fact that another of the unsuccessful candidates is a son of Major Airey, and is Acting Adjutant of the 2nd Infantry Regiment; does he hold this position with or without salary; if with salary, will he state the amount?

(6.) Is it a fact that Colonel Spalding and Major Airey are trying to obtain the appointment for their sons over the heads of the successful candidates?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Military authorities:—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) This was the case, except that six names were handed in.

(3.) The successful candidate has been appointed. The unsuccessful candidate has not been appointed to the Permanent Artillery, only attached until the vacancies are filled by qualified candidates.

(4.) Yes; receiving pay and allowances of the position.

(5.) Yes; acting as Adjutant temporarily for instruction only, without salary.

(6.) No; unless they pass the necessary examination.

(3.) Fees paid to Mr. Canaway under Crown Lands Act:—Mr. Perry asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Does Mr. Canaway receive fees in cases stated under the Crown Lands Act for the opinion of the Supreme Court or the arguments of the same?

(2.) If so, what sum has been paid to him on such cases for each of the years 1892 and 1893?

(3.) Are these fees charged against the administration of the Land Court?

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Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) Yes; when retained by the Crown Solicitor.
- (2.) In 1892, £94 5s.; in 1893, £68 14s.
- (3.) No; they are paid from the vote for legal expenses.

(4.) Water Conservation Branch:—*Mr. Haynes* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Have any appointments been made under the Water Conservation Branch within the last three months?
- (2.) If so, will he state the names of the officers and the salaries paid, and the exact capacities in which they are employed; and will he state whether the officers appointed had special qualifications for the positions over officers recently retrenched from the Service?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) The only appointments that have been made are three inspectors, at a daily rate of wages, and a temporary clerk, who had previously been in the employ of the Government.
- (2.) I will have the necessary return prepared.

(5.) Electoral Registrars:—*Mr. Kelly*, for *Mr. Black*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he take steps to compel Electoral Registrars to reside in the divisions to which they are appointed?*Sir George Dibbs* answered,—The matter shall have my attention.(6.) Naturalisation Papers:—*Mr. Kelly*, for *Mr. Black*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the issue of naturalisation papers is for the time suspended?
- (2.) If so, what is the reason for taking this course?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—No; the power given by the Aliens Act is discretionary.(7.) Eye Hospital, Moore's Road, Miller's Point:—*Mr. Kelly*, for *Mr. Black*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that it is the intention to have the Eye Hospital in Victoria-terrace, Moore's Road, Miller's Point, removed to Macquarie-street when the Sydney Hospital is completed?*Sir George Dibbs* answered,—Yes; as the present financial state of the institution does not justify the expenditure in rent.(8.) Extension of time to Conditional Purchasers:—*Mr. Chanter* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is he aware that, in consequence of the unprecedentedly low prices ruling this year for grain and live stock, a large number of selectors are in very straitened circumstances, and with the view of bettering their circumstances, many are storing their grain at the different railway centres, and endeavouring to hold until the present glutted state of the market has been relieved?
- (2.) As the annual instalments upon their selections fall due before the end of next month, will he assist them to tide over their difficulties by granting them a concession of time to make these payments, say six months, and thus help them to obtain better prices, giving some slight return for their honest toil?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

- (1.) I am aware the prices of wheat and live stock are very low at present.
- (2.) I cannot make any general concession, but any application for extension of time for payment of instalments will be dealt with on its merits.

(9.) Parramatta Road, Leichhardt:—*Mr. G. D. Clark* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is he aware of the unsafe condition for vehicles of the Parramatta Road, Leichhardt?
- (2.) Will he cause the necessary steps to be taken to have the said road repaired without delay?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Tenders are now under consideration for the necessary maintenance metal for the Main Western Road extending from the Glebe to Duck River, which includes the portion referred to by the Honorable Member.(10.) *Mr. Julian Ashton*, Trustee of National Art Gallery:—*Mr. J. D. FitzGerald* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) On what date was *Mr. Julian Ashton* appointed trustee of the National Art Gallery?
- (2.) Prior to his appointment as trustee, how many of *Mr. Ashton's* works had been purchased by the trustees of the National Art Gallery, and how much was paid for those works?
- (3.) Since his appointment as trustee, how many of *Mr. Ashton's* works have been purchased by the trustees of the National Art Gallery, and what is the total amount paid to *Mr. Ashton* for those works?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

- (1.) On 22nd December, 1888.
- (2.) Two water-colour drawings in 1888, viz., "A Solitary Ramble," and "Gib it bit bacca"; cost, £38.
- (3.) Four, viz., in 1889—"The Prospector," purchased at Art Society's Exhibition, *Mr. Ashton* taking no part in the selection, at cost of £150. In 1890—"Portrait of Sir Henry Parkes"; this purchase was left to the decision of the then Minister, *Mr. J. H. Carruthers*, by whom it was approved; the cost was £250. In 1892—"Shoalhaven River," selected by *Motto*, with seven others, in a competitive exhibition, at cost of £75. In 1893—"Terrigal Headland," selected with four others, in competitive exhibition as above; cost, £75. The total cost of the four works was £550. *Mr. Ashton* was not present during the selections at the competitive exhibitions.

(11.) Appointment of Trustees to the Outer Domain:—*Mr. Kelly* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that he intends to appoint trustees to the outer Domain?
- (2.) If so, will he name the gentlemen to be appointed?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—No.

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(12.) Arming of the Police on "Sunday and special occasions":—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for *Mr. Neild*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it by his direction that the Police are required to carry revolvers outside their tunics "on Sunday and special occasions?"
- (2.) Has his attention been drawn to the risk of revolvers thus exposed being seized by lawless persons in any *mêlée* in which the Police may become involved?
- (3.) Has his attention been drawn to the unsuitableness, in this climate, of the tunics worn by the Police?

Sir George Dibbs answered—

- (1.) I am informed that revolvers could not be carried in any other manner with the tunic.
- (2.) They are secured in a leather case to the belt. Wherever carried, there is some risk of their being seized.
- (3.) The tunic is only worn daily in winter, and in summer on Sundays and dress occasions. It is not a heavy garment.

(13.) Tenders for Artesian Bores:—*Mr. Wright*, for *Mr. Wall*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) The number of tenders called for by the Government for putting down artesian bores?
- (2.) The number of contracts entered into up to date, together with the names of the contractors, the price paid, and the localities in which it is proposed to put down such bores?
- (3.) The estimated total cost of such work?

Mr. Lyne answered,—A return will be prepared and laid upon the Table of the House.

(14.) Issue of Circular respecting School Children:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for *Mr. Carruthers*, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Has a circular been issued to school teachers in reference to excluding from school children under the age of six years?
- (2.) To what schools has such circular been sent?
- (3.) Has he any objection to lay a copy of such circular upon the Table of this House?
- (4.) What has been done by him in regard to charging an extra fee to children over fourteen years of age attending public schools?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) To all schools.
- (3.) I will presently lay copies of the circulars upon the Table of the House.
- (4.) No extra fee has so far been charged.

(15.) Special Endowment to Municipalities:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for *Mr. Carruthers*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it proposed to grant any special endowment to municipalities upon their last year's rates; and, if so, to what extent?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—No.

(16.) Artillery Workshops at Victoria Barracks:—*Mr. G. D. Clark* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What are the hours worked by the artificers when employed in the Artillery workshops at Victoria Barracks?
- (2.) What is the rate of pay?
- (3.) Will he give the same particulars in reference to other men of the same grade, viz., staff-sergeants and others, but who are not employed in the workshops?
- (4.) Were not the hours of these two grades of men the same some three years ago; and, if so, when was the change made?
- (5.) Has there been a further change made recently?
- (6.) What is the cause of these changes?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Military authorities:—

- (1.) Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and 1:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. Saturday, 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and attendance at such parades as may be ordered on Saturday afternoons.
- (2.) Staff-sergeant artificers, 7s. per diem; assistants, 5s.
- (3.) The same particulars cannot be given with reference to staff-sergeants and others not employed in the workshops, as the number of hours depend upon a man's special duties, and may vary from day to day; the rates of pay also vary according to the grade or appointment held by the individual.
- (4.) No regular rules for labour hours existed in previous years.
- (5.) A readjustment of the hours of the Artillery artificers employed in the Artillery workshops at Victoria Barracks was made on the 14th instant.
- (6.) I have no answer to this Question.

2. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTORATES AND ELECTIONS ACT OF 1893 AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Sir George Dibbs* moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the "Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893."

Question put and passed.

3. RESUMPTION OF MESSRS. WESTCOTT, WATTS, AND DAVEY BROTHERS CONDITIONAL LEASES IN THE PARKES LAND DISTRICT (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Hutchinson* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return of all correspondence, papers, minutes, questions, reports, &c., having reference to the resumption of Messrs. Westcott, Watts, and Davey Bros.' conditional leases in the Parkes Land District for gold-mining purposes, and the adding of such reserved lands to the resumed area of Balderogery Run, and the charging of license fees for same.

Question put and passed.

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4. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Custody of Children and Childrens Settlements Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to amend the law relating to the custody of children, and to provide for settlements for the benefit of children in certain cases*,"—with the amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 28th February, 1894.*

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

CUSTODY OF CHILDREN AND CHILDRENS SETTLEMENTS BILL.

Schedule of the Amendment referred to in Message of 28th February, 1894.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, clause 1, line 7. Omit "thirtieth," insert "thirty-ninth"

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, that the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Tuesday next.

(2.) Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill (No. 2):—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply a certain sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1894*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 28th February, 1894.*

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

5. MINING ON PRIVATE LANDS BILL:—Mr. Wright presented a Petition from Moreton H. Fitzhardinge, Chairman of a public meeting of residents of Glen Innes, protesting against the excision of "tin" and "antimony" from the Mining on Private Lands Bill, in view of the fact that these metals are known to exist throughout the New England district, and praying the House to insist on the retention of the abovenamed metals in the said Bill.

Petition received.

6. INFUX OF ASIATICS:—The following Petitions, representing that there are large numbers 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, were presented by the Members named:—

(1.) By Mr. Rae—From certain Residents of the Colony.

(2.) By Mr. Morgan—From W. O'Neill, Chairman of a public meeting held at Narromine.

(3.) By Mr. Waddell—From certain Residents of the Colony.

(4.) By Mr. Sheldon—From certain Residents of the Colony.

(5.) By Mr. Waddell—From certain Residents of the Colony.

(6.) By Mr. Morgan—From James Connor, Mayor, Chairman of a public meeting at Wellington.

(7.) By Mr. Morgan—From certain Residents of the Colony.

(8.) By Mr. Waddell—From certain Residents of the Colony.

Petitions received.

7. PAPERS:—

Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Petersham, county of Cumberland, for reclamation works on the western side of Rozelle Bay.

Ordered to be printed.

Sir George Dibbs laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Amended Regulations under the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893, and the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act Amendment Act of 1893.

(2.) Return to an Order made on 14th November, 1893,—"*Naval and Military Defences*."

(3.) Additional By-law of the Borough of Cowra.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Suttor laid upon the Table,—Circulars respecting exclusion from attendance at school of children under six years of age.

Ordered to be printed.

8. SUPPLY:—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 Supply.

And

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And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 1 MARCH, 1894, A.M.

The Deputy Speaker having taken the Chair,—

Mr. Neild reported that a *Point of Order* had arisen in the Committee, and obtained leave to sit again after a decision had been given thereon.

Mr. Neild then reported the *Point of Order* as follows:—That he, as a Temporary Chairman occupying the Chair in Committee, at the request of the Chairman of Committees, had no power to request another Temporary Chairman to relieve him.

The Deputy Speaker stated that it was clear to him that a Temporary Chairman had no power to request another to take his place, but he, the Chairman of Committees, could take the Chair in this Committee, and relieve *Mr. Neild* by requesting some other Temporary Chairman to act.

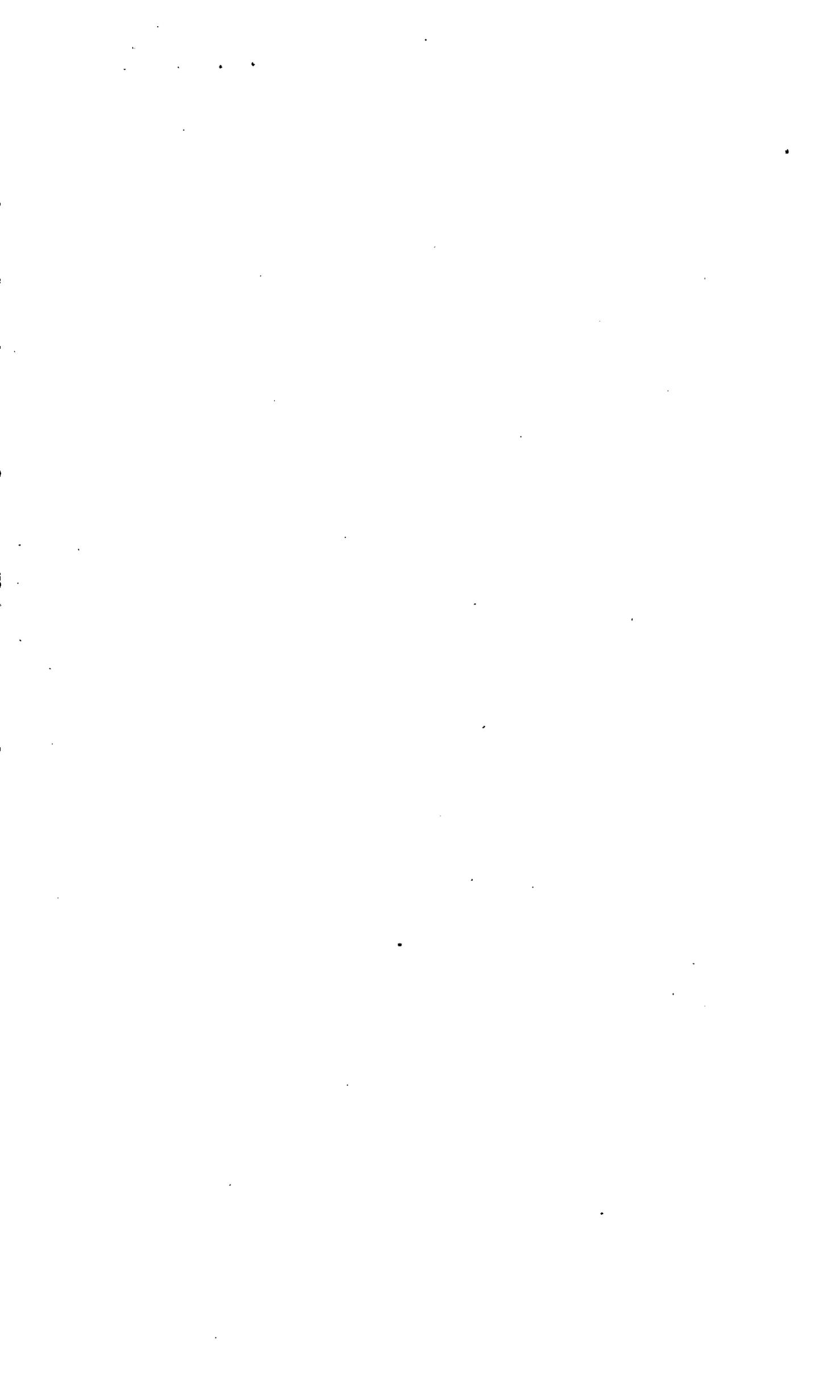
On motion of *Sir George Dibbs*, the Deputy Speaker left the Chair, and the Committee resumed.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. McCourt* reported progress and obtained leave to sit again.

The House adjourned at twenty-five minutes after Seven 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. 20.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 1 MARCH, 1894.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Acting Police Magistrate at Brewarrina:—*Mr. Kelly*, for *Mr. Black*, asked the Minister of Justice,—(1.) Has *Mr. Henry Byrnes*, J.P., of Parramatta, been appointed acting Police Magistrate at Brewarrina?

(2.) If so, have the superior claims of many Clerks of Petty Sessions of long service been overlooked?

(3.) Is it not a fact that the abolition of this office was at one time decided on?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) No; as the appointment is merely temporary.

(3.) Yes. The circumstances under which *Mr. Byrnes* was temporarily appointed Police Magistrate and Clerk of Petty Sessions at Brewarrina were explained in an Answer to a Question on this subject asked on 7th September, 1892, and in view of the requirements of justice at that place and the difficulty at present in arranging for the services of the Police Magistrate at Bourke, 80 miles distant, to visit Brewarrina, and also providing for the magisterial business of the Court at Goodooga, which is now visited from Brewarrina, it has not been considered expedient to alter present arrangements until a suitable opportunity arises for reviewing the whole question, and considering as to the necessity for the appointment of a permanent Police Magistrate at Brewarrina.(2.) Official Assignees:—*Mr. Kelly*, for *Mr. Black*, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is he aware that one of the present official assignees is carrying on business as a merchant in Sydney?

(2.) Will he make it a condition of future appointments as assignee that the appointee must not hold any other position, or carry on, directly or indirectly, any other business?

Mr. Slattery answered,—(1.) The Registrar in Bankruptcy informs me that of the three official assignees *Mr. Lloyd* and *Mr. Giblin* carry on no business other than that of official assignee, and that he understands *Mr. Morris* acts as agent for a Ceylon firm of tea merchants.

(2.) I will give this matter my consideration.

(3.) Fishing Industry of the Colony:—*Mr. Kelly*, for *Mr. Wall*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to take any steps towards the development of the fishing industry?

(2.) Has any request been made by the Fisheries Commission for a coastal survey in order to promote trawl fishing; if so, have any steps been taken to comply with the request of the Commission?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

(1.) This matter is now engaging the attention of the Government.

(2.) Yes.

(4.) Agistment of Cattle depasturing on Water Reserve, Prospect:—*Mr. Kelly* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—(1.) Is it a fact that a *Mr. Wakeford*, in charge of the Prospect Reservoir, charges for agistment on cattle depasturing on the water reserve?

(2.) Has he authority to do so?

(3.) If so, who receives the fees?

Mr.

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- Mr. Copeland* answered,—The Water and Sewerage Board have furnished me with the following replies :—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) Yes.
 - (3.) The Board of Water Supply and Sewerage.
- (5.) Bank Notes Bill :—*Mr. Walker*, for *Mr. Rose*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it his intention to proceed with the Bank Notes Bill ?
- Sir George Dibbs* answered,—Yes.
- (6.) Harbours and Rivers Department Picnic :—*Mr. Darnley* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Referring to *Mr. Darnley's* Question, No. 3, on Wednesday, 21st February, *re* payment for holiday of Harbours and Rivers employees,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that a number of men have not been paid for the day, notwithstanding the fact of their having been in the Department from three to six years, and always received the allowance hitherto ?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that a number of men on certain works received notice of the change, and worked on that day, while others, having had no intimation of the alteration, attended the picnic ?
 - (3.) Has it been the custom for years past to pay the men, no matter whether permanent or temporary ?
 - (4.) In view of the fact that proper notice of the change had not been given, will he see that these men are paid ?
- Mr. Copeland* answered,—As previously intimated, only permanent hands connected with the Dock and Dredge Service for whom the picnic was originated, together with any permanent men engaged on casual works, will be paid. It has not been the custom to pay men temporarily engaged on jobbing work for the day referred to.
- (7.) Tumudgerie Reserve, near Deniliquin :—*Mr. Hutchinson*, for *Mr. Chanter*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Referring to the land near Deniliquin, situated on Calimo Pastoral Holding, and known as the Tumudgerie Reserve, advertised as open to selection in 640-acre portions during the present month, has he received an application from any person to have any of this land withdrawn from selection ?
 - (2.) If so, will he state the date and nature of the application, and the name of the person or persons making it ?
 - (3.) Will he under any circumstances refuse the application, and allow the whole of the land to be selected ?
- Mr. Copeland* answered,—The papers are with the District Surveyor, but it is very improbable that any portion of the land will be withdrawn from selection.
- (8.) Tide-waiters :—*Mr. Fegan*, for *Mr. Bavister*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it a fact that additional tide-waiters have been appointed since his attention was drawn in the House to the fact that there were already so many more than required, and to the low pay they are receiving ?
- Mr. See* answered,—The number of tide-waiters has not been increased since the matter in question was brought under notice.
- (9.) Importation of Inferior Teas :—*Mr. Fegan*, for *Mr. Collins*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is he aware that large quantities of teas of a very inferior quality are being continually imported into New South Wales, and disposed of in this market ?
 - (2.) In view of these circumstances will he take steps to engage an experienced expert to test the quality of all teas imported, so as to prevent any tea under the value of 7d. per pound landing at any port within the Colony ?
- Mr. See* answered,—
- (1.) Teas of an inferior quality are imported, but all the teas tested have been found fit for consumption.
 - (2.) I do not think it necessary to appoint an expert to test teas at the time of importation.
- (10.) Extension of Leases to Pastoral Tenants :—*Mr. Hutchinson*, for *Mr. Chanter*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Are several applications now being made by pastoral tenants under the 43rd clause of the Land Act of 1889 for extension of leases by virtue of improvements ; if so, has he appointed any person to represent the Crown at the several Land Boards where these applications are set down for hearing ?
 - (2.) If not, will he do so, in order that the nature of the improvements may be clearly ascertained, the date of effecting same, and their legitimate value ?
- Mr. Copeland* answered,—Applications have been received under the 43rd section of the Crown Lands Act of 1889 for extension of pastoral leases. The Crown is adequately represented in each case when being dealt with by the Land Board.
- (11.) Lismore to The Tweed Railway :—*Mr. Nicoll* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What is the probable date when the first two sections of the Lismore-Tweed Railway will be opened for traffic ?
- Mr. Copeland* answered,—An endeavour will be made to open the line for traffic on the 9th April.
- (12.) Compensation for Land for Sewage Farm, Parramatta :—*Mr. Fegan*, for *Mr. O'Sullivan*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that all lands below high-water mark are Crown lands ?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that compensation for land below high-water mark was paid to the owners of the site of the proposed sewage farm at Parramatta ?
 - (3.) What special reason was there for paying the compensation referred to ?
- Mr.*

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Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) Yes; unless alienated.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) Because the title disclosed that the land was bounded by low-water mark, as per certificate of title registered volume 704, folio 227.

2. **UNIFORM CLOTHING IN GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS** (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. J. D. FitzGerald* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing the contract prices for Government uniform clothing in all Government Departments giving items, together with the conditions imposed upon contractors.
Question put and passed.
3. **CONDITIONAL PURCHASE OF THOMAS JOSEPH KEENAN, COUNTY OF ASHBURNHAM** (*Formal Motion*):—*Dr. Ross* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence, documents, and decisions of Land Board and Land Court, affidavits, date of forfeiture, with section of the Act by which reversal was made of the conditional purchase of one Thomas Joseph Keenan, known as Quarry Reserve 1,729 and Water Reserve 11,640, parish of Boree-Nyrang, county of Ashburnham.
Question put and passed.
4. **TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES**:—The Chairman of Committees requested *Mr. Speaker's* direction in a matter affecting the Additional Standing Order 1*a*. (1.) He desired to know whether it was not the duty of a Temporary Chairman to at once relinquish the Chair when the Chairman desired to take or resume it? *Mr. Speaker* said there was no doubt the Temporary Chairman must vacate the Chair when the Chairman came into the House to take his position. (2.) He desired to know whether, in the event of the absence of the Chairman from the Parliamentary building, one Temporary Chairman had power to request another to act in his place? *Mr. Speaker* said that in the Chairman's absence that power could be exercised by a Temporary Chairman, but if the Chairman were within the building, he should relieve the Temporary Chairman, and request another of the panel to act. *Mr. Speaker* added that a Temporary Chairman while in the Chair was armed with all the powers possessed by the Chairman of Committees, except as to requesting a Temporary Chairman to act, as previously explained.
5. **STAMP DUTIES ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT 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 further amend the 'Stamp Duties Act of 1880' and the 'Stamp Duties Act Amendment Act of 1886,'*"—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 March, 1894.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

STAMP DUTIES ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 1st March, 1894.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 3, clause 3, line 11. Omit "only" insert "unsecured"
Page 3, clause 3, line 12. Omit "to persons resident in the Colony of New South Wales"
Page 3, clause 4, line 25. Omit "of ten" insert "not exceeding two"
Page 3, clause 5, line 31. Omit "1893" insert "1894"
Page 3, clause 5, line 32. Omit "1893" insert "1894"

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman of Committees.

Mr. Speaker said that he intended to call the attention of the House to the Council's amendments before they were considered in Committee.

Ordered by *Mr. Speaker*, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Wednesday next.

6. **INFUX OF ASIATICS**:—*Mr. Gardiner* presented a Petition from certain residents of the Colony, representing that there are large numbers 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.
7. **SUPPLY**:—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 Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 2 MARCH, 1894, A.M.

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

1st March, 1894.

8. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 2):—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. 20.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply a certain sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1894*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 1st March, 1894.

9. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir George Dibbs moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-eight minutes after One 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.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 6 MARCH, 1894.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Auctioneers' Licenses :—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Dr. Ross*, asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Is it customary to grant auctioneers' licenses in one district to sell in another, or is the issue of auctioneers' district licenses confined entirely to the district in which the applicant resides?
 - (2.) Are district auctioneers' licenses issued at any particular date or period of the year, or are they granted by a Licensing Bench at any time in the year, and for any particular period?
 - (3.) If so, will he see that steps are taken by circular to put a stop to this practice?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) An opinion of the Honorable *Mr. Simpson*, Q.C., when Attorney-General, was communicated to the Benches of Magistrates to the effect that a Bench of Magistrates for the district within which the applicant resides may grant a certificate for a district license, and under it a district license may be issued to be in force in another Police District.
- (2.) A reference to the Auctioneers' Licensing Act would give the information required. I may state, however, that applications for certificates for licenses should be made at the annual meeting of Justices for the licensing of auctioneers on the fourth Tuesday in November, but under section 14 of the Auctioneers' Act a certificate may be granted at any time under the special circumstances set forth in that section.
- (3.) It is presumed that this Question refers to the custom stated in Question 1. The answer to Question 1 shows that the custom exists under the provisions of an Act of Parliament, which of course cannot be superseded by a circular.

- (2.) Constable Andrews, Byron Bay :—*Mr. Nicoll* asked the Minister of Justice,—When will the papers be laid upon the Table of the House in reference to the removal of Constable Andrews from Byron Bay?

Mr. Slattery answered,—These papers were laid upon the Table on the 21st February by the Chief Secretary.

- (3.) Occupation Licenses in the Western Division :—*Mr. Dickens* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) What is the approximate acreage of land originally held under occupation license in the Western Division, which has been absolutely thrown up?
- (2.) Also the approximate acreage of land held under leasehold that has been likewise thrown up?
- (3.) Have attempts been made from time to time to sell by public auction the annual leases of abandoned resumed areas; if so, with what general result?
- (4.) Is it a fact that these abandoned resumed areas are more or less heavily infested with rabbits?
- (5.) Is the Department taking any steps to exterminate the rabbits on, or prevent the spread of rabbits from, these abandoned areas?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

- (1.) 48 occupation licenses of the present area of 3,979,907 acres are now vacant.
- (2.) Three leasehold areas of an area of 64,480 acres are also vacant.
- (3.) Yes; with the result that nine occupation licenses, representing an area of 614,863 acres, and formerly forfeited, are now under license.
- (4.) There are no recent reports available on this matter, but during 1891 it was stated that these lands were from moderately to heavily infested with rabbits.
- (5.) The clauses of the Rabbit Act providing for the compulsory destruction of rabbits have not yet been put into force.

(4.)

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- (4.) **Military Encampment at Newcastle:**—Mr. Scott asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the announcement made by him that there will not be a general encampment of the Defence Forces this year, will he consider the advisability of authorising that an encampment be held at Newcastle of the various branches of the force stationed in the Newcastle, Maitland, and Singleton districts?
Sir George Dibbs answered,—The matter is under consideration.
- (5.) **Friendly Societies Act:**—Mr. Houghton asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it his intention to introduce a Bill to amend the Friendly Societies Act, and of passing the same into law during the present Session?
Sir George Dibbs answered,—I should be glad if the Honorable Member would ask some of his colleagues at the other end of the Chamber to consider what chance there is of getting any business done while every opportunity is availed of to consume time in debates which have the effect of preventing the progress of business.
- (6.) **Sleepers for new Railway line, Narrabri to Moree:**—Mr. Fegan, for Mr. Haynes asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) Has he authorised the supply of sleepers in connection with the proposed new line of railway, Narrabri to Moree, now before the House?
(2.) If so, were tenders called for same, and were they advertised as usual in the local press and *Government Gazette*?
(3.) Are sleepers now being delivered in the railway-yard at Narrabri for the proposed new line?
Mr. Lyne answered,—I received offers from the representatives of a large number of timber-getters, representing probably about 1,000 men, to supply sleepers at an extremely low rate, viz., 2s. 6d. per sleeper, to be delivered at convenient stations where they can be taken by rail to any place for which they may be required. I took advantage of this offer, as it would enable the Department to get a stock of sleepers which would be seasoning in readiness for any work for which they might be wanted. It will be seen that, by doing this, I have been enabled to give contract work direct to a large number of men who were out of employment, and which at the same time will largely benefit the Department.
2. **PAPER:**—Sir George Dibbs laid upon the Table,—Schedule to the Military and Naval Estimates for 1894.
Ordered to be printed.
3. **MINING ACT AMENDMENT BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Cann moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Cann, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with an amendment.
On motion of Mr. Cann (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
4. **FISHERIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Edden 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. Edden, 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.
Mr. Edden then moved (*with the concurrence of the House*), "That" the report be now adopted.
Mr. Melville moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That" with a view to the insertion in their place of the words, "the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clause 1."
Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.
Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted be so inserted,—put and passed.
Question then,—That the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clause 1,—put and passed.
On motion of Mr. Edden, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill 2^o with a further amendment.
On motion of Mr. Edden (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
5. **IMMIGRATION RESTRICTION BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to 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.
Debate ensued.
Question put.

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6th March, 1894.

The House divided.

Ayes, 41.		Noes, 3.
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Hindle,	Mr. Parkes.
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Danahey,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Newman,	Mr. Crick,
Mr. See,	Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. McCourt.
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Stevenson,	
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Scobie,	
Mr. Copeland,	Dr. Cullen,	
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Barnes,	
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Hart,	
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Campbell,	
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Tonkin,	
Mr. Melville,	Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,	
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Dickens,	
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. G. D. Clark,	
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Bavister,	
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Cook,	
Mr. Scott,	Mr. Darnley.	
Mr. Hassall,	<i>Tellers,</i>	
Mr. Newton,	Mr. Bowes,	
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Neild,	
Mr. Reid,		
Mr. Frank Farnell,		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.

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

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

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

Resolved.—That it is expedient to bring 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.

On motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

6. SILKSTONE COAL-MINE RAILWAY ACT FURTHER AMENDING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Bowes moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

Ordered, that the adoption of the report stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

7. PARRAMATTA STREET WATERING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Frank Farnell moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 20.		Noes, 11.
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Cann,	Mr. York,
Mr. See,	Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Bowes,	Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Copeland,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Hart,	Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Campbell.	Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Hogan,	<i>Tellers,</i>	Mr. Edden,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Cook.
Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Newton.	
Mr. Houghton,		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

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

8. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until To-morrow:—

- (1.) Supreme Court Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading.
- (2.) Criminal Law Amendment Bill; second reading.

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9. **McQUADE ESTATE BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Carruthers moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Carruthers, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
10. **CUSTODY OF CHILDREN AND CHILDRENS SETTLEMENTS BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendment 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 amendment.
On motion of Mr. Carruthers, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—
MR. PRESIDENT,—
The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the law relating to the custody of children, and to provide for settlements for the benefit of children in certain cases.*"
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 6th March, 1894.
11. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Masters and Servants Bill postponed until To-morrow.
12. **TRUCK BILL**:—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Cook, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate 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.
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 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.
On motion of Mr. Cook, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
- (2.) Mr. Cook then presented a Bill, intituled "*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.*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 20th March.
- The House adjourned at ten 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. 22.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 7 MARCH, 1894.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Colonial Laws Validation Act:—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for Mr. Burdckin, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Was the recent action of the Home authorities in passing the Colonial Laws Validation Act the result of a cable message from the Government here drawing attention to the doubts existing as to certain Acts not having received the Royal Assent?

(2.) Did the Government here place before the Attorney-General, for opinion, the newspaper correspondence upon the subject appearing in the Sydney daily newspapers in the month of January last, notably, a letter of the 6th of January, of Mr. William Sparke, of Newcastle, pointing out the defects in certain Acts, and was the cable message referred to sent in consequence?

(3.) Will there be any objection to laying upon the Table of the House the correspondence with the Home authorities on the subject?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—No; there will be no objection to lay the correspondence upon the Table if moved for in the usual way.

- (2.) Visiting Magistrate to Lord Howe Island:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for Mr. Cullen, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) How many written complaints have been made to his Department regarding the conduct of the present Visiting Magistrate to Lord Howe Island?

(2.) Is it a fact that a petition signed by every householder but one on the island, asking for inquiry into this Magistrate's conduct, has been forwarded to his Department?

(3.) Have any steps been taken by the Government to inquire into this Magistrate's conduct beyond calling upon him to report on his own case?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—Complaints have been made by some of the residents of Lord Howe Island, which were referred to the Visiting Justice for report, as is usual in such cases, and which have been satisfactorily explained.

- (3.) Lismore to the Tweed Railway:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What is the number of cubic yards returned to his Department by the engineer in charge as final measurement in cuttings 50 and 51 of the 4th section of the Lismore and Tweed railway?

Mr. Lyne answered,—No final measurements have yet been returned.

- (4.) Mining Lease on Cargo Gold-field Reserve:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is it a fact that he permits a man named Dunn, who is the lessee of 60 acres of auriferous land on the Cargo Gold-field Reserve, county of Ashburnham, to hold the said lease from year to year without fulfilling the labour conditions of the lease; if so, for what reason, and when is the work likely to be resumed?

(2.) Is it usual to grant a suspension of labour conditions to a lessee on a gold-field reserve from year to year over so large an area of auriferous land?

(3.) Will he see that the labour conditions to work the lease are either complied with, or else steps taken to have the lease cancelled, so that *bona-fide* miners and the unemployed may be afforded an opportunity of taking up and working the said land?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) Mr. W. Dunn holds under lease 51 acres 1 rood 38 perches, parish of Cargo; he has held some of the leases known as the "Ironclad" since February, 1893, and the remainder, known as the "Golden-clad," since June, 1892; since these dates it is believed that a large sum of money has been expended. A complaint of non-work is now being dealt with.

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(2.) No; Mr. Dunn has had no suspension as regards the "Golden-clad," and six months partial suspension only as regards the "Ironclad."

(3.) Yes; but it is known that the ore is very difficult to treat, and it is thought Mr. Dunn has shown his *bona fides* by the money he has spent and the labour he has employed, as well as by the efforts he has made to ascertain how the ore can be profitably treated.

(5.) Conditional Purchase on Cardington Run, Molong District:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) What is the cause of the delay of the Department or Land Board in dealing with the case of George Hyman's conditional purchase of 640 acres on Cardington Run, Molong District, and county of Gordon, and when is the certificate of conformity likely to be issued to Mr. Hyman, he having complied with all conditions and been kept waiting for his certificate for over six months?

(2.) Will he see that instructions are sent to the Land Board to have the case dealt with without further delay, so that the selector may not be put to inconvenience?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The Chairman of the Land Board at Orange reports that this case is under reference to the inspector, as at date of the last report—in June, 1893—the improvements were of a value of only 7s. 6d. per acre, and it may be necessary for the Board to hold a further inquiry.

(6.) Tram-line, George-street West:—Mr. Kelly asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that the relaying of the tram-line in George-street West is causing a great inconvenience to the shopkeepers in that locality?

(2.) Is it a fact that trams are constantly stopped for a quarter of an hour at times?

(3.) Will he see that this work is pushed on by putting on extra gangs of men to complete this work?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) I am informed, from the Department of the Treasury, that there is sufficient room on either side of the road for vehicular traffic. Vehicular crossings have been provided at the intersection of each street, and between these streets foot-crossings. There must necessarily be some inconvenience to the ordinary traffic while relaying works are being carried out, but instructions have been issued with a view to the inconvenience being minimised as far as possible.

(2.) No.

(3.) I am informed a large number of men are already employed, and a gang is put on at night.

(7.) Court-house and Police Buildings, Parramatta:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Minister of Justice,—When is it his intention to have tenders invited for the erection of the Court-house and Police buildings at Parramatta?

Mr. Slattery answered,—I am unable to state definitely at present, but may mention that plans have been prepared and are now under consideration.

(8.) Public School in Parramatta North:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Minister of Public Instruction:—Will he cause an inspection to be made of, and a report sent in on, the wooden buildings used as a public school in Parramatta North, they being considered unfit for the accommodation of the large number of children attending there?

Mr. Suttor answered,—I am not aware that the buildings at Parramatta North are unfit for the accommodation of the children attending the school. I will, however, call for a report on the matter.

2. MINING ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. Cann, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Cann then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the 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.

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 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,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 7th March, 1894.*

3. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

(1.) Silkstone Coal-mine Railway Act Further Amending Bill, reported; adoption of report;—until To-morrow.

(2.) Supreme Court Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—until To-morrow.

(3.) Masters and Servants Bill; second reading;—until Tuesday, 3rd April.

(4.) 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;—until Tuesday, 3rd April.

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4. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Dickens 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 matter of urgent definite public importance, namely, the necessity for the introduction of legislation dealing with the land laws applying to the Western Division of the Colony.”

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

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

Debate ensued.

Point of Order:—Mr. Carruthers submitted to the Chair that the subject of this motion was only a subdivision of a “definite” matter, the question of the necessity for changes in the land laws having been discussed on the 7th and 27th ultimo. He thought the present discussion was an evasion of the rule requiring that the same question should not be discussed twice in the same Session.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker sustained the objection taken, and pointed out that the “definite” matter referred to in all these cases was really to urge upon the Government the necessity for new land legislation. He therefore ruled that the motion was out of order.

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

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee.

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being a Quorum present, the Committee resumed.

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

6. STANDING ORDERS—APPEAL FROM DECISION OF CHAIRMAN:—The Chairman of Committees suggested that, with Mr. Speaker’s approval, the former practice of the House, allowing the Chairman to report Points of Order arising in Committee, should be reverted to.

Mr. Speaker said that if the House desired that an appeal should be made for his ruling for the guidance of the Chairman, he would willingly adopt this suggestion, and decide such matters as should be referred to him by Committee.

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

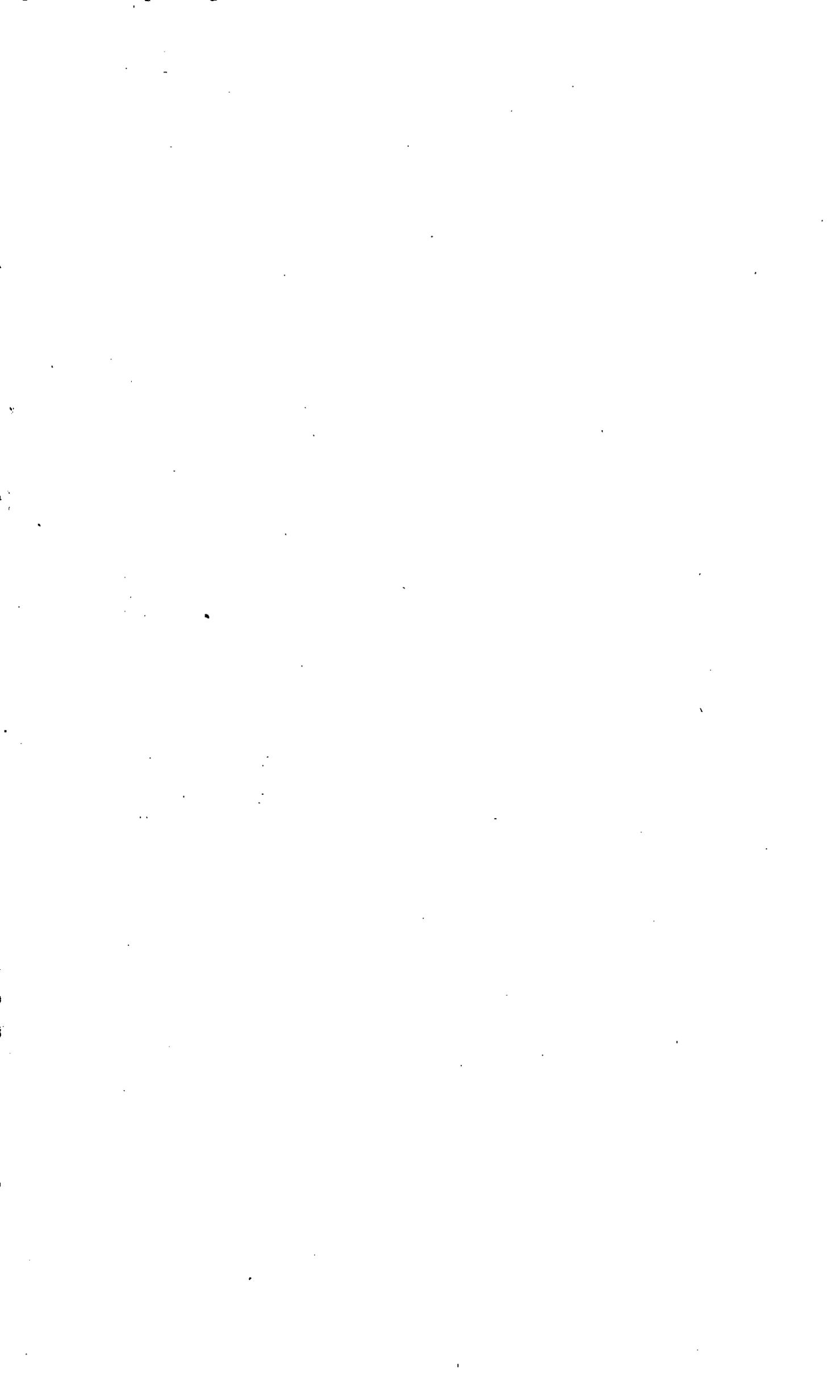
Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-two minutes before Seven o’clock a.m., until Four o’clock p.m., This Day.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.



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FOURTH SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 8 MARCH, 1894.

There being only fourteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Bowes, Mr. G. D. Clark, Mr. Henry Clarke, Mr. Darnley, Sir George Dibbs, Mr. Hassall, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Levien, Mr. Morton, Mr. Nicholson, Dr. Ross, Mr. Scott, Mr. Stevenson, and Mr. Hugh Taylor,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at half-past Four o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.



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No. 24.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 13 MARCH, 1894.

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

ARTESIAN WELLS REGULATION 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. 21.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill for the regulation of artesian wells, and for preventing the waste of water derived therefrom.

Government House,
Sydney, 12th March, 1894.

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

2. COUNTRY TOWNS AND HUNTER DISTRICT WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE ACTS 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. 22.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend such of the provisions of the "Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880," the "Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act Extension Act of 1887," and the "Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Act of 1892," as deal with the repayment of the cost of works of Water Supply and Sewerage, and to extend the period of such repayment; to empower the Board established under the said "Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Act of 1892," to connect premises with the water-mains under their control, and to recover the expenses of such connections; to provide for the carrying out of such connections by the said Board on deferred payments; and to make other provisions subsidiary to or in connection with the objects aforesaid.

Government House,
Sydney, 8th March, 1894.

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

3. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Empty Railway Trucks:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Mr. Wright, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he at an early date lay upon the Table of this House a return showing the number of empty railway trucks brought to Sydney from the north, south, and west during the year 1893?

Mr. See answered,—The preparation of such a return would take a considerable time, and involve much expense, without any apparent corresponding advantage being derived. Speaking generally, the flow of empties largely fluctuates both in and out of Sydney.

(2.) Registration of Dogs:—*Mr. Bavister* asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Are alphabetical lists of the names of the persons who have registered their dogs duly kept at the various Courts of Petty Sessions, as required by section 5 of 39 Victoria No. 6?

(2.) Are the said alphabetical lists correct and reliable records?

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Mr. Slattery answered,—This information could not very well be given without a reference to the various Courts of Petty Sessions throughout the Colony, but section 6 of 6 Wm. IV No. 4 and section 5 of 39 Vic. No. 6 provide that such lists should be kept by Clerks of Petty Sessions, and that the lists should be open to public inspection during office hours. The better way to obtain this information would be to call for a return. The expenses of preparing the return would, however, be very great.

(3.) Registration of Dogs :—*Mr. Bavister* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Are persons residing within the Metropolitan Police District permitted to register their dogs at any of the Courts of Petty Sessions within that district instead of at the nearest Court?
- (2.) If so, when and by what Act has section 5 of 39 Victoria No. 6 been repealed or amended?
- (3.) Before laying information against persons for non-registration of dogs, do the Police search the alphabetical lists required to be kept at the various Courts of Petty Sessions (section 5 of 39 Victoria No. 6)?
- (4.) If not, why is not this done?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) Section 5 has neither been repealed nor amended.
 - (3 and 4.) Yes, when practicable.
- (4.) Postal Delivery at Redfern :—*Mr. Johnston* asked the Postmaster-General—
- (1.) Is it a fact that a postal delivery took place at Redfern on the night of the 28th February last between the hours of 8 and 9 o'clock?
 - (2.) If so, who ordered it?
 - (3.) Who paid for it?
 - (4.) Did the Government pay for it as extra time?
 - (5.) Did a private person pay for it?

Mr. Suttor answered,—The Postmaster at Redfern states:—"There was no late delivery on the 28th ultimo, but on the 1st and 2nd instant the last deliveries were specially heavy on account of the large number of evening papers received from Sydney by the 4 p.m. mail." No payment was specially made in connection with the matter, the delivery being made in the usual manner.

(5.) Loan Funds :—*Mr. Morton* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What is the amount of loan money in hand?
- (2.) What amount of loan money will be required to pay for works now being constructed?

Mr. See answered,—This Question cannot be answered without first referring to the Works and other Departments; but the information will be obtained and laid upon the Table in the form of a return as early as possible.

(6.) Passenger Accommodation on Railway between Orange, Molong, and Forbes :—*Mr. Melville*, for *Dr. Ross*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the passenger accommodation on the railway between Orange, Molong, Parkes, and Forbes is often very crowded, and will he see that a better class of first and second class lavatory carriages are provided for the convenience of the travelling public?
- (2.) Is one carriage found to be sufficient to carry all the passenger traffic on this line, considering the aggregate population of Molong, Parkes, and Forbes districts exceeds 30,000?
- (3.) Will he see that more accommodation is provided in the shape of first and second class carriages, independent of smoking compartments?

Mr. See answered,—I am informed that the passenger accommodation on the Orange to Forbes railway extension is not often overcrowded, but on one or two occasions the accommodation provided has been found to be barely adequate, and arrangements have been made to attach an additional carriage, which it is reported will meet requirements. With regard to the class of carriage used, it may be said that the vehicle at present running is equal to any of those which were running a few years back. Superior stock has been provided for long journeys on the railways and it is regretted that there are only sufficient lavatory carriages to provide for the traffic on the main lines.

(7.) Clerk of Petty Sessions at Molong :—*Mr. Melville*, for *Dr. Ross*, asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) On whose recommendation and on what grounds was the Clerk of Petty Sessions at Molong lately appointed to the magistracy, and will he have any objection to lay copies of the papers bearing upon the case upon the Table of the House?
- (2.) Will he see that steps are taken to have all other Clerks of Petty Sessions of a similar grade and standing placed on the Commission of the Peace?
- (3.) Will he see that the usual weekly court is held at Molong in place of monthly, as at present, for the better convenience of the public?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) As recommendations of this kind are always regarded as confidential it is not usual to make them public.
 - (2.) This matter will receive attention.
 - (3.) The Police Magistrate at Orange usually attends the sittings of the Small Debts Court at Molong, and at other times when required. The Court of Petty Sessions meets more frequently than once a month, and the question of arranging for the holding of Courts is one for the local magistrates to decide.
- (8.) Lease of Water-frontage at Como, George's River :—*Mr. Fegan*, for *Mr. Lee*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Does he intend to have the case of Press and Wells' application for a lease of water-frontage at Como, George's River, dealt with without further delay?
 - (2.) When was this application received?
 - (3.) When did the papers go to the Works Department?
 - (4.) Have the papers yet been returned from the Works Department?

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Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) I am informed by the Chairman of the Metropolitan Land Board that this case will be heard at the next Board Meeting, to be held in Sydney, at the Department of Lands, on the 30th instant.

(2.) 20th September, 1893.

(3.) 1st November, 1893.

(4.) The papers were returned by the Works Department on the 1st instant, and on the following day were forwarded to the Chairman of the Land Board to deal with the application in accordance with law.

(9.) Lease for Boat-shed at Como, George's River :—*Mr. Fegan*, for Mr. Lee, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has he yet obtained the promised third report on Messrs. Press and Wells' application for a lease of water-frontage at Como, George's River, for a boat-shed?

(2.) When did the papers in this matter first reach his Department, and how long have they remained there?

(3.) What officer is or has been commissioned to make the third report, and when was he commissioned so to do?

(4.) Is he aware that the delay in this matter is causing the applicants to lose their opportunity of a hearing before the Land Board month after month?

Mr. Lync answered,—I have dealt with this matter, and all the papers were returned to the Department of Lands on the 28th of February.

4. MCQUADE ESTATE BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. Frank Farnell, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Farnell then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to authorise the receipt and investment by the Trustees of the will of William McQuade of certain compensation moneys payable by the Government of the Colony of New South Wales, and to add to the powers of investment under the said will.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the receipt and investment by the Trustees of the will of William McQuade of certain compensation moneys payable by the Government of the Colony of New South Wales, and to add to the powers of investment under the said will,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 13th March, 1894.*

5. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—

(1.) Silkstone Coal-mine Railway Act Further Amending Bill, reported; adoption of report;—until To-morrow.

(2.) Supreme Court Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—until Thursday next.

6. STAMP DUTIES ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. See moved, That the Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's amendments be discharged.

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

Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.

7. STAMP DUTIES ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2):—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. See, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

R. W. DUFF,
Governor.

Message No. 23.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to further amend the "Stamp Duties Act of 1880," and the "Stamp Duties Act Amendment Act of 1886."

*Government House,
Sydney, 8th March, 1894.*

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

8. PAPERS :—

Mr. Slattery laid upon the Table,—

(1.) First Report of the Department of Agriculture and Forests.

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Return of particulars of Inquests and Magisterial Inquiries for the year 1893.

Mr. Copeland laid upon the Table,—Abstract of Crown lands authorised to be dedicated to public purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lync laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report of completion of Darling Point Branch Intercepting Sewer.

(2.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Alexandria, county of Cumberland, for the formation of a new channel for Shea's Creek.

Ordered to be printed.

13th March, 1894.

9. **INFLUX OF ASIATICS**:—Mr. Waddell presented five Petitions from certain residents of the Colony, representing that there are large numbers 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.
Petitions received.
10. **FISHING INDUSTRY**:—Mr. Frank Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(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.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Carruthers moved, That the Question be amended by the omission from paragraph (1) of the words “from the public service”
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 as amended,—
(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 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,—put and passed.
11. **FIELD OF MARS COMMON**:—Mr. Frank Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, 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.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Reid moved, That the Question be amended by the addition of the words “or by considering “the claims of the purchasers for the cancellation of their purchases, and return of purchase “money, or for compensation.”
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be added be so added.
Debate continued.
Question,—That the words proposed to be added be so added,—put and negatived.
Original Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 8.

Mr. Reid,
Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Lees,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Parkes.

Tellers,

Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Collins.

Noes, 29.

Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Sec,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Rae,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Hart,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Colls,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Hindle,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Burnes.
Mr. Nicoll,	
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Tellers,
Mr. McFurlane,	Mr. Francis Clarke,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Willis.
Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,	

And so it passed in the negative.

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12. APPLICATION OF MR. J. F. CONNELLY TO MINE IN THE PARISH OF CURRAJONG:—*Mr. McCourt*, for Mr. Neild, moved, pursuant to Notice,—

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

Mr. Frank Farnell moved, That the Question be amended by the addition of the words,—

"(3.) That the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee of " Session 1893, be referred to such Committee."

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

Debate ensued.

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

Question as amended,—

(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.

(3.) That the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee of Session 1893, be referred to such Committee,—put and passed.

13. IMMIGRATION OF INFERIOR RACES:—Mr. Waddell proceeding to move,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the presence of inferior races—such as Assyrians, Afghans, Kanakas, and Cingalese—and their liberty to engage in the various avenues of employment is unjust to Australian citizens, and demoralising to society.

(2.) That the Government should, with as little delay as possible, introduce a Bill to restrict the immigration to the Colony of all such races,—

Point of Order:—Mr. McCourt requested Mr. Speaker's attention to the Debate which took place on the 6th instant on the Immigration Restriction Bill, and submitted that this motion was out of order as originating a second Debate on the same subject this Session.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the previous Debate dealt with the whole question, and the same subject could not be again brought forward.

14. WORKING OF COLLIERIES:—Mr. Fegan moved, pursuant to Notice (*as amended by consent*),—

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

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Slattery, Mr. Cook, Mr. Edden, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. McCourt, Mr. Melville, Mr. Cann, Mr. Grahame, Mr. Scott, and the Mover.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 24.

Mr. Melville,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Francis Clarke,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Langwell,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Rae,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Grahame,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Donald,	
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Bavister,	Mr. Fegan.

Noes, 5.

Sir George Dibbs,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Slattery.

Tellers,

Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Hassall.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

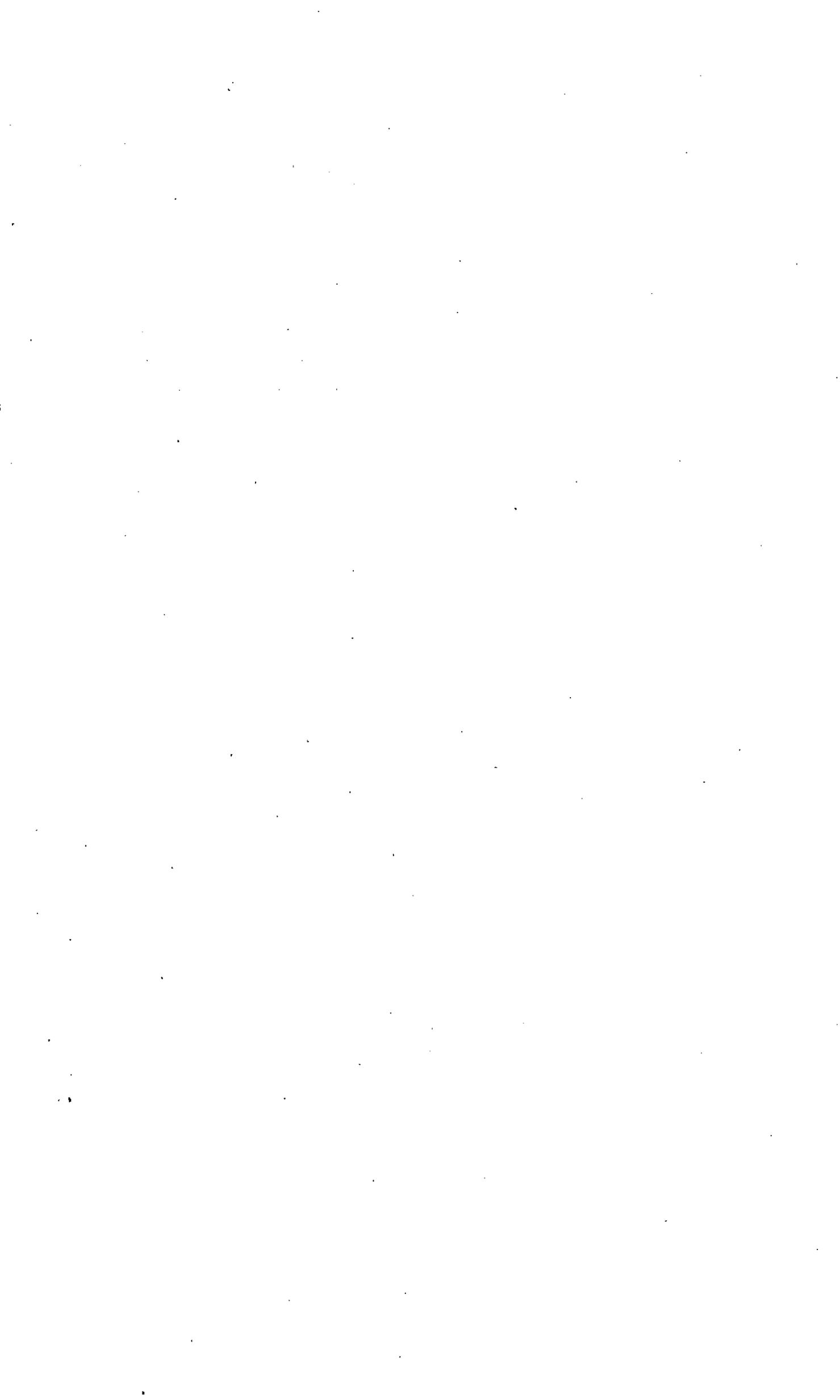
Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-one 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. 25.

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FOURTH SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 14 MARCH, 1894.

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

CROWN LANDS PURCHASES AND LEASES VALIDATION 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. 24.

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.*"—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, 8th March, 1894.

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Military Encampment:—Mr. McCourt asked the Colonial Secretary,—Before the Military Estimates come on for discussion, will he lay upon the Table of the House any report made by Major-General Hutton on the holding of encampment or with regard to the Volunteer Forces generally?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—When the Estimates are under consideration I will submit a memorandum from the Major-General in regard to the Easter Encampment.

- (2.) Telegraph Messages between New South Wales and New Caledonia:—Mr. Kelly, for Mr. McMillan, asked the Postmaster-General,—What is the total in number and amount of messages between New South Wales and New Caledonia—each way—since the service was opened?

Mr. Suttor answered,—The number of messages sent between New South Wales and New Caledonia, each way, from the 19th October, 1893, to the 13th March, 1894, inclusive, was as follows:—From New South Wales to New Caledonia—Number of messages, 322; value, £207 18s. 2d. From New Caledonia to New South Wales—Number of messages, 393; proportion due to New South Wales, £25 14s. 10d. It is not possible from the records of General Post Office readily to give the full value of messages from New Caledonia.

- (3.) Compensation to Officers of the Military Forces:—Mr. Kelly asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that one month's pay for every year of service was paid to the non-commissioned officers and others of the Permanent Military Staff on their discharge from the Military forces last June as compensation for loss of employment?

(2.) If so, who were the recipients, and what were the amounts paid in each case?

(3.) Had leave of absence on full pay been proffered to those so discharged, in addition to the compensation paid them, if any?

(4.) Have retiring allowances been granted since July, 1893, to any officer, non-commissioned officer, or others employed in the Military Department?

(5.) If so, to whom, and how much?

(6.)

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- (6.) Have several warrant officers and non-commissioned officers been discharged from the Permanent Staff of the Military forces?
 (7.) Is it a fact that those men were discharged on the 31st December last under similar circumstances to those discharged on the 30th June, 1893?
 (8.) Has Major-General Hutton refused to grant or recommend the granting of compensation to any warrant officer or non-commissioned officer who was discharged on the 31st December last?
 (9.) If so, on what grounds?
 (10.) Is it the intention of the Government to give these warrant officers and non-commissioned officers a similar compensation to that voted for others as set forth in the Military and Naval Estimates for 1893?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The following answers have been supplied by the Major-General,—

- (1.) Yes.
 (2.) The following were paid according to length of service:—Lieut.-Col. Eden, £411 8s. 10d.; Lieut.-Col. Wilkinson, £75; Capt. Holmes (late Chief Clerk), £1,071; Capt. Little, £1,045 7s. 8d.; Surgeon Capt. Swanston, £182; J. Chamberlain, clerk, £39 3s. 10d.; A. McIntyre, clerk, £138 13s. 6d.; W. W. Boor, clerk, £12 11s. 9d.; Sergeant J. Gover, £102 19s. 5d.; F. J. Dye, labourer, £98 14s. 6d.
 (3.) Yes; to two clerks, one staff Sergeant and one labourer, whose services were dispensed with on 30th June, 1893, on reduction of establishment. This leave was granted by the Acting Commandant prior to the arrival of the General Officer Commanding.
 (4.) Yes.
 (5.) Major Hill, late Adjutant, 3rd Regiment Infantry, £1,000.
 (6.) Yes; on reduction of establishment.

- (4.) Junece Water Supply Works:—Mr. Gornly asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What steps are being taken to have the Junece Water Supply scheme carried out?
 (2.) What is the cause of delay in having the works commenced?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) Tenders have been accepted for pipes, and tenders will shortly be invited for the storage reservoir.
 (2.) It was found necessary to mark out and take further sections on site for dam. This work is nearly complete, and the contract plans will be finished at once and tenders invited.

- (5.) Branding of Pigs at Sale-yards:—Mr. Tonkin asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Has his attention been in any way drawn to the practice of branding pigs at the various sale-yards by cutting off or slitting their ears?
 (2.) If so, will he use some means of putting a stop to this practice, seeing that this is not allowed in England and elsewhere?

Mr. Slattery answered,—My attention has not been called to this matter by means of any representation, but I have observed from the newspapers that the Honorable Mr. Justice Foster has ruled in the Supreme Court that the practice alluded to was not illegal.

- (6.) Funded Stock:—Mr. Morton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What is the amount of funded stock sold since the last loan was floated?
 (2.) For what purpose was the proceeds of sale of above Treasury Bills used?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) £181,490, since 5th October, 1893, the date upon which the loan was negotiated.
 (2.) The proceeds of sale of funded stock were credited to General Loan Account for expenditure on services authorised by Loan Acts. No Treasury Bills have been disposed of since the loan was floated.

- (7.) Licensing Inspectors:—Mr. Scott asked the Minister of Justice,—Will he furnish a return of the ranks and names of all the licensing inspectors and licensing sub-inspectors throughout the Colony, showing where stationed, and setting opposite each the amount which it is proposed he shall receive from the sum of £575, recently voted to remunerate such inspectors and sub-inspectors?

Mr. Slattery answered,—I will have a return prepared and laid upon the Table in the course of a few days.

- (8.) Revenue of the Colony:—Mr. Jeanneret asked the Colonial Treasurer,—With reference to the following statement in the *Daily Telegraph* of 13th March, 1894, as follows:—"The Colonial Treasurer states that the revenue for the present month so far continues fairly good. It was better for the first ten days of this month, as compared with the same period last year, by £45,399. This, Mr. See thinks, is encouraging."—

- (1.) Does this increase of £45,399 include the large sum of over £63,000, paid by the City of Sydney Corporation to the Colonial Treasurer this month, on or before the 10th, on account of land purchased from the Government in George-street?
 (2.) Does it include any sums for interest or principal payable by country municipalities on account of water supply works constructed for them by Government; and, if so, what is the total of such payments?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) The increase in the revenue for the present month to date, as compared with the corresponding portion of March last year, is £54,456, and the revenue includes the sum of £63,000 paid by the Municipal Council.
 (2.) The revenue this month includes payments by country municipalities for interest on water supply works to the extent of £6,029 18s. 9d. The instalment payable by the Council this year as well as the rates from country municipalities were taken into account in the preparation of the estimated revenue for the year 1894.

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(9.) Pitt Town Village Settlement:—Mr. J. D. FitzGerald asked the Secretary for Lands,—
 (1.) Has his attention been drawn to the report of the Head of the Agricultural College, Windsor (Mr. Thompson), on the Pitt Town Village Settlement, in which that gentleman recommends that dairy-cattle be purchased, with a view to making the settlement self-supporting?

(2.) Will he, as soon as possible, make provision for the purchase of stock, pigs, fruit-trees of a suitable kind, &c., in order that the settlers may have some reasonable prospect of making the experiment successful, and thereby save the country the amount already invested in it?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) No such report has been received in the Department of Lands.

(2.) I must refer the Honorable Member to my reply yesterday to his Question on this subject to the effect that the amending Bill will be proceeded with so soon as the business of the House will admit.

(10.) Mr. N. F. Giblin, Official Assignee:—Mr. Tonkin asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Did he give a reply on the 1st of March, to a Question by Mr. Black, that Mr. N. F. Giblin, the newly appointed Official Assignee, had no other business?

(2.) Was Mr. Giblin at the same time, and is he at the present time, holding a position as paid legal manager to the Genowlan Shale-mining Company?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) I have obtained a report from the Registrar in Bankruptcy upon the matter, from which it appears that at the request of the Directors of the Company named Mr. Giblin consented to continue to act as legal manager pending the completion of a report of a committee appointed by the shareholders regarding the working of the mine. The work, however, connected with the legal management has been done by Mr. Giblin's former accountant, and Mr. Giblin has only nominally been legal manager, and he states that he has done no work outside his official duties since his appointment as Official Assignee.

(11.) Bridge at Rydal:—Mr. Tonkin asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he cause to be laid upon the Table of this House all letters and papers relating to the bridge in the township at Rydal?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I have no objection, if moved for in the usual way, but I do not think the public interests involved will justify their being printed.

(12.) Officers of the Permanent Forces:—Mr. Danahey asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that some of the officers of the Permanent Forces of the Colony have been, or are about to be, paid an extra amount of money, computed upon the basis of the 1894 Estimate, for their services during 1893?

(2.) If so, will he state whether it is intended to make the reductions in pay as well as the increases retrospective?

(3.) Will he also explain what is meant by "South African pay and Colonial allowances"?

(4.) Will he give the names of the officers who have or are about to receive such retrospective pay, and the amount to be paid to each officer?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—I have a return in answer to this Question, which I will presently lay upon the Table.

3. COUNTRY TOWNS AND HUNTER DISTRICT WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE ACTS 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 such of the provisions of the "Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880," the "Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act Extension Act of 1887," and the "Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Act of 1892," as deal with the repayment of the cost of works of Water Supply and Sewerage, and to extend the period of such repayment; to empower the Board established under the said "Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Act of 1892" to connect premises with the water mains under their control, and to recover the expenses of such connections; to provide for the carrying out of such connections by the said Board on deferred payments; and to make other provisions subsidiary to or in connection with the objects aforesaid.
 Question put and passed.

4. DISMISSAL OF ROBERT McELHINNEY, OF THE HARBOURS AND RIVERS DEPARTMENT (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Scott moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all letters, papers, or other documents in connection with the dismissal of Robert McElhinney of the Harbours and Rivers Department.
 Question put and passed.

5. CUSTODY OF CHILDREN AND CHILDRENS SETTLEMENTS 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. 25.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the law relating to the custody of children, and to provide for settlements for the benefit of children in certain cases*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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6. IMMIGRATION RESTRICTION BILL:—Mr. Sheldon presented a Bill, intituled "*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*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 17th April.
7. PAPERS:—
Sir George Dibbs laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Particulars respecting Permanent Forces of the Colony.
(2.) Report of the Government Labour Bureau for the year ended 17th February, 1894.
(3.) Additional By-law of the Municipal District of Deniliquin.
(4.) Statement of receipts and expenditure of the Corporation of the City of Sydney for the year 1893.
(5.) Return to an Order made on 22nd February, 1894—"Arrest of Abraham Taylor."
(6.) Return to an Order made on 24th January, 1894—"Retirement of Mr. E. G. Ward, late Registrar-General."
Ordered to be printed.
(7.) Return to an Order made on 21th November, 1893—"Case of the late Captain Howard, R.N."
8. SUPPLY:—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 Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress and also a *Point of Order*, and obtained leave to sit again after a decision had been given on the point submitted.

The Chairman then stated the *Point of Order* as follows:—That during the discussion of the Vote "To meet Military and Naval Expenditure, £182,380," the point was taken that the Estimate was not properly before the Committee, inasmuch as the details of the different Branches of the Service for which the amount was required were not shown—on which the Chairman decided that as the Estimates, as printed, had been sent to Parliament by Message, and, by motion in the House, referred to the Committee, he had no power to differ from the instructions received from the House by such reference—to which decision exception was taken.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said that it appeared to him to be quite out of his province, and no part of his duty, to say whether Estimates were or were not in proper form. It would be in the power of the Crown, he thought, to ask for the whole year's supply in one sum, as in the case of a Supply Bill, but it was for the House to decide whether it would accept, or reject, or insist upon details, before it granted supply. These Estimates had been before the House for some weeks, and when laid upon the Table they were in their present form, and so referred by the House to the Committee of Supply. It was in the power of the House then or since to have referred them back to the Government for further consideration, or for amendment, but it had taken neither course, and he thought the Committee had no power now to do otherwise than to deal with these Estimates. It could negative them if it thought proper, pass, or reduce them; but in his opinion, the House by its delay, and by its action, had cured any defect, and to the fullest extent condoned any informality in them.

On motion of Sir George Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Committee resumed.

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

9. FURTHER ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR 1894:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. See, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

R. W. DUFF,
Governor.

Message No. 26.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the accompanying Further Additional Estimates of the Expenditure of the Government of New South Wales for the Year 1894.

Government House,
Sydney, 8th March, 1894.

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

10. POSTPONEMENTS:—The remaining Orders of the Day of Government Business, and all the Notices of Motions of General Business postponed (*by consent*) until To-morrow.
11. SILKSTONE COAL-MINE RAILWAY ACT FURTHER AMENDING 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. Bowes moved, That the report be now adopted.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
12. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir George Dibbs moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-six minutes after Four 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. 26.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 15 MARCH, 1894.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Special Areas in the Richmond and Tweed Land Districts :—Mr. Nicoll asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) In view of the low price of all produce, and the present financial depression, will he reduce the present prices upon special areas open for selection in the Richmond and Tweed Land Districts, so as to encourage settlement upon the land in these districts?

(2.) Will he also make some allowance in price to those holders of special areas, who have already purchased at high prices, by introducing a Bill for that purpose?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) The prices fixed for special areas throughout the Colony are reviewed from time to time, and where it is found that such prices can with reason be reduced, so as to encourage legitimate settlement, a reduction is made.

(2.) This Question is too wide in its ramifications to be dealt with otherwise than by a comprehensive measure, which I cannot undertake at present.

- (2.) Timbers used in Government Buildings at Lismore :—Mr. Kelly asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that oregon, baltic, and redwood timbers have been sent to Lismore, and used in the erection of Government buildings?

(2.) Is it a fact that timbers equal to these, such as beech, cedar, pine, teak, cudgery, rosewood, and ordinary hardwoods are procurable in abundance in that district?

(3.) Will he give instructions to use the native in preference to the imported timbers?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I have been making inquiries into this matter. It has been reported to me that in some cases imported timbers are more suitable, but I have already given instructions that whenever Colonial timber is suitable it is to be used in preference to any other.

- (3.) Rents of Conditional Purchasers :—Mr. Tonkin asked the Secretary for Lands,—Seeing the great distress that exists in the country, particularly by these small selectors, will he at once consider the advisability of rescinding this year's rent; or, if not, will he grant those who are unable to pay an extension of time for payment?

Mr. Copeland answered,—Presuming that the Honorable Member intends his Question to refer to the remission of interest or instalments due on conditional purchases and rents on conditional leases, I desire to state that the existing law does not provide for any such remission, but that any application for extension of time for payment of instalments, &c., will be dealt with on its merits, as I informed the Honorable Member, Mr. Chanter, on the 28th ultimo, in reply to a similar inquiry.

- (4.) Aliens trading as Hawkers in Western Districts :—Mr. Waddell asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that the carrying and hawking trades of the Western Districts are being monopolised by coloured aliens?

(2.) Is he aware that owing to the competition of these races in the carrying trade in the Western Districts large numbers of old residents have been thrown out of employment and are leaving the Colony?

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(3.) Is he aware that these inferior races when they come to the Colony generally live a nomadic life, neither occupy nor furnish houses, nor pay rates, nor have wives or families to keep, and that consequently our own workmen cannot compete with them in the labour market?

(4.) Is he aware that the competition in the labour market by coloured aliens is so great that it is accentuating the unemployed difficulty, and that every day the evil is growing?

(5.) Has he had a Bill prepared to stop the influx of coloured aliens?

(6.) Will he, in view of the urgency of dealing with the evil, endeavour to have legislation passed before the Session closes to restrict the immigration to the Colony of all such races?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—This matter shall have full consideration at the hands of the Government.

(5.) Removal of Lamps in Wentworth Park :—Mr. Houghton asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) How long is it since the Australian Gas-light Company removed the lamps in Wentworth Park?

(2.) What was the cause of the removal of such lamps?

(3.) Is he aware that ever since the lamps were removed the park has been in total darkness every night?

(4.) What steps (if any) are being taken with a view to again lighting the park?

(5.) Is it a fact that the Government Architect's Department pays for the lighting of several of the public parks?

(6.) If so, will he see whether that Department is prepared to undertake the lighting of Wentworth Park; and, failing that, will he take such other steps as may be necessary with a view to having the park lighted?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) 30th June, 1893.

(2.) It is presumed the withdrawal of the subsidy was the cause.

(3.) I have been so informed by letter.

(4.) This is a matter for the trustees of the park, and the Sydney and Glebe Municipal Councils (between whose areas the park is located).

(5 and 6.) I am not aware, but if so, reference should be made to the Department of Public Works by the Honorable Member.

(6.) Revenue of the Colony :—Mr. Jeanneret asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Did not he estimate an increase in the revenue for this year of about £111,000 over that of last year?

(2.) Was the January revenue this year over £40,000 less than that of January, 1893?

(3.) Was not the February revenue this year £73,000 less than that of February, 1893?

(4.) Is the increase of revenue for the first ten days of this month of £45,000 (referred to in the *Daily Telegraph* of 13th March) due to the inclusion of an item of £63,393, received from the City Council of Sydney on account of the purchase of the George-street Markets site?

(5.) Did he, in his estimates of revenue for this year, include the said item of £63,393, or any portion thereof; if a portion thereof, how much?

(6.) Was not the whole of the said amount of £63,393 a payment in advance, one half of it being not demandable until September, 1894, and similarly with the balance of £33,000, it not being demandable until September, 1895?

(7.) Is it usual to include such an item in the general revenue without a clear explanation of its exceptional character?

(8.) Is the revenue now decreasing at the rate of over £500,000 per annum, as compared with last year, instead of increasing, as the Colonial Treasurer estimated; and is not the deficit consequently increasing?

Mr. See answered,—

(1, 2, 3, and 4.) Yes.

(5.) As already stated the instalment was included, viz., £31,000; and also £3,100 for interest.

(6.) £34,100 was payable in September next, and the balance with interest, viz., £32,550 in September, 1895, but it was intimated by the Mayor to me that most probably the whole amount would be paid this year.

(7.) I do not understand this Question. Full particulars of the Revenue are recorded in the books of the Treasury.

(8.) As has been already explained in the Financial Statement, and through the medium of the Press, it is believed, unless something unforeseen happens, the estimated revenue for 1894 will be realised.

(7.) School Building at Ashfield :—Mr. Bavister asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the building at Ashfield, in which the girls' classes meet, was (after inspection and report) condemned some two years since as unfit for the purpose?

(2.) Does he intend to erect a proper building, and when is it likely to be commenced?

Mr. Suttor answered,—It having been reported that the buildings were not suitable, plans and specifications for a new building have been prepared. A tender was accepted on 23rd January last, and the works are now in progress.

2. ADDITIONAL CONDITIONAL PURCHASES AND LEASES VALIDATION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Copeland moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to validate certain conditional purchases and conditional leases.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Copeland then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to validate certain conditional purchases and conditional leases*,"—which was read a first time.

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

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3. PROCEEDINGS IN CERTAIN CASES OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE OR DISORDER (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Melville moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House copies of the proceedings in the Supreme Court of New South Wales in the cases of *Martin v. Nicholson*, the *Queen v. Macpherson*, *Barton v. Taylor*, and *Toohey v. Melville*; also, copies of the proceedings in the appeals to the Privy Council in the cases of *Burdett v. Abbott*, *Beaumont v. Barrett*, *Stockdale v. Hansard*, *Kielley v. Carson*, *Fenton v. Hampton*, *Dill v. Murphy*, *Doyle v. Falconer*, the *Queen v. Macpherson*, and *Taylor v. Barton*; also, copies of the proceedings in the appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States of America, in the cases of *Anderson v. Dunn*, and *Kilburn v. Thompson*.
Question put and passed.
4. BRIDGE OVER SOLITARY CREEK, RYDAL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Tonkin moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers, letters, or other documents in connection with the Bridge over Solitary Creek, in the township of Rydal.
Question put and passed.
5. REMOVAL OF CONSTABLE ANDREWS FROM BYRON BAY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Nicoll moved, pursuant to Notice, That the papers in the case of Constable Andrews of Byron Bay, laid upon the Table of this House by the Colonial Secretary on the 21st February, 1894, be printed.
Question put and passed.
6. SILKSTONE COAL-MINE RAILWAY ACT FURTHER AMENDING BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. Bowes, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Bowes then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to further amend the 'Silkstone Coal-mine Railway Act of 1889.'*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the following Message:—
MR. PRESIDENT,—
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to further amend the 'Silkstone Coal-mine Railway Act of 1889.'*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee thereon.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
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7. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Tuesday, 17th April:—
(1.) Supreme Court Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading.
(2.) Fisheries Act Amendment Bill; third reading.
(3.) Use of Camels Regulation Bill; third reading.
8. BANKRUPTCY ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Neild (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That Mr. Barton and Mr. Perry be discharged from attendance upon the Select Committee on "Bankruptcy Act Amendment Bill," and that Mr. Frank Farnell and Mr. McCourt be added to such Committee.
Question put and passed.
9. PAPER:—Mr. Slattery laid upon the Table,—Particulars respecting the Prospecting Vote.
Ordered to be printed.
10. ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES ENABLING CONTINUATION BILL:—
(1.) Mr. Copeland moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to continue the vesting of certain land in the Agricultural Society of New South Wales, subject to certain conditions, and to extinguish all rights of common in respect of such land.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Copeland then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to continue the vesting of certain land in the Agricultural Society of New South Wales, subject to certain conditions, and to extinguish all rights of common in respect of such land,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
11. ARTESIAN WELLS REGULATION BILL:—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 for the regulation of artesian wells, and for preventing the waste of water derived therefrom.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
12. SUPPLY:—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 Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

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

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

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

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1893 AND PREVIOUS YEARS.

Services of 1891 and Previous Years.

(4.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,493 10s. 8d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Services of 1891 and previous years."

Services of 1892.

(5.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £45,236 14s. 10d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Services of 1892."

Services of 1893.

(6.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £182,581 8s. 1d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Services of 1893."

ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE—1894.

No. I.—SCHEDULES TO THE CONSTITUTION ACT.

(7.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £355, to defray Pensions not provided for by Schedule B, to Schedule No. 1 of the Acts of the Imperial Parliament, 18 and 19 Victoria Caput 54.

(8.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,100, to defray Military Pensions not provided for by Schedule B to Schedule No. 1 of the Acts of the Imperial Parliament 18 and 19 Victoria Caput 54.

No. II.—EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE.

(9.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,178, for Executive Council, for the year 1894.

(10.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,117, for Legislative Council, for the year 1894.

(11.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,235, for Legislative Assembly, for the year 1894.

(12.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,416, for Legislative Council and Assembly, for the year 1894.

(13.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,998, for Parliamentary Library, for the year 1894.

(14.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,758, for Parliamentary Reporting Staff, for the year 1894.

No. III.—CHIEF SECRETARY.

(15.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,177, for Department of Chief Secretary, for the year 1894.

(16.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £11,995, for Department of Auditor-General, for the year 1894.

(17.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £27,622, for Department of Registrar-General, for the year 1894.

(18.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £360, for Department of Vice-President of the Executive Council and Representative of the Government in the Legislative Council, for the year 1894.

(19.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £11,300, for Aborigines Protection Board, for the year 1894.

(20.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £179,380, to meet Military and Naval Expenditure, for the year 1894.

(21.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £318,611, for Police, for the year 1894.

(22.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £99,563, for Lunacy, for the year 1894.

(23.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,655, for Department of Master in Lunacy, for the year 1894.

(24.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £120, for Medical Board, for the year 1894.

(25.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £31,833, for Department of Medical Adviser to the Government, for the year 1894.

(26.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,691, for Department of Government Statistician, for the year 1894.

(27.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,664, for Department of Agent-General for the Colony, for the year 1894.

(28.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £310, for City of Sydney Improvement Board, for the year 1894.

(29.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £57,848, for Charitable Institutions, for the year 1894.

(30.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,570, for Fisheries Commission, for the year 1894.

(31.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,202, for Fire Brigades, for the year 1894.

(32.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,700, for Civil Service Board, for the year 1894.

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- (33.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £965, for Shaftesbury Reformatory for Girls, for the year 1894.
 (34.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,887, for Botanic Gardens, for the year 1894.
 (35.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £860, for Nursery Garden, Campbelltown, for the year 1894.
 (36.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,713, for Government Domains, for the year 1894.
 (37.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,100, for Garden Palace Grounds, for the year 1894.
 (38.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,998, for Centennial Park, for the year 1894.
 (39.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £44,650, for Charitable Allowances, for the year 1894.
 (40.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £48,757, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1894.

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

- (41.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £26,425, for the Department of the Treasury, for the year 1894.
 (42.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,296, for Stamp Duties Department, for the year 1894.
 (43.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £69,661, for Customs Department, for the year 1894.
 (44.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £150, for Gold Receivers, for the year 1894.
 (45.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £600, for Gold and Escort, for the year 1894.
 (46.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £72,011, for Government Printer's Department, for the year 1894.
 (47.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £108,275, for Stores and Stationery, for the year 1894.
 (48.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,070, for Ordnance and Barrack Department, Civil and Magazine Branch, for the year 1894.
 (49.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,559, for Board of Health, for the year 1894.
 (50.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £140, for Board of Pharmacy, for the year 1894.
 (51.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,945, for Shipping Masters, for the year 1894.
 (52.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £12,835, for Glebe Island Abattoirs, for the year 1894.
 (53.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £49,456, for Marine Board of New South Wales, for the year 1894.
 (54.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,200, for Lifeboats, for the year 1894.
 (55.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,033, for Public Wharfs, for the year 1894.
 (56.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £181,418, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1894.
 (57.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £200,000, for Advance to Treasurer.

IV.—RAILWAYS.

- (58.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,961,518, for Railways and Tramways, for the year 1894

NO. V.—THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

- (59.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,053, for Department of the Attorney-General, for the year 1894.
 (60.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,075, for Department of Parliamentary Draftsmen, for the year 1894.
 (61.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,545, for Department of Crown Solicitor, for the year 1894.
 (62.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £23,856, for Quarter Sessions, for the year 1894.
 (63.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,518, for Trades Disputes Councils of Conciliation and Arbitration, for the year 1894.

NO. VI.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

- (64.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £76,101, for Department of Lands, for the year 1894.
 (65.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,600, for Minor Roads, for the year 1894.
 (66.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £55,743, for Land Agents, Appraisers, and others, for the year 1894.
 (67.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,519, for Land Appeal Court, for the year 1894.

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- (68.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £12,850, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1894.
- (69.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £203,133, for Survey of Lands, for the year 1894.
- (70.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,470, for Trigonometrical Survey of the Colony, for the year 1894.
- (71.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,047, for Special Services—Detail Surveys of Cities, Towns, and Suburbs, for the year 1894.
- (72.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,000, for Special Services—Labour Settlements, for the year 1894.

No. VII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

- (73.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £72,441, for Department of Public Works—Establishment, for the year 1894.
- (74.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £657,125, for Public Works and Services, for the year 1894.
- (75.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,370, for Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, for the year 1894.
- (76.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £64,932, for Board of Water Supply and Sewerage, for the year 1894.
- (77.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,000, for Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board, for the year 1894.

No. VIII.—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

- (78.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,277, for Department of Justice, for the year 1894.
- (79.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,510, for Department of Master-in-Equity, for the year 1894.
- (80.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £11,811, for Department of Prothonotary, for the year 1894.
- (81.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £216, for Divorce Court, for the year 1894.
- (82.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,540, for Department of Curator, for the year 1894.
- (83.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £19,707, for Department of Sheriff, for the year 1894.
- (84.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,753, for Bankruptcy Court, for the year 1894.
- (85.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,880, for Probate Office, for the year 1894.
- (86.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,232, for District Courts, for the year 1894.
- (87.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,563, for Coroners, for the year 1894.
- (88.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £84,163, for Petty Sessions, for the year 1894.
- (89.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £121,597, for Prisons, for the year 1894.
- (90.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,776, for Patents and Copyright, for the year 1894.
- (91.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,745, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1894.

No. IX.—PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

- (92.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £703,817, for Public Instruction, under the Act 43 Vic. No. 23, for the year 1894.
- (93.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,940, for Industrial Schools, for the year 1894.
- (94.) Resolved, that there be granted to [Her] Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,088, for Observatory, for the year 1894.
- (95.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,407, for Museum, for the year 1894.
- (96.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,461, for Free Public Library, for the year 1894.
- (97.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,026, for Church and School Lands, for the year 1894.
- (98.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £31,760, for Grants in aid of Public Institutions, for the year 1894.
- (99.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £611, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1894.

No. X.—SECRETARY FOR MINES.

- (100.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £76,144, for Department of Mines, for the year 1894.
- (101.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £20,424, for Prevention of Scab in Sheep, for the year 1894.

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- (102.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,934, for Imported Stock, for the year 1894.
- (103.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,875, for Registration of Brands, for the year 1894.
- (104.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £130, for Management of Pounds and Commons, for the year 1894.
- (105.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £15,740, for Public Watering Places and Artesian Boring, for the year 1894.
- (106.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £31,391, for Agriculture and Forestry, for the year 1894.
- (107.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,000, for School of Mines and Assay Works, for the year 1894.
- (108.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £18,600, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1894.

No. XI.—THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

- (109.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £761,724, for Postal and Electric Telegraph Department, for the year 1894.

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATE FOR 1894.

No. VII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

- (110.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £100,000, to defray additional charge under the head "Roads and Bridges."

FURTHER ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR 1894.

No. II.—EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE.

- (111.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £105, to defray further additional charge under the head "Legislative Council."
- (112.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10, to defray further additional charge under the head "Legislative Council and Assembly."

No. III.—CHIEF SECRETARY.

- (113.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £25, to defray further additional charge under the head "Chief Secretary."
- (114.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £66, to defray further additional charge under the head "Auditor-General."
- (115.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £440, to defray further additional charge under the head "Registrar-General."
- (116.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,586, to defray further additional charge under the head "Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces."
- (117.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £835, to defray further additional charge under the head "Military Secretary."
- (118.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,054 12s., to defray further additional charge under the head "Infantry."
- (119.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £900, to defray further additional charge under the head "Police."
- (120.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,000, to defray further additional charge under the head "Government Statistician."
- (121.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £140, to defray further additional charge under the head "Fisheries Commission."
- (122.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £50, to defray further additional charge under the head "City of Sydney Improvement Board."
- (123.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £626, to defray further additional charge under the head "Civil Service Board."
- (124.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,900, to defray further additional charge under the head "Charitable Allowances."
- (125.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,031 13s. 6d., to defray further additional charge under the head "Miscellaneous Services."

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

- (126.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,600, to defray further additional charge under the head "Board of Health."
- (127.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £150, to defray further additional charge under the head "Glebe Island Abattoirs."
- (128.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,146 16s. 8d., to defray further additional charge under the head "Miscellaneous Services."

No. IV.—RAILWAYS.

- (129.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £100, to defray further additional charge under the head "Working Expenses."

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NO. VI.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

- (130.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £300, to defray further additional charge under the head "Department of Lands."
- (131.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1 17s. 6d., to defray further additional charge under the head "Local Land Board Offices."
- (132.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £100, to defray further additional charge under the head "Land Agents, Appraisers, and others."
- (133.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,299 8s. 1d., to defray further additional charge under the head "Miscellaneous Services."
- (134.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,000, to defray further additional charge under the head "Survey of Lands."

NO. VII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

- (135.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,000, to defray further additional charge under the head "Harbours and Rivers Navigation and Water Supply."
- (136.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,412 11s. 1d., to defray further additional charge under the head "Miscellaneous Services."

NO. VIII.—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

- (137.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £25, to defray further additional charge under the head "Department of Justice."
- (138.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £40, to defray further additional charge under the head "Curator."

NO. IX.—PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

- (139.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,102, to defray further additional charge under the head "Museum."
- (140.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £45 16s. 9d., to defray further additional charge under the head "Miscellaneous Services."

NO. X.—SECRETARY FOR MINES AND AGRICULTURE.

- (141.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £152 10s. 8d., to defray further additional charge under the head "Prevention of Scab in Sheep."

NO. XI.—POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

- (142.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,000, to defray further additional charge under the head "Postal and Electric Telegraph Department."

On motion of Mr. See, the resolutions were read a second time, and agreed to.

The House adjourned at twenty minutes after One 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. 27.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 20 MARCH, 1894.

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

TREASURY BILLS DEFICIENCY BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. See, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

R. W. DUFF,
Governor.

Message No. 27.

It being found expedient to raise an amount of money not exceeding one million two hundred thousand pounds to cover the deficiency debt of 1892 and previous years, and it being considered advisable to provide such amount by the issue of Treasury Bills, the Governor submits the subject to the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, and recommends that provision be made accordingly.

Government House,
Sydney, 14th March, 1894.

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Rifle Clubs:—*Mr Edden*, for Mr. Donald, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that a number of rifle clubs, formerly rifle reserves, are still practising in the country?

(2.) Is he aware they are ready to rejoin the rifle reserves if re-formed?

(3.) Will he give instructions that cartridges be sold to them at cost price for the purpose of practice?

Mr. See answered,—

(1 and 2.) Yes.

(3.) The cartridges are at present being sold under cost price, and the General Officer Commanding has already proposed further considerable reduction, in order to foster rifle-shooting.

(2.) Tumudgerie Reserve, near Deniliquin:—*Mr. Gormly*, for Mr. Chanter, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has an application been made to him for the withdrawal from special area No. 19,480, parishes of Calimo and Tumudgerie, county of Townsend, Land District of Deniliquin, of portions 45, 46, 47, and 52 for reservation or auction sale, which portions are now advertised to be opened for conditional purchase, the papers having been returned from the District Surveyor?

(2.) Will he state the date and nature of the application, and the name of the person or persons who made the same?

Mr. Lync answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Mr. Barbour, M.P., on behalf of the lessees of the Calimo Run, applied, on the 18th January last, that these portions might be withdrawn from the special area, and offered for sale by auction. This application has been refused, to which effect the Honorable Member was informed on the 14th instant.

3. PAPERS:—*Mr. See*, for Mr. Speaker, laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Copy of a minute of His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council, authorising the transfer of an amount from one Head of Service to supplement a Vote for another Service in connection with the Department of Agriculture, transmitted to the Legislative Assembly under directions contained in the 18th section of the "Audit Act of 1870."

(2.) Copy of a minute of His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council, authorising the transfer of an amount from one Head of Service to supplement a Vote for another Service in connection with the Marine Board, transmitted to the Legislative Assembly under directions contained in the 18th section of the "Audit Act of 1870."

Ordered to be printed.

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4. MORTGAGES SUSPENSION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Wall, "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, 39.

Mr. Hugh McKinnon,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Newton,	Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Gargan,	Mr. Darnley,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Scott,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Hindie,
Mr. Francis Clarke,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Dawson,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Donald,	Mr. Danahey.
Mr. Davis,	
Mr. Gardiner,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Williams,	Mr. Wall.
Mr. Cook,	

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Mr. Neild,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. McCredie,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Young,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Alfred Allen,	Mr. Traill,
Mr. Lync,	Mr. See,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Copeland.
Mr. Slattery,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Willis,
Mr. Cruickshank,	Mr. Hassall.
Mr. Suttor,	
Mr. Melville,	
Mr. Parkes,	
Mr. Morton,	
Mr. Marks,	
Mr. Scobie,	
Mr. Jones,	
Mr. Hart,	
Mr. Molesworth,	
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 21 MARCH, 1894, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee.

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only eighteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely, Mr. Bavister, Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Cook, Mr. Danahey, Mr. Darnley, Sir George Dibbs, Mr. Edden, Mr. Fegan, Mr. Gardiner, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Hugh McKinnon, Mr. Melville, Mr. Morton, Mr. Schey, Mr. Suttor, Mr. Tonkin, and Mr. Williams,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, 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. 28.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 21. MARCH, 1894.

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

LOAN ESTIMATE FOR 1894:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. See, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

R. W. DUFF,
Governor.

Message No. 28.

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 accompanying Estimate of Expenditure on account of public works and other services proposed to be provided for by Loan.

Government House,
Sydney, 14th March, 1894.

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

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Inspector of Watering-places, Wagga Wagga District:—*Mr. Fegan*, for *Mr. Rae*, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Has a man named Suttor been appointed Inspector of Watering-places for the Wagga Wagga District?

(2.) If so, how many tanks, dams, or other watering-places has he within his jurisdiction; how often do they require inspecting; what are the other duties of this officer; and what remuneration does he receive?

(3.) Is it not a fact that *Mr. C. W. Lyne*, Stock Inspector for the same district, is quite able to inspect watering-places in conjunction with his other duties?

(4.) Failing the suitability of the Stock Inspector for the discharge of these duties, could they not be performed efficiently, with a minimum of expense to the State, by the present Roads Engineer, *Mr. Oxley*?

(5.) What is the reason for the multiplication of such offices which, in their nature, may overlap and to a certain extent conflict with each other?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) *Mr. Suttor* was transferred from the Agricultural Branch to fill the vacancy caused by the death of *Mr. J. J. Couglan*.

(2.) Forty, in a district extending from Goulburn to Balranald east and west, and from Hillston to the Murray on the north and south. The works are inspected as often as the Inspector can get round them. The Inspector's other duties consist of reporting upon applications for water supply on stock routes, construction and repairs of tanks, wells, &c., preparation of plans and taking levels for the same, protection of travelling stock reserves, &c.

(3.) *Mr. Stock-Inspector Lyne* may be able to perform the duties, but he could not do so without neglecting his stock duties. His district only extends over a very small part of *Mr. Suttor's*.

(4.) No; the administration of the Public Watering-places Act being vested in the Minister for Mines and Agriculture, neither do the duties require engineering skill, nor does the Road Superintendent's district cover more than a small part of the Watering-places district.

(5.) This question has been carefully considered in every way. The offices do not overlap or conflict. The public interest is best served, and a large saving has resulted by the employment of these officers, there being six only for the whole Colony.

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- (2.) Bail granted by Magistrates :—Mr. Houghton asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Is it the practice for a Magistrate to ask and receive any remuneration for coming from his residence to the Courts to grant bail?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that Mr. Delohery, Stipendiary Magistrate, has repeatedly asked for and received the fee of £1 1s. and his cab fare?
 - (3.) Is it a fact that Mr. Delohery, senior, is a Justice of the Peace and Commissioner for Affidavits, and that he charges Commissioner's fees on all affidavits, &c., taken before him?
- Mr. Slattery* answered,—
- (1 and 2.) Occasionally Stipendiary Magistrates are required to attend Police lock-ups to grant bail at very inconvenient hours, and the Department has not raised any objection to a charge being made for such services. The matter has, however, been referred to the Stipendiary Magistrates with a view to a uniform and satisfactory practice being established.
- (3.) Mr. Delohery is a Justice of the Peace, and also a Commissioner for Affidavits, and he is entitled to charge fees for taking affidavits as a Commissioner.
- (3.) Proposed Encampment :—Mr. McCourt asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Has Major-General Hutton, in a memorandum dated 7 March, 1894, recommended that the sum of £11,331, saved by reduction in pay of the Partially-paid Forces, should be applied to holding camps of five days continuous training in various parts of the Colony, thus allowing each Volunteer private £7 12s. as his pay for the year?
 - (2.) Has the Commandant, in same memorandum, practically stated that unless this or some similar scheme of continuous training is adopted, the Volunteer Forces will be disintegrated?
 - (3.) Has he come to any conclusion with regard to the Commandant's memorandum of 7th March, 1894?
- Sir George Dibbs answered,—In reply to the honorable gentleman's first and second Questions, I will presently lay a return upon the Table. With regard to Question 3 I have not arrived at any conclusion beyond that which I have already stated to the House.
- (4.) Quarter Sessions at Murrurundi and Singleton :—Mr. Williams asked the Minister of Justice,—
- Will he have any objection to lay upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence and reports relating to the removal of the Quarter Sessions from Murrurundi and Singleton, and their establishment at Muswellbrook or Scone?
- Mr. Slattery* answered,—As the whole question will be considered in connection with a proposed redistribution of District Court districts, no good object would be served by tabling these papers at present.
- (5.) Road to new Gold-field at Wyalong :—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Mr. Vaughn, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Has he yet had under consideration the advisability of the construction of a road from Barmedman to the new gold-field at Wyalong?
 - (2.) If so, will he, in view of the near approach of winter, take the necessary steps to have the line cleared, &c., at as early a date as possible?
- Mr. Lyne* answered,—The local officer has been directed to furnish a report upon this question, and has been instructed by telegram to use all possible expedition in making same. When it is to hand I will lose no time in coming to a decision in the matter.
- (6.) Mail Communication for new Gold-field at Wyalong :—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Mr. Vaughn, asked the Postmaster-General,—
- (1.) What steps (if any) have been taken to provide mail communication between Temora, Barmedman, and the new gold-field at Wyalong?
 - (2.) Have any steps been taken with a view to the extension of the telegraph line from Barmedman to Wyalong?
 - (3.) If so, will he, in view of the near approach of winter, make every exertion to have the work carried out at as early a date as possible?
- Mr. Suttor* answered,—
- (1.) Mail communication between Barmedman (which is connected with Temora by a daily service) and Wyalong has been increased from bi-weekly to six times a week.
- (2 and 3.) Tenders have been invited, and will be received up to 11 a.m. on the 4th proximo, for the erection of a telegraph line from Barmedman to Wyalong, and the successful tenderer will, under the conditions of contract, be required to complete the work in one month.
- (7.) Gold-field at Wyalong :—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Mr. Vaughn, asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Is it his intention to appoint a Warden for the new gold-field at Wyalong and district, whose sole duties will be to attend to the mining laws and regulations, granting of permits, &c.?
 - (2.) Is he aware that applications have been made for large leases on these gold-fields?
 - (3.) If so, will he take steps to prevent these leases being granted, the country being more suitable for block claims?
 - (4.) What action (if any) is being taken for the conservation of water for domestic purposes?
- Mr. Slattery* answered,—
- (1.) It is not considered necessary to appoint a Warden, but a Warden's Clerk and Mining Registrar is being appointed.
- (2 and 3.) No lease applications have been received.
- (4.) Action has been taken and a tank has been reserved at Wyalong Station, and the resumption of several other tanks is being proceeded with.
- (8.) Artesian Wells :—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Mr. Willis, asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) How many artesian wells have the Department put down within the Colony?
 - (2.) How many have been successful?
 - (3.) How many have been failures?

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- (4.) What is the total cost of construction, including regulating out-flow pipes, and cost of management?
- (5.) How many contracts are now let; what is the aggregate amount of money for such contracts; who are the contractors; and when will the contracts expire?
- (6.) What is the revenue derived from these artesian wells since the commencement?
- (7.) What has been the total expenditure for office management or supervision?
- (8.) How many acres of land (if any) under crops, trees, or vegetables?
- (9.) How many bores are leased; and to whom; and what is the rent derived from same?

Mr. Slattery answered,—As the information asked for will take some time to prepare, it will be given in the form of a return if moved for in the usual way.

- (9.) Government Tanks:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Mr. Willis, asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) How many Government tanks have the Department made within the Colony?
- (2.) What is the total cost of construction and cost of management?
- (3.) How many contracts are now let; what is the aggregate amount of such contracts; who are the contractors; and when will the contracts expire?
- (4.) What is the revenue derived from these tanks since the commencement?
- (5.) What has been the total expenditure for office management or supervision?
- (6.) How many acres of land (if any) under crops, trees, or vegetables?
- (7.) How many tanks are leased; and to whom; and what rent is derived from same?

Mr. Slattery answered,—As the information asked for will take some time to prepare, it will be given in the form of a return if moved for in the usual way.

- (10.) Homestead Lease at Brewarrina:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Mr. Willis, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that a man named Carter has applied for a homestead lease adjoining the township of Brewarrina?
- (2.) When and how was the said land declared available for homestead leasing?
- (3.) Is he aware that the land applied for is urgently required for small settlements?
- (4.) Will he take steps to see that the Crown is represented at the hearing of the said application before the local Land Board, with a view of having the application refused, and the land put to its proper use?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) By the cancellation, on the 25th November last, of an area of 7,170 acres out of reserve No. 3 from lease, on the recommendation of the District Surveyor.
- (3.) I am not aware, but protests having been received against the granting of Carter's application for a homestead lease of this land, will be forwarded to the Land Board for consideration when dealing with this application.
- (4.) It is not usual for the Crown to be represented on such occasions nor do I consider it necessary in this case.
- (11.) Artesian Well, near Walgett:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Mr. Willis, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Has he accepted a tender for the putting down of an artesian well within the town boundary of Walgett?
- (2.) If so, when will the work be proceeded with, as the matter is one of urgency?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The work will be proceeded with immediately the boring plant can be removed from the Bendemere bore.
- (12.) Outbreak of Diphtheria at Eugowra, near Forbes:—*Mr. Garrard*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is he aware that a severe and fatal type of diphtheria has lately broken out in the township of Eugowra, near Forbes, ten children having died out of twenty-nine; and will he see that steps are taken to have an officer sent up from the Board of Health Department to inspect and examine into the cause of the prevalence of this fatal disease in that locality, so that some radical and effectual steps may be taken to suppress the same before any more valuable lives are lost?
- (2.) Will he see that a trained nurse is sent up to attend to such cases, and also all necessary appliances that may be deemed necessary to suppress the disease?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—I am informed by the Medical Adviser to the Government, that a report was received on the 19th from a resident of the district on this matter. The Chief Medical Inspector immediately on his return from Aberdeen will visit Eugowra, advise, and furnish report.

- (13.) Special Areas in the Murray District:—*Mr. Chantler* asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he, considering the numerous petitions that have been presented to him by holders of special areas in the Murray District, asking that the excessive value placed upon their lands be reduced, make some provision in his Amending Land Bill for a reassessment of value of these special areas, and their reduction in price to such an amount as will enable these selectors to retain their holdings and make a living from them?

Mr. Copeland answered,—I am not aware that the prices of the special areas referred to do represent an excessive value; but I am having returns prepared which will supply information on this question.

- (14.) Government Wharf at Neutral Bay:—*Mr. E. M. Clark* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Has he arrived at any decision in the matter of the leasing or otherwise of the Government Wharf at Neutral Bay to the Borough Council of North Sydney, as requested by a deputation of Aldermen and residents of Neutral Bay on the 12th instant?

Mr. See answered,—Yes, and the Council has been so informed.

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(15.) Bonuses for Sugar produced from Beet:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for *Mr. Wright*, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Has his attention been drawn to the efforts now being made by the Government of Victoria to encourage the growth of sugar beet in that colony, by offering bonuses for the first and second lots of 5,000 tons of sugar produced from beet?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to offer any inducement to farmers and others to cultivate the sugar beet with a view of establishing this important industry for which some parts of the Colony are highly suitable?

(3.) If no action has been decided upon, will he have inquiries made, and the fullest information obtained, so as to place the matter before his colleagues at as early a date as possible?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2 and 3.) The Department has distributed small quantities of sugar beet seed in different parts of the Colony to test its suitability for cultivation. The resulting crop has been analysed, and the fullest information published regarding these experiments.

(16.) Old Domain at Parramatta:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) When the Government reserved from sale a portion of the old Domain, Parramatta, for a park, was it ever dedicated; if so, when?

(2.) Was any grant ever issued for it; if so, when?

(3.) Will he consider the advisability of dedicating the land to trustees for ever, such trustees to be elected annually by the ratepayers?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) The land has not been dedicated by any notice under the Crown Lands Acts, but is reserved from sale and set apart as a park under the Parramatta Domain Act, 20 Vic. No. 35.

(2.) No deed of grant can be traced.

(3.) This could only be effected by an amendment of the existing law, the need for which is not apparent.

(17.) Post and Telegraph Office, Parramatta:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor* asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) When is it the intention of the Government to make the alterations at the post and telegraph office, Parramatta (it now being overcrowded by officials), for which a small portion of land adjoining was resumed, and the money voted by Parliament, over twelve months since?

(2.) Will he cause an inquiry, and have the amount paid, and the work commenced without further delay?

Mr. Suttor answered,—Funds for building purposes have not been available. As regards payment for the land resumed, delay has, I am informed, been caused by reason of the claim being returned to the claimants' solicitor for amendment of the names of the trustees who were acting at the date of resumption.

(18.) Lieutenant-Colonel Paul:—*Mr. Marks* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) For what reason was Lieutenant-Colonel Paul removed from the command of the public school cadet force?

(2.) What position does he now hold; what duties does he now perform; and what salary does he now receive?

(3.) Was the present Officer-Commanding, Major Dettman, Organising Officer and Senior Major during Lieutenant-Colonel Paul's command; if so, what were his duties, and what salary does he receive?

(4.) What amount has been expended upon the cadet movement during the years 1891, 1892, 1893, on—(a) rifles for the public school cadets; (b) ammunition for the public school cadets; (c) charges for tram and railway travelling; (d) charges for steamers, coaches, and other conveyances; (e) bands and officers' allowances; (f) infantry, senior cadets; (g) artillery, senior cadets; (h) cavalry, senior cadets; (i) bands, senior cadets; (j) officers' allowances, senior cadets; (k) rent for orderly rooms, senior cadets?

(5.) As under regulations 26 and 35 of the public school cadet force, allowances are made to commissioned officers, provided their corps have been classed as efficient for the previous year, will he state what officers have received allowances, give their ranks and the amount received by each, when and where the corps were inspected, and by whom?

(6.) In what positions in the Public Service has Major Dettman been employed, and for what length of time in each, before his appointment to the cadet department under Lieutenant-Colonel Paul?

Mr. Suttor answered,—With reference to Question 4, I would point out to the Honorable Member that to answer it would require such an enormous amount of work in the Department, that he had better move for it in the form of a return. If the Honorable Member will excise Question 4, and will ask me Questions 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6 on Wednesday next, I shall be prepared to answer them.

(19.) Postal Regulations:—*Mr. Neild* asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) Have complaints been made respecting Postal Regulation of October, 1893, requiring all circulars, other than those printed in ordinary type, to be submitted for the approval of some official before being posted, and prohibiting the posting of such circulars in smaller numbers than 100?

(2.) Is he aware that the regulation in question gives great dissatisfaction to the public?

(3.) Will he take steps to vary the above regulation, and provide for the passage through the post of a smaller number of circulars than 100 at a time?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2 and 3.) The matter alluded to formed one of the subjects discussed at the recent Postal Conference at New Zealand, and some change may therefore be contemplated in the regulation referred to.

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(20.) Manufacture of Iron and Steel in the Colony:—Mr. Houghton asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has he taken steps to communicate to the English press, per medium of the Agent-General, those portions of his recent speeches at Lithgow and Wollongong, containing an important proposal to give a substantial bonus to any person who will undertake to establish works in the Colony for the production of iron and steel from locally found raw materials?

(2.) If not, will he take such steps as may be necessary in that direction with the least possible delay?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Sufficient publicity has been given to the intentions of the Government in this matter, both here and in England, to ensure a full consideration of my proposals; and I hope something tangible will result therefrom before very long.

(21.) Darlinghurst Gaol:—Mr. Jones, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is there any truth in the statement made by an ex-gaol warder in a pamphlet issued by him as to prison mismanagement in this country, to the effect that in Darlinghurst Gaol, persons, convicted and unconvicted, supposed to be of unsound mind, are placed in charge of prisoners while in the observation wards?

(2.) If he is unable to answer distinctly on the point, will he make prompt and full inquiries in respect thereto?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—I have not seen the statement referred to. Prisoners supposed to be of unsound mind are kept in a separate ward under the general supervision of the Visiting Surgeon and under the immediate care of a warder, who is assisted by such prison-keepers carefully selected as may be necessary. I may add that the observation ward is also subject to the inspection of the Inspector-General of the Insane.

(22.) Officers in Lands Office, Moree:—Mr. Jones, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) The number of officers employed in the Lands and Survey Offices at Moree?

(2.) The names and salaries of the whole of the officers?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The information sought by the Honorable Member will be prepared in the form of a return, if moved for in the usual manner.

(23.) Premises leased from Mr. Bennett:—Mr. Black asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has a building in the vicinity of Pennant Hills been lately leased from a Mr. Bennett for ten years or thereabouts, at a yearly rental of £2,500, for State purposes?

(2.) If so, is it a condition of the lease that £10,000 shall be spent on the property by the State during its term of occupancy?

(3.) Is it a fact that this property has been for some time offered for absolute sale for the sum of £4,500?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—I am not aware of any such transaction as that referred to in the Honorable Member's Question at any such rates, nor at any such price.

(24.) Easter Encampment:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Submarine Mining Corps are to hold an encampment at Easter, extending over a period of from ten to seventeen days?

(2.) Did not this corps hold an encampment during August last of twenty-one days?

(3.) In view of his statement that the Easter encampment would not be held this year, why are the Submarine Miners allowed a camp when other Volunteer corps are prevented from undergoing the usual period of continuous training?

(4.) What rate of pay per diem will each man receive?

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

(1. and 2.) Yes.

(3.) The defence of Sydney and Newcastle depends in a very high degree on the submarine mine defence of the two places—neither harbour can be considered to be adequately defended by the forts alone. The training of the Submarine Miners responsible for the mine defence must, if it is to be effective, be of a very high standard, otherwise the mine defence becomes not only ineffective, but positively dangerous to those concerned.

(4.) 8s. per diem.

3. SPECIAL AREAS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Crick, for Mr. Wall, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—

(1.) All special areas dealt with by the Minister for Lands since the present Government came into office.

(2.) What special areas have been proclaimed, with the prices recommended by the District Surveyor and the prices fixed by the Minister in each case.

(3.) What reductions have been made by the present Minister on the former prices of special areas.

(4.) What increases have been made by the present Minister on the former prices of special areas.
Question put and passed.

4. LEAVE OF ABSENCE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Carruthers moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave of absence for the remainder of the present Session be granted to James Eve, Esquire, one of the Members for the Electorate of Canterbury.
Question put and passed.

5. WHARF AT LIME AND ERSKINE STREETS, SYDNEY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. McGowen moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers, plans, reports, evidence, correspondence, minutes, and memoranda in connection with or having any reference to the property of Matthew Smith, situate at Lime and Erskine Streets, in the city of Sydney, together with copies of all communications between the Works Department and the Crown Solicitor subsequent to the papers printed under order of this House, dated 22nd February, 1892.
Question put and passed.

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6. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Tuesday, 17th April :—
 (1.) Betting and Gambling Suppression Bill ; second reading.
 (2.) Truck Bill ; second reading.
7. **PAPERS** :—
 Mr. Copeland laid upon the Table,—
 (1.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th and 101st sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
 (2.) Copies of *Gazette* Notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the dedication of certain lauds, in accordance with provisions of the 105th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
 (3.) Abstract of Crown lands reserved from sale for the preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 101st and 112th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
 (4.) Regulation No. 106, substituted for that at present in force bearing the same number, under the Crown Lands Acts.
 Ordered to be printed.
- Sir George Dibbs laid upon the Table,—Minute by Major-General Hutton, regarding provision being made for short periods of continuous training.
 Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 14th March, 1894,—“ Dismissal of Robert McElhinney, of the Harbours and Rivers Department.”
 Ordered to be printed.
8. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT** :—Sir George Dibbs informed the House of the course which the Government intended to take in transacting the public business.
 Mr. Reid also addressed the House.
9. **MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—

(1.) Apprentices Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill returned herewith, intituled “ *An Act to consolidate and amend the law relating to Apprentices*,”—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
 Sydney, 21st March, 1894.

JOHN LACKEY,
 President.

APPRENTICES BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 21st March, 1894.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
 Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, clause 1, line 5. *Omit “ 1893 ” insert “ 1894 ”*

Page 1, clause 1, line 7. *Omit “ three ” insert “ four ”*

Page 3, clause 11. *Omit clause 11, insert the following new clause :—*

11. Before any such child as is referred to in any of the preceding sections hereof is bound or received as apprentice, he may be admitted as and become a probationer, on such terms as may be agreed upon, for a period of three months, to the proposed master in the trade, art, business, or manual occupation as to which it is contemplated to bind him ; and it shall be lawful either for the proposed master, or proposed apprentice, or the parent, or other person authorised, at the end of such period of three months, to terminate such engagement, if any or either shall so desire and signify ; but if no such desire be expressed, then an indenture of apprenticeship in writing or print, with a counterpart thereof, shall be entered into, signed, and sealed by the apprentice, as of the first part ; by the parent as contemplated by the seventh section hereof, or by such person, guardian, Stipendiary or Police Magistrate, or Justices of the Peace, as is provided by the fifth, sixth, and seventh sections hereof according to the circumstances of each case, as of the second part ; and by the intended master as of the third part ; and such indenture shall specify the particular trade, art, business, or occupation in which the apprentice is to be instructed, and the period for which he is to serve, and shall be in the form as nearly as can be set out in the Second Schedule hereto : And every such indenture shall be binding both on the master and on the apprentice in like manner as it would have been if the apprentice had been of full age at the time of his entering into and signing and sealing the same.

Page 3, clause 14, line 53. *Omit “ by what is known as ‘ piecework ’ or taskwork or ”*

Page 5, clause 21. At end of clause *add* “ Provided that nothing herein shall be taken to apply “ to any child apprenticed under the provisions of the Industrial Schools Act of 1866.”

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
 Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

(2.)

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(2.) Betting and Loans (Infants') Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to render penal the inciting infants to betting or wagering, or borrowing money; and to avoid contracts for the payment of loans advanced during infancy,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 21st March, 1894.

JOHN LACKEY,

President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Garrard, read a first time.

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

10. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read.—on motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

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

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

Ordered (after Debate), that the reception of the resolutions stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

11. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Sir George Dibbs (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn till Wednesday next.

Question put and passed.

12. COUNTRY TOWNS AND HUNTER DISTRICT WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE ACTS AMENDMENT BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Lyne moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend such of the provisions of the "Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880," the "Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act Extension Act of 1887," and the "Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Act of 1892," as deal with the repayment of the cost of works of Water Supply and Sewerage, and to extend the period of such repayment; to empower the Board established under the said "Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Act of 1892" to connect premises with the water mains under their control, and to recover the expenses of such connections; to provide for the carrying out of such connections by the said Board on deferred payments; and to make other provisions subsidiary to or in connection with the objects aforesaid.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend such of the provisions of the "Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880," the "Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act Extension Act of 1887," and the "Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Act of 1892," as deal with the repayment of the cost of works of Water Supply and Sewerage, and to extend the period of such repayment; to empower the Board established under the said "Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Act of 1892" to connect premises with the water mains and the sewers under their control, and to recover the expenses of such connections; to provide for the carrying out of such connections by the said Board on deferred payments; and to make other provisions subsidiary to or in connection with the objects aforesaid.

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 such of the provisions of the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880, the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act Extension Act of 1887, and the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Act of 1892, as deal with the repayment of the cost of works of Water Supply and Sewerage, and to extend the period of such repayment; to empower the Board established under the said Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Act of 1892 to connect premises with the water mains and the sewers under their control, and to recover the expenses of such connections; to provide for the carrying out of such connections by the said Board on deferred payments; and to make other provisions subsidiary to or in connection with the objects aforesaid,*"—which was read a first time.

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

13. ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES ENABLING CONTINUATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Copeland moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

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 Wednesday next.

14. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTORATES AND ELECTIONS ACT OF 1893 AMENDMENT BILL:—Sir George Dibbs presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893,*"—which was read a first time.

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

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15. **ADDITIONAL CONDITIONAL 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 on Wednesday next.
16. **ARTESIAN WELLS REGULATION 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 for the regulation of artesian wells, and for preventing the waste of water derived therefrom.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be now received.
The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill for the regulation of artesian wells, and for preventing the waste of water derived therefrom.
On motion of Lyne, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
(2.) Mr. Lyne then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill for the regulation of artesian wells, and for preventing the waste of water derived therefrom*,”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
17. **NOXIOUS TRADES AND SLAUGHTER-HOUSES 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 regulate the carrying on of noxious trades.
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 regulate the carrying on of noxious trades, and the slaughtering of cattle; to incorporate the Board of Health; and for other purposes.
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 regulate the carrying on of noxious trades, and the slaughtering of cattle; to incorporate the Board of Health; and for other purposes*,”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
18. **JUNEE WATER SUPPLY WORKS ACT AMENDMENT BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Lyne, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the “*Junee Water Supply Works Act of 1893*.”
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be now received.
The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the “*Junee Water Supply Works Act of 1893*.”
On motion of Mr. Lyne, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
19. **METROPOLITAN WATER AND SEWERAGE ACT EXTENSION BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Lyne, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.
On motion of Mr. Lyne, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—
MR. PRESIDENT,—
The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled “*An Act to 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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20. **ADJOURNMENT:**—Sir George Dibbs moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
The House adjourned accordingly, at ten minutes before Twelve o'clock, until *Wednesday next*, at Four o'clock.
- F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.
- J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 29.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 28 MARCH, 1894.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Gaols of the Colony:—Mr. Neild asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Has his attention been drawn to an article in the *Evening News* of the 20th February, entitled "Gaol Experiences in New South Wales"?

(2.) Is it a fact that in some gaols, gaolers are in the habit of perusing the statements of committed prisoners regarding their defence?

(3.) If so, does such action meet with official approval?

(4.) Is it his intention to provide for a proper classification of prisoners?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) My attention was not drawn to the article in question until the Honorable Member gave notice of this Question.

(2 and 3.) The Comptroller-General of Prisons reports that such is the case, that prisoners awaiting trial are afforded every opportunity for making out their defence, but any written statements made by them are examined by the officer in charge for the purpose of ascertaining that they contain matter concerning the defence only, but the statements are not handed to the Police authorities; and that in the case of prisoners having the services of a solicitor, any papers prepared by a prisoner may be taken out of the gaol by his legal adviser.

(4.) The Prisons Department report that in the larger gaols where suitable yards are provided, prisoners are carefully classified, but in the lesser country gaols the accommodation does not admit of a system of classification being carried out, and that in some of the latter gaols during the last two years considerable improvements have been effected with a view to classification of prisoners, and, as funds become available, further improvements are contemplated.

- (2.) Seed-wheat supplied to Farmers:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Did the Government some years back, at the solicitation of the late William Cummings, M.P., supply seed-wheat to farmers in the Bathurst district, and were such farmers ever afterwards called upon to pay for the same, or has any of it been paid for up to this date, and what amount?

(2.) Is it a fact that a large number of farmers in the Molong district have lately been summoned by the Attorney-General for the recovery of money for seed-wheat which was supplied to them some two or three years ago; if so, at whose instigation or authority have such summonses been issued?

(3.) Is he aware that many of the Molong farmers who obtained seed-wheat from the Government are utterly unable to pay for the same, owing to the banking crisis, adverse seasons, low price obtained for produce, and the increasing ravages arising from the hare pest, &c.?

(4.) Under the circumstances will he see that the summonses are either withdrawn in really deserving cases, or the persons summoned are treated as liberally by the Government as the Bathurst farmers were treated under similar circumstances some years ago?

(5.) What arrangements are likely to be made in the matter, and are the summonses to be enforced and judgment obtained?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) Yes; and the sum of £256 12s. 10d. was recovered.

(2.) Action has recently been taken at the instance of the Department of Mines and Agriculture for recovery of amounts which the farmers agreed to pay in March, 1890.

(3.) It has been ascertained that some farmers are unable to do so. Only those who have been reported able to pay, or those who have ignored the communications addressed to them by the Department, have been proceeded against.

(4.) In all undefended cases the Department will accept any reasonable offer of settlement.

(5.) Answered by No. 4.

(3.)

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- (3.) Export of Butter:—Mr. Rose asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the export butter trade of the Colony has fallen exclusively into the hands of middle men?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that the Victorian Government have undertaken to transact the butter shipping trade of that Colony?
 - (3.) Is it a fact that the Victorian Government have appointed a grader, so that all the butter graded in that Colony bears the Government stamp?
 - (4.) Is not the Government stamp on butter considered to be a higher certificate in the markets of Europe than that of a private company?
 - (5.) Is it a fact that the Victorian Government have agents at present at Colombo, and further intend to push a trade in Hongkong?
 - (6.) Is it a fact that the Victorian Government are now negotiating with the view of shipping its butter at a cost not exceeding one half-penny per pound?
 - (7.) Does he intend to do anything to protect our producers from middle men?
 - (8.) If so, will he consider the advisableness of facilitating direct shipments from the factories to London, by appointing a Government grader in New South Wales, and a representative in the London market; also of erecting cooling sheds at certain railway depôts, and of providing refrigerator cars for the railway transit of butter?
- Mr. Slattery answered,—
- (1.) No; some factories export.
 - (2.) The Victorian Government have made contracts for the carriage of butter to London.
 - (3.) Yes.
 - (4.) The Government stamp is a guarantee of the quality of the butter when shipped, but it is said that buyers are satisfied with the factory brand, and buy on it.
 - (5.) Yes.
 - (6.) The Victorian Government is trying to get the freight lowered, but does not expect to get it down to $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per lb. at present.
 - (7.) No complaints have been received from the producers concerning the middlemen, and no request has been made for protection.
 - (8.) These matters are receiving consideration.
- (4.) Road, Bredbo and Umaralla to Coura Creek Gold-field:—Mr. Johnston, for Mr. Dawson, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he obtain a special report with reference to the road Bredbo and Umaralla Siding to Coura Creek Gold-field, near Cooma, especially with reference to a proposed road from Mr. John Mortlock's?
- Mr. Lyne answered,—A special report is being obtained.
- (5.) Lieutenant-Colonel Paul—Major Dettman:—Mr. Fuller, for Mr. Marks, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) For what reason was Lieutenant-Colonel Paul removed from the command of the Public School cadet force?
 - (2.) What position does he now hold; what duties does he now perform; and what salary does he now receive?
 - (3.) Was the present Officer-Commanding, Major Dettman, Organising Officer and Senior Major during Lieutenant-Colonel Paul's command; if so, what were his duties, and what salary does he receive?
 - (4.) As under regulations 26 and 35 of the Public School cadet force, allowances are made to commissioned officers, provided their corps have been classed as efficient for the previous year, will he state what officers have received allowances, give their ranks and the amount received by each, when and where the corps were inspected, and by whom?
 - (5.) In what positions in the Public Service has Major Dettman been employed, and for what length of time in each before his appointment to the cadet department under Lieutenant-Colonel Paul?
- Mr. Suttor answered,—I will presently lay this information upon the Table of the House in the form of a return.
- (6.) Sergeant Stafford's Case:—Mr. Darnley asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Has he read the evidence given in the report of the Select Committee on Sergeant Stafford's case?
 - (2.) If so, has the Government taken any steps towards granting superannuation pay to Sergeant Stafford?
 - (3.) If not, will they do so as soon as possible?
- Sir George Dibbs answered,—I have not had time to read the papers in this case; but I shall avail myself of the opportunity that will be afforded by the recess to go over them carefully, and then I shall be glad to give the Honorable Member an answer.
- (7.) Costs in Case, Eddy v. Reseigh Martin:—Mr. Langwell, for Mr. Williams, asked the Colonial Secretary:—Has the Government called upon Mr. Eddy to refund the costs in the case Eddy v. Reseigh Martin?
- Sir George Dibbs answered,—This matter requires some consideration, which it has not yet received.
- (8.) Registration of Dogs:—Mr. Bavister asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) When and by whom was permission given to persons residing in the Metropolitan Police District to register their dogs at any of the Courts of Petty Sessions within that district instead of at the nearest Court, as provided by section 5 of 39 Victoria No. 6?
 - (2.) Will he give instructions that section 5 of Act 39 Victoria No. 6 shall be strictly conformed to?
- Sir George Dibbs answered,—
- (1.) It is difficult to say when the practice originated. It appears to have been in vogue for over twenty years; but it is impossible to ascertain by whom the permission was given.
 - (2.) The matter shall have attention.
- (9.)

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(9.) Timber for Railway Buildings on the Lismore-Tweed Line :—Mr. Perry asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that baltic weatherboards are specified for railway station buildings on the Lismore-Tweed line ?

(2.) Is he aware that the local timbers, beech and teak, are better timbers, and used in public school and all private buildings in the district ?

(3.) What are the departmental reasons for specifying baltic, oregon, and redwood to be used in the said buildings ?

(4.) Were instructions sent to the local officer empowering him to have local timbers where practicable; in lieu of foreign timber as specified ?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The Engineer-in-Chief informs me that baltic is not distinctly specified, but this timber, as well as oregon and redwood, are often used because such can be obtained thoroughly seasoned, which is not always the case in connection with colonial timbers. Permission was, and always has been, given to substitute local timbers where suitable. As before explained, I shall insist upon local timbers being used wherever practicable.

2. ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES ENABLING CONTINUATION BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. Copeland, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Copeland then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to continue the vesting of certain land in the Agricultural Society of New South Wales subject to certain conditions, and to extinguish all rights of common in respect of such land.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to continue the vesting of certain land in the Agricultural Society of New South Wales subject to certain conditions, and to extinguish all rights of common in respect of such land,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 28th March, 1894.*

3. DAVY'S PLAINS RUN, No. 298, DISTRICT OF MOLONG (*Formal Motion*) :—Dr. Ross moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence, minutes of the Minister for Lands, decision of Land Board, and copy of the division of Davy's Plains Run, No. 298, district of Molong, and county of Ashburnham, in the Eastern Division.
Question put and passed.

4. APPOINTMENT OF MR. W. J. GUNNING TO THE WOLLONGONG HARBOUR TRUST (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Nicholson 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. W. J. Gunning as representative of the North Illawarra Municipality on the Wollongong Harbour Trust.
Question put and passed.

5. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—

(1.) Apprentices Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's amendments ;—until Tuesday next.

(2.) Betting and Loans (Infants') Bill (*Council Bill*) ; second reading ;—until Tuesday, 1st May.

(3.) Public Vehicles Regulation Act Further Amendment Bill ; second reading ;—until Tuesday, 1st May.

(4.) Oxford-street Improvement Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading ;—until Tuesday, 1st May.

6. JUNE WATER SUPPLY WORKS ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—Mr. Lyne presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the June Water Supply Works Act of 1893,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

7. PAPERS :—

Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Hexham, county of Northumberland, for the erection of a Post and Telegraph Office at Minmi.

Ordered to be printed.

Sir George Dibbs laid upon the Table,—Report by the Registrar on the operations of Friendly Societies for the year 1893.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Suttor laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report from the Trustees of the Sydney Free Public Library for the year 1893.

(2.) Return respecting the Public School Cadet Force.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Slattery laid upon the Table,—Return respecting Licensing Inspectors.

Ordered to be printed.

8. EXTENSION OF LISMORE-TWEED RAILWAY TO TENTERFIELD :—Mr. Perry presented a Petition from Laurence Edwin Cope, Mayor, Chairman of a public meeting at Casino, urging that, for the reasons in the Petition set forth, the extension of the Lismore-Tweed line of railway from Lismore to Tenterfield should be constructed by the newly surveyed route connecting both the Clarence and Richmond River Districts with the Table-land ; representing, also, that the Lismore-Casino section is deserving of earlier attention than other schemes which have not yet been approved of by the Public Works Committee ; and praying the House to favourably consider the representations made in the Petition.
Petition received.

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9. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:—*Sir George Dibbs*, for Mr. See, moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of a Bill, intituled "A Bill to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain sums to make good the Supplies granted for the service of the year 1894, and for the year 1893 and previous years," through all its stages in one day.

Point of Order:—Mr. Neild stated that this motion was not authorised by the practice of the Imperial Parliament in which money Bills are never passed through more than one stage on the same day.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker pointed out that the 35th section of the Constitution Act empowered this House to frame Standing Orders, and that No. 108 of our own code authorised the suspension of such Standing Orders, as now proposed.

Mr. Wise moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the words, "A Bill to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain sums to make good the Supplies granted for the service of the year 1894, and for the year 1893 and previous years," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words, "A Bill to apply a certain sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the services of the year 1894."

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

Debate ensued.

Points of Order:—

(1.) Mr. Crick submitted that the proposed amendment was out of order, as it would allow the suspension of the Standing Orders for the purpose of passing through all its stages in one day a Supply Bill as to which no Message from the Governor had been received, and no resolutions of Supply or Ways and Means agreed to.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker stated that the amendment did not conflict with the 54th section of the Constitution Act, as it was not a step in the direction of appropriating any part of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, and a Message was not required at this stage. He considered that the amendment was not out of order on the ground taken.

(2.) Mr. Crick then submitted that the amendment was not relevant to the original motion.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker ruled that every amendment must be relevant to the question on which the amendment was proposed, and in his opinion this amendment was out of order.

Original Question again proposed.

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.

Original Question put,—That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of a Bill, intituled "A Bill to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain sums to make good the Supplies granted for the service of the year 1894, and for the year 1893 and previous years," through all its stages in one day.

The House divided.

Ayes, 59.

Noes, 32.

Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Stevenson,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. John Wilkinson,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Colls,
Mr. R. G. D. FitzGerald,	Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Dowel,	Mr. Edden,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Marks,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Scott,	Mr. Crick,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Gough,
Mr. Francis Clarke,	Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Barton,
Mr. Hoyle,	Mr. Rose,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Seldon,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Donnelly,	Mr. Traill,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Lyne.
Mr. Wall,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Walker,	
Mr. B. B. Wilkinson,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. O'Sullivan.
Mr. Perry,	

Mr. Neild,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Gould,	
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Hindle.
Mr. Parkes,	
Mr. Molesworth,	
Mr. Wise,	
Mr. Fegan,	
Mr. Fuller,	
Mr. Hart,	
Mr. Carruthers,	
Mr. Scobie,	
Mr. Donald,	
Mr. Newman,	
Mr. Cook,	
Mr. Morton,	
Mr. Brunker,	
Dr. Cullen,	
Mr. G. D. Clark,	
Mr. Darnley,	
Dr. Hollis,	
Mr. Gardiner,	
Mr. Langwell,	
Mr. Rae,	
Mr. Bavister,	
Mr. Garrard,	
Mr. Cutten,	
Mr. Davis,	
Mr. Lonsdale,	
Mr. Danahey,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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10. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read for the reception of certain resolutions from the Committee of Ways and Means,—The Chairman of Committees moved, That the resolutions be now received.

Question put and passed.

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

(4.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the supplementary service of the year 1893 and previous years, the sum of £233,311 13s. 7d. be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

(5.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the services of the year 1894, the sum of £6,973,140 6s. 3d. be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

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

11. APPROPRIATION BILL:—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Sir George Dibbs, that a Bill be brought in, founded on resolutions of Ways and Means Nos. (4) and (5), to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain sums to make good the Supplies granted for the service of the year 1894, and for the year 1893 and previous years.

(2.) Sir George Dibbs then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain sums to make good the Supplies granted for the service of the year 1894, and for the year 1893 and previous years,*"—which was read a first time.

Sir George Dibbs moved, That the Bill be printed, and now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 57.

Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Sheldon,	Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Rae,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Cook,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Donnelly,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Scott,
Mr. Dowd,	Mr. Grahame,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. Marks,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Gough,
Mr. Francis Clarke,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Sharp,	Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. Hoyle,	Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. R. G. D. FitzGerald,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Donald,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Murphy.
Mr. McGowen,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Perry,	Mr. John Wilkinson,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Hasall.
Mr. Wall,	
Mr. Kelly,	

Nocs, 20.

Mr. Neild,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Gould,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Hart,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Newman,
Mr. Bruncker,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Gardiner,
Dr. Hollis,
Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Danahy,
Mr. Davis.

Tellers,

Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Cullen.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

(3.) Bill read a second time.

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 Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and also a *Point of Order*, and obtained leave to sit again after the decision of the House on the matter submitted.

Point of Order:—

The Chairman then stated that in Committee on the Bill he refused to receive an amendment reducing the amount appropriated by the first clause by £55, upon the ground that no reductions in the amounts could be moved. He based his action upon the rule so clearly laid down in *May's Practice*, 10th edition, p. 562. Exception being taken to his ruling, the Point was ordered to be submitted to the House.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker stated that the Point was as important as it was difficult to decide. The Chairman's ruling was certainly in accordance with the passage in *May*, though opposed to our own practice. He was inclined to agree with the Chairman, but would like more time to consider the subject. He would therefore suggest to the Chairman to adhere to our own practice until further consideration could be given, and allow amendments to be moved.

On motion of Sir George Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Committee resumed.

Mr.

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Sir George Dibbs, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be now read a third time.

(4.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Sir George Dibbs, *passed*.

Sir George Dibbs then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain sums to make good the Supplies granted for the service of the year 1894, and for the year 1893 and previous years.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain sums to make good the Supplies granted for the service of the year 1894, and for the year 1893 and previous years,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 29th March, 1894, a.m.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at Four 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. 30.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 29 MARCH, 1894.

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

MCQUADE ESTATE 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. 29.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the receipt and investment by the Trustees of the will of William McQuade of certain compensation moneys payable by the Government of the Colony of New South Wales, and to add to the powers of investment under the said will,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 29th March, 1894.

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Rent paid by Pastoralists of the Western Division:—Mr. Willis asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) What was the yearly rent per acre paid by the pastoralists of the Western Division on their leasehold portions, under the Land Act of 1884?
(2.) What is the increase per acre under the reappraisement of the said lands, under the Land Act of 1889?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

- (1.) 9½d. or nearly one penny per acre.
(2.) The increase under the reappraisement under the Land Act of 1889 is 107d. or a little over one-tenth of a penny per acre.

- (2.) Proposed Light Line of Railway from Molong-Parkes to Cudal:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it his intention, during the present Session, to refer the construction of a light branch line of railway from Molong-Parkes line to Cudal (about 7 miles in length) to the Public Works Committee; if so, when?

Mr. Copeland answered,—My honorable colleague cannot at present make any promise in regard to this matter.

- (3.) Expenditure on Public Works from Protective Duties:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—The amount of money that has been expended on public works and improvements throughout the Colony out of the new protective duties that were collected for 1892 and 1893, the nature of the said works, and where situated?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The revenue, so far as expenditure is concerned, is treated as a whole, and therefore it is impossible to answer the Honorable Member's Question.

- (4.) Report of Mr. McGarvie Smith on Diseases from Sewers:—Mr. McCourt, for Mr. Neild, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has he considered the report of Mr. McGarvie Smith *re* the spread of disease by germs issuing from the ventilating shafts connected with the sewers?
(2.) Is it his intention to appoint a small Commission of sanitary engineers and chemists to report upon this important question?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The report referred to is now being considered by the Board of Health, and nothing further can be done in the matter until the views of that body are before the Government.

(5.)

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- (5.) Culvert near Police Station at Eugowra:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When is the contract for repairs to the culvert near the Police Station at Eugowra, on the road to Canowindra, likely to be proceeded with; and what is the cause of the delay in going on with the work?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The papers are with the local officer, and he must be communicated with before my honorable colleague can reply to this Question. He will, however, cause this to be done at once, and will furnish the Honorable Member with the information he desires.

- (6.) Permits to mine on Grong Grong Reefs:—Mr. Rae asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) How many permits have been granted to mine on the Grong Grong reefs?
 - (2.) How many permits have been applied for and refused?
 - (3.) How long is it since such applications were made, and what is the cause of the delay?
 - (4.) Why have some permits been granted and others refused, and what is the reason for permits being refused in the case of Grong Grong, when similar applications have been granted to mine on conditional purchase at Wyalong?
 - (5.) What are the names of those to whom mining permits have been granted at Grong Grong, and when will other applications be considered?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

- (1.) Eight permits granted on portion 80 of S38 acres, parish of Fennell, county of Bourke, being additional conditional purchase 86-40, Narrandera, selected by W. M'Keone.
- (2.) Seventeen applications for permits have been received in this Department. Three permits were cancelled as abandoned, none refused.
- (3.) Applications were received between 16th August, 1893, and 25th November, 1893. It was thought that the eight permits granted would sufficiently test the ground and that it was undesirable that the selection should be injured more than was necessary.
- (4.) None refused. The conditions at Grong Grong differ from Wyalong.
- (5.) Permits have been granted to the following parties:—John Lyons; George Donald Smith; (J. B. Engelin, E. E. Weekes, Thomas William Joseph Ives, and John Joseph O'Farrell); (John Joseph O'Farrell and F. J. P. F. Duval); (James Lyons, J. J. O'Farrell, F. Duval, F. J. P. F. Duval, Francis W. Duval); P. F. Hennessy; John Ferrier; Edward A. C. Nasey. The whole of the papers are under reference to Mr. Warder Donaldson for report, in order that all applications pending may be finally dealt with.

- (7.) Employment of M. Tocqueville in the Statistician's Office:—Mr. Kelly asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that M. Tocqueville, the present Secretary to the French Consul, is employed at the Statistician's Office?
- (2.) Is it also a fact that this gentleman is compiling statistics relating to agriculture, &c., on piece work, at so much per 100 copies?
- (3.) Is he also aware that, in addition to the above, he is also tutor of the French language?
- (4.) Is he aware that there are many men among the unemployed who can perform those duties as well as the gentleman referred to?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—I am informed by the Government Statistician that M. Tocqueville is employed on the annual agricultural statistics. He is not, as stated, Secretary to the French Consul, nor has he any other employment.

3. PAPER:—Mr. Kidd laid upon the Table,—Statement of accounts of the Government Savings Bank for the year 1893.

Ordered to be printed.

4. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Chapman 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 necessity of at once introducing a "Bill dealing with the Church and School Lands."

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

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

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain sums to make good the Supplies granted for the service of the year 1894, and for the year 1893 and previous years,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 29th March, 1894.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

Sir George Dibbs (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That Mr. Speaker be authorised to present the Appropriation Bill to the Governor, at Government House, for the Royal Assent, without delay.

Question put and passed.

6. INFUX OF ASIATICS:—Mr. McCourt presented a Petition from the members of the Municipal Council of Walcha, representing that there are large numbers 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.

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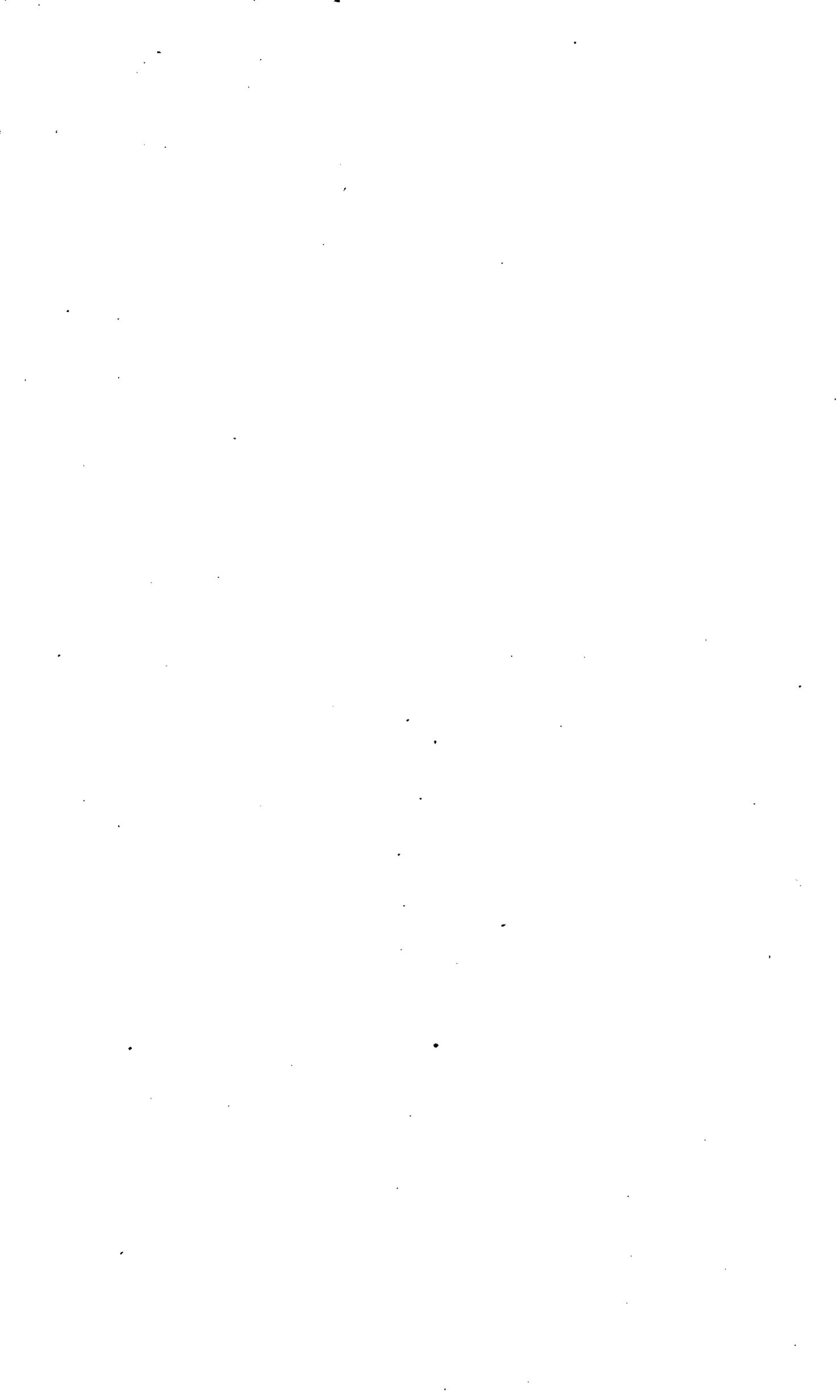
29th March, 1894.

7. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:—Mr. Garrard, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table, Second Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, Appendices, and Plan, from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works on the proposed Sewerage Works for Parramatta.
Ordered to be printed.
8. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS (*Railway from Temora to Wyalong*):—
Mr. Lyne moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a line of railway from Temora to Wyalong.
Debate ensued.
Point of Order:—Mr. Rose requested Mr. Speaker to rule whether, under the 54th section of the Constitution Act, a Message from the Governor should not have preceded the motion now under discussion.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Speaker ruled that an amount was already voted and appropriated to cover the expenses of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, and that this motion did not originate expenditure.
Debate continued.
Question put and passed.
9. JUNEES WATER SUPPLY WORKS ACT AMENDMENT 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 on Tuesday next.

The House adjourned at twenty 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. 31.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 3 APRIL, 1894.

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 Sir George Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) Menindie Irrigation Bill:—

R. W. DUFF,
Governor.

Message No. 30.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable and authorise the Menindie Irrigation Settlement (Limited), a Company duly incorporated under the Companies Acts of 1874 and 1888 of the Colony of New South Wales, to establish a system of Irrigation and Water Supply within the counties of Menindie, Tandora, and Yancowinna, in the said Colony; to acquire lands; to establish Irrigation Works; to authorise the sale and supply of water for irrigation and domestic use; and to construct, make, and lay dams, weirs, or flood-gates upon or across the Menindie Creek and Lake, and the other creeks mentioned herein, and to take water therefrom and from the river Darling; and for all other purposes which may be incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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Sydney, 3rd April, 1894.

- (2.) Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act Extension Bill:—

R. W. DUFF,
Governor.

Message No. 31.

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,*"—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, 3rd April, 1894.

- (3.) Appropriation Bill:—

R. W. DUFF,
Governor.

Message No. 32.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain sums to make good the Supplies granted for the service of the year 1894, and for the year 1893 and previous years,*"—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, 3rd April, 1894:

3rd April, 1894.

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Manufacture of Iron and Steel in the Colony:—*Mr. Bavister*, for *Mr. Houghton*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In reference to *Mr. Houghton's* Question, No. 20, of 21st March, in reference to manufacture of iron and steel in the Colony, will he kindly state what are the steps which have been taken to give publicity in England to those portions of his recent speeches at Lithgow and Wollongong containing an important proposal to give a substantial bonus to any person who will undertake to establish works in the Colony for the production of iron and steel from locally found raw materials?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The matter has been fully discussed with representatives of some of the large ironmasters in England and others, but at the present stage my honorable colleague cannot give any further particulars.

- (2.) Bail granted by Magistrates:—*Mr. Houghton* asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Referring to *Mr. Houghton's* Questions of the 21st March, and to the Answers thereto, in reference to fees charged by Magistrates for granting bail, &c., has his attention been directed to section 451 of the Criminal Law Amendment Act, as follows:—“It shall not be lawful to receive any Court fees for the issuing of process on behalf of a person charged with felony or misdemeanour, in any Court or before any Justice, nor to receive a fee from any such person for taking a recognisance of bail, or issuing any writ, or recording any appearance, or plea to an indictment, or discharging any recognisance?”

(2.) In view of this section, will he take immediate steps to discontinue the practice which he says has hitherto obtained, and compel Stipendiary Magistrates to refund the amounts they have received for granting bail to the persons from whom they received such amounts?

Mr. Slattery answered,—The ultimate decision as to the course to be pursued with reference to granting applications for bail by persons in lock-ups is one that will require careful consideration in the interests of all concerned, and involves the obtaining of an opinion from the Attorney-General as to the legal aspect of the matter. The whole question is receiving prompt attention.

- (3.) Homestead Leases in the Western Division:—*Mr. Willis* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) How many homestead leases are there in the Western Division?

(2.) What is the aggregate acreage of the said homestead leases?

(3.) What was the average amount of rent per acre paid by the homestead lessees under the Land Act of 1884?

(4.) What is the average rate per acre paid after the re-appraisement, under the Land Act of 1889?

(5.) How many homestead lessees in the West are now in arrears with their rent?

(6.) What is the aggregate amount of fines paid for non-payment of rent by the homestead lessees since the Land Act of 1884?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) 1,008.

(2.) 8,895,447 acres.

(3.) 1·675 pence per acre.

(4.) 2·036 pence per acre.

(5.) 168.

(6.) In order to answer this Question, it would be necessary to go through the Homestead Lease Registers at the Treasury for the last nine years. If the Honorable Member thinks the information of sufficient importance to warrant the cost, and will move for a return, I will have it prepared.

- (4.) Fishermen of Port Stephens:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that the fishermen of Port Stephens are in a destitute condition, and unable to pay their license fees, viz., 20s. for boat and 10s. for man?

(2.) Will he take steps to prevent the issue of summonses where the men are unable to pay the license fees?

(3.) Will he cause an inquiry, and if the fishermen are in a destitute condition, will he take steps to remit the fees or extend the time for payment?

(4.) Is he aware that the fishermen are robbed of fully half the fish during the transit of same from Port Stephens to Sydney?

(5.) If so, will he take steps for the appointment of detectives to watch the interests of the fishermen, and prosecute persons found pilfering the fish?

(6.) Will he have special detectives to watch the fish boats and trains so as to secure the thieves?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

(1, 2, and 3.) The Commissioners of Fisheries have no knowledge of the circumstances of the fishermen referred to, and the Act does not provide for any remission of the fee in any such cases.

(4, 5, and 6.) I will cause inquiry to be made and the matter shall have attention.

- (5.) Transit of Fish from Newcastle to Sydney:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is he aware that the fishermen of Port Stephens lose half their fish in consequence of the poor accommodation provided for the transit of same from Newcastle to Sydney by the Railway Department?

(2.) Will he take steps to have a cooling-car placed on the train from Newcastle to Sydney for carrying fish?

Mr. See answered,—I am informed that nothing is known of any loss of fish as stated, through poor accommodation on the railway from Newcastle to Sydney. A service is specially arranged by night from Newcastle to Sydney, leaving Newcastle at 9·35 p.m., reaching Sydney at 4·10 a.m., and louvered vans suitable for the fish traffic are provided.

(6.)

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(6.) Court of Petty Sessions and Small Debts Court at Eugowra :—*Mr. Willis*, for *Dr. Ross*, asked the Minister of Justice,—Will he see that steps are taken to establish a Court of Petty Sessions and Small Debts Court (weekly or monthly) at Eugowra for the better convenience of the public and residents in that locality, who are at present compelled to travel to the nearest Court of Petty Sessions, a distance of 26 miles, over bad and often flooded creeks and roads?

Mr. Slattery answered,—In view of the small amount of business arising at Eugowra, there would not appear to be sufficient justification for the establishment of a Court of Petty Sessions at that place.

(7.) Water Supply for Gold-mining Purposes :—*Mr. Garrard*, for *Mr. Chapman*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has a survey and report been made by the officers of his Department on the proposed water-race along the western side of the Shoalhaven River, for the purpose of supplying water to miners for gold-slucing purposes, &c.?

(2.) If so, was the report favourable to the construction of such work?

(3.) Is it a fact that *Mr. McKinney*, Chief Engineer, reported that this work would be highly remunerative, and would, while under construction, afford employment for hundreds of men, and when finished give extensive employment of a steady and permanent character?

(4.) Is it a fact that the estimated cost of construction for what is known as section 1 is about £100,000, and the estimated annual revenue from same about £35,000?

(5.) Does the report state, "That the available information tends to show that it will be revenue returning for over eighty years"?

(6.) Did the Chief Engineer of the Water Conservation Branch strongly recommend the Government to proceed with this work?

(7.) Will he at once take steps to have this work commenced, or is it his intention to refer it to the Public Works Committee?

(8.) In view of the vast amount of employment this scheme will afford, will it be treated as an urgent matter?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) Yes.

(5.) Yes.

(6.) Yes.

(7 and 8.) My honorable colleague is fully aware of the importance of this matter, and intends to bring it before the Cabinet at the earliest possible date.

(8.) Artesian Wells within the Colony :—*Mr. Willis* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) How many artesian wells have the Department put down within the Colony?

(2.) How many have been successful?

(3.) How many have been failures?

(4.) What is the total cost of construction, including regulating out-flow pipes, and cost of management?

(5.) How many contracts are now let; what is the aggregate amount of money for such contracts; who are the contractors; and when will the contracts expire?

(6.) What is the revenue derived from these artesian wells since the commencement?

(7.) What has been the total expenditure for office management or supervision?

(8.) How many acres of land (if any) under crops, trees, or vegetables?

(9.) How many bores are leased; and to whom; and what is the rent derived from same?

Mr. Slattery answered,—I will lay a return upon the Table embodying the information asked for.

(9.) Government Tanks within the Colony :—*Mr. Willis* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) How many Government tanks have the Department made within the Colony?

(2.) What is the total cost of construction and cost of management?

(3.) How many contracts are now let; what is the aggregate amount of such contracts; who are the contractors; and when will the contracts expire?

(4.) What is the revenue derived from these tanks since the commencement?

(5.) What has been the total expenditure for office management or supervision?

(6.) How many acres of land (if any) under crops, trees, or vegetables?

(7.) How many tanks are leased; and to whom; and what rent is derived from same?

Mr. Slattery answered,—I will lay a return upon the Table embodying the information asked for.

(10.) Advances to Original Conditional Purchasers :—*Mr. Sheldon* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Referring to the following proposals, viz.,—"That in the opinion of this House,—

"(1.) It is desirable, with a view to encourage *bona fide* settlement on the land, that a sum of money not exceeding (say) £50,000 should be set apart from the land revenue, or, if necessary, raised by loan, as a Special Land Loan Fund, for the purpose of making advances to original conditional purchasers, if conditions be unfulfilled, who may satisfy the Minister that such assistance is necessary.

"(2.) The Minister, on proof of such, should authorise an advance equal to (say) one half the value of any permanent beneficial improvements effected upon the land, such value to be determined by appraisal; but no such advance should be for a greater sum than £320, nor for a less sum than £10; the land with all improvements to be held as security for the loan.

"(3.) All such advances should be for a period not exceeding ten years, repayable in twenty half-yearly instalments, with interest added at the rate of 4 per centum per annum, or made repayable at any time within that period, at option of borrower,"—which were debated in the House on the 7th June, 1893,—

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(1.) Is he aware that similar proposals are being adopted in the colonies of New Zealand and Victoria?

(2.) If so, will he consider the advisableness of providing similar assistance to conditional purchasers in this Colony during the period of enforced residence?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—This Question appears to me to contain an expression of opinion, and is therefore in contravention of the rules of the House, but I may say that I am not aware of what is being done in New Zealand or Victoria in regard to such proposals, but the Government have no power to do anything of the kind in this Colony without the authority of an Act of Parliament.

(11.) Leases of Lane Cove Wharves:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is he aware of any arrangements having been made in his Department for the offering at public auction of the leases of any of the Lane Cove wharves?

(2.) Will he furnish a detailed statement as to what action has been taken in the Treasury Department relative to applications to lease any of the Lane Cove wharves?

(3.) Will he state as to whether in the event of such wharves being leased to the Municipal Councils any provision is to be made in such leases whereby they would be debarred from granting any sublease to any person or company, or whether the wharves should not be unreservedly open to any steamers desiring to use same on payment of the usual tolls?

Mr. See answered,—No arrangements have been made in the Treasury for leasing by public auction or otherwise any of the Lane Cove wharves, nor would applications for the leasing of such wharves be entertained by the Treasury Department, as the wharves referred to, not having been proclaimed public wharves, are not under the control of the Colonial Treasurer.

(12.) Lease of Greenwich Wharf:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that an application has been received by his Department from any person for a lease of the Crown lands on which the wharf known as Greenwich Wharf stands; and, if so, the name of such applicant?

(2.) Is he aware that the said wharf was erected by private subscription supplemented by municipal funds, and that no public money has been expended thereon?

(3.) Will he take care that the said wharf, which is the only outlet for the residents of Greenwich by which they can get to Sydney by water, shall not be leased to any private person or company?

(4.) Will he take steps to lease the land and wharf to the Municipal Council of Willoughby if applied for in terms of the Land Act?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) I am not aware.

(3 and 4.) Any application for a special lease of the wharf, when made by the local Council, will be dealt with on its merits.

(13.) Appointment of Magistrate and Returning Officer for the Inverell Electorate:—Mr. Neild asked the Colonial Secretary,—Referring to his Answer to Mr. Neild on the 14th February last,—

(1.) Has he inquired if it is a fact that the Small Debts Court Bailiff at Inverell has been appointed a Magistrate and Returning Officer for the Inverell Electorate?

(2.) Is it intended that such Magistrate shall adjudicate on matters in which he may subsequently be required to act as bailiff?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The gentleman referred to was appointed a Magistrate and Returning Officer for the Inverell Electorate, but he has resigned both positions.

(14.) Wharf, Foot of Ferry-street, Hunter's Hill:—Mr. Jeanneret asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that an application from the Hunter's Hill Municipal Council for a lease of Crown land for a wharf at foot of Ferry-street, Hunter's Hill, has been before the Lands Department for the last five years, and has only now been finally dealt with by his refusing to grant a lease to the municipality on the grounds that he intends to offer a lease of the wharf to public competition?

(2.) Is it a fact that the Government never expended any money on the construction of the said wharf, but that it was constructed by private subscription and by municipal funds on Crown land leased from the Lands Department, abutting on a private right-of-way, 30 feet wide, dedicated for the free and uninterrupted use of the public?

(3.) On what grounds and under what law does he assume the right to offer the wharf in question to public competition?

(4.) Should he carry out his expressed intention of leasing this wharf or the land on which it stands by public competition, will the lease confer on the lessee the right of excluding the travelling public as passengers from the free use of the wharf?

(5.) Is it his intention to grant or refuse to the municipality of Hunter's Hill the right to use for public purposes the Crown lands for six additional wharves at the ends of the public streets of the municipality, as already applied for, or does he intend to grant these lands to any public company or private individual who may offer to lease them on the highest terms, and who may therefore exclude the public from the use of them, except on terms to be dictated by such company or individual?

(6.) Is he aware that the Metropolitan Land Board is raising new questions as to the right of the Minister to lease Crown lands opposite unauthorised reclamations at the ends of public streets in municipalities for the purpose of providing wharfage accommodation?

(7.) Will he consent to a departure from the usual custom of leasing to municipalities the lands at the ends of such reclamations at the ends of streets for wharfage purposes while these questions are being considered by the Land Courts, or will he grant these leases to the municipalities in the usual way?

(8.) How long does he intend to allow the existing method of dealing with special leases of Crown land for municipal wharf purposes to continue, and will he see that more despatch is used in deciding questions of municipal rights to wharves leased at a small rental while the State is paying Land Boards and surveyors to report on the applications for such leases?

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Mr. Copeland answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) No.
- (3 and 4.) This is a matter for the Colonial Treasurer.
- (5.) These questions will be determined when the papers come before me.
- (6.) No.
- (7.) Each case will be dealt with on its merits.
- (8.) The existing method is in accordance with law, and no unnecessary delay is permitted.

(15.) Diamond Drills for Wyalong Gold-fields:—Mr. Newman asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that although £4,500 was voted on the Estimates for the employment of diamond drills, not one is at present in use for gold-mining purposes as contemplated by the vote?
- (2.) Will he, in view of the large number of alluvial miners now on the Wyalong field, and whose condition must be bordering on destitution, consider the advisability of sending one or more of such drills to that place to determine the nature of the deep ground, and with a view to finding these men work?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) Yes; but a drill has been sent to Bingera, and will in a few days be boring through basalt for gold-mining purposes.
- (2.) The country about Wyalong is totally unfit for the use of the diamond drill. The sinking for both quartz and alluvial is less expensive than boring with a diamond drill. The supply of water is too limited to allow of from 1,200 to 1,500 gallons per day being used for drill.

(16.) Ourimbah Public School:—Mr. Colls, for Mr. Stevenson, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) What is the number of children enrolled at the Ourimbah Public School, and the average attendance?
- (2.) Has an application been made for a weather-shed to protect the children?
- (3.) Has the local inspector been asked for a report; and, if so, has he recommended that the weather-shed be erected?
- (4.) If not, will he cause inquiry to be made, with a view of having this very necessary work carried out?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

- (1.) Forty-three pupils are enrolled at the Ourimbah Public School, and the average attendance is twenty-one.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) The local inspector has furnished a report, and has recommended the erection of a weather-shed.
- (4.) Further inquiry will be made.

(17.) Rumoured Assignment of Estate by a Puisne Judge:—Mr. Fegan, for Mr. Black, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is there any truth in the rumour that one of the Puisne Judges has had to assign his estate?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—I have no means of ascertaining the private affairs of the Judges; but I think I know every member of the Supreme Court Bench at the present moment, and I do not think that any one of the Judges would fill the high and responsible office which he holds in a manner derogatory to the position.

(18.) Senior-constable Quelch:—Mr. Fegan, for Mr. Black, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that Senior-constable Quelch has succeeded in having some publicans fined under the Licensing Act by disguising himself as a fish-hawker, and obtaining liquor some minutes before the prescribed opening-hour?
- (2.) Is it a fact that this officer, having summoned the owner of a dog which tore his uniform, withdrew the charge on receiving compensation, which he pocketed, for the damage done?
- (3.) Is it a fact that this officer also brought a charge of drinking during prohibited hours against a fellow-constable, and that the case was dismissed by Mr. Smithers, after inspection of the premises, on the grounds that it was impossible for Quelch to have seen the offence committed?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Inspector-General of Police:—

- (1.) No; the senior-constable was in uniform.
- (2.) The constable had his trousers torn by a dog, the owner of which paid 18s. 6d. for the damage. There was no summons.
- (3.) The charge referred to was dismissed; the Magistrate remarking that as the senior-constable might possibly have made a mistake, he would give the defendant the benefit of the doubt.

3. MUNICIPALITIES ACT OF 1867 AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Neild (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the "Municipalities Act of 1867 Amendment 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 amend the 'Municipalities Act of 1867,'"—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 Assembly requests that the said Bill be proceeded with under the Council's Standing Order in that behalf.

Question put and passed.

Message to the Legislative Council sent accordingly.

4. PAPER:—Mr. Slattery laid upon the Table,—Proclamation declaring Mineral Pigments to be Minerals in terms of the Mining Act of 1889.

Ordered to be printed.

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5. **HOMESTEAD PROTECTION BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with an amendment.
Mr. Donald moved (*with the concurrence of the House*), "That" the report be now adopted.
Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "the Bill be referred to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, for consideration and report."
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Copeland, Mr. Donald, Mr. Edden, Mr. Carruthers, Mr. McCourt, Mr. G. D. Clark, Mr. Walker, Mr. Rae, Mr. Traill, and the Mover."
Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.
Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted be so inserted,—put and passed.
Question as amended,—
(1.) That the 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. Copeland, Mr. Donald, Mr. Edden, Mr. Carruthers, Mr. McCourt, Mr. G. D. Clark, Mr. Walker, Mr. Rae, Mr. Traill, and the Mover,—put and passed.
6. **DISTRESS FOR RENT 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 and passed.
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.
Mr. Walker then moved, That the third reading of the Bill stand an Order of the Day for "To-morrow."
Mr. Crick moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word "To-morrow," with a view to the insertion in its place of the words "this day three months."
Question put,—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
The House divided.

Ayes, 40.

Mr. Willis,	Mr. Rae,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Murphy,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Scott,
Mr. G. D. Clark,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. McCredie,	Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Bowes,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Donald,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Johnston.
Mr. Kelly,	
Mr. Barnes,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Walker.

Noes, 13.

Mr. Jenneret,
Mr. McCourt.
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Garvan,
Mr. See.
Mr. McFarlane.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Levien,
Mr. Crick.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

7. **APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS TO EXAMINE AND REPORT UPON THE FINANCIAL POSITION OF BANKS**:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Hugh McKinnon, "That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should at once appoint auditors to examine and report upon the financial position of all Banks which have availed themselves of the Bank Issue Act,"—
And the Question being again proposed,—
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
Mr. Rose moved, That the Question be amended by the addition of the words "(2.) That the above resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor."
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be added be so added.
Debate continued.
Proposed amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Original Question again proposed.
Debate continued.
Original Question put.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 24.		Noes, 22.	
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Black,	Mr. McCourt,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Houghton,	Mr. G. D. Clark,	Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Murphy,	Mr. Young,	Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Bavister,}	Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,	Mr. Darnley,	Mr. Cruickshank,	Mr. Scott,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Edden,	Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,	Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Sec,	Mr. Copeland.
Mr. Egan,	Mr. Hindle,	Mr. Jeanneret,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Newman.	Mr. Hart,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Gardiner,	<i>Tellers,</i>	Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Hassall.
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Collins,	Mr. Slattery,	
Mr. Rae,	Mr. Rose.	Sir George Dibbs,	
Mr. Langwell,		Mr. Willis,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

S. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir George Dibbs moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty minutes after Ten 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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FOURTH SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 4 APRIL, 1894.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Customs Duties on Articles imported by the Railway Commissioners:—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that when articles subject to Customs duties are imported by the Railway Commissioners, that such duties are not paid by such Commissioners?

(2.) If so, will he please say to what extent the manufacturers here of similar goods to those so imported are protected?

(3.) Will he suggest to the Cabinet the advisability of collecting Customs duties as fixed by the tariff on all such importations?

Mr. See answered,—Goods imported for the supply of Her Majesty's Service are exempt from duty, as provided for under the Customs Duty Act of 1891. A similar course is, I understand, pursued in the other Colonies. Goods purchased in the Colony, under contract or otherwise, are subject to the ordinary duties.

(2.) Tarana Railway Accident:—Mr. Langwell, for Mr. Williams, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that shortly before the Tarana railway disaster, the contractors had all material ready laid out for the purpose of renewing the worn-out portion of the railway, and that they were stopped from doing so?

(2.) Did the contractors thereupon give written notice that they would not be responsible for accidents?

(3.) Did the Railway Commissioners reply relieving them from all responsibility?

(4.) Will he lay such letters upon the Table of the House?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) No.

(3.) No.

(4.) In view of the Answers above, I am unable to do so.

(3.) Cases of Proudfoot v. the Railway Commissioners:—Mr. Langwell, for Mr. Williams, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In view of the bill of costs in the Reseigh Martin case, will he cause Mr. Robert Smith's costs, including counsel's fees, to date, in the Proudfoot cases, to be laid upon the Table of the House?

Mr. See answered,—Mr. Robert Smith has not up to date submitted a bill of costs in connection with the Proudfoot cases, but as soon as the litigation is completed, and the bill of costs has been rendered and taxed, they will be available for laying upon the Table of the House.

(4.) Surveyors on Zigzag Railway:—Mr. Langwell, for Mr. Williams, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Has the deviation of the Zigzag been put in the hands of the Construction Department; if so, will he state why it is the Railway Commissioners are keeping surveyors there in view of this decision?

Mr. See answered,—The question of the deviation to avoid the Zigzag has had the consideration of the Commissioners for some time, and in the public interests they deem it desirable that every possible scheme for effecting the great improvement necessary in connection with the Western Line should have the fullest examination.

(5.) Appointment of Agent for Export of Fruit:—Mr. Waddell asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he take into his consideration the necessity of obtaining the services of a capable and trustworthy man, with large experience on the London fruit-markets, to act as agent for the Colony in obtaining information of a nature likely to assist our fruit-growers in opening up markets for Australian fruit

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in London and on the Continent, viz., to advise as to the kinds of fruit most in demand in England and the Continent, the times of the year most saleable, the best way to pack, and the best agencies to employ in the sale of such fruit, and any other information of a useful nature; also, if necessary, to occasionally visit the Colony for the purpose of personally instructing our fruit-growers as to the best mode of packing, &c.?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—It hardly comes within the province of a Government to take up matters with regard to the sale of Colonial produce, whether it be fruit or any other description of produce; but the advantage of securing further markets for the productions of the Colony will not be overlooked by the Government, and inquiries will be made to get this information, and the fullest possible information will be communicated to the public.

- (6.) Case of William Hart:—*Mr. Black*, for Mr. Kelly, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Has his attention been directed to the case of William Hart, who, it is stated, received rough treatment from the Police while in a state of illness, and was found to be dead when taken to the hospital?
 - (2.) If not, will he cause a report to be made on this matter?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—I am informed by the Inspector-General of Police that there was no inquest held in this case, as the Government Pathologist certified that the deceased died from natural causes.

- (7.) Tram-rails in Parramatta Road:—*Mr. Walker*, for Mr. Edden, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it a fact that some of the imported new rails (probably Angus' patent), recently laid in the Parramatta Road, have had to be replaced after four days' use?

Mr. See answered,—Nothing is known of the matter referred to, and no such patent, so far as the Railway Commissioners are aware, exists.

- (8.) Cases of Proudfoot *v.* the Railway Commissioners:—*Mr. Sharp* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that Mr. Robert Smith, the solicitor to the Railway Commissioners, made a statement that he had advised the Railway Commissioners not to pay Proudfoot & Co. one sixpence, but to fight that firm with their own moneys?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that Mr. Robert Smith received fees in the cases of Proudfoot *v.* Railway Commissioners; if so, what was the amount?
 - (3.) Is it a fact that Mr. Robert Smith has received £1,500 for petty expenses and £600 for counsels' fees in the above cases; will he give the names of such counsel and the amount paid to each?
 - (4.) Will he state how it was that the auditors passed vouchers amounting to £180,000 for Proudfoot & Co. on their relaying contracts, if, as the Commissioners have stated in their defence, there were no such contracts?

Mr. See answered,—These Questions refer to a case at present before the Law Courts, and in the public interest it is not desirable that they should be answered.

- (9.) Gold-mining at Fifield:—*Mr. Morgan* asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) What steps (if any) are being taken to resume land for gold-mining purposes at Fifield?
 - (2.) Will he, in the interest of the mining classes, see that immediate action is taken in this direction?

Mr. Slattery answered,—The papers have been referred to Mr. Warden Sharpe for report. He will visit and report the week after next.

- (10.) Tenders for Contracts on Roads from Booral, &c.:—*Mr. Hart* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the Road Superintendent declines to call for tenders for work on the roads from Booral, Bullahdelah, and Bungwall until July or later?
 - (2.) Will he direct attention to this matter, and have the road contracts carried out as quickly as possible in those districts, so as to give relief to those in want of employment through the late disastrous floods?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The local officers have been specially instructed to call tenders for works on all roads with the least possible delay. No reason is known for any exception on the roads referred to, but a telegram has been sent to the local officer for a report.

- (11.) Preserved Meats and Butter:—*Mr. Waddell* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has he taken into consideration the advisability of appointing a trustworthy and capable man to visit other countries with a view to getting all the latest information of a nature likely to assist in opening up fresh markets for preserved meats, butter, and other Colonial products, and to, as far as possible, bring under the notice of those persons likely to become purchasers the advantage of buying New South Wales preserved meats and butter?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The Chief Inspector of Stock is at present engaged in making inquiries into the frozen and preserved meat trade, &c., in England and on the Continent.

2. JUNE WATER SUPPLY WORKS ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. Lyne, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Lyne then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Junee Water Supply Works 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 the Junee Water Supply Works Act of 1893,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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3. MESSRS. CLARK AND ROWLEY'S LEASE OF CROWN LAND AT BUNNERONG, RANDWICK (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Carruthers moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all applications for lease, lease, and other documents relating to Messrs. Clark and Rowley's lease of Crown land at Bunnerong, Randwick, for recreation purposes.
Question put and passed.
4. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
(1.) Masters and Servants Bill; second reading;—until Tuesday, 1st May.
(2.) 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 Tuesday, 1st May.
(3.) Apprentices Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's amendments;—until Tuesday, 17th April.
5. PAPERS:—
Mr. Copeland laid upon the Table,—Regulations Nos. 24 and 27, substituted for those at present in force bearing the same numbers, under the Crown Lands Acts.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Slattery laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 8th February, 1894,—“Prison “Labour—Mat-making Industry.”
Sir George Dibbs laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Amended regulations under the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Acts of 1893.
(2.) By-laws of the Sydney Hospital.
(3.) Amended regulation under the Fisheries Act of 1881.
Ordered to be printed.
6. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. E. M. Clark 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, namely, “the action of the Colonial Treasurer in deciding to grant a renewal for one year of the lease of “the Government Wharf at Neutral Bay to the North Shore Ferry Company, from the expiration “of their present lease in August next.”
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.
7. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—Thomas Thomson Ewing, Esquire, came to the Table, and was sworn by the Clerk as a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.
8. BANK NOTES BILL:—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 a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 36.

Mr. Grahame,	Dr. Cullen,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Want,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Seobie,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. E. G. Brown,
Mr. See,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Dowel,	Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Hoyle,	Mr. Leo,
Mr. Wuddell,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Francis Clarke,	Mr. Henry Clarke.
Mr. Wright,	
Mr. Alfred Allen,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Dale,	Mr. Willis,
Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Ewing.

Noes, 31.

Mr. Black,	Mr. Danshey,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Sehey,
Mr. Rae,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Donald,	Mr. Langwell,
Mr. A'Beckett,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. G. D. Clark,	Mr. Collins.
Mr. Cook,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Houghton.
Mr. Cotton,	
Mr. Traill,	
Mr. Cann,	
Dr. Hollis,	
Mr. Wall,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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 a *Point of Order*, and obtained leave to sit again after Mr. Speaker's decision had been given thereon.

Point of Order:—The Chairman stated that, in the consideration of the Council's amendment, exception was taken to an Honorable Member referring to the speeches made in the Legislative Council on this Bill during the Session of 1893, as it was contended that such reference was prevented by the fact that the proceedings on this Bill had been resumed under the Standing Order No. 68a, and therefore the Debate should be held to have taken place during the present

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present Session. He decided that as the speeches were made in a previous Session the reference to them was quite in order. That decision being objected to, the subject was referred to the House.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said that there being no Standing Order of this House under which he could decide this point, he must, by the authority of our first Standing Order, "resort to the rules, forms, and usages of the Imperial Parliament," and he there found that the 164th Standing Order of the House of Commons stated that "No Member may allude to any Debate in the other House of Parliament."

On motion of Sir George Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Committee resumed.

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

Sir George Dibbs then moved, That the report be "now" adopted.

Mr. Haynes moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word "now," with a view to the addition of the words "this day six months."

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

Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 38.

Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Donald,
Mr. Burton,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Sec,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Newton,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Hart,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. E. G. Brown,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Melville.
Mr. Wright,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Francis Clarke,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Gillies.
Mr. Gould,	

Noes, 22.

Mr. Danahey,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Bavister.
Mr. Traill,	
Mr. Fegan,	
Mr. Black,	
Mr. Rose,	
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,	
Mr. Nicoll,	
Mr. Gardiner,	
Mr. A'Beckett,	
Mr. Cook,	
Mr. Langwell,	
Mr. Rae,	
Mr. Cann,	
Mr. G. D. Clark,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Nicholson,	
Mr. Darnley,	
Mr. Edden,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question then put,—That the report be now adopted.

The House divided.

Ayes, 38.

Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Gould,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Donald,
Mr. Sec,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Newton,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. E. G. Brown,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Ewing,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Cruickshank.
Mr. Morgan,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Wright,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Francis Clarke,	Mr. Lees.
Mr. Hassall,	

Noes, 23.

Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Nicholson.
Mr. Danahey,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Rae.
Mr. Traill,	
Mr. Fegan,	
Mr. Black,	
Mr. Rose,	
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,	
Mr. Nicoll,	
Mr. Cook,	
Mr. Langwell,	
Mr. Newman,	
Mr. Cann,	
Mr. G. D. Clark,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Bavister,	
Mr. Stevenson,	
Mr. Edden,	
Mr. Darnley,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon Sir George Dibbs moved, That the following Message be sent to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message dated 6th December, 1893, requesting its concurrence in a certain amendment made by the Council in the Bank Notes Bill,—

Disagrees to the proposed amendment,—because the words proposed to be inserted in the Schedule are not necessary, as the Bank of North Queensland (Limited) has no branches outside the City of Sydney.

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Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 41.

Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. See,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Lync,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Newton,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Hart,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. E. G. Brown,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Burdekin,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Stevenson.
Mr. Wright,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Francis Clarke,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Gillies.
Mr. Gould,	
Mr. Donald,	

Noes, 19.

Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Traill,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Newman,
Mr. Rae.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Fegan.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

9. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 45.

Mr. Melville,	Mr. E. G. Brown,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Newton,
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. See,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Johnston,	Sir George Dibbs,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Lync,	Mr. Francis Clarke,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Lee,	Dr. Ross,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Donald,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Traill,	Mr. Hugh McKinnon,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Lees,	Mr. Stevenson.
Mr. O'Sullivan,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Barbour.
Mr. Burdekin,	
Mr. Ewing,	

Noes, 18.

Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Rae,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Bavister,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Newman.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Black,
Mr. Cook.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply 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 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:—

LOAN ESTIMATES FOR 1894.

IV.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

(143.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1894, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £90,000, for resumption of land for construction of Public Wharfs—further sum.

(144.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1894, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £75,000 for Railways: being £25,000 towards improvement of grades, and curves; and £50,000 for additions, alterations, and improvements to roads, stations, and buildings, and for other purposes, also for providing safety appliances—further sum.

VII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

(145.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1894, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £147,200 for Railway Construction Branch: being £2,200 for Pearce's Corner to St. Leonards Railway; £35,000 for Milson's Point Extension (land); £10,000 for Railway Trial Surveys—further sum; and £100,000 towards the construction of Tramways generally—further sum. (146.)

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(146.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1894, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £118,000 for Harbours and Rivers Branch: being £30,000 for Naval Stations, Sydney Harbour—further sum; £2,000 for Wharf at White Bay; £5,000 towards reclamation North Harbour, Newcastle; £3,000 for improving entrance, Bellinger River—further sum; £7,000 for Trial Bay Harbour Works—further sum; £3,000 for removal of reefs at Maclean, Clarence River; £5,000 for snagging tributaries of Richmond River; £3,000 for Tweed River improvements—further sum; £50,000 for Country Towns Water Supplies—further sum; and £10,000 for reclamation and dredging, including cost of resumption of land—further sum.

(147.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1894, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £26,150 for Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage, to provide for additional reticulation and other works.

(148.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1894, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £17,500 for Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board, to provide for additional reticulation and other works.

(149.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1894, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £17,663 for Roads and Bridges Branch: being £6,000 for Bridge, Edwards River, Deniliquin; £5,000 for Bridge, McIntyre River at Inverell—further sum; £1,800 for Bridge, Murray River at Tocumwall—further sum; £863 for Bridge, Lachlan River at Cowra—further sum; and £4,000 for Bridge, "Victoria," East Maitland.

(150.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1894, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £57,137 for Sewerage: being £8,572 for Johnston's Creek Storm-water Channel—further sum; £3,800 for Clay Cliff Creek, Parramatta Storm-water Channel from Station beyond Harris-street; £2,700 for raising Storm-water Channel from Eveleigh Railway Sheds to Copeland-street; £3,500 for Storm-water Sewer from Point Piper Road to Rushcutter's Bay—further sum; £4,135 for Stanmore Road Storm-water Channel, Marrickville; £730 for Kensington Estate Drainage, Randwick; £10,000 for Bay-street Overflow Sewer; £10,000 for Double Bay Low-level Sewerage Scheme (sewers, not reticulating pipes); £10,000 for Sea Slopes, Bondi and Waverley, draining into Bondi sewer (first section); and £3,700 for Kent-street Sewer—further sum.

(151.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1894, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £30,000 for Water Conservation Branch: being £25,000 for Artesian Boring; and £5,000 for Water Supplies for towns, &c., not incorporated.

X.—SECRETARY FOR MINES AND AGRICULTURE.

(152.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1894, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £20,000, for Public Watering Places, &c., for construction of Public Watering Places, Appliances, Cottages, Fencing, &c., for Artesian Boring upon Stock Routes, and Expenditure incidental thereto.

(153.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1894, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £5,000, for Agricultural Department, for completing the Agricultural College at Richmond, and providing necessary Farm Buildings for Experimental Farms.

XI.—POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

(154.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1894, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £25,000, for Postal and Electric Telegraph Department, for erection of Telephone Lines and purchase of Telephone Instruments.

REPAYMENTS OF LOANS.

(155.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1894, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £832,000, to meet 5 per cent. Debentures falling due 1st January, 1895, viz.:—Railways and Public Works, 26 Vic. No. 14, £162,000; Public Works, 27 Vic. No. 14, £670,000.

On motion of Mr. Lyne, the resolutions were read a second time and agreed to.

10. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of 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 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 first time, as follows:—

(6.) *Resolved*,—That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty during the present Session, a sum not exceeding £1,460,650 be raised by the sale of Debentures or the issue of Inscribed Stock, secured upon the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, and bearing interest at a rate not exceeding 4 per centum per annum, to defray the expenses of certain Public Works and Services of the Colony, for the Repayment of Loans, and for other purposes.

On motion of Mr. See, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

11. LOAN BILL:—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. See, that a Bill be brought in, founded on resolution of Ways and Means No. 6, to authorise the raising of a Loan for the Public Service of the Colony, and for other purposes.

(2.) Mr. See then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorise the raising of a Loan for the Public Service of the Colony, and for other purposes*,"—which was read a first time.

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

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12. LITHGOW 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.

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

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

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.



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FOURTH SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 5 APRIL, 1894.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Mineral Leases in the Inverell and New England Districts:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for *Mr. Morgan*, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is he aware that large areas of tin land are held under mineral lease in the Inverell and New England districts?
 (2.) Is it a fact that in many cases the labour conditions are not being fulfilled?
 (3.) If so, as a means of giving employment to working miners, will he take steps to cancel these leases?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

(1.) In the Inverell Mining Division there are in force twelve leases, containing 320 acres, for tin-mining; of these, two are being called upon to show cause on complaint of non-work, and eight others will be cancelled unless the rents be paid. In the New England district there are forty-three leases, containing 1,070 acres, for tin-mining, and tin and diamond mining; of these, eighteen will be cancelled unless the rents due thereon be paid.

- (2.) In only two cases have reports been received that the labour conditions are not being fulfilled.
 (3.) The Warden will be asked specially to report on all the other leases, and if they are not being worked, and are not protected by suspension, steps will be taken to cancel them.

- (2.) Temporary Officers:—*Mr. Francis Clarke* asked the Secretary for Lands:—Is it a fact that all the long-service so-called “temporary” officers in the Public Instruction, Auditor-General’s, and Treasury Departments have been placed upon the Permanent Staff, and that the Secretary for Lands, some two years ago, and again recently in this House, expressed himself as favourable to the same being done in respect of the long-service “temporary” officers in his own Department; if so, is it his intention to initiate such action, or take such steps as will lead to the accomplishment of this generally recognised act of justice; and, if so, when?

Mr. Copeland answered,—If the Honorable Member will refer to my speech on the 14th February last, he will see some of the difficulties standing in the way of removing temporary officers in this large Department to the Permanent Staff, and the circumstances have not since changed. I am not aware what has transpired in other branches of the Public Service, but venture to think that if the Honorable Member will make inquiries he will find that little has been effected bearing on this question so far as the Lands Department is concerned.

- (3.) Dredging Operations on the Nambucca River:—*Mr. Hogan* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What officer of the Harbours and Rivers Department is at present controlling dredging operations on the Nambucca River as carried out by the clam-dredge “Iota”?
 (2.) Is he aware that on three separate occasions the dredge “Iota” has been sent to Taylor’s Arm to dredge a navigable channel from Congarrini to Welsh’s Wharf, and that on each occasion she has been removed to the main river before completing the work in question?
 (3.) Will he order an independent inquiry into the management of the dredge in question by the present master, *Mr. Gichard*, in respect to the hours actually spent at work, and generally into his fitness for the position he occupies in the Service?
 (4.) Will he at once order that the dredge “Iota” be sent back to Taylor’s Arm to dredge a channel from Congarrini to Welsh’s Wharf to a depth of at least 2 feet at low water, thus to afford the farmers an immediate outlet by which to get their incoming crops of maize and other produce to market?

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Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) Mr. David Mitchell, Master and Chief Engineer, dredge "Alesus."
 (2.) In June last Mr. Mitchell recommended that the "Iota" should be sent to remove obstructions at Welsh's, Maloney's, and Wattle Flats, Taylor's Arm, after the completion of channel at Bradley's Falls and repairs to dredge had been effected. These recommendations have been acted upon.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) When the flats at Bowra have been removed the "Iota" will be sent to Sutton's Crossing, Taylor's Arm, and any obstructions to navigation between Congarrina and Welsh's Wharf can then be removed.

(4.) Medals to Volunteers in the Colonial Forces:—*Mr. Neild*, for Mr. Holborow, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that the Imperial authorities have expressed their willingness to grant medals to Volunteers in the Colonial forces for twenty years efficient service; if so, will he take steps to obtain such medals for the New South Wales forces?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The Agents-General of the various Australian Colonies jointly applied, on the 22nd March, 1893, to the Imperial authorities for the granting of medals to the Colonial forces for long and meritorious services. The Agent-General has been instructed to make further application in the matter.

(5.) Bridge over the Parramatta River at Rydalmere:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Frank Farnell, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that a contract has been let for the first section of the Roschill-Dural railway, which includes the erection of a bridge over the Parramatta River at Rydalmere?

(2.) Will he, as promised, take steps to have the bridge erected so as to meet the dual purposes of railway and vehicular traffic?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I have no positive information on the subject, but I understand the people most interested object to the bridge being placed in the position selected for the railway to cross the river.

(6.) Police Protection at the Nine-mile Tin-field:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Lee, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware the residents of the Nine-mile Tin-field have been asking for Police protection for a considerable time in consequence of the numerous robberies taking place there?

(2.) Has the Inspector for the district refused to station a policeman there?

(3.) Will he cause a mounted policeman to be placed there without delay?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Inspector-General of Police:—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The Superintendent of Police in charge of the district reports that a police station is unnecessary, there being only a population of 318 within a radius of 5 miles; and that there is already a police station at Deepwater, distant 9 miles, and connected by telegraph.

(3.) The matter is under consideration, but no accommodation can be obtained at present.

(7.) Australian Grasses:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is it true that the Agricultural Department is describing Australian grasses in the *Agricultural Gazette* which were described some time ago in the *Town and Country Journal* by Mr. Fred. Turner, F.L.S.?

(2.) Is it not a fact that Mr. Fred. Turner, F.L.S., is the person who named and described that fine collection of indigenous grasses which the Agricultural Department exhibited at the recent Agricultural Show, Moore Park?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

(1.) One grass as part of a series of useful Australian plants has been described in the *Agricultural Gazette* by Mr. Maiden, the Consulting Botanist of this Department. Mr. Maiden is not aware that this grass has been described by Mr. Turner.

(2.) The few grasses exhibited at the Royal Agricultural Society's Show were dried, mounted, and arranged, and some of them were collected and identified by Mr. Valder, and possibly some by Mr. Turner. The whole of these grasses will be found named and described in Mueller and Bentham's *Flora Australiensis*.

(8.) Diamond Drills at Wyalong Gold-fields:—*Mr. Newman* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is it not a fact that the one diamond drill said to be going to Bingera for gold-mining purposes is mainly being sent to bore for diamonds?

(2.) How much, if any, of the Prospecting Vote is being provided for working this drill?

(3.) Are the diamond drills unsuitable for boring at Wyalong; if so, are there no other drills under the control of the Government that would be suitable for such boring—for instance, the drills used for artesian boring in the Western districts for the pastoralists?

(4.) Having regard to his statement that the scarcity of water at the Wyalong Gold-field prohibits the use of the drills at that place, will he give directions that boring operations should be undertaken immediately, with a view to not only obtain a water supply for the field, but also to prove the locality of alluvial deposits?

(5.) Is it not a fact that a large dam or tank at Wyalong containing an extensive supply of water is now available to the Government at a reasonable price?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

(1.) The lead to be bored for is supposed to contain both gold and diamonds.

(2.) Fifty per cent. of actual cost of boring; but cost of carriage of drill, fuel, and water is paid by the holder of the land.

(3.)

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- (3.) Yes; and the only other drills owned by the Department are hand-borers. Drills used for water boring do not belong to the Government.
- (4.) There is no probability of obtaining artesian water in the vicinity of quartz reefs.
- (5.) The question of purchasing one or more tanks for the supply of water to the town is under consideration.

(9.) Subsidy to Proposed Oceanic Steam Service between London and Vancouver, Canada:—Mr. Nicoll asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the Agent-General, Sir Saul Samuel, in a recent cable from London, is reported to have stated that his Government, and the other Governments of the Australian Colonies, would subsidise the proposed Oceanic Steam Service between London and Vancouver, Canada, now being inaugurated by Messrs. Huddart, Parker, & Co.?
- (2.) In view of the foregoing, will he state if there is any truth in the above statement made by the Agent-General?
- (3.) Will he take no steps in subsidising oceanic steam services or cable services without consulting Parliament?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—No such cable appears to have reached the Postal Department.

(10.) Appointment of Mrs. Church to Coogee Post and Telegraph Office:—Mr. Fegan, for Mr. Davis, asked the Postmaster-General,—

- (1.) Has a Mrs. Church been appointed in charge of Coogee Post and Telegraph Office?
- (2.) If so, has she any knowledge of the duties pertaining to the position, and did she pass any examination prior to her appointment?
- (3.) Were there no officials in the Department fitted for the position, and who had greater claims for promotion than the person appointed?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2 and 3.) Mrs. Church has knowledge of postal and telegraphic duties, having filled the position of assistant in the Edgecliff Post and Telegraph Office. It was found necessary to reduce the staff of that office, and the opportunity to transfer her to Coogee was, therefore, availed of. She was not required to pass any examination, as she was originally appointed before the regulations providing for departmental examinations were introduced. Having been transferred to Coogee without any increase of salary, the position of other officials has been in no way affected by the change.

(11.) Deposits in Post Office Savings Bank:—Mr. Perry asked the Postmaster-General,—

- (1.) What is the amount deposited by the people of New South Wales with the Post Office Savings Bank?
- (2.) What is the rate of interest allowed on these deposits?
- (3.) Will he, at the earliest opportunity, devise some scheme for lending agriculturists a portion of these deposits at a low rate of interest?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

- (1.) £3,259,800, on 31st March, 1894.
- (2.) Four per cent. on sums up to £200.
- (3.) This is a matter for the consideration of my honorable colleague the Treasurer.

(12.) Hospital Accommodation at Wyalong Gold-field:—Mr. Newman asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the nearest hospital accommodation to the Wyalong Gold-field is at Temora, 44 miles away?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the road between the two places is in a very bad condition?
- (3.) As many accidents may reasonably be expected to occur, and the camp is reported as being in a bad sanitary condition, will he, in view of all the facts, have a temporary hospital building erected at once at the Wyalong main camp?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) I am not aware, but I will cause inquiries to be made.
- (3.) A medical officer of the Board of Health will visit Wyalong next week to inquire as to the sanitary condition of the camp and the necessity of erecting a temporary hospital.

(13.) Fettlers discharged on Railway Lines of the Colony:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) The number of fettlers that have been discharged from our various railway lines in the Colony, in carrying out the principle of retrenchment?
- (2.) The number of discharged fettlers now waiting to be reinstated when vacancies occur?
- (3.) Is it found that the employing of three fettlers to every 9 miles of our railway lines in place of four and six, as formerly, is sufficient?
- (4.) In the event of any accident occurring on any of our lines through the reduction of the number of fettlers, especially during the winter months, who will be held responsible for such accidents, and the loss, perhaps, of human lives?

Mr. See answered,—I am informed that the permanent way of the Railways is in a more substantial and efficient condition than it has ever been before, and the arrangements as to the staff and workmen are such as are necessary for the purpose of keeping the lines in first-class order. It is pointed out further that the Railway Act provides—"It shall be the duty of the Commissioners to maintain the railways and all works in connection therewith in a state of efficiency"; and the Commissioners are fully alive to their responsibilities and the interests of the country.

5th April, 1894.

2. LITHGOW 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 Lithgow, county of Cook.*"
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 Lithgow, county of Cook,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 5th April, 1894.*
3. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Criminal Law Amendment Bill postponed until Tuesday, 1st May.
4. BANK NOTES BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—
MR. SPEAKER,—
The Legislative Council having taken into consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated 5th April, 1894, a.m., in reference to the "Bank Notes Bill," does not insist upon its amendment disagreed to by the Assembly in this Bill.
*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 5th April, 1894.* JOHN LACKEY,
President.
5. PAPER:—Mr. See laid upon the Table,—Report on Leprosy in New South Wales for the year 1893.
Ordered to be printed.
6. GLEN INNES TO INVERELL RAILWAY BILL:—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Lyne, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Glen Innes to Inverell.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be *now* received.
The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Glen Innes to Inverell; to provide that the cost shall not exceed £7,000 per mile; that special local rates shall be charged until the railway pays working expenses and interest on cost of construction; and that the betterment principle be applied to the land served by the railway.
On motion of Mr. Lyne, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
- (2.) Mr. Lyne then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Glen Innes to Inverell,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
7. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTORATES AND ELECTIONS ACT OF 1893 AMENDMENT 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 and passed.
Bill read a second time.
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 Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.

The House adjourned at eight 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. 34.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 10 APRIL, 1894.

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

BANK NOTES BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir George Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

R. W. DUFE,

Message No. 33.

Governor.

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,*"—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, 10th April, 1894.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Court-house Keeper at Mudgee:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Jones, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) What steps does he propose to take with respect to the salary of the Court-house keeper at Mudgee?

(2.) Is he aware that this officer's salary has been abolished as Court-keeper?

Mr. Slattery answered,—The Court-house keeper at Mudgee having been transferred to a position in another district, arrangements have been made by which the Sheriff's officer at Mudgee will carry out the duties of Court-house keeper, for which he will be allowed quarters. The whole question of the reinstatement of Court-house keepers is now under consideration.

(2.) Locomotive Boilers:—*Mr. Darnley*, for Mr. Murphy, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What is the difference in cost, if any, between the locomotive boilers now being made at Mort's Dock and imported locomotive boilers of the same class and quality tested and landed at Eveleigh?

Mr. See answered,—I have to refer the Honorable Member to an Answer given to a similar Question some time ago, viz.:—No fair comparison can be given, as the price of materials vary considerably according to the times of purchase. The last boilers imported cost £882. Estimating the value of materials at the prices current when the last boilers imported were obtained, the value of the material to be used in the boilers would be £445 each. The lowest offer for making the boilers, together with a small amount of material, is £407 each. It may be added that the material the Commissioners are using for these boilers was obtained at a very favourable time, and will only amount to £360 each boiler.

(3.) Selections at Wyalong:—*Mr. Vaughn* asked the Secretary for Lands?

(1.) What steps, if any, are being taken to cancel the selections at Wyalong upon which gold has recently been discovered?

(2.) Will he, in view of the urgency of the matter, cause instructions to be given to bring about the cancellation at once?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The papers respecting Neeld's conditional purchase and conditional leases at Wyalong are now before the Executive Council, with a view to authority being obtained for their cancellation; and those referring to Ryan's conditional purchase and lease have been returned to the Local Land Board for disallowance of his applications in accordance with his own request. I may add that it is probable that the notification of the cancellation of Neeld's conditional purchase and conditional leases will be stayed for a short time pending the issue of permits, lest complications in regard to mining titles should arise.

(4.)

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(4.) Bolwarra Embankment:—*Mr. Hart*, for *Mr. Scobie*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will he lay upon the Table of this House all papers and correspondence in connection with the heightening and strengthening the Bolwarra embankment, moved for by *Mr. Scobie* on 22nd November last?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I will endeavour to do so before the Session closes.

3. ADJOURNMENT:—*Mr. Want* 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 use of “certain reserves in Sydney Harbour and the alteration of the foreshores thereof.”

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

4. MR. SPEAKER'S RULING—POINT OF ORDER:—*Mr. Speaker*, referring to the ruling given by him on the 4th April, 1894, on a *Point of Order* submitted to him from the Committee of the Whole (*Vide Votes and Proceedings No. 32, entry 8*), stated that he had since consulted later authorities than that which contained the Standing Order of the House of Commons, which provides that “No Member may allude to any Debate in the other House of Parliament,” and he found that the rule was not strictly interpreted as to debates of previous Sessions; he would, therefore, not attempt to stop Honorable Members from referring to debates in the other House, except those of the then present Session, but would endeavour to prevent any speeches being made which would be likely to lead to recrimination or bad feeling between the two Houses.

5. COLONIAL TIMBERS:—*Mr. E. M. Clark* moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should place upon the Estimates a sum of money for the purpose of sending home a capable expert, to introduce and demonstrate the qualities of our colonial timbers for wood-blocking and other purposes for which they are suitable.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 29.

<i>Mr. Melville,</i>	<i>Mr. Willis,</i>
<i>Mr. Francis Clarke,</i>	<i>Mr. Sharp,</i>
<i>Mr. Waddell,</i>	<i>Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,</i>
<i>Mr. Barbour,</i>	<i>Mr. Rose,</i>
<i>Mr. Scott,</i>	<i>Mr. Hugh McKinnon,</i>
<i>Mr. McFarlane,</i>	<i>Mr. Dawson,</i>
<i>Mr. Grahame,</i>	<i>Mr. Henry Clarke,</i>
<i>Mr. Young,</i>	<i>Mr. Stevenson.</i>
<i>Mr. Perry,</i>	<i>Tellers,</i>
<i>Mr. Traill,</i>	<i>Mr. Nicoll,</i>
<i>Mr. Dowel,</i>	<i>Mr. E. M. Clark.</i>
<i>Mr. Hoyle,</i>	
<i>Mr. Johnston,</i>	
<i>Mr. Newman,</i>	
<i>Mr. Sheldon,</i>	
<i>Mr. Hogan,</i>	
<i>Mr. O'Sullivan,</i>	
<i>Mr. Hutchinson,</i>	
<i>Mr. McGowen,</i>	

Noes, 35.

<i>Mr. Reid,</i>	<i>Mr. Garvan,</i>
<i>Mr. Slattery,</i>	<i>Mr. Cann,</i>
<i>Mr. Gould,</i>	<i>Sir George Dibbs,</i>
<i>Mr. Torpy,</i>	<i>Mr. Danahey,</i>
<i>Mr. Houghton,</i>	<i>Mr. Copeland,</i>
<i>Mr. McCourt,</i>	<i>Mr. See,</i>
<i>Mr. McCredie,</i>	<i>Mr. Gardiner,</i>
<i>Mr. Suttor,</i>	<i>Mr. Darnley,</i>
<i>Mr. Tonkin,</i>	<i>Mr. Hassall,</i>
<i>Mr. Parkes,</i>	<i>Mr. Wright,</i>
<i>Mr. Lees,</i>	<i>Mr. Black,</i>
<i>Mr. Fuller,</i>	<i>Mr. Eddon,</i>
<i>Mr. Morton,</i>	<i>Mr. Nicholson,</i>
<i>Mr. Crick,</i>	<i>Mr. Walker.</i>
<i>Mr. Hindle,</i>	<i>Tellers,</i>
<i>Mr. Kidd,</i>	<i>Mr. Frank Farnell,</i>
<i>Mr. Donald,</i>	<i>Mr. G. D. Clark.</i>
<i>Mr. Hutchinson,</i>	
<i>Sir Henry Parkes,</i>	

And so it passed in the negative.

6. DISMISSAL OF JAMES FARR, LATE CLERK OF WORKS, GOVERNMENT ARCHITECT'S DEPARTMENT:—*Mr. Hoyle* 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 dismissal of James Farr, late Clerk of Works, Government Architect's Department.

(2.) That such Committee consist of *Mr. Lyne*, *Mr. McGowen*, *Mr. Sharp*, *Mr. Frank Farnell*, *Mr. Wright*, *Mr. Garrard*, *Mr. McCourt*, *Mr. Stevenson*, *Mr. Vaughn*, and the Mover.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 17.

<i>Mr. Vaughn,</i>	<i>Tellers,</i>
<i>Mr. Stevenson,</i>	<i>Mr. Hoyle,</i>
<i>Mr. Donald,</i>	<i>Mr. Hassall.</i>
<i>Mr. Houghton,</i>	
<i>Mr. Walker,</i>	
<i>Mr. Edden,</i>	
<i>Mr. Sharp,</i>	
<i>Mr. O'Sullivan,</i>	
<i>Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,</i>	
<i>Mr. G. D. Clark,</i>	
<i>Mr. Collins,</i>	
<i>Mr. Kelly,</i>	
<i>Mr. Cann,</i>	
<i>Mr. McGowen,</i>	
<i>Mr. Fegan.</i>	

Noes, 29.

<i>Mr. Morton,</i>	<i>Mr. Scott,</i>
<i>Mr. Barton,</i>	<i>Mr. Hutchinson,</i>
<i>Mr. Gould,</i>	<i>Mr. Newman,</i>
<i>Mr. Young,</i>	<i>Sir George Dibbs,</i>
<i>Mr. Slattery,</i>	<i>Mr. Torpy,</i>
<i>Mr. Copeland,</i>	<i>Mr. Bowes,</i>
<i>Mr. See,</i>	<i>Mr. Waddell,</i>
<i>Mr. Tonkin,</i>	<i>Mr. Perry,</i>
<i>Mr. Suttor,</i>	<i>Mr. Black,</i>
<i>Mr. Hugh McKinnon,</i>	<i>Mr. Nicoll,</i>
<i>Mr. Parkes,</i>	<i>Sir Henry Parkes.</i>
<i>Mr. Barbour,</i>	<i>Tellers,</i>
<i>Mr. Fuller,</i>	<i>Mr. Crick,</i>
<i>Mr. McCourt,</i>	<i>Mr. Gardiner.</i>
<i>Mr. Kidd,</i>	
<i>Mr. Hindle,</i>	

And so it passed in the negative.

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7. 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. 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.

Debate ensued.

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

Question put,—That this Debate be now adjourned.

The House divided.

Ayes, 13.

Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. See,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Copeland,
Sir George Dibbs,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Jeanneret.

Tellers,

Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Morton.

Noes, 36.

Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. G. D. Clark,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Rose,	Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Dowel,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Darnley,	Mr. Donald,
Mr. Scott,	Mr. Francis Clarke,
Mr. Houghton,	Mr. McGowon,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Hindle.
Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cann,	
Mr. Lees,	Mr. Dannhey,
Mr. Walker,	Mr. Fegan.

And so it passed in the negative.

Original Question again proposed.

Debate continued.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

The House adjourned at twenty-three 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. 35.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 11 APRIL, 1894.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Sale of the "Faraway":—*Mr. Johnston*, for *Mr. Murphy*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that tenders have been called for the sale of the "Faraway"?

(2.) Has he obtained the opinion of the Board of Health as to whether this vessel, having been a small-pox hospital, should not be burnt instead of being sold?

(3.) In the interests of public health, will he cause the tenders to be returned and the "Faraway" taken to sea and burnt?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The Board of Health report as follows:—"After each occasion on which a case of small-pox has been treated on the 'Faraway' the vessel has been thoroughly disinfected; there can be no danger to the public health in her sale."

(3.) The course suggested is not necessary.

(2.) Issue of Free Railway Passes to the Unemployed:—*Mr. Newman* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Department are issuing free passes to the unemployed of Sydney to enable them to reach Orange?

(2.) If so, will he see that the same be discontinued immediately, as the district is unable to find profitable employment for its resident population?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) Yes; thirty-four have been assisted this month.

(2.) Applicants for passes to Orange will be informed of the views of the Honorable Member.

(3.) Ourimbah Public School:—*Mr. Stevenson* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—With reference to the Answer given to *Mr. Stevenson's* Question, No. 16, on Tuesday, 3rd April, would he state what was the enrolment and average attendance at the Ourimbah Public School (for which a weather-shed was recommended by the Inspector) during the years 1892, 1893, and 1894, up to date?*Mr. Suttor* answered,—

	Enrolment.	Average attendance.
For the year 1892—March quarter... ..	70	47
June quarter	62	42
September quarter	60	41
December quarter	59	39
For the year 1893—March quarter... ..	54	34
June quarter	51	32
September quarter	46	33
December quarter	43	21
For the year 1894—March quarter... ..	67	45

(4.) Cost of Telegrams from Barmedman to Wyalong:—*Mr. Newman* asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) Is it a fact that it costs £1 to convey a telegram from Barmedman to Wyalong unless conveyed by mail at 5 a.m.?

(2.) If so, will he, in view of the fact and large population at Wyalong, see that communication be established at once?
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Mr. Kidd answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The erection of a telegraph line necessarily occupies some time. The matter has received prompt attention, a tender has been accepted, and it is expected that the line will be completed in a month.

(5.) Visit of Mr. James Martin, M.P., to the World's Fair at Chicago:—Mr. Gormly asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Was a sum of money placed by the Government at the disposal of James Martin, Esq., M.P., to enable him to visit the World's Fair at Chicago; if so, what was the amount?
- (2.) Has any sum been paid Mr. Martin; and, if so, what sum?
- (3.) Were any conditions attached to the payment; and, if so, have the conditions been carried out?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—£700 was paid to Mr. Martin, M.P., to meet travelling and other expenses as Special Commissioner at the Chicago Exhibition to report upon manufactures and manufacturing processes. The whole of this amount has not, however, been expended, and the balance will be returned as soon as the accounts are adjusted.

(6.) Shea's Creek Reclamation Works:—*Mr. G. D. Clark*, for Mr. Black, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Referring to the statement made by him concerning the wages earned at the Shea's Creek reclamation works, last week, is it a fact that the first pay there was not based on work done, but on a time computation, and that the second pay, based on measurement, showed a reduction of one-third; for instance, from 18s. for nineteen hours work to £1 18s. for forty-seven hours work?
- (2.) Is it not a fact that the work has since been rendered less remunerative by deeper sinking being demanded?
- (3.) Is it not a fact that his statement, of 4th April, to the House was based on the favourable figures of the first pay?
- (4.) Is it a fact that work let to contractors at Shea's Creek, at 2s. 6d. per yard, is now given to the working gangs at 9d. per yard?
- (5.) Is it a fact that the men employed by day labour in laying the truck rails have come from an adjacent colony?
- (6.) Is it not a fact that the sinking on the upper side of the creek is comparatively dry, while work on the lower side is always wet, and utterly impossible on some excavations when the tide is in?
- (7.) Is it not a fact that, in addition to loss of time waiting for the subsidence of the water, the men in the low-lying excavations have continually to throw out tons of soil caved in by the action of the tide?
- (8.) Is it nevertheless a fact that the pay on both sides of the creek is the same?
- (9.) Is there any truth in the statement that the men are to be paid fair wages, if these cannot be made under the present conditions?
- (10.) Is it not a fact that the men at Shea's Creek never went on strike, but only suspended operations when officially told that the work was to be proceeded with under new conditions, until these conditions were made known?
- (11.) Is there any truth in the statement that he intends to abandon the present arrangement and call for tenders?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I am doing the best I can to give deserving men work at Shea's Creek at reasonably remunerative rates. If the men do not care to work no person wishes to compel them to do so. It is unreasonable to expect that I should reply in detail to the Questions put; and I can only say that there is no intention to abandon the present arrangement and call for tenders.

(7.) Dismissal of Thomas Buckley from the Roads Department:—Mr. Sharp asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House copies of all papers in connection with Thomas Buckley's dismissal from the Roads Department; also, all papers and correspondence and evidence connected with the departmental inquiry?

Mr. Lyne answered,—These papers were laid upon the Table of the House on the 11th September, 1890, in response to a request by the Honorable Member for Northumberland, Mr. Walker.

(8.) Distribution of Electors' Rights in Country Districts:—Mr. Cann asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Have the electoral rights been distributed in the country districts as provided by section 30 of the Electoral Act?
- (2.) If not, will he take immediate steps to avail himself of the provisions of this section?
- (3.) What other steps is it intended to take to prevent disfranchisement through the non-distribution of electoral rights?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Chief Electoral Officer:—

- (1 and 2.) The electoral rights are now being distributed personally, as provided under section 30 of the Act.
- (3.) When the method that is at present in operation has been exhausted, the residue of the rights will be placed with the Registrars and the Deputy Registrars in the local divisions throughout each Electorate, so as to enable electors to obtain their rights up to the latest possible moment, and such other steps will be taken as circumstances and the provisions of the Act will permit.

(9.) Proposed Bridge over the Bogan River at Buddabadah:—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has he considered the advisability of erecting a bridge over the Bogan River at Buddabadah, and is it his intention to have such work carried out?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the want of a bridge at this point on the Bogan seriously interferes with traffic to the railway at Nyngan?

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- Mr. Lyne answered,—
- (1.) The question of the erection of a bridge at this place will be considered when the Estimates for next year are being prepared.
- (2.) From the reports of the officers of the Department this does not appear to be the case, although the petitioners for the bridge have so represented it.
- (10.) Water Supply at Girilambone Railway Station :—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Mines,—Have tenders been invited for a water supply at Girilambone railway station ; if not, what is the cause of delay ?
- Mr. Slattery answered,—Notices have been issued inviting tenders for this work.
- (11.) Mail from Nyngan to Gongolgon :—Mr. Waddell asked the Postmaster-General,—Has he considered an application for a bi-weekly mail from Nyngan to Gongolgon ; and, if so, with what result ?
- Mr. Kidd answered,—The application is receiving consideration and a decision will be arrived at without unnecessary delay.
- (12.) Bridge over the Bogan River at Monkey :—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Has he considered the necessity of erecting a bridge over the Bogan River at Monkey ; and if so, with what result ?
- (2.) Is he aware that much public inconvenience is felt for want of such a structure ?
- Mr. Lyne answered,—The reports in the office show that a bridge at this place is not an urgent necessity.
- (13.) Reserves on Deniliquin Pastoral Holding :—Mr. Chanter asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Have any applications been made to him to revoke reserves on Deniliquin pastoral holding, and submit the same to public auction only ?
- (2.) If so, will he state the nature of the applications and the names of the persons making and supporting the same ?
- Mr. Copeland answered,—Applications have been received on behalf of Mr. Landale, the lessee of the Deniliquin pastoral holding, for the revocation of water reserves Nos. 210 and 19,842 on that holding, and the submission of the same to public auction only. These applications were presented by Mr. Barbour, M.P.
- (14.) Sale of Crown Lands on Bundyulunblah :—Mr. Chanter asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Have any applications been made to him to submit Crown lands situated at Bundyulunblah pastoral holding, Land District of Deniliquin, to public auction ?
- (2.) If so, will he state the nature of the applications, and the names of the persons making and supporting the same ?
- Mr. Copeland answered,—No applications appear to have been received.
- (15.) Post and Telegraph Offices at Camperdown :—Mr. Joseph Abbott asked the Postmaster-General,—Will he give instructions for the preparation of plans for post and telegraph offices proposed to be erected at Camperdown on the land purchased by the Government for that purpose, and as promised some time since ?
- Mr. Kidd answered,—Steps will be taken to have provision made and plans prepared before the expiration of the present lease, in January next.
- (16.) Survey of Road to Wyalong :—Mr. Fegan, for Mr. Vaughn, asked the Secretary for Lands,—In view of the urgency of the matter, will he cause a survey of the road from the 16-mile tank to Wyalong at the earliest possible time ?
- Mr. Copeland answered,—The District Surveyor has already been requested to furnish a report without delay.
- (17.) Appointment of Warden at Wyalong :—Mr. Fegan, for Mr. Vaughn, asked the Secretary for Mines,—In view of the great number of disputes requiring adjudication, will he appoint a Warden to be resident at Wyalong to deal promptly with such cases ?
- Mr. Slattery answered,—There is a Warden now on the field, and provision can be made for a Warden to visit the field as often as required. There is at present no accommodation on the field for a Warden.
- (18.) Appointment of Mining Registrar at Wyalong :—Mr. Fegan, for Mr. Vaughn, asked the Secretary for Mines,—Will he, in view of the urgency of the matter, have a permanent resident Mining Registrar appointed at Wyalong, in place of the temporary policeman acting as such at present ?
- Mr. Slattery answered,—The present Mining Registrar at Wyalong is as permanent as other Mining Registrars. No report has been received that he is not competent for the work ; but if the Warden, who is now on the field, says he is not competent, steps will be taken to send a more competent officer to the place.
- (19.) The Chief Commissioner for Railways :—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact, as stated by the daily papers, that the Chief Commissioner of Railways has been employed by the Government of Tasmania to inspect and report upon the railways of that colony ?
- (2.) Is Mr. Eddy at present in Tasmania fulfilling such engagement ?
- (3.) Has he received leave of absence from the Government of this Colony for the purpose of fulfilling such engagement ?

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- (4.) Will Mr. Eddy's salary of £3,000 per annum continue to be paid during the period of such leave (if any)?
- (5.) Is the Government of Tasmania to make any payment for the services of Mr. Eddy?
- (6.) If so, who is to receive and retain such payment—the Government of New South Wales or Mr. Eddy?
- (7.) Is he aware that clause (a), subsection II of section 8 of 51 Vic. No. 35 (Government Railways Act) says: "II. A Commissioner shall be deemed to have vacated his office—(a) If he shall engage, during his term of office, in any employment outside the duties of his office"?
- (8.) Will he consult this House before making any appointment to the now vacant office of Chief Commissioner for Railways?

Mr. See answered,—With reference to the above list of Questions, it is a fact that the Chief Commissioner for Railways is visiting Hobart to report on the State railways of that Colony. The visit is one made at the express wish of the Tasmanian Government, and at the desire of the Government of New South Wales; and although the Chief Commissioner consented to make the report—which will entail a large amount of arduous work—he expressly desired it to be understood that he would accept no fee for the service. The Chief Commissioner expects to return to Sydney within a fortnight.

- (20.) Post Office Savings Bank :—Mr. Perry asked the Postmaster-General,—Referring to Answer to Mr. Perry's Question, No. 11, of 5th April, will he consult with the Treasurer on the advisableness of establishing a lending branch in connection with the Post Office Savings Bank?

Mr. Kidd answered,—Yes.

- (21.) Civilian Rifle Clubs :—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the members of the various civilian rifle clubs refuse to regard themselves as under an obligation to, if necessary, assist in the defence of the country, notwithstanding that they are an expense to the country?
- (2.) Is it a fact that several civilian rifle clubs exist only in name—the membership consisting only of one or two individuals, who are in possession of large stands of arms and other Government property?
- (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to authorise the formation of properly controlled Reserve Rifle Companies?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) No intimation to this effect has reached the Military authorities.
- (2.) Not as far as is shown by returns furnished, but there are others still to come in.
- (3.) This matter has not yet engaged the attention of the Government.

- (22.) Constable Taylor :—Mr. Black asked the Colonial Secretary,—What is the reason that Constable Taylor received only £25 for the part he took in the affray with the Bridge-street burglars?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Inspector-General of Police :—Constable Taylor received a gratuity of £10. He was only slightly injured, and on the sick report for twenty-four days. The gratuities awarded were partly in the nature of compensation for injuries received. The other police who were injured were under medical treatment for a much longer period, none being in a condition yet to resume duty. The circumstances as regards Sergeant Ball were exceptional.

- (23.) Litigation incurred by the Railway Department :—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Why have not the Questions asked by Mr. Rose relative to the litigation incurred by the Railway Department been replied to?
- (2.) Is he aware that it is now more than one month since the same Questions were asked?

Mr. See answered,—The Questions referred to were partially answered on the 31st January last, but the full information desired by the Honorable Member is of a detailed character which involves considerable research; and, in order to make it of value, the return is being amplified to embrace not only the period since the Railway Commissioners took office, but a corresponding period previous to their administration. From the books the details can be approximately given as: Legal expenses for the five years since the Commissioners have been in office, £20,000; and for the corresponding period prior to their administration, £57,000. The details will necessarily take some little time to prepare.

- (24.) Depletion of Gold Reserves in the Country :—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Secretary,—Does the Government contemplate any legislation that will protect the public from a depletion of gold reserves during the enforced country paper issue?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—If the Honorable Member will make his meaning clear I shall endeavour to give him an answer to the Question. Nothing has come to my knowledge concerning any probable "depletion of gold reserves during the enforced country paper issue." I really do not know what the Honorable Member means.

2. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—

(1.) 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";—until Wednesday next.

(2.) Rates of Pilotage at the Ports of Sydney and Newcastle; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Molesworth,—

"(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the excessive rates of pilotage now levied at the ports of Sydney and Newcastle are seriously detrimental 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";—until Tuesday, 15th May.

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3. WORKING OF COLLIERIES:—Mr. Fegan (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Select Committee on "Working of Collieries," have power to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them, from time to time to this House.
Question put and passed.
4. PAPERS:—
Sir George Dibbs laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Report on Coast Hospital, Little Bay, for the year 1893.
(2.) Report on Vaccination for the year 1893.
(3.) Return to an Order, made on 28th March, 1894,—“Appointment of Mr. W. J. Gunning to “the Wollongong Harbour Trust.”
(4.) Return respecting Typhoid Fever in Sydney and Suburbs from 1876 to 1893, and certain particulars respecting other infectious diseases.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Kidd laid upon the Table,—Notification of introduction of stamped telegram forms.
Ordered to be printed.
5. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. McCourt 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 disrating and removal of Constable Andrews from Byron Bay by order of the Chief Secretary, “as disclosed by the printed papers relating thereto.”
And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—
Mr. McCourt moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
6. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTORATES AND ELECTIONS ACT OF 1893 AMENDMENT 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 on Wednesday next.
7. GLEN INNES TO INVERELL RAILWAY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Lyne 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 House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 46.

Mr. Barton,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Bowes,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. See,	Mr. Nowton,
Mr. Miller,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Hoyle,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Walker,	Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Scott,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. York,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Lyne.
Mr. Cruickshank,	
Mr. Sharp,	Tellers.
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Cann.

Noes, 4.

Mr. Rose,
Mr. Copeland.

Tellers,

Mr. Neild,
Mr. A'Beckett.

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

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Mr. Lyne 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 the Bill with amendments.

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

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

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

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

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 12 APRIL, 1894.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Rozelle Bay:—Mr. Johnston asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it his intention to proceed with the filling-in of Rozelle Bay, Bahmain; if so, when will the sewer for draining purposes be proceeded with?

Mr. Lyne answered,—It is my intention to proceed with the filling-in of the bay as soon as a sand-pump dredge is available, and with the sewer when I can obtain the necessary legislative authority.

- (2.) Glebe Island Bridge:—Mr. Johnston asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he consider the advisableness, when constructing the new Glebe Island bridge, to consider whether it should be made to carry the proposed Glebe Island railway, with a view of carrying the said railway to Darling Island?

Mr. Lyne answered,—There is no intention to connect Darling Island by railway across the Glebe Island bridge.

- (3.) Assessment of Snow Leases:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that snow lease 77 is assessed at 5d. per acre, and that snow lease 28, which adjoins it, is only assessed at 3½d.?

(2.) Is it also a fact that there was no survey fee charged for snow lease 28, and that a survey fee of £39 10s. was charged for snow lease 77?

(3.) Why is there so great a difference between the assessments and the charges for these two snow leases?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) The annual rents of these leases (which are situate on opposite sides of the Murrumbidgee River) were fixed at 5d. and 3½d. per acre respectively.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) The rates fixed represent the fair annual rental of each lease as appraised by the Land Board upon evidence taken at the inquiry, coupled with the local knowledge of the Board. The cost of survey is determined by the actual measurements required, which in the case of lease 28 were nominal.

- (4.) Conveyances for Transit of Cream and Butter by Rail:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In view of the rapid progress of the dairying industry, will he take into consideration the desirableness of recommending the Railway Commissioners to erect insulated chambers for the reception of cream or butter, and place louvred cars on the lines for the carriage of cream and butter to market?

Mr. See answered,—I will bring the matter of cool depôts under the notice of the Railway Commissioners. I am informed that louvred cars are already provided, and where the traffic warrants it are set apart for the carriage of butter.

- (5.) Delivery of Mails at Wyalong:—Mr. Darnley, for Mr. Newman, asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the ordinary coaches run through to Wyalong in the one day from Temora, while the mail contractor is allowed and takes two days?

(2.) If so, will he see the mails are delivered daily?

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Mr. Kidd answered,—

(1.) It is understood that the coaches leaving Temora on arrival of train go right through, whilst the mails remain at Barmedman during the night.

(2.) Endeavours were made to effect this, but, owing to the weight of mail matter and delays for sorting, two contractors failed, and the Department, as a temporary measure, has been compelled to delay them at Barmedman, reaching Wyalong at 10 next morning. Every possible endeavour is being made to improve the service.

(6.) Post Office Savings Bank for Wyalong:—Mr. Schey asked the Postmaster-General,—Will he take into consideration the need of opening a branch of the Post Office Savings Bank at Wyalong immediately, so that successful diggers may have a safe bank in which to deposit their money?

Mr. Kidd answered,—A branch of the Government Savings Bank has already been opened at Wyalong.

(7.) The Revenue:—Mr. Molesworth asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What was the total amount of revenue received during the quarters ended 31st March, in the years 1892, 1893, and 1894, respectively?

Mr. See answered,—1892, £2,410,013 14s. 6d.; 1893, £2,269,345 7s. 10d.; 1894, £2,136,116 0s. 4d. This information appears in the quarterly statements.

(8.) Costs in Case Schey v. the Chief Commissioner for Railways:—Mr. Molesworth, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What was the cost to the Public Exchequer of the Commission appointed to inquire as to the charges by Mr. Schey against the Railway Department?

Mr. See answered,—£2,748 8s. It may be added that this amount does not include the expenses in connection with the Railway Department, as a great amount of time was taken up by the Railway Officers in connection with this case which has not formed a charge against the Commission.

(9.) Litigation incurred by the Railway Department:—Mr. Molesworth, for Mr. Rose, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Railway Commissioners are privileged to supply addenda to Questions asked?

(2.) If not, will he see that the Question asked by Mr. Rose relative to litigation costs is answered in its original form?

Mr. See answered,—I think the Railway Commissioners are privileged to give every information requisite to make replies to Questions thoroughly intelligible, whether by comparison or otherwise, to the House as a whole and the public, as well as to the Honorable Members asking the Questions. The total expenditure has already been given, and if the Honorable Member will state the particular payment about which information is desired, it will be furnished, provided it is not in connection with pending litigation. This course would save much time in compiling details, which involve a thorough analysis of a sum of £8,000 paid by the Crown Solicitor while acting also as Solicitor for Railways.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—Abstract of Crown lands authorised to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Slattery laid upon the Table,—Return respecting Artesian Wells in the Colony.

Ordered to be printed.

3. LOAN BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

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

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

4. COUNTRY TOWNS AND HUNTEE DISTRICT WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE ACTS AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Lyne moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

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

5. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. See 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 Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 37.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 17 APRIL, 1894.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Railway and Tramway Employees:—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that when fines are inflicted on railway and tramway employees that the amounts of such fines are paid into the Consolidated Revenue?
- (2.) Is it a fact that, for a number of years past, an amount similar to the aggregate amount of such fines during the period has been annually divided among the sick and benefit societies connected with the Railway and Tramway Service?
- (3.) Is it a fact that such usual distribution has this year been withheld?
- (4.) Is it a fact that the aggregate of such fines, or the bulk thereof, has been paid to the Railway Institute?
- (5.) Under what section of the Government Railways Act are the Commissioners empowered to pay moneys from the Consolidated Revenue to the Railway Institute?
- (6.) Under what appropriation of Parliament, Appropriation Acts of 1892, 1893, or 1894, are the Commissioners empowered to pay moneys received from fines on the employees to the Railway Institute?

Mr. Lync answered,—I am informed that fines inflicted on the railway employees are not paid into the Consolidated Revenue, unless where loss to the revenue has been occasioned by the offence. In the past it has been usual to divide the fines among the Societies, but ascertaining that the distribution was not appropriated in all cases as it was intended it should be, it was decided to hand the money over to the Railway Institute for the benefit of the staff.

(2.) Exemption Certificates:—Mr. Molesworth asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the masters of many of the ocean-going steamers of all nationalities are now obtaining "exemption certificates" to enable them to avoid the payment of pilotage?
- (2.) How many exemptions have been granted during the past twelve months?
- (3.) Is it a fact that many foreign-owned vessels arriving at Newcastle from both Sydney and Melbourne are found to be in charge of local masters (with exemption certificates), who have been temporarily employed to avoid pilotage charges?

Mr. Lync answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Eighty-six pilotage certificates have been issued during the last twelve months. Out of this, ten were for masters of German, four of French, and one of American, steamers, and one American sailing vessel.
- (3.) No "foreign-owned" vessels have arrived at Newcastle from Sydney or Melbourne under the conditions mentioned in the Question, but during the period, November, 1892, to March, 1894, nine British-owned foreign-trading ships and steamers arrived at Newcastle in charge of exempt masters, whose names had been put on the certificates of British registry in either Sydney or Melbourne. The Marine Board have framed a regulation which it is hoped will prevent this practice in future.

(3.) Electors' Rights:—Mr. Hutchinson asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is he aware that thousands of persons have been obliged to leave the districts in which they were enrolled as electors, to search for employment in other districts, and that their electors' rights cannot now be delivered to them under the provisions of the Electoral Act?
- (2.) Will he cause an amendment to be made by which electors' rights may be transmitted to registrars or police officers in charge of other districts, for delivery to any elector who may make application for same, and declare that he is the person entitled?

Mr. Stattery answered,—I am not aware, but the matter shall have my attention.

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- (4.) Brush Farm:—Mr. Young asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he inform the House of the terms on which a property known as Brush Farm has been leased or otherwise acquired by the Government, and the purpose for which it has been so acquired?

Mr. Slattery answered,—For the term of ten years, at £500 per annum.

- (5.) Brush Farm:—Mr. Darnley asked the Colonial Secretary,—Referring to Mr. Darnley's Question, No. 7, of the 24th January, *re* Brush Farm, Parramatta River,—

- (1.) What are the conditions of the lease?
- (2.) What is the area?
- (3.) What is the estimated present market value of the estate?
- (4.) Who is the owner?
- (5.) Has he any objection to lay the papers upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Slattery answered,—If the Honorable Member will move for a return in the usual way the information shall be furnished.

- (6.) Imputations against Darlinghurst Gaol Official:—Mr. Kelly asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that certain documents containing serious imputations against a high official at Darlinghurst Gaol are at present in the hands of the Comptroller-General of Prisons?
 - (2.) If so, what action has he taken in the matter?

Mr. Slattery answered,—The Comptroller-General of Prisons reports that certain documents written in pencil were forwarded to him by an ex-warder, embodying letters addressed by him to a high official of the Gaol, and replied to by that official's solicitor. Imputations were conveyed in these papers, but considering the manner in which they were made, and the source from which they emanated, he did not feel justified in taking any action upon them.

2. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the third reading of the Parramatta Street Watering Bill postponed until To-morrow.
3. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. O'Sullivan rising to move the adjournment of the House,—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice under 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 necessity for the Government taking immediate steps to encourage the dairying industry."
- And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—
Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
4. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

- (1.) Royal Agricultural Society of New South Wales Enabling Continuation Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to continue the vesting of certain land in the Agricultural Society of New South Wales subject to certain conditions, and to extinguish all rights of common in respect of such land,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, including an amendment in the Title, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 17th April, 1894.*

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES ENABLING CONTINUATION BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 17th April, 1894.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, Title, line 3. Omit "extinguish" insert "suspend"

Page 1, clause 1, lines 16 and 17. Omit "absolutely extinguished" insert "suspended during such period"

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

- (2.) Mining on Private Lands Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill returned herewith, 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,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 17th April, 1894.*

JOHN LACKEY,
President.
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MINING ON PRIVATE LANDS BILL.

*Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 17th April, 1894.*JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 2, clause 2, lines 18 and 19. *Omit* "Coal"—Bituminous coal, anthracite, lignite, kerosene shale, and natural coke"
- Page 2, clause 2, lines 20 to 26. *Omit* "Minerals other than gold"—Coal and any of the following metals, or any ore containing the same, viz.:—Platinum, silver, mercury, nickel, bismuth, copper, tin, cobalt, antimony, lead, manganese, and iron, or any other substance which may from time to time, by proclamation of the Governor, published in the *Gazette*, be declared a 'mineral' within the meaning of this Act." *insert* "Silver"—as well any silver as any earth or rock containing silver or having silver intermixed therewith "Lead"—as well any lead as any earth or rock containing lead or having lead intermixed therewith "Tin"—as well any tin as any earth or rock containing tin or having tin intermixed therewith "Antimony"—as well any antimony as any earth or rock containing antimony or having antimony intermixed therewith"
- Page 2, clause 2, lines 27 and 28. *Omit* "All minerals"—The minerals metals, or ores of metals enumerated in the three immediately preceding subsections"
- Page 3, clause 3, lines 15 and 16. *Omit* "or such minerals other than gold as" *insert* "silver, lead, tin, and antimony, but as to silver, lead, tin, and antimony only where such minerals"
- Page 3, clause 3, line 17. *Omit* "save and except coal"
- Page 3, clause 3, line 22. *Omit* "all minerals, including gold" *insert* "gold, silver, lead, tin, and antimony"
- Page 3, clause 5, line 45. *Omit* "and for all minerals other than gold" *insert* "silver, lead, tin, and antimony"
- Page 3, clause 5, lines 47 and 48. *Omit* "any mineral or minerals particularly specified therein" *insert* "silver, lead, tin, or antimony, or any of such minerals"
- Page 3, clause 5, line 50. *Omit* "the particular mineral or minerals," *insert* "silver, lead, tin, and antimony, or any of them where such minerals are"
- Page 4, clause 6, lines 6 to 14. *Omit* "After the passing of this Act, all lands granted or vested in trust by the Crown for the purposes of a race-course, cricket ground, recreation reserve, park, or permanent common, irrespective of whether the deed of grant (if any) contains a reservation of minerals or the contrary, and all lands held under tramway, irrigation, or power leases, or leases for water supply, whether granted under any special Act or otherwise, shall be open for mining thereon or thereunder for gold or minerals other than gold subject to the provisions of this Act: Provided that"
- Page 4, clause 6, line 14. *Omit* "herein" *insert* "in sections three and five of this Act"
- Page 4, clause 6, lines 15 to 17. *Omit* "or to lands vested in trust for or dedicated to any public purpose other than those hereinbefore mentioned"
- Page 4, clause 6, line 18. *Omit* "Government"
- Page 4, clause 6, line 20. *After* "Act" *omit* remainder of clause.
- Page 4, clause 7. *Omit* clause 7 *insert* the following new clause:—
Lands held from the Crown under tramway, irrigation, or power leases, and lands held under lease for water supply in virtue of any special Act or otherwise, and lands granted or vested in trust by the Crown for the purposes of a race-course, cricket ground, recreation reserve, park, or permanent common, shall, subject to the provisions of this Act, be open for mining thereon and thereunder, but only on a proclamation being made by the Governor in the *Gazette*, notifying that the lands therein described are subject to the provisions of this Act, and from and after the day named in the proclamation.
- Page 4. *After* clause 7 *insert* the following new clause:—
In all cases, whether on private lands or Crown lands, wherever a lease is granted to mine under such land only and without the right of mining on the surface thereof, the Governor may stipulate at what vertical depth from the surface such lease shall commence.
- Page 4, clause 8. *Omit* clause 8.
- Page 5, clause 9, line 4. *After* "person" *insert* "holding a miner's right"
- Page 5, clause 9, line 5. *After* "any" *insert* "specified portion of"
- Page 5, clause 9, line 6. *After* "Act" *insert* "which authority shall be effective during the next succeeding fourteen days"
- Page 5, clause 9, line 8. *After* "or" *insert* "accompanied"
- Page 5, clause 9, line 8. *Omit* "his agent" *insert* "one other person who is the holder of a miner's right but without dogs"
- Page 5, clause 9, lines 8 and 9. *Omit* "search and examine the surface of" *insert* "enter upon"
- Page 5, clause 9, line 9. *Omit* "but shall not be entitled" *insert* "and may detach one or more samples of any vein or lode, out-cropping at the surface thereof, not exceeding in the aggregate twenty-eight pounds in weight, and may remove such samples for the purpose of assaying or testing the value thereof, but such authority shall not entitle the holder"
- Page 5, clause 9, line 13. *After* "obtained" *omit* remainder of clause.
- Page 5, clause 10, line 23. *Omit* "examine the surface of" *insert* "enter upon"
- Page 5, clause 10, line 23. *Omit* "for mining purposes" *insert* "as hereinbefore provided"
- Page 5, clause 10, line 24. *After* "for" *insert* "authority to enter upon"
- Page 5, clause 10, line 25. *Omit* "one month" *insert* "fourteen days"
- Page 5, clause 10, line 28. *After* "shall" *insert* "within twenty-four hours"
- Page 5, clause 11, line 30. *Omit* "duly" *insert* "such"

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- Page 5, clause 11, line 32. *After* "may" *insert* "at all reasonable times and doing no unnecessary
"damage and"
- Page 5, clause 11, line 42. *Omit* "And in like manner any surveyor" *insert* "and except as
"provided in Part III of this Act any person who shall commence to mine on or under
"any private land without having first obtained a lease under the provisions of this Act
"shall be, and be deemed to be, guilty of a misdemeanour: Provided that any surveyor
"with his assistants"
- Page 5, clause 11, line 43. *Before* "boundaries" *insert* "road to and the"
- Page 5, clause 12, line 48. *After* "under" *insert* "and subject to"
- Page 5, clause 12, line 53. *Omit* "minerals other than gold" *insert* "silver, lead, tin, or antimony,
"or any of such minerals"
- Page 5, clause 12, line 55. *Omit* "section six" *insert* "sections six and seven"
- Pages 5 and 6, clause 12, lines 56 to 4. *Omit* "but in the case of lands alienated prior to or on
"the twenty-fourth day of January, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty,
"regard shall be had to the proclamation of His Excellency Sir Charles Augustus Fitzroy,
"Governor, published in the *Government Gazette*, on the twenty-ninth day of January,
"in the year aforesaid, whereby all reservations of coal, with the rights of the Crown
"incident thereto, were, by His Excellency's command, for ever abandoned"
- Page 6, clause 12, line 4. *After* "lease" *insert* "shall take effect only when issued and"
- Page 6, clause 12, line 10. *After* "provided" *insert* "by a right-of-way to be surveyed from the
"land comprised in the lease to the nearest practicable point of a public road, and the
"cost of surveying and marking such right-of-way shall be borne by the lessee"
- Page 6, clause 12, line 13. *After* "thereon" *insert* "or to keep dogs unless chained up or kept
"under proper control"
- Page 6, clause 12, line 13. *After* "or" second occurring, *insert* "except in connection with such
"mining operations"
- Page 6, clause 12, line 14. *Omit* "except in connection with such mining operations"
- Page 6, clause 12, lines 15 and 16. *Omit* "the power herein given to grant leases" *insert* "no
"such lease"
- Page 6, clause 12, line 16. *Omit* "not"
- Page 6, clause 12, line 19. *After* "ground" *insert* "or to within two hundred yards on the surface
"of any land on which is erected the principal residence of the owner or occupier"
- Page 6, clause 12, line 20. *Omit* "such"
- Page 6, clause 12, line 22. *Before* "provided" *insert* "nor shall any right-of-way be granted
"through any garden, orchard, or pleasure ground"
- Page 6. *After* clause 12 *insert* the following new clause:—
Nothing in this Act contained shall, unless with the consent of the owner, apply or be held
to apply to any lands which are enclosed and under cultivation or to lands which have been *bonâ*
fide acquired and are held for the purposes of mining.
- Page 6, clause 13, line 38. *After* "to" *omit* remainder of clause, *insert* "the Minister."
- Page 6, clause 14, line 48. *After* "and" *insert* "in such latter case"
- Page 7, clause 15, line 1. *After* "thereupon" *insert* "and for the damages caused by severing
"such land or any part thereof from other land of the owner or occupier"
- Page 7, clause 16, line 8. *Before* "occupier" *insert* "by the"
- Page 7, clause 16, line 8. *After* "(if any)" *insert* "and by the mortgagee if any"
- Page 7, clause 16, line 11. *Omit* "and"
- Page 7, clause 16, line 11. *After* "occupier" *insert* "and mortgagee"
- Page 7, clause 16, line 13. *After* "owner" *omit* "and"
- Page 7, clause 16, line 13. *After* "occupier" *insert* "and mortgagee"
- Page 7, clause 16, line 16. *Before* "occupier" *insert* "the"
- Page 7, clause 16, line 16. *After* "(if any)" *insert* "and the mortgagee if any"
- Page 7, clause 16, line 19. *After* "occupier" *insert* "or mortgagee"
- Page 7, clause 16, line 19. *Omit* "either" *insert* "any"
- Page 7, clause 16, line 28. *After* "occupier" *insert* "or mortgagee"
- Page 7, clause 17, line 39. *After* "specified" *insert* "his application shall become void and"
- Page 7, clause 17, line 48. *Omit* "or"
- Page 7, clause 17, line 48. *Omit* "the amount to which he is entitled" *insert* "and mortgagee the
"amounts (if any) to which they are respectively entitled"
- Page 7, clause 17, line 49. *Omit* "or"
- Page 7, clause 17, line 49. *After* "occupier" *insert* "or mortgagee"
- Page 7, clause 17, line 52. *Omit* "or"
- Page 7, clause 17, line 52. *After* "occupier" *insert* "or mortgagee"
- Page 7, clause 18, lines 56 to 59. *Omit* "During the progress of mining operations the lessee
"having a lease of below the surface only of such land, may apply to the Minister for a
"lease of a portion or any number of additional portions of the surface thereof" *insert*
"During the progress of mining operations a lessee having a lease empowering him to mine
"below the surface of any area of land, may, for the purposes of mining, apply to the
"Minister for a lease of a portion or any number of additional portions of the surface
"of the area of land under which he is empowered to mine"
- Page 8. *After* clause 18 *insert* the following new clause:—
If any land, or buildings thereon, adjoining any land held under any mining lease granted
under this Act, be injured by any operations carried on by the lessee, the owner of such land or
buildings shall be entitled to recover from such lessee compensation for all loss and damage thereby
sustained by such owner, to be recovered in any Court of competent jurisdiction.
- Page 8, clause 20, lines 47 and 48. *Omit* "on the sixth day of October, one thousand eight
"hundred and ninety-two" *insert* "at the time of the passing of this Act"
- Page 9, clause 20, line 6. *Omit* "or minerals other than gold" *insert* "silver, lead, tin, or
"antimony, or all of such minerals"

Not to apply to
lands under cul-
tivation or *bonâ*
fide held for
mining pur-
poses.

Owner of adjoining
land, &c.,
entitled to
compensation
for damage.

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- Page 9, clause 21, line 14. *Omit* "or minerals other than gold" *insert* "silver, lead, tin, or antimony"
- Page 9, clause 22, line 32. *After* "and" *insert* "the Governor"
- Page 9, clause 23, line 41. *Omit* "two shillings and sixpence" *insert* "twenty shillings"
- Page 9, clause 23, lines 42 to 44. *Omit* "for land whereof the mining will be confined to minerals other than gold and twenty shillings per acre for land applied for for gold mining purposes"
- Page 9, clause 23, line 44. *Omit* "five" *insert* "twenty"
- Page 9, clause 23, lines 51 and 52. *Omit* "minerals other than gold" *insert* "silver, lead, tin, or antimony"
- Page 9, clause 23, lines 52 to 54. *Omit* "except in the case of land containing coal, and in such case the area shall not exceed six hundred and forty acres"
- Page 9, clause 23, line 56. *After* "cases" *insert* "the areas of"
- Page 10, clause 25, line 21. *Omit* "metals and minerals" *insert* "silver, lead, tin, or antimony"
- Page 10, clause 25, lines 22 and 23. *Omit* "in the case of coal at the pit mouth; and in the case of metalliferous ores their value shall be"
- Page 10, clause 25, line 33. *Omit* "Government"
- Page 10, clause 26, line 51. *Omit* "hereof" *insert* "of this Act"
- Page 10, clause 26, line 52. *Omit* "or minerals other than gold" *insert* "silver, lead, tin, or antimony"
- Page 10, clause 27, line 59. *Omit* "any metals or minerals" *insert* "silver, lead, tin, or antimony"
- Page 11, clause 27, line 4. *Omit* "minerals other than gold" *insert* "silver, lead, tin, or antimony"
- Page 11, clause 27, line 11. *Omit* "section six" *insert* "sections six and seven"
- Page 11, clause 27, line 11. *Omit* "will" *insert* "shall"
- Page 11, clause 27, line 12. *Omit* "minerals other than gold which" *insert* "silver, lead, tin, or antimony, where such minerals, or where all minerals, or where minerals other than gold, as the case may be"
- Page 11. *After* clause 27 *insert* the following new clauses:—
 No mining lease shall be granted under this Act until after the expiration of fourteen days from the date of notification in the *Gazette* of intention to grant the same, and in some newspaper, the place of publication of which is near to the land sought to be leased. No lease to be granted until after publication of intention.
- The Warden may, upon the application of the owner or occupier of any land adjoining any land whereof a mining lease has been granted under the provisions of this Act, or upon the application of any person authorised by such owner or occupier by writing under the hand of the Warden, authorise such owner or occupier, or any person nominated as his agent by such owner or occupier, any mining surveyor or surveyors, or some experienced miner or miners to enter into and inspect such mines and every part thereof for the purpose of ascertaining whether the persons working such mines are encroaching upon the land of any owner not being land comprised in the mining lease of such person under the provisions of this Act. Encroachment on private land.
- The person or persons authorised by an order made under the authority of this Act may enter into and inspect and survey the land and mines described in such order, and every part thereof, and descend any shaft or mine, and for such purpose use the engines and other machinery ordinarily employed for that purpose by the persons whose shaft or mine is descended; and the lessee of such shaft or mine or other person for whom the same is being worked shall provide all labour, assistance, appliances, and materials necessary to facilitate such inspection and survey, and such person or persons authorised as aforesaid may make such plans and sections of the land entered upon, and of any drives or other works therein as are necessary for the purposes aforesaid. Powers of person authorised to enter and inspect.
- Every such owner, occupier, agent, and mining surveyor, or miner shall before entering on such land make a declaration before the Warden, who is hereby authorised to take the same, that he, the said owner, occupier, agent, surveyor, or miner, will not, except as a witness in a court of justice, without the consent in writing of the lessee of the land or mines to be entered upon, divulge, or cause to be divulged, to any person whomsoever any information obtained in the case of any such entry, save only as to whether such persons working such mines are encroaching on such land of any owner, not being land comprised in the mining lease of such persons as aforesaid; and every person who acts contrary to such declaration shall forfeit and pay any sum not exceeding fifty pounds. Owner, occupier, agent, mining surveyor, or miner to make a declaration.
- Page 11, clause 28, line 26. *After* "land" *insert* "and with respect to the area which may be so taken possession of, the form of measurement, the mode of defining the boundaries thereof, the labour conditions, and the lapsing of title for non-compliance therewith, such land shall be held and worked"
- Page 12, clause 30. At end of clause *add* "but the said lessee shall not be permitted to remove any machinery, buildings, plant, or material from such land unless and until all rent due in respect thereof has been paid and all compensation for damage done thereto by mining thereon has been duly assessed and paid."
- Page 12, clause 31, lines 37 and 38. *Omit* "sixteen and eighteen" *insert* "seventeen and nineteen"
- Page 12, clause 32, line 40. *Omit* "fifteen" *insert* "sixteen"
- Page 13, clause 35, lines 44 and 45. *Omit* "Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Part II of this Act"
- Page 13, clause 35, line 47. *After* "land" *insert* "not occupied or held under agreement for mining purposes but"
- Page 14, clause 35, line 6. *After* "purposes" *insert* "and for the severance thereof from other land of the owner"
- Page 14, clause 36, line 55. *After* "inquiry" *insert* "on the land"
- Page 14, clause 36, line 56. *After* "(if any)" *insert* "or their respective local agents registered as such with the mining registrar"
- Page 14, clause 36, line 57. *After* "as" *insert* "to"

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Page 15, clause 38, lines 23 to 31. *Omit* "Whenever in any section of this Act the expression "prescribed" is used in connection with any matter referred to in the context, and "whenever in any section of this Act 'Regulations' are mentioned in connection with any such matter as aforesaid the Governor may in every such case frame regulations for the purpose of giving effect to the provisions of such section. And for the purpose of carrying this Act into full effect generally the Governor may make regulations which may provide for their enforcement by penalties not exceeding in any case fifty pounds, and" *insert* "it shall be lawful for the Governor to make regulations which may provide for their enforcement by penalties not exceeding in any case fifty pounds for carrying out the provisions of this Act, which regulations"

Page 15, clause 38. At end of clause *add* "and if both Houses of Parliament shall by resolution passed within one month thereafter disapprove of the same or any part thereof the same or such part shall thereupon cease to be valid in law."

Page 15. *After* clause 38 *insert* the following new clause:—

Penalties, how recovered.

All penalties imposed by this Act, or by any regulations made under its authority, may be recovered before a police or stipendiary magistrate, or any two justices of the peace in petty sessions: Provided that any person aggrieved by any judgment, conviction, or order given or made under this section, may appeal therefrom in the manner provided by the Act fifth William Fourth number twenty-two.

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

5. PAPER:—Mr. Slattery laid upon the Table,—Proclamation declaring mercury, lead, wolfram, scheelite, chromite, opal, turquoise, diamond, ruby, sapphire, emerald, zircon, apatite, and other phosphates, serpentine, alunite, and alum, to be minerals in terms of the Mining Act of 1889.

Ordered to be printed.

6. IMMIGRATION RESTRICTION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—and Mr. Sheldon proceeding to move, That this Bill be now read a second time,—

Point of Order:—Mr. Crick requested Mr. Speaker's attention to clauses 2, 3, 4, and 9, which contained provisions not covered by the Order of Leave.

Mr. Speaker said there might be some doubt about the objection to the other clauses, but he had no doubt that clause 3 was outside the Order of Leave.

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

Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.

7. SUPREME COURT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Dr. Cullen moved, That this Bill be "now" read a second time.

Mr. Crick moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word "now" with a view to the addition of the words "this day six months."

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

Debate ensued.

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only nineteen members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely, Mr. Collins, Mr. Cook, Dr. Cullen, Mr. Darnley, Mr. Donald, Mr. Edden, Mr. Fegan, Mr. Hindle, Mr. Houghton, Mr. Langwell, Mr. Morton, Mr. Newton, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Rae, Mr. Slattery, Mr. Suttor, Mr. R. B. Wilkinson, Mr. Williams, and Mr. Willis,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House at one minute after Ten 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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FOURTH SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 18 APRIL, 1894.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Mr. R. T. Crichton:—Mr. Scott asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Who is Mr. R. T. Crichton; what is he in the Public Service, and what is his salary; is he a Magistrate of the territory, and how much of his time is spent on the Bench?
- (2.) Is he aware that several days out of last month were spent by Mr. Crichton on the Bench?
- (3.) Will he take into his consideration the desirability of retrenching Mr. Crichton from the Public Service, so that he may have more time of his own to give to Bench duties, or direct that gentleman to attend to his duties as a Civil Servant?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

- (1.) Mr. R. T. Crichton is a Clerk of Works, in receipt of a salary of £290 per annum. He is a Magistrate, and sat on the Bench five days during the last twelve months.
- (2.) Mr. Crichton sat on the Bench one day only in March, and two days in the present month.
- (3.) I think that this gentleman's time would be better occupied if he attended to the duties of his office for which he is paid instead of sitting upon the Bench as a Magistrate.

(2.) Proposed Road from Starr's Road and Gunning Road to Dalton:—Mr. Alfred Allen, for Mr. Carruthers, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Roads Department has decided to resume certain land owned by a Mr. Brown for the purpose of opening a new road from Starr's Road to the Dalton and Gunning Road at Dalton?
- (2.) Has a petition been received from the residents of the locality against the opening of this new road as unnecessary, in view of the existing roads being ample?
- (3.) How many signatures does that petition bear?
- (4.) What will be the estimated cost of the resumption of the new road, with formation and culverts?
- (5.) Is he aware that the new road will be of service to very few people, and that those people have signed the petition against it?
- (6.) Will he cause inquiry to be made as to whether an inexpensive causeway could be constructed on the old road to meet all the reasonable requirements of the local traffic?
- (7.) In view of the fact that the residents of the locality, by their petition, deem this public work to be unnecessary, does the Department intend to persist in carrying out this work?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) The land has already been resumed for the purpose stated.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) Seventy-three.
- (4.) Land, £57 10s.; works, £10.
- (5.) The new road has been opened in lieu of another, and serves the same people as the old one.
- (6.) Full inquiry has already been made, and it has been ascertained that if the old road were adhered to it would be necessary to erect a bridge, at a probable cost of £450, which is rendered unnecessary by the adoption of the new line.
- (7.) Answered by No. 1. The petition came to hand after the resumption had been completed.

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- (3.) Bank Issue Act:—*Mr. Sharp*, for *Mr. Schey*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Did any of the managers, shareholders, or agents of the Australian Joint Stock Bank, or any person acting on their or its behalf, at any time approach the Government, or any member thereof, asking for the extension or re-enactment of the Bank Issue Act?
 - (2.) If so, when and what reply was given?
- Sir George Dibbs* answered,—At any interviews I have had in connection with banking business the bankers have always come to me in a body. I do not know of any particular interview with any one Bank, or with any individual belonging to any one Bank.
- (4.) Employment of Surveyors:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for *Mr. Wise*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- Whether, in the event of future legislation with regard to the leases in the Central Division, necessitating an increased number of surveyors, those whose services have been dispensed with for retrenchment purposes will receive first consideration for employment?
- Mr. Lyne* answered,—In the event of the services of an additional number of surveyors being required, the claims of those who have been dispensed with for retrenchment purposes will receive every possible consideration.
- (5.) Police Superannuation Fund:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for *Mr. Wise*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is the Police Superannuation Fund insolvent.
 - (2.) If so, is this fact retarding promotion by delaying the retirement of senior officers?
- Sir George Dibbs* answered,—
- (1.) No; but invested funds are being realised to meet current expenditure.
 - (2.) No claims from officers entitled to superannuation on account of age and service have been refused, but there are several such charges which must be provided for in the near future.
- (6.) Public School for Wyalong Gold-field:—*Mr. Newman* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that there are already over 500 children on the Wyalong Gold-field, and the nearest Public School 44 miles distant?
 - (2.) If so, will he see the necessity for erecting a temporary public school immediately?
- Mr. Suttor* answered,—
- (1.) I am not aware what number of children are on the Wyalong Gold-field. The local Inspector of Schools has already visited the place to make necessary inquiries. The nearest school is at Barmedman.
 - (2.) Steps have already been taken to secure a site. I may add that the Department acted in this matter upon its own motion, and upon representations made by the Member for the District.
- (7.) Hospital and Water Supply for Wyalong:—*Mr. Newman* asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Has anything been done by the Government in reference to the erection of a temporary hospital at Wyalong?
 - (2.) Has anything been done towards securing the two tanks or dams of water recommended for drinking purposes?
 - (3.) If so, will he see that the same be protected from pollution by having drains cut around them to carry off the offensive surface matter?
- Sir George Dibbs* answered,—
- (1.) *Mr. Vaughn, M.P.*, in whose electorate Wyalong is situated, has already made application for the erection of a public hospital, and steps are now being taken with a view to complying with his request, if found necessary.
 - (2 and 3.) The Chief Medical Inspector of the Board of Health has recently made a sanitary inspection of the Wyalong camp; and, in consequence of such officer's report, the Mines Department has been requested to resume *Carter's* two dams of water, and to take action to prevent pollution of the same.
- (8.) Export of Butter:—*Mr. Garvan* asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Will he endeavour to arrange with the British mail steamers to take such quantities of butter in cool chambers as this Colony is likely to have for export next season.
 - (2.) In making such arrangement, will he stipulate for said steamers calling at Twofold Bay for such butter as may be ready for shipment at that port?
- Sir George Dibbs* answered,—I am of opinion that the questions of carrying mails and butter are two entirely different subjects. My own experience points to this conclusion—that whenever freight offers tonnage will always be found available.
- (9.) Rossiville Estate:—*Mr. Rose* asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is he aware that the briar growth on the Rossiville Estate is having an injurious effect on adjoining lands?
 - (2.) Will he have the briar destroyed by local labour?
 - (3.) Is the Rossiville Estate to be leased for a period of years?
 - (4.) What is the annual interest on the cost of the Rossiville Estate?
- Sir George Dibbs* answered,—
- (1 and 2.) I am not aware that the briar growth on the Rossiville Estate is having an injurious effect upon the adjoining land.
 - (3.) I shall be very glad to lease the estate for a period of years if I can obtain anything like the interest on the money which it cost.
 - (4.) The estate cost about £16,000, which at 4 per cent. means a loss of £640. As the building and the site are not suitable for the object for which they were bought, I am looking out for a purchaser, with a view to getting rid of what appears to me to be a bad bargain.

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(10.) Electors' Rights:—Mr. Chanter asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is he aware that in the country electorates a large number of electors' rights remain undelivered?
- (2.) Is it intended to appoint deputy registrars; if so, when?
- (3.) What arrangements will be made to enable those who have not yet obtained their electors' rights doing so, without being compelled to travel long distances?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) As the time for the delivery of rights by the Police has been extended to the 30th instant, the total number undelivered cannot be ascertained until after that date.
- (2.) The question of the appointment of deputy registrars is under consideration.
- (3.) The various electorates throughout the Colony have been subdivided into areas convenient for registration purposes. When the Police have completed their labours in the distribution of the rights, the residue will be handed to the registrars and deputy registrars, and issued by those officers from the 1st May until the date of the issue of the writs for the general election, and such other arrangements will be made to deliver rights as circumstances and local conditions may demand.

(11.) Report of Inspector of Scaffolding:—Mr. Bavister asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has he received any report from the Inspector of Scaffolding on a scaffold accident at Newtown last week by which life was lost?
- (2.) Will he cause the same to be laid upon the Table of the House as early as possible?
- (3.) Can he say when the return recently moved for by Mr. Bavister, as to reports of this inspector, will be placed in the hands of Members?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) There will be no objection provided it is moved for in the usual manner.
- (3.) I will presently lay the return upon the Table.

(12.) Sydney Branch Royal Mint:—Mr. Darnley asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that tenders have been called for privately for the painting in connection with the Royal Mint?
- (2.) Will he see that tenders are called for publicly for such work?

Mr. Lyne answered,—It is not a fact. Public tenders were received on 20th December, 1893, for alterations and painting, the lowest of which was accepted by me.

2. LOAN BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. Lyne, read a third time, and passed.Mr. Lyne then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to authorise the raising of a Loan for the Public Service of the Colony, and for other purposes.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the raising of a Loan for the Public Service of the Colony, and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,**Sydney, 18th April, 1894.*3. COUNTRY TOWNS AND HUNTER DISTRICT WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE ACTS AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. Lyne, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Lyne then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend such of the provisions of the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880, the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act Extension Act of 1887, and the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Act of 1892, as deal with the repayment of the cost of works of Water Supply and Sewerage, and to extend the period of such repayment; to empower the Board established under the said Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Act of 1892 to connect premises with the water mains and the sewers under their control, and to recover the expenses of such connections; to provide for the carrying out of such connections by the said Board on deferred payments; and to make other provisions subsidiary to or in connection with the objects aforesaid.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend such of the provisions of the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880, the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act Extension Act of 1887, and the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Act of 1892, as deal with the repayment of the cost of works of Water Supply and Sewerage, and to extend the period of such repayment; to empower the Board established under the said Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Act of 1892 to connect premises with the water mains and the sewers under their control, and to recover the expenses of such connections; to provide for the carrying out of such connections by the said Board on deferred payments; and to make other provisions subsidiary to or in connection with the objects aforesaid,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,**Sydney, 18th April, 1894.*4. VALIDITY OF PARLIAMENTARY ELECTORATES AND ELECTIONS ACT OF 1893 (*Formal Motion*):—

Mr. J. D. FitzGerald moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence between His Excellency and the Imperial Government concerning the validity of the Electoral Act of 1893.

Question put and passed.

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5. **MR. PEEL'S PAPER ON AUSTRALIAN BANKING (Formal Motion)** :—Mr. J. D. FitzGerald moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence between the Colonial Secretary, the Agent-General, and the British authorities on the subject of the Peel State Paper on Australian Banking.
Question put and passed.
6. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Tuesday, 15th May :—
(1.) Parramatta Street Watering Bill ; third reading.
(2.) Betting and Gambling Suppression Bill ; second reading.
7. **MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—

(1.) Junee Water Supply Works Act Amendment Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Junee Water Supply Works Act of 1893*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 18th April, 1894.*

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

(2.) Lithgow Water Supply Works Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of works of Water Supply for the town of Lithgow, county of Cook*,"—with the amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

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Sydney, 18th April, 1894.*

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

LITHGOW WATER SUPPLY WORKS BILL.

Schedule of the Amendment referred to in Message of 18th April, 1894.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, Schedule, line 26. Omit "2" insert "1"

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, that the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

8. **HOMESTEAD PROTECTION BILL** :—Mr. O'Sullivan, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 3rd April, 1894, together with Appendix and a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. O'Sullivan then moved, That the adoption of the report from the Committee of the Whole stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday, 1st May.
Question put and passed.

9. **PAPERS** :—

Sir George Dibbs laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report of the Inspector-General of the Insane for the year 1893.
 - (2.) Report on administration of Dairies Supervision Act for the year 1893.
 - (3.) Report of the Board for the Protection of the Aborigines for the year 1893.
 - (4.) Amended Regulations under the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Acts of 1893.
 - (5.) By-laws of the Borough of West Maitland.
 - (6.) Amended By-law of the Municipal District of Cordobolin.
 - (7.) By-law of the Municipal District of Cudal.
 - (8.) Return to an Order made on 15th February, 1894—"Inspection of Scaffolding."
- Ordered to be printed.
- (9.) Return to an Order made on 1st March, 1894,—"*Uniform Clothing in Government Departments*."

Mr. Suttor laid upon the Table,—Report of the University of Sydney for the year 1893.

Ordered to be printed.

10. **ADJOURNMENT** :—Mr. Hindle 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 consider a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the practice of land agents and auctioneers subdividing and disposing of mortgaged land to time payment purchasers who are not informed of the fact that such land is mortgaged."
And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—
Mr. Hindle moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.

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11. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS (*Water Supply for Tamworth*):—Mr. Lyne moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient that works of water supply for the town of Tamworth, as referred by the Legislative Assembly to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
12. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS (*Water Supply for Armidale*):—Mr. Lyne moved pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient that works of water supply for the town of Armidale, as referred by the Legislative Assembly to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 67.

Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Dowel,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Lericn,	Mr. Gormly,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Jeanneret,
Mr. Sheldon,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Carruthers	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. W. P. Manning,
Mr. Marks,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Hoyle,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Lees,
Dr. Hollis,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. G. D. Clark,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Donnelly,	Mr. John Wilkinson,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. McCredie,	Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Gough,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Francis Clarke,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Bavister.
Mr. Torpy,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. McCourt.
Mr. Morgan,	
Mr. Donald,	

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Mr. Scott.

Tellers,

Mr. Rae,

Mr. Crick.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

13. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS (*Storm-water Sewers discharging into Johnstone's Bay*):—Mr. Lyne moved pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient that certain storm-water sewers, discharging into Johnstone's Bay, Port Jackson, as referred by the Legislative Assembly to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
14. GLEN INNES TO INVERELL RAILWAY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Lyne moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed
Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Lyne, *passed*.
Mr. Lyne then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Glen Innes to Inverell.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the following Message:—
MR. PRESIDENT,—
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Glen Innes to Inverell,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
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Sydney, 18th April, 1894.
15. NOXIOUS TRADES AND SLAUGHTER-HOUSES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir George Dibbs moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
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.
Debate ensued.

And

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And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

16. ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES ENABLING CONTINUATION BILL:—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 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, including the amendment in the Title.

On motion of Mr. Copeland, 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 continue the vesting of certain land in the Agricultural Society of New South Wales subject to certain conditions, and to extinguish all rights of common in respect of such land*,"—including the amendment in the Title.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 19th April, 1894, a.m.*

The House adjourned at twenty-five minutes after Twelve 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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OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 19 APRIL, 1894.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Appropriation of Fines received from Railway Employees :—*Mr. Kelly*, for *Mr. Schey*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Under what Act other than 51 Vic. No. 35 are the present Commissioners for Railways entitled to expend moneys ?
(2.) Into what fund or funds are the receipts of the Railway Commissioners paid when received ?
(3.) If not all paid into the same fund, what is the reason for the difference, and under what Acts have the different funds been established, and on what dates ?
(4.) Under what section of 51 Vic. No. 35 are the Railway Commissioners empowered to expend moneys not appropriated by Parliament ?
(5.) Under what other Act, and section of such, are the Railway Commissioners empowered to expend moneys not appropriated by Parliament ?
(6.) If fines inflicted on railway and tramway employees are not paid into Consolidated Revenue, as alleged by Answer to *Mr. Schey's* Question No. 1, on 17th instant, into what fund are such fines paid, and on what authority ?
(7.) Under what section of the Government Railways Act are the Commissioners empowered to pay moneys to the Railway Institute ?
(8.) Under what appropriation of Parliament, Appropriation Acts 1892, 1893, or 1894, are the Commissioners empowered to pay moneys received from fines on the employees to the Railway Institute ?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—I am informed that there is no provision in the Act, 51 Victoria No. 35, dealing with the appropriations of the fines to which the Honorable Member refers. The practice which has prevailed for many years, and long prior to the Commissioners taking office, was to pay the amounts into a Suspense Account at the Treasury as received, and at the end of each year distribute it among various Societies. This latter course was, for sufficient reasons, discontinued, and the amount paid, as already stated, to the funds of the Railway Institute. The total sum last year amounted to £88.

- (2.) *Mr. Val Miller*, late Engineer for Roads, Glen Innes :—*Mr. Hutchison* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of this House copies of all letters, papers, &c., relating to and having connection with the dismissal of *Mr. Val Miller*, late resident engineer for roads at Glen Innes ?

Mr. Lyne answered,—*Mr. Val Miller* was not dismissed, but his services were dispensed with, with others, owing to the necessity for retrenchment in the Department. I do not think there is any necessity to put the country to the expense of printing these papers, but the Honorable Member can see them whenever he likes.

- (3.) Land Agent and Clerk of Petty Sessions, Glen Innes :—*Mr. Hutchison* asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of this House copies of all letters, papers, or other documents relating to the amalgamation of the offices of Land Agent and Clerk of Petty Sessions, Glen Innes ?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The Honorable Member had better move for a return in the usual manner.

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- (4.) Central Leases:—Mr. Rose asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it his intention to introduce a Bill dealing with the Central leases?

Mr. Copeland answered,—I cannot at present say, as circumstances have arisen which necessitate a reconsideration of the matter.

- (5.) Contract for Boundary-wall, Sydney Hospital:—Mr. Bavister asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is the contract for the boundary-wall for the front of the Sydney Hospital let?
- (2.) What is the name of the successful firm or tenderer for that work?
- (3.) How many contractors or firms sent in tenders for this work?
- (4.) Was it open to public competition; and, if not, by whose authority was it withheld from competition for any favoured contractor?
- (5.) Is any iron palisading or gates work included in this contract?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) The contract for building the new boundary-wall at the Sydney Hospital is let.
- (2.) The successful tenderers for the work were Messrs. Phippard Brothers.
- (3.) Three firms or contractors tendered, viz.:—A. M. Allen, R. Kirkham, and Phippard Brothers.
- (4.) The custom usual among architects was adopted in this case, viz.:—To invite tenders from firms whom, in their opinion, are best likely to carry out the work required satisfactorily and expeditiously. In this particular case there was a necessity for great expedition.
- (5.) A large quantity of iron palisading, two sets of wrought-iron entrance-gates, and two sets of smaller gates are included.

- (6.) Proposed Sydney Institute of Accountants:—Mr. Gormly, for Mr. O'Sullivan, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has the proposed Sydney Institute of Accountants made a fresh application for registration under section 54 of the Companies Act?
- (2.) Have the membership provisions of the proposed institute been amended to admit mercantile accountants?
- (3.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House all papers and correspondence relating to the former and present applications for registration, inclusive of the correspondence in opposition thereto, before granting the license provided for in section 54 of the Companies Act?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The matter has been approved by the Governor-in-Council, but there will be no objection to lay the papers upon the Table if moved for in the usual way.

- (7.) Report on Sanitary Matters by Dr. MacLaurin:—Mr. McCourt asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that Dr. MacLaurin, Vice-President of the Executive Council, has made a claim for £500, or has been paid any sum, for services in connection with reporting on sanitation or other matters since his return from England?
- (2.) If so, has he any objection to lay such report upon the Table of this House?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—It is a fact that the Honorable Dr. MacLaurin was requested to make inquiry and to report upon the working of certain sanitary institutions in England and Europe, when lately there, it being the intention of the Government to pay his expenses and a suitable fee for such work. The Commission was fully carried out, and the result, a valuable report, which has been laid upon the Table. Since Dr. MacLaurin's return to the Colony, and since he joined the Government as Vice-President of the Council, he has declined to receive any compensation whatever for his labours.

- (8.) Leasehold Areas and Occupation Licenses in the Eastern and Central Divisions:—Mr. Lee asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) The total annual rental derived from the pastoral leaseholds in the Central Division?
- (2.) The total annual rental that was derived from the pastoral leaseholds in the Eastern Division under the Crown Lands Act of 1884?
- (3.) The same from the occupation licenses under the same Act?
- (4.) The total annual rental derived from the Eastern Division from annual leases under the Crown Lands Act of 1889?
- (5.) The same from occupation licenses?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The information sought by the Honorable Member will be furnished in the form of a return if moved for in the usual manner.

- (9.) Fees charged for Ringbarking on Crown Lands:—Mr. Barbour, for Mr. Waddell, asked the Secretary for Lands,—In view of the fact that the ringbarking of timber improves the land it is growing upon, will he consider the advisability of altering the Crown Lands Regulations so as to abolish all fees charged to persons applying for leave to ringbark on Crown lands which they have leased?

Mr. Copeland answered,—This matter has already received consideration, and in January last an amended regulation was gazetted reducing the fees. The former fees were £3 for the first 1,920 acres or less area, and £2 for each additional 1,920 acres or part thereof. The amended fees being £2 for an area not exceeding 1,920 acres, £3 for an area not exceeding 5,120 acres, £4 for an area not exceeding 10,240 acres, and £5 for any area in excess of 10,240 acres held under pastoral lease or occupation license.

- (10.) Despatch of Police to Newcastle:—Mr. Nicoll, for Mr. Perry, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Were any Police, in plain clothes or uniform, sent to Newcastle last Friday, or any day last week?
- (2.) If so, at whose request were they sent?
- (3.) Has Detective Goulder, or any other detective, furnished Mr. Melville with a report on Sleath's life?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—No.

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- (11.) Rossiville Estate—Brush Farm :—Mr. Young asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) What is the area of the property known as Rossiville, near Goulburn, already the property of the Government?
 - (2.) What is the area of the property known as Brush Farm, recently taken under lease by the Government at £500 per annum?
 - (3.) What is the distance of Rossiville from the nearest railway station?
 - (4.) Are there large and commodious buildings already at Rossiville?
 - (5.) Will he make inquiry and ascertain before he expends money on Brush Farm, whether the soil at Rossiville is suitable for agriculture, and whether the climate and general surroundings are well fitted for the purpose of a boys reformatory?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—This information will be prepared and laid upon the Table in the shape of a return.

- (12.) Public Wharf and Shed at Byangum, Tweed River :—Mr. Nicoll asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Have instructions been given to remove the public wharf and shed at Byangum, Tweed River?
- (2.) If so, by whom?
- (3.) Is he aware that the wharf and shed are necessary for the farmers and residents?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The wharf at South Byangum has not been removed, but on the representation of Mr. Keele, the Supervising Engineer of the district, instructions have been given to remove the shed to a wharf, where it will be utilised, as at Byangum the shed was in great danger of being undermined, and, moreover, Mr. Keele reported it was very seldom if ever used there.

- (13.) Rossiville Estate :—Mr. Hart asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Did he take into consideration the advisability of converting the Rossiville Estate into a reformatory for boys before leasing Brush Farm?
- (2.) If so, what objections were raised against the same being used for that purpose?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—If the Rossiville Estate is unsuitable, as reported by the Public Works Committee, for a lunatic asylum, it is hardly suitable for a boys reformatory.

- (14.) Banking Business :—Mr. Kelly, for Mr. Hugh McKinnon, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has his attention been drawn to the Judge's decision in Melbourne "that the Banks trafficking in their own stock is illegal and fraudulent"?
- (2.) Is he aware that the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney and the Australian Joint Stock Bank are buying up their own deposits, so as to keep up the price?
- (3.) Will he endeavour before Parliament closes to legislate to protect the Banks' creditors from such practice?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) My attention has not been drawn to the Judge's decision in a certain case in Melbourne.
- (2.) I am not aware of what the Banks are doing in regard to their deposits.
- (3.) I do not propose to introduce any further banking legislation this Session.

2. BRUSH FARM, PARRAMATTA RIVER (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Darnley moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers in connection with the leasing of Brush Farm, Parramatta River, by the Government.
Question put and passed.

3. SILKSTONE COAL-MINE RAILWAY ACT FURTHER AMENDING 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 further amend the 'Silkstone Coal-mine Railway Act of 1889,'*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 19th April, 1894.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

4. WORKING OF COLLIERIES :—Mr. Fegan, as Chairman, in accordance with the power granted on 11th April, 1894, brought up a Progress 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 13th March, 1894.
Ordered to be printed.

5. PAPERS :—

Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 15th March, 1894,—“Bridge over Solitary Creek, Rydal.”

Mr. Slattery laid upon the Table,—Annual Returns under the 103rd section of the District Courts Act of 1858.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Copeland laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Abstract of Crown lands reserved from sale for the preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 101st, 109th, and 112th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

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

Ordered to be printed.

Sir George Dibbs laid upon the Table,—Correspondence respecting the importation of the “De Valmeale & Co.” Brandy.

Ordered to be printed.

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6. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. G. D. Clark rising to move the adjournment of the House,—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice under 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, “the working of the Pitt Town Labour Settlement.”

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.

7. AUSTRALASIAN RIGHTS PURCHASE BILL:—Mr. Sydney Smith presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Borough of Richmond, stating that the Australasian Rights Purchase Bill had been under the Petitioners' consideration, and that they had approved of it; and praying that the House will be pleased to pass the said Bill.

Petition received.

8. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS (*Railway from Narrabri to Moree*):—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Lyne, “That it is expedient that a line of railway from Narrabri to Moree, as referred by the Legislative Assembly to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out, 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.”—

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Mr. Brunker moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the first word “That” with a view to the insertion in their place of the words “the evidence given in reference to the proposed railway from Narrabri to Moree is not sufficiently conclusive in favour of the direct route to justify this House in approving of that route to the exclusion of a line in the direction of the travelling stock or Gurley Point route.”

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

Debate continued.

Mr. Speaker stated that he considered the proposed amendment out of order, as the Public Works Act, section 13, subsection (v) required the Assembly by resolution to declare that it was expedient to carry out the work, or not to carry it out, or to remit the report of the Committee for further consideration by that Committee; but would not justify the passing of an amendment such as that proposed.

Original Question again stated.

Debate continued.

Mr. Gould moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the first word “That,” with a view to the insertion in their place of the words “the report of the Committee shall be referred back to the Committee for their further consideration and report, because the evidence given in reference to the proposed railway from Narrabri to Moree is not sufficiently conclusive in favour of the direct route to justify this House in approving of that route to the exclusion of a line in the direction of the Gurley Point and travelling stock route.”

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 Standing Order (2A).

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 45.

Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Scott,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Ohanter,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Lync,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Ewing,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Donnelly,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Dowel,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Marks,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Francis Clarke,	Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Rose,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Lec,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. John Wilkinson.
Mr. Young,	
Mr. Alfred Allen,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Donald,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Hassall.
Mr. McCourt,	

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Mr. Kirkpatrick,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. A'Beckett,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Dawson,
Dr. Hollis,	Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Rae,
Mr. Murphy,	Mr. Morton.
Mr. Sydney Smith,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Jeanneret,	Mr. Fegan.
Mr. Parkes,	
Mr. Hindle,	
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	
Mr. Molesworth,	
Mr. Gould,	
Mr. Williams,	
Mr. McGowen,	
Mr. Cotton,	
Mr. G. D. Clark,	
Mr. Brunker,	
Mr. Darnley,	
Mr. Hart,	
Mr. Gough,	
Mr. Black,	
Mr. Edden,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question then put,—That it is expedient that a line of railway from Narrabri to Moree, as referred by the Legislative Assembly to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out, 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.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 46.

Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Scott,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Hoyle,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Donnelly,
Mr. Dowel,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Marks,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Francis Clarke,	Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Rose,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Young,	Mr. John Wilkinson.

Tellers,

Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Willis.

Noes, 29.

Mr. Kirkpatrick,	Mr. Langwell,
Mr. A'Beckett,	Mr. Rae,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Morton.

Tellers,

Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Murphy.

Dr. Hollis,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Danahey,
Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Jeanneret,
Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Gould,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Williams,
Mr. Bruncker,
Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Hart,
Mr. Gough,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Bavisier,
Mr. Dawson,

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

9. NOXIOUS TRADES AND CATTLE-SLAUGHTERING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 20 APRIL, 1894, A.M.

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

On motion of Sir George Dibbs (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.

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

10. LITHGOW WATER SUPPLY WORKS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Lyne, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendment 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 amendment.

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

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of works of water supply for the town of Lithgow, county of Cook.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 20th April, 1894, a.m.

11. LABOUR SETTLEMENTS ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Copeland, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

R. W. DUFF,

Message No. 34.

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 "Labour Settlements Act."

Government House,

Sydney, 31st January, 1894.

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

12. LABOUR SETTLEMENTS ACT AMENDMENT 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 amend the "Labour Settlements Act."

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the "Labour Settlements Act."

On motion of Copeland, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

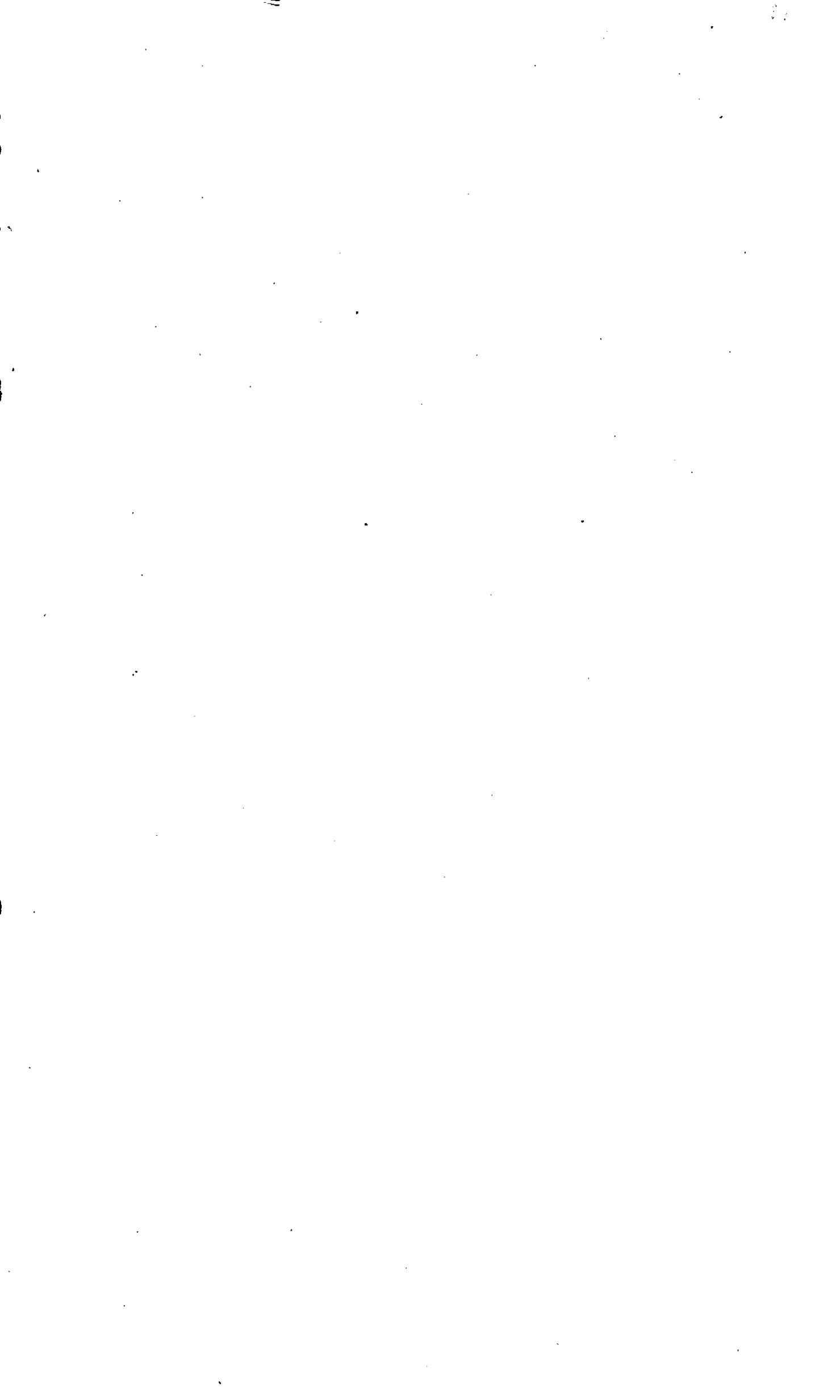
(2.) Mr. Copeland then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Labour Settlements Act,'*"—which was read a first time.

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

The House adjourned at seventeen minutes after Three 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. 40.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 24 APRIL, 1894.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Lord Howe Island:—*Mr. Kelly*, for Mr. Davis, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) When was Lord Howe Island annexed by New South Wales?
- (2.) What population does the island contain?
- (3.) What amount of revenue (if any) is derived from that island?
- (4.) What amount is annually expended, directly or indirectly, in connection with the administration of affairs?
- (5.) How much was paid by a previous Government in connection with Captain Armstrong's dismissal?
- (6.) What is the total amount of revenue derived from the island since its annexation, and the total expenditure during a similar period?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The information will be laid upon the Table in the course of a day or two.

- (2.) Baldwin Engines:—*Mr. Edden*, for Mr. Cook, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that by order of the Railway Department, the Baldwin engines are now manned by one fireman instead of two as heretofore?
- (2.) Is it not a fact that owing to the peculiar construction of these engines, the driver is unable to obtain a clear outlook on both sides of the engine, and is consequently unable to see any obstruction which may be in front?
- (3.) Is it a fact also that he would be unable to see both the fixed and hand signals?
- (4.) Will he take steps to ensure that the result of this retrenchment will not seriously endanger the lives of the guards engaged in shunting operations?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—My honorable colleague points out that this question opens up matters which are purely details of railway management for which the Railway Commissioners are responsible; but he is informed that only one fireman is considered necessary on the Baldwin engines on the easy portions of the line. It is not a fact that the driver cannot see any obstruction in front of him, or that the driver is unable to see both the fixed and hand signals.

- (3.) Arming the Police:—*Mr. Haynes* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Was it at the suggestion and with the concurrence, or against the wish of the Inspector-General of Police, that he ordered firearms to be carried by the Police?
- (2.) Is he aware that the action of the Government in this matter is tending to the general wearing of firearms by the citizen community?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—This is purely a matter of Police administration, and I decline to answer the Question.

2. TAMWORTH WATER SUPPLY WORKS BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Copeland*, 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 sanction the construction of works of water supply for the town of Tamworth, counties of Inglis and Parry.
Question put and passed.

3. ARMIDALE WATER SUPPLY WORKS BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Copeland*, 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 sanction the construction of works of water supply for the town of Armidale, county of Sandon.
Question put and passed.

24th April, 1894.

4. JOHNSTONE'S BAY STORM-WATER SEWERS BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Copeland*, 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 sanction the construction of certain storm-water sewers discharging into Johnstone's Bay, Port Jackson.
Question put and passed.
5. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the third reading of the Fisheries Act Amendment Bill postponed until Tuesday, 15th May.
6. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS (*Deviation to avoid Lithgow Zig Zag*):—*Mr. Garrard*, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table, Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, Appendices, and Plans, from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works on the proposed deviation to avoid the Lithgow Zig Zag.
Ordered to be printed.
7. MINING ON PRIVATE LANDS BILL (No. 2):—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by *Mr. Copeland*, and read by *Mr. Speaker*:—

R. W. DUFF,

Message No. 35.

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 Mining on Private Lands; to provide for charging rents in connection therewith, and for the resumption of land or the surrender by way of exchange and the granting of other lands in lieu thereof 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, 24th April, 1894.

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

8. PRIVILEGE—STATEMENTS MADE BY MR. McMILLAN, M.P.:—*Mr. Cotton* drew the attention of the House to certain statements made in a speech delivered by *Mr. McMillan, M.P.*, at Waratah, on Friday last, and published in *The Daily Telegraph* of 21st April, 1894, a copy of which newspaper he laid upon the Table, and requested that an extract from such speech be read by the Clerk.

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

“ He was willing to give the present Ministry credit for many good actions performed, and a fair extent of practical legislation accomplished, towards which the Opposition had largely assisted. He also gave the Government praise for their action in financial matters and firm executive conduct on several occasions, but isolated acts of this kind would not cause him to forget the betrayal of the people by the imposition of the *ad valorem* duties, and the system which had been introduced of political corruption carried on by means of the Public Works Department. During the past two years the history of this country showed a system of government depending upon votes secured through the dispensation of patronage by the Departments of the State, especially by the Works Department. Members had used their positions to obtain billets for their friends and roads for their constituencies, and one-half of the divisions which had been taken in the House had been influenced by these considerations. Men sent to Parliament as freetraders should not sell their votes to a protectionist Government, but this had been done by six Members during this Parliament.”

Mr. Cotton then moved, That the Honorable Member for East Sydney, *Mr. McMillan*, be requested to attend in his place To-morrow, at 4 o'clock, in respect to a speech reported in *The Daily Telegraph*, of the 21st instant, containing grave charges of corruption against the Minister for Works, and certain Members of the present Parliament.
Question put and passed.

9. PAPER:—*Mr. Slattery* laid upon the Table,—Annual Report of the Department of Mines and Agriculture for 1893.
Ordered to be printed.
10. CASE OF STAFF-SERGEANT W. JIFFKINS:—*Mr. G. D. Clark* 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 Staff-sergeant W. Jiffkins.
(2.) That such Committee consist of *Mr. Brunker*, *Mr. Chapman*, *Mr. Dawson*, *Mr. O'Sullivan*, *Mr. Waddell*, *Mr. McCourt*, *Mr. Fuller*, *Mr. Darnley*, and the Mover.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Sheldon,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Murphy,	Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Hindle,	Mr. Wise,
Mr. Gardiner,	Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Wall,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Rae,	Mr. J. D. FitzGerald.
Mr. Scobie,	
Mr. Black,	Tellers,
Mr. Laugwell,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Cotton,	Mr. McCourt.

Noes, 12.

Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Slattery,
Sir George Dibbs,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Torpy,
Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Garvan.
Tellers,
Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Hassall.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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24th April, 1894.

11. THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Black moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this "House," the public welfare demands such a limitation of the powers of the Legislative Council as will prevent that body from vetoing in future any measure similar in general principles to one previously vetoed by them after its passage through the Legislative Assembly.
Mr. J. D. FitzGerald 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 Legislative Council is a hindrance to progressive legislation, and ought to be abolished."
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
Debate ensued.
Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Debate continued.
Question,—That this Debate be now adjourned,—put and passed.
Mr. McMillan then moved, That the resumption of the Debate stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday, 15th May.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 24.

Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Torpy,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Alfred Allen,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Toukin,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Williams,	Mr. Young,
Mr. Murphy,	Mr. Gould.
Mr. Hassall,	
Mr. Dowcl,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Neild,
Mr. Donald,	Mr. Morton.

Noes, 15.

Mr. Fegan,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. G. D. Clark,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Gardiner.
Mr. Rac,	
Mr. Danahey,	
Mr. Cotton,	
Mr. Melville,	
Mr. Edden,	
Mr. Cook,	
Mr. Houghton,	
Mr. Bavister,	
Mr. Nicholson,	
Mr. Darnley,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

12. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Loan Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the raising of a Loan for the Public Service of the Colony, and for other purposes,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 24th April, 1894.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

(2.) Mining Act Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Mining Act of 1874' by making provision for the issue of regulations for the prevention of lead-poisoning or poisoning by other fumes in conducting mining operations,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 24th April, 1894.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

The House adjourned at eleven 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. 41.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 25 APRIL, 1894.

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

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Lyne, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) Johnstone's Bay Storm-water Sewers Bill:—

R. W. DUFF,

Governor.

Message No. 36.

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 certain Storm-water Sewers discharging into Johnstone's Bay, Port Jackson.

Government House,

Sydney, 24th April, 1894.

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

- (2.) Narrabri to Moree Railway Bill:—

R. W. DUFF,

Governor.

Message No. 37.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Narrabri to Moree.

Government House,

Sydney, 24th April, 1894.

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

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Trial Bay Breakwater:—*Mr. Black*, for Mr. Davis, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) How much of the funds of the Works Department has been paid in wages to license-holding prisoners at Trial Bay Breakwater works up to 31st December, 1893?

(2.) Can the Engineer-in-Chief give any idea of the number of decades of years which will elapse before, at the present rate of progress, Trial Bay will be a harbour of refuge?

(3.) How much free labour could be employed at these works in (say) six months; or (say) next year?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) £10,840 16s. 2d., about five-eighths of which was paid to men directly working for the breakwater, and three-eighths for service in and about the gaol.

(2.) About one and a half decades will complete a sufficient length of breakwater to afford a considerable amount of shelter, and about five decades should finish the work.

(3.) Unless more quarries were opened up not more than fifty to sixty experienced quarrymen and labourers could be employed.

(2.)

25th April, 1894.

- (2.) Road Superintendents:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that Road Superintendents throughout the Colony receive a bonus or percentage on all money voted for the construction or repairing of roads, and not expended by them during the year?
 - (2.) If so, to whom have such bonuses or percentages been paid, and what is the amount to each?
- Mr. Lyne answered,—I am at a loss to conceive what could have given rise to such an idea as that contained in the Honorable Member's Question. There is, of course, not the shadow of truth in it.
- (3.) Stock Tax:—Mr. Edden, for Mr. Rose, asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that by a regulation of the Stock Department sheep which have travelled 40 miles within four months of their having been brought into a district are assessed at a penny per head?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that up to recently it was only necessary to apply for a permit to travel sheep?
 - (3.) Is he aware that one consignor of sheep to the Goulburn sale-yards recently had to pay £8 6s. 8d. under the new regulation?
 - (4.) Is he aware that unsold sheep, if sent back 40 miles to their original run from Goulburn, will be taxed under the new regulation?
 - (5.) How many direct taxes are the graziers and the farmers of the Colony now paying, inclusive of the dairy, brand, dog, and direct stock tax?
 - (6.) Is it a fact that the subsidy this year to the Stock and Pastures Board was reduced by 75 per cent. when compared to last year?
 - (7.) If not, what percentage is the reduction?
- Mr. Slattery answered,—
- (1.) No.
 - (2.) No alterations have taken place in this respect. It has been necessary, since 1878, to apply for a permit for sheep travelling over 40 miles when the number is 300 or over.
 - (3.) Yes; this amount was paid, but not under any new regulation.
 - (4.) If fat sheep are returning unsold from market any distance, if requisite declaration is made detailing these circumstances, no travelling or other charges are made.
 - (5.) As far as the Department of Mines and Agriculture is concerned, some graziers and farmers pay two direct taxes, one under the "Diseases in Sheep Act," and one to the local Pastures and Stock Protection Boards.
 - (6.) No subsidy has yet been apportioned to the Pastures and Stock Protection Boards for this year. The vote for present is the same as for past year, *i.e.*, £2,500.
 - (7.) Answered by No. 6.
- (4.) Properties at Lavender Bay known as "Neep's End" and "Hellespont":—Mr. Molesworth asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Who is the lessee of the property at Lavender Bay, North Sydney, known as "Neep's End," resumed by the Government for railway purposes, and now occupied by Mr. R. Tilden Smith?
 - (2.) When was the lease (if any) granted; for what period; and at what rental?
 - (3.) Has any rent yet been paid by the lessee or occupier of the property; and, if so, what amount, when was it paid, and what amount is still due?
 - (4.) How much was paid for this property by the Government; what is the total area; and how much of it has been used for railway purposes?
 - (5.) To what use is it intended to put the remaining portion of the property, which has not been required for the construction of the railway?
 - (6.) The like information respecting the property known as "Hellespont," in the same locality, and occupied by a Mr. J. F. Fitzhardinge?
- Mr. Lyne answered,—A return will be prepared giving the desired information, and furnished to the Honorable Member.
- (5.) Proposed Wharf and Crane at Brewarrina:—Mr. Willis asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Have plans and specifications been prepared for the proposed wharf and crane at Brewarrina?
 - (2.) What was the amount voted by Parliament for the above work?
 - (3.) When will the work be commenced?
- Mr. Lyne answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) £2,000.
 - (3.) The vote has lapsed, the work not being considered an important one, in view of proposals which had been put forward for locking the River Darling.
- (6.) Locking the Darling River at Brewarrina:—Mr. Willis asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What progress has been made with the proposed experimental weir for the locking of the Darling River at Brewarrina?
 - (2.) Will he expedite the work, taking into consideration the urgency of the same?
- Mr. Lyne answered,—
- (1.) Owing to the state of the River Darling since this work was taken in hand, the necessary surveys have only recently been completed. The preparation of plans is now in progress.
 - (2.) No time is being lost in preparing a design.
- (7.) Technical Museum at Newcastle:—Mr. Bavister asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Has a tender been accepted for construction of Technical Museum at Newcastle,—
 - (2.) What is the name of the successful contractor or firm?
 - (3.) Has application been made for permission to sublet this work; if so, has it been granted?
 - (4.) Will he give instructions for the terms and conditions of contract, in accordance with the conditions he recently read to the House, to be carried out?

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Mr. Suttor answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) John Henry Read.
- (3.) No.
- (4.) I do not know what were the statements made by the Secretary for Public Works.

(8.) Contract for Boundary Wall, Sydney Hospital:—Mr. Bavister asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In reference to Mr. Bavister's Question, No. 5, of the 19th April, as to the contract for boundary wall, Sydney Hospital,—

- (1.) Is it not a fact that the two other contractors who were stated to have tendered for that work with Messrs. Phippard Bros. are in the Insolvent Court, and consequently precluded from tendering for public works?
- (2.) Why were these tenders not dealt with by the Tender Board?
- (3.) Why were tenders not publicly called, so that there could have been tenders sent in by more than one solvent contractor?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The Architect in charge of the work has supplied me with the following information:—

- (1.) No; Robert Kirkham, senior, who tendered, has never been in the Insolvent Court, neither was A. M. Allen in the Insolvent Court when he tendered for this work.
- (2.) These tenders were dealt with by the Architect who has charge of and is responsible for the work.
- (3.) The reasons are disclosed in the reply which I gave to a somewhat similar Question asked by the Honorable Member on the 19th instant.

3. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Truck Bill postponed until Tuesday, 29th May.

4. CASE OF STAFF-SERGEANT W. JIFFKINS:—Mr. G. D. Clark (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Return to Order "Suspension of Staff Colour-sergeant William Jiffkins, Volunteer "Permanent Staff," laid upon the Table of this House during the Session of 1892-3, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on "Case of Staff-sergeant W. Jiffkins." Question put and passed.

5. PRIVILEGE—STATEMENTS MADE BY MR. McMILLAN, M.P.:—The Order of the Day having been read for the Honorable Member for East Sydney (Mr. McMillan) to attend in his place in respect to the report of his speech containing grave charges of corruption against the Minister for Works and certain Members of the present Parliament,—

And Mr. McMillan being present in his place,—

Mr. Speaker, referring to the Entry No. 8, in the Votes and Proceedings of yesterday, asked Mr. McMillan if the report of the portion of his speech as then read by the Clerk was correct.

Mr. McMillan replied that the report was correct except in one particular, which he explained. He also stated that he did not desire to withdraw any of his statements, or apologise for them.

6. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:—Mr. Copeland moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of a Bill, intituled "A Bill "to legalise Mining on Private Lands; to provide for charging rents in connection therewith, "and for the resumption of land or the surrender by way of exchange and the granting of "other lands in lieu thereof 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"—through all its stages in one day.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 72.

Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Newton,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Francis Clarke,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Scott,	Mr. E. G. Brown,
Mr. Jeanneret,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Barnes,
Dr. Ross,	Dr. Cullen,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. R. G. D. FitzGerald,	Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Bowes,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Joseph Abbott,
Mr. Sheldon,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Collins,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Hindle,	Mr. Levien,

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Noes, 11

Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Gould,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Gough,
Mr. Langwell,
Dr. Hollis.

Tellers,

Mr. Wall,
Mr. Cann.

Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Morton,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Ohanter,
Mr. Donald,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Hart,
Mr. Danahy,
Mr. Williams,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Rac,
Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Fegan.

Tellers,

Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Alfred Allen.

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7. SILKSTONE COAL-MINE RAILWAY ACT FURTHER AMENDING BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Slattery, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

R. W. DUFF,
Governor.

Message No. 38.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to further amend the Silkstone Coal-mine Railway Act of 1889*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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Sydney, 25th April, 1894.

8. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Lync, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) Tamworth Water Supply Works Bill:—

R. W. DUFF,
Governor.

Message No. 39.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to sanction the construction of works of water supply for the town of Tamworth, counties of Inglis and Parry; and to apply the provisions of the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880, and any Act amending the same, to the said works.

Government House,
Sydney, 25th April, 1894.

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

- (2.) Armidale Water Supply Works Bill:—

R. W. DUFF,
Governor.

Message No. 40.

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 Armidale, county of Sandon; and to apply the provisions of the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880, and any Act amending the same, to the said works.

Government House,
Sydney, 25th April, 1894.

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

9. MINING ON PRIVATE LANDS BILL (No. 2):—

- (1.) Mr. Copeland moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to legalise Mining on Private Lands; to provide for charging rents in connection therewith, and for the resumption of land or the surrender by way of exchange and the granting of other lands in lieu thereof 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.

- (2.) 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 Mining on Private Lands; to provide for charging rents in connection therewith, and for the resumption of land or the surrender by way of exchange and the granting of other lands in lieu thereof 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.

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, that the report be now received.

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to legalise Mining on Private Lands; to provide for charging rents in connection therewith; and for the resumption of land or the surrender by way of exchange and the granting of other lands in lieu thereof 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.

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- (3.) Mr. Copeland then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to legalise Mining on Private Lands; to provide for charging rents in connection therewith, and for the resumption of land or the surrender by way of exchange and the granting of other lands in lieu thereof 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.

Mr. Copeland moved, That the Bill be printed, and now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Point of Order:—Mr. Gould submitted that this Bill was out of order on the ground that it was substantially the same Bill as that passed by this House during a previous Session and restored under the new Standing Orders, thus constituting it a Bill of the present Session, and bringing it within the rule which prevented the same Question being twice offered in the same Session.

Mr. Speaker stated that the rule referred to would not prevent two or more Bills relating to the same subject, and containing similar provisions, being under consideration at the same time. He saw no ground for interposing to prevent the House from choosing between the two Bills now before it. The Bill was in order, and in so ruling he adopted in its entirety the ruling of Mr. Speaker Peel in the Criminal Code (Indictable Offences Procedure) Bill, as reported in *Hansard*, third series, vol. 278, page 92.

Debate continued.

Mr. Speaker having retired,—

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

Question put and passed.

- (4.) Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Copeland, the Deputy 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.

10. **NARRABRI TO MOREE RAILWAY BILL**:—Mr. Lyne moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of Railway from Narrabri to Moree.

Mr. McCourt moved, That the Question be amended by the addition thereto of the words "and to provide that such work shall not be commenced or carried out until an Act providing for the application of the betterment principle shall have become law."

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

Question 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 sanction the construction of a line of Railway from Narrabri to Moree, and to provide that such work shall not be commenced or carried out until an Act providing for the application of the betterment principle shall have become law,—put and passed.

11. **NOXIOUS TRADES AND CATTLE-SLAUGHTERING BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Slattery moved, "That" this Bill be now read a third time.

Mr. Carruthers moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clauses 2, 5, 7, 13, 15, 19, 20, 22, 24, 26, and to consider a new clause to stand as clause 23."

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

Debate ensued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Sheldon,	Mr. Cruickshank.
Mr. Suttor,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Walker.
Mr. Copeland,	
Mr. Johnston,	
Mr. Melville,	
Mr. Torpy,	
Mr. Willis,	
Mr. Perry,	
Mr. Scott,	
Sir W. P. Manning,	
Mr. Kidd,	
Mr. Gillies,	
Mr. Donnelly,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	

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Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Hart,	Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Lees,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Davis,
Dr. Hollis,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Donald,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Danahey,	Mr. Rae.
Mr. Cullen,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cotton,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Joseph Abbott,	Mr. Langwell.
Mr. Gardiner,	
Mr. Cook,	

And so it passed in the negative.

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

Question then,—That the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clauses 2, 5, 7, 13, 15, 19, 20, 22, 24, 26, and to consider a new clause to stand as clause 23,—put and passed.

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On motion of Mr. Slattery, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.

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

12. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Lyne moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Mr. Speaker having again retired,—

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Before putting the Question for the adjournment of the House, Mr. Speaker referred to the case dealt with as one of Privilege during the present sitting (*vide* entry 5), and stated that in future he would be guided by the strict interpretation of such matters in the House of Commons. (*Vide* "May's Parliamentary Practice," 10th edition, pp. 260-1, also *Hansard*, third series, vols. 262, p. 1036; *Ib.* 311, p. 286; *Ib.* 313, p. 1803; *Ib.* 323, p. 1312; *Ib.* 343, pp. 181, 187.)
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at a quarter past Three o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m., This Day.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

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No. 42.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 26 APRIL, 1894.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Loop-line of Railway on the Great Northern Railway:—Mr. Bruncker asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he, in view of the precedent established by Parliament in adopting a direct line of railway from Narrabri to Moree, thus dispensing with the element of population as a factor in the construction of railways, institute the necessary procedure to authorise the Public Works Committee to inquire into, take evidence, and report upon the expediency of constructing a loop-line of railway starting from Hexham, or at a point further west on the Great Northern Railway, to connect with the Newcastle and Sydney line, at a suitable site south of Newcastle, so as to avert the loss of time, inconvenience, and extra cost incurred by passengers, consignors, and consignees to and from the several districts north and north-west from Newcastle and Sydney, in consequence of the excess of mileage travelled under existing conditions?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I cannot undertake to do what the Honorable Member suggests.

- (2.) Crown Lands Sale at Deniliquin:—Mr. Chanter asked the Secretary for Lands,—Referring to the Crown lands advertised to be sold by public auction only, at Deniliquin, on Wednesday, the 9th day of May, Wednesday, the 23rd day of May, and Wednesday, the 13th day of June next, will he state the nature of the applications made to him to submit these country lands to auction sale only, and the name of the person or persons making, presenting, or approving the applications?

Mr. Copeland answered,—According to the papers at present available in the Department no applications have been received from any person or persons for the submission of these lands to auction.

- (3.) Lamps on Murray Bridge between Moama and Echuca:—Mr. Chanter asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that several cases of assault and robbery and insult to females have occurred after nightfall on the Murray bridge between Moama and Echuca?

(2.) Is he aware that only one-half of the lamps on the said bridge are now lighted, and that those are extinguished at about 11 or 12 o'clock p.m.?

(3.) Will he cause instructions to be issued at once, that the whole of the lamps be lighted between sunset and midnight, and at least one-half kept alight from sunset to sunrise, on other than moon-light nights?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) No report of any such cases has reached this office.

(2.) Eleven out of eighteen lamps are lighted every night, and they are extinguished at 12:30 a.m.

(3.) The control of this bridge and the regulations for lighting it are in the hands of the Victorian Railway Department.

- (4.) Fettleers on the Railway:—Mr. Langwell, for Mr. Cook, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Have the fettleers on the railway been instructed to work half an hour per diem less than heretofore?

(2.) Is the difference, amounting to three-quarters of a day, to be deducted from their earnings?

(3.) If so, are the distances to be covered by these men to be reduced *pro rata* to the reduction in pay, or is it intended as a reduction in their pay?

(4.) What is the reason for this instruction?

(5.) If the reduction is stated to be unavoidable, will the Commissioners alter the instruction so as to allow the men to take a Saturday holiday instead of the present arrangement?

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Mr. Suttor answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) The men will be paid for the full time they work.
 - (3.) The lengths covered by the men have not been reduced.
 - (4.) The necessity for economy and the condition of the lines enabling this to be done.
 - (5.) No.
- (5.) Compensation to Widow and Family of Engine-driver:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
Is it the intention of the Railway Commissioners to grant any compensation to the widow and family of the engine-driver who lately lost his life while in the execution of his duty in passing through Otford tunnel, on the Illawarra railway-line; if so, when?

Mr. Suttor answered,—My honorable colleague is informed the facts of the case are not as represented by the Honorable Member, but the case is under the consideration of the Commissioners.

- (6.) Allowance to Members of Parliament:—*Mr. Langwell*, for *Mr. Rae*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Have any Members of the present Parliament refrained from drawing the whole or any part of their Parliamentary allowances?
- (2.) If so, what are the names of Members so acting, and the respective amounts which they have returned to the Treasury or declined to draw?

Mr. Suttor answered,—*Mr. Bruce Smith* has not at any time drawn his Parliamentary allowance. *Mr. G. H. Reid* drew his allowance for the period from 21st September, 1889, to 6th June, 1891, viz., £513 6s. 8d., but returned the amount to the Treasury on the same day; since then the Honorable Member has drawn his allowance. *Mr. T. Rose* returned £13 15s. on account of last year's allowance, but now retains the full amount of his allowance.

- (7.) Telegrams sent on Sundays:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Postmaster-General,—Is it a fact that the public are often put to great inconvenience in sending telegrams on Sundays in cases of life and death (not being able to ring up the officers at the respective offices), and will he see that some steps are taken to have telegraph offices open one or two hours every Sunday for the purpose of receiving and sending messages of urgent importance, as life and death cases?

Mr. Kidd answered,—At present any country office can raise the Head Office if a message of life or death or extreme urgency is desired to be sent. In addition to this, at most of the principal stations an officer now attends at 9 a.m. and 2 and 6 p.m. No complaints have reached me, but I have no doubt that it would be a great convenience if all telegraph offices were opened on Sundays. The matter is, however, one of expense. Where officers reside on the premises, there might be no hardship in expecting them to attend for a short time, but in the case of a very large number who do not so reside, for instance, the Head and Branch Office officials and country assistants, it would not be right to require them to work on Sundays in addition to their full work on week days. Attendance on Sundays at all stations could therefore only be provided by a considerable increase of expense, which I do not see my way to sanction at present.

- (8.) Pitt Town Labour Settlement:—*Mr. Langwell*, for *Mr. Rae*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) How many members are there on the Board of Control of the Pitt Town Labour Settlement?
- (2.) Is it a fact that *Mr. J. C. Watson*, of the Trades and Labour Council, has only attended two meetings of the Board, of which he is a member, and that *Mr. J. Creer*, of the Labour Bureau, has attended only one meeting of the Board?
- (3.) Is it a fact that out of a total of about ninety male adult members of the settlement about eighty have passed a vote of no-confidence in the present Superintendent?
- (4.) Why have not the settlers been allowed representation on the Board of Control in accordance with the regulations, which provide that where Government aid is given the settlers shall be allowed to elect one-third of the members of such Board?
- (5.) Is it true that settlers who in any way adversely criticise the management or the Superintendent of the settlement are threatened with disenrolment?
- (6.) In view of this statement having been made, will he provide in any future regulations, or, if necessary, in the amending Act, for the settlers to have a voice in the disenrolment of any member, either by vote or by any alleged offender being tried by a jury of his fellow-settlers?
- (7.) What reason has been given by the Board of Control for its failure to purchase cattle for beef-growing or dairying purposes?
- (8.) Has the opportunity of growing cereal crops been lost for one season; if so, for what reason?
- (9.) Have stores and requisites for the settlers been bought in small quantities at high prices for many months instead of being supplied by tender; if so, for what reason?
- (10.) Will he order a full inquiry into the method of expenditure and the general management of the Pitt Town Labour Settlement before further sums are granted under any amending Act; and, if so, will he secure the right of any settler to give evidence at such inquiry without intimidation or fear of consequences?
- (11.) Will he take such steps as will prevent any settler at the Pitt Town or any other settlement from being disenrolled or otherwise losing his rightful interest in the result of his labours by the action of the Superintendent or other managing authorities?

Mr. Copeland answered,—Reference will be made to the Board of Control, and such information as can be supplied will be laid upon the Table in the form of a return.

- (9.) Leasing of Crown Lands for Cultivation of Sugar-cane:—*Mr. Nicoll* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is he aware that at a recent Land Board sitting at Lismore applications were made for leasing Crown lands for the cultivation of sugar-cane?
- (2.) Is he aware that the excessive rent placed upon the land by the Board, and the conditions, were such that the applicants could not rent the land and live?
- (3.) In view of this action of the Land Board will he take whatever steps are possible to allow the applicants to settle on the land?

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Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) I have been so informed.

(2 and 3.) I am not aware, but the papers bearing on the question will be dealt with on their merits on receipt from the Land Board. I may, however, mention that any applicant has a right of appeal to the Land Appeal Court in the event of his disputing the rent placed on the land by the Land Board.

(10.) Road from Molong to Gumble Mines, *via* Red Bank:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the road from Molong to Gumble Mines, *via* Red Bank, &c., is at present in an impassable and dangerous state for the travelling public?

(2.) Will he see that some steps are taken to have it repaired without further delay?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I have called for a report on the matter, and will come to a decision thereon as soon as it is before me.

2. HARBOUR AND RIVER IMPROVEMENTS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing the amount of money spent on harbour and river improvements (independent of dredging) at the following places respectively:—The Tweed, The Brunswick, The Richmond, The Clarence, The Bellinger, The Nambucca, The Macleay, The Hastings, Camden Haven, The Manning, Cape Hawke, The Hunter, and Lake Macquarie.

Question put and passed.

3. GOVERNMENT WHARF AT HAYES-STREET, NEUTRAL 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, leases, tenders, correspondence, and other documents in connection with the Government wharf at Hayes-street, Neutral Bay.

Question put and passed.

4. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Navigation Act Further Amendment Bill postponed until Tuesday, 29th May.

5. MINING ON PRIVATE LANDS BILL (No. 2):—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker stated that as the Chairman of Committees was absent in consequence of a family bereavement, he would request Mr. McCourt to take the Chair in Committee.

Mr. Speaker then left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

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

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

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time at a later hour of the day.

6. NARRABRI TO MOREE RAILWAY BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Lyne, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of Railway from Narrabri to Moree, and to provide that such work shall not be commenced or carried out until an Act providing for the application of the betterment principle shall have become law.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of Railway from Narrabri to Moree, and to provide that such work shall not be commenced or carried out until an Act providing for the application of the betterment principle shall have become law.

On motion of Mr. Lyne, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

(2.) Mr. Lyne then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the construction of a line of Railway from Narrabri to Moree*,"—which was read a first time.

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

7. TAMWORTH 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 Tamworth, counties of Inglis and Parry.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to sanction the construction of works of water supply for the town of Tamworth, counties of Inglis and Parry, and to apply the provisions of the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880, and any Act amending the same, to the said works.

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 Tamworth, counties of Inglis and Parry, and to apply the provisions of the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880, and any Act amending the same, to the said works*,"—which was read a first time.

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

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8. ARMIDALE 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 Armidale, county of Sandon.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to sanction the construction of works of water supply for the town of Armidale, county of Sandon, and to apply the provisions of the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880, and any Act amending the same, to the said works.

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 Armidale, county of Sandon, and to apply the provisions of the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880, and any Act amending the same, to the said works*,"—which was read a first time.

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

9. JOHNSTONE'S BAY STORM-WATER 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 sanction the construction of certain storm-water sewers discharging into Johnstone's Bay, Port Jackson.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to sanction the construction of certain storm-water sewers discharging into Johnstone's Bay, Port Jackson.

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 certain storm-water sewers discharging into Johnstone's Bay, Port Jackson*,"—which was read a first time.

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

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 27 APRIL, 1894, A.M.

10. MINING ON PRIVATE LANDS BILL (No. 2) :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Copeland moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put and passed.

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

Mr. Copeland then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to legalise Mining on Private Lands; to provide for charging rents in connection therewith, and for the resumption of land or the surrender by way of exchange and the granting of other lands in lieu thereof 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 in connection therewith, and for the resumption of land or the surrender by way of exchange and the granting of other lands in lieu thereof 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.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 27th April, 1894, a.m.

The House adjourned at twelve minutes before One 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. 43.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 1 MAY, 1894.

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. See, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) Mining Act Amendment Bill:—

R. W. DUFF,
Governor.

Message No. 41.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act 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,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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Sydney, 1st May, 1894.

- (2.) Junee Water Supply Works Act Amendment Bill:—

R. W. DUFF,
Governor.

Message No. 42.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Junee Water Supply Works 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.

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- (3.) Royal Agricultural Society of New South Wales Enabling Continuation Bill:—

R. W. DUFF,
Governor.

Message No. 43.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to continue the vesting of certain land in the Agricultural Society of New South Wales subject to certain conditions, and to suspend all rights of common in respect of such land,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, his Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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Sydney, 1st May, 1894.

- (4.) Loan Bill:—

R. W. DUFF,
Governor.

Message No. 44.

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

Government House,
Sydney, 1st May, 1894.

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(5.) Lithgow Water Supply Works Bill :—

R. W. DUFF,
Governor.

Message No. 45.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of works of Water Supply for the town of Lithgow, county of Cook,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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2. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) License-holding Prisoners :—*Mr. Kelly*, for *Mr. Davis*, asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) How many license-holding prisoners have been treated at Trial Bay Prison since the licensing system was instituted up to 31st December, 1893?
- (2.) What was the monthly average during that time?
- (3.) How many have been discharged from Trial Bay Prison during same period?
- (4.) How many so discharged have since, to his knowledge, been again convicted and imprisoned?
- (5.) How many officers of the Prisons Department are stationed at Trial Bay; and what is the yearly amount of their salaries, besides rations?
- (6.) Is the average of license-holders reconvicted as high as that of ordinary prisoners reconvicted?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) 639.
- (2.) 108-91.
- (3.) 523.
- (4.) 76.
- (5.) 24 and 2 Visiting Chaplains, whose salaries amount to £4,052 4s. 5d., and rations £579 17s. 6d
- (6.) No.

(2.) Imported Coke :—*Mr. Garrard*, for *Mr. Wall*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In view of the result recently obtained by the Government Assayer from a comparative analysis made of New South Wales and imported coke, is it his intention to impose a duty on the imported article?

Mr. See answered,—This article is, by the existing tariff, charged with duty at the rate of 10 per cent. on the value.

		Coke.	
		Imported.	N. S. Wales coke reintroduced.
1889	...	33,107 tons	Nil.
1890	...	38,174 "	"
1891	...	76,542 "	"
1892	...	61,852 "	"
1893	...	61,874 "	10,712 tons.
1894	...	Reintroduced to 30th April...	7,580 "

(3.) School Buildings :—*Mr. Molesworth*, for *Mr. Lonsdale*, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—What amount was spent on the erection of school buildings from the Consolidated Revenue during the years 1891, 1892, 1893, giving the amount for each year separately?

Mr. Suttor answered,—In the year 1891 the sum of £6,160 8s. 9d. was expended from the Consolidated Revenue on the erection of school-buildings; in 1892, £23,494 11s. 10d.; and in 1893, £28,534 15s; making a total for the three years of £58,189 10s. 7d.

(4.) Arrest of Mary Holborow :—*Mr. Sharp* asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that Mary Holborow was arrested on the 27th March for complicity in the murder of a child at Waterloo?
- (2.) Is it a fact, that though Constable Dukes swore "That he arrested her on information received," that not one word was spoken at the Coroner's Court that could connect her with the case in the remotest manner?
- (3.) Did the Coroner on 11th April, 1894, in strong terms, express surprise at the Police arresting Mary Holborow and keeping her in prison for several weeks without the slightest foundation?
- (4.) Did the jury, in recording their verdict, express regret at the action of the authorities in arresting Mary Holborow, and suggest the advisability of her receiving compensation?
- (5.) Will the Government, in view of the hardship the young woman (who had never been in prison before) has suffered, and in view of the verdict of the jury, give her compensation for the injustice done to her?

Mr. See answered,—The City Coroner reports as follows :—

(1 and 2.) Constable Dukes in his evidence said :—"About midnight, on 27th March, in consequence of something I was told, I arrested Mary Holborow, now before the Court, at 121, "Botany-road, Waterloo."

(3.) In addressing the jury at the conclusion of the case the City Coroner said :—"I cannot conceive why Mary Holborow was arrested and kept in prison for several weeks, seeing that no evidence has been given connecting her with the case," or words to that effect.

(4.) Yes.

(5.) There would not appear to be any grounds for entertaining such a claim.

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(5.) Compensation to Mr. Garvan, M.P., in connection with Lismore to The Tweed Railway:—Mr. Neild asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What amount was claimed as compensation by Mr. James Patrick Garvan, M.P., for alleged injury to his selection in the Big Scrub, by the construction through same of the Tweed to Lismore Railway?

(2.) What amount was awarded?

(3.) The name or names of the arbitrator or arbitrators?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) Original claim, £2,107 12s. 6d.; amended claim, £1,500.

(2.) £1,056 7s. 4d., awarded by the umpire.

(3.) A. Armstrong for claimant and J. H. Kirkpatrick for Crown, arbitrators; Sir Joseph Abbott umpire.

3. MR. JAMES FARR, LATE CLERK OF WORKS, GOVERNMENT ARCHITECT'S DEPARTMENT (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Hoyle moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence, papers, and letters in connection with Mr. James Farr, late Clerk of Works, Government Architect's Department.
Question put and passed.
4. SCAFFOLD ACCIDENT AT NEWTOWN (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Bavister moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House the report of the Inspector of Scaffolding as to the recent fatal scaffold accident at Newtown, and any other papers giving information on that matter.
Question put and passed.
5. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day No. 1, for the second reading of the Betting and Loans (Infants') Bill, postponed to follow the Order No. 3, for the second reading of the Oxford-street Improvement Bill.
6. LABOUR SETTLEMENTS ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Schey presented a Petition from certain settlers on the Pitt Town Labour Settlement, suggesting certain provisions for insertion in the Labour Settlements Act Amendment Bill; and praying the House to pass such provisions into law, or grant such other relief to the Petitioners as may seem just.
Petition received.
7. PAPERS:—
Mr. See laid upon the Table,—Report of Railway Commissioners on Railways and Tramways for Quarter ended 31st March, 1894.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Yarralumla, county of Murray, for a way of approach to Uriarra Ferry.
Ordered to be printed.
8. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. 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 a previous Session of the present Parliament, not having been finally dealt with, because of the prorogation of the Legislature, the Council requests that the said Bill may be proceeded with under the Assembly's Standing Orders in that behalf.
Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 1st May, 1894.
JOHN LACKEY,
President.
Mr. Neild then moved, That the Council's request be complied with.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.
9. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Rose rising to move the adjournment of the House,—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice under 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 changed attitude of the Ministry towards the policy of protection, as illustrated by their conduct in the House and their speeches recently delivered in the country."
And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—
Mr. Rose moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
10. APPLICATION OF MR. J. F. CONNELLY TO MINE IN THE PARISH OF CURRAJONG:—Mr. Neild, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 13th March, 1894, together with Appendix.
Ordered to be printed.
11. PUBLIC VEHICLES REGULATION ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Kelly moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.

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Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 42.

Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Francis Clarke,
Mr. Sec,	Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. McCredie,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Darnley,	Mr. Black.
Mr. Langwell,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. O'Sullivan.
Mr. Donald,	

Noes, 5.

Mr. Gould,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Scobie.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Jones.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

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

12. OXFORD-STREET IMPROVEMENT 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, 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. McCourt 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.

13. BETTING (INFANTS') BILL (*changed from*) BETTING AND LOANS (INFANTS') 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.

The House divided.

Ayes, 38.

Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Sec,	Mr. McCredie,
Mr. Perry,	Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Newton,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Murphy,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Donald,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Hutchinson.
Mr. Garvan,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Ewing.
Mr. Frank Farnell,	

Noes, 14.

Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Williams,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Dickens,
Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Collins,
Mr. Kelly.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Langwell.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee.

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being a Quorum present, the Committee resumed.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. McCourt reported the Bill with amendments, and an amended Title.

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.

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14. **HAWKERS PEDLERS AND CARRIERS REGULATION BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Willis, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the 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.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. McCourt* reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

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

Mr. McCourt 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 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.

On motion of Mr. Willis, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

The House adjourned at twenty 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. 44.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 2 MAY, 1894.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Visit of Mr. James Martin, M.P., to the World's Fair at Chicago:—Mr. Gormly asked the Colonial Secretary,—In reference to an answer given to Mr. Gormly, Question No. 5, 11th April, in regard to Mr. James Martin's visit as Special Commissioner to the World's Fair, Chicago,—

(1.) What part of the £700 paid to Mr. Martin has been expended, and for what purposes was the money used?

(2.) What length of time did Mr. Martin act as Special Commissioner at the World's Fair?

(3.) Has Mr. Martin furnished a report on the performance of his duties as Special Commissioner; if not, when will the report be prepared and laid before Parliament?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

(1.) The whole amount was paid to credit of Mr. Martin. About £550 has been expended, leaving a balance of £150 to be returned when the accounts are adjusted.

(2.) Eight months.

(3.) The report is complete and is now being typewritten.

(2.) Government Contracts in name of Mr. James Kidman:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Mr. Willis, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) How many Government contracts are now standing in the name of Mr. James Kidman?

(2.) What is the aggregate amount of such contracts for the year 1894?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

(1.) Fifteen.

(2.) The aggregate for 1894 cannot be given.

(3.) Sham Fights:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Mr. Willis, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that Major-General Hutton is travelling about the country ordering sham-fights, &c., at great expense to the taxpayers?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—No. The Commandant is carrying out the usual annual inspection of corps, and any expenses that may be incurred in connection therewith are included in the Military Estimates.

(4.) Military Tournament:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for Mr. Willis, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that Major-General Hutton carried out, last year, a military tournament, ostensibly for the benefit of the various Sydney hospitals?

(2.) If so, what was the gross amount of money received?

(3.) What sum did the hospitals receive?

(4.) Is it the intention of the Government to allow the Major-General to give any more of such shows?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

(1.) A military tournament was carried out in October last, the net profits from which, after paying expenses, were to be divided amongst five of the Sydney Hospitals.

(2.) The accounts of the tournament, duly audited by a Board, showed £1,594 19s. 3d. as the gross receipts.

(3.) The sum of £12 7s. 7d. Against this, however, there is a claim for £277 12s. for railway expenses, which has not yet been paid into the Treasury, leaving a deficiency of £265.

(4.) It does not appear desirable.

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- (5.) Seizure of Punt at Swan Hill :—Mr. Wall asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the Victorian Government has recently seized a punt running across the Murray, at Swan Hill, the property of Mr. Gray ?
 - (2.) Has he made any inquiry into the matter or asked the Victorian Government why the vessel was seized ?
- Sir George Dibbs answered,—Yes ; the punt has been seized by the Victorian Customs owing to non-payment of license fee.
- (6.) Tenders for removal of Guns and Machinery :—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Were tenders called for and received on the 19th December, 1892, for the conveyance of guns and machinery from the Ordnance Stores, Circular Quay, and Victoria Barracks, to the gun-pits situated at Shark Point, Coogee, Ben Buckler, Bondi, and South Head, near Macquarie Lighthouse ?
 - (2.) How many tenders were received ; who was the successful tenderer ; and did a marked cheque for £100 accompany each tender ?
 - (3.) Who opened the tenders, and were the tenderers allowed to be present at the opening ?
 - (4.) Has the £100 cheque deposited by the successful tenderer been returned to him, or has it been paid into the Consolidated Revenue Fund ?
- Sir George Dibbs answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) Seven. Mr. Cook was the successful tenderer, and forwarded a cheque for £100.
 - (3.) The Officer Commanding the Artillery forces and Captain LeMesurer. No tenderers were present.
 - (4.) Yes.
- (7.) Powers of the Railway Commissioners :—Mr. Francis Clarke asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) In view of the conflicting opinions and complications which have arisen in this House with regard to the powers and actions of the Railway Commissioners, will he consider the advisableness of introducing a Bill to amend the Government Railways Act in such a way that the Commissioners before engaging in legal procedure should consult the responsible Minister of the Crown, and in all cases be compelled to avail themselves of the services of the Crown Law Officers ?
 - (2.) Will he also take into consideration the advisableness of introducing legislation which will positively prohibit the practice of legal or other professional men, whilst Members of any Parliament, from engaging in their professional capacity in any case in which the interests of the State might become involved ?
- Sir George Dibbs answered,—This matter requires more consideration than I have been able to give it ; but I will look into it and will give the Honorable Member the information he desires later on.
- (8.) Corporal Harrison :—Mr. Kelly asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that Corporal Harrison, who was shot in the leg while on parade, was granted £50 compensation ?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that up to the present time he has not received that amount ?
 - (3.) Will he cause inquiries to be made, with a view to have this compensation paid at once ?
- Sir George Dibbs answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Major-General Commanding the Military Forces :—
- (1.) The sum of £35 was granted, and the further sum of £11 11s. for medical attendance, making a total of £46 11s.
 - (2 and 3.) This amount is now in the hands of the Paymaster, and will be paid to the claimant on submitting the necessary voucher.
- (9.) Partially-paid Military Forces :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—What is the reason of the delay in issuing last quarter's pay to the Partially-paid Military Forces ; and when is the same likely to be paid ?
- Sir George Dibbs answered,—I am informed that all the necessary returns have not yet been received by the military authorities, but those which have been submitted have been paid.
- (10.) Auditors to the Broken Hill Council :—Mr. Black asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that a special audit of the Broken Hill Council's book has been authorised by him, and that Messrs. T. F. H. Mackenzie and H. F. Digby have been appointed ?
 - (2.) Has any care been exercised to discover if these gentlemen possess the necessary qualifications ?
 - (3.) What are their respective occupations ?
 - (4.) Is it a fact that the first estimate for the work was between £3,000 and £4,000, and that the amount was afterwards reduced to £1,100 ?
 - (5.) Is it true that owing to the expense thereby incurred the Council has found it necessary to discharge a number of day labourers whose aggregate wages amount to £30 weekly ?
- Sir George Dibbs answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) One gentleman is a public accountant, and the other has had a banking experience of many years.
 - (3, 4, and 5.) These are matters that rest with the municipality.
- (11.) Electors' Rights :—Mr. Black asked the Colonial Secretary,—Does the Electoral Officer intend to keep his office open on Saturday afternoons in order that working people who have hitherto failed to obtain their Electoral Rights may have the fullest opportunity of obtaining ?
- Sir George Dibbs answered,—Every facility will be afforded to all classes of electors to obtain their Electors' Rights. I may add that the office was open last Saturday, and that a large number of rights were disposed of. (12.)

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(12.) Interviewing by Police of Persons in Public Hospitals:—Mr. Sharp asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that persons confined in public hospitals, under police surveillance, can be interrogated and interviewed privately?

(2.) Will he make a rule so that any such person confined in institutions as aforesaid cannot be interviewed by the Police except in the presence and hearing of an official of the institution?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Inspector-General of Police:—

(1.) Such persons are only placed under police surveillance when charged with a criminal offence, and it may be necessary to interrogate them, when not contrary to law or police regulations.

(2.) No such rule would be practicable or desirable.

(13.) Statements made by Mr. McMillan, M.P., at Waratah:—Mr. Neild asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to take any steps to prove or disprove the serious allegations of corruption against Members and Ministers made by the Honorable Member for East Sydney, Mr. William McMillan, M.P., at Waratah, as reported in the press on the 21st April?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—I had not the pleasure of being in the House last week when a certain scene took place, and when certain statements were made by an Honorable Member of this House were challenged by the Honorable Member for Newtown, Mr. Cotton. But from what I can read of the performance which took place on that occasion no specific or direct charges were made against any Member of this House. Until a specific charge is made no action can be taken by the Government; but I may add that if any Honorable Member will make a specific charge then action will be taken.

(14.) Portrait of Sir Henry Parkes:—Mr. J. D. FitzGerald asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) On what date was the portrait of Sir Henry Parkes, now on the walls of the National Gallery, purchased?

(2.) Was it purchased by the then Minister of Education?

(3.) Was it paid for out of the ordinary Education Vote, or from the special Vote to the National Art Gallery?

(4.) Is it usual for the Minister of Education to purchase pictures?

(5.) Did the trustees of the National Art Gallery recommend the purchase of this picture?

(6.) If reply to No. 2 is in the affirmative, why was the usual course of purchase by the trustees of the National Art Gallery departed from in this instance?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

(1.) 13th May, 1890.

(2.) The Trustees were desirous of securing this portrait for the Gallery, but, before purchasing, asked for and obtained the approval of the Minister. From conversations I have had with my predecessor, and also with the Trustees of the Art Gallery, I find that they felt themselves in an awkward position, because the picture was painted by one of the Trustees, and they desired to obtain the approval of the Minister before purchasing it.

(3.) From the National Art Gallery Vote.

(4.) No; but he is *ex officio* a Trustee of the National Art Gallery.

(5.) Yes.

(6.) The Honorable Member will see that this Question does not require an answer.

(15.) Working of Dredges:—Mr. Fegan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it his intention to keep the dredges, which are in commission at present, working during the year?

(2.) If so, what provision has he made for such purpose?

Mr. Lyne answered,—It will all depend upon the state of the revenue whether the whole of the dredges can be kept at work during the year or not. I am in hopes, however, of being able to do so, in which case provision will have to be made on the Supplementary Estimates for this year.

(16.) Land Resumed for Railway Purposes at Lake Bathurst:—Mr. Kelly, for Mr. Chapman, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that in 1886 some land at Lake Bathurst was resumed for railway purposes?

(2.) If so, was the amount of compensation for such land fixed at £42 4s. 3d.?

(3.) How many applications have been made for the money?

(4.) What is the reason that the money has not been paid?

(5.) Will he have the money paid at once?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) Yes; some glebe land, consisting of 3 roods 27 perches, was resumed at Lake Bathurst in 1883 in connection with the railway from Goulburn to Cooma, but the offer of compensation was not accepted till 9th November, 1886.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) No application has yet been made by any person entitled to give a release.

(4.) A satisfactory title has not been supplied.

(5.) As soon as a proper release can be given. The matter is now in the hands of the Church's solicitor.

(17.) Salaries of the Railway Commissioners:—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Have the Railway Commissioners reduced their salaries by 10 per cent?

Mr. See answered,—On the 19th April the Railway Commissioners intimated to me that so long as the present grave necessity for retrenchment continues they would pay into the Treasury 10 per cent. of their own salaries. This was entirely a voluntary act of the Commissioners.

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- (18.) National Bank Committee:—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Did he not promise the National Bank Committee three weeks ago to fix the motion for adopting the report on a Government night?
 - (2.) Why has he not kept his promise?
 - (3.) When does he intend to redeem his promise?
- Sir George Dibbs answered,—It is perfectly true that I promised the Honorable Member for Tamworth, Mr. Dowel, that I would afford him an opportunity on a Government night to take a vote upon the question of the adoption of the report of the Select Committee which inquired into the advisableness of establishing a National Bank. It is my intention to carry out the promise I made to the Honorable Member before the Session closes. In the meantime, I think it would be very desirable if Honorable Members, and especially the Honorable Member for Argyle, Mr. Rose, asked their questions in more courteous language.
- (19.) The Briar Pest:—*Mr. Molesworth*, for Mr. O'Sullivan, asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Is he aware that the briar pest is spreading at an alarming rate, and threatens to render useless thousands of acres of good land?
 - (2.) Do the Government propose to introduce legislation dealing with the pest?
- Mr. Slattery answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) Yes; it is dealt with in the Local Government Bill.
- (20.) Government Properties known as "Neep's End" and "Hellespont":—Mr. Molesworth asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When is it his intention to furnish the information to this House respecting the Government properties at North Sydney, known as "Neep's End" and "Hellespont," which he promised on the 25th April last, in answer to Mr. Molesworth's question on the subject?
- Mr. Lyne answered,—In the course of a few days.
- (21.) Endowments to Municipalities:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that the banking institutions of the Colony are now exercising great pressure upon our various municipal bodies by restricting or calling up their overdrafts; if so, and as many of the Councils are unable to meet present engagements, will he consider the necessity for at once granting an endowment of at least 10s. in the £, or, in urgent cases, make special advances from the Treasury?
- Sir George Dibbs answered,—The Government do not intend to submit any special endowment for 1894. With regard to what the Banks are doing in respect of overdrafts, I am not in a position to answer.
- (22.) Contract of Metropolitan Coal Company:—*Mr. Grahame*, for Mr. Scott, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Has the Metropolitan Coal Company a contract to supply the Railway Department with coal; if so, what is the date of the contract and its period of duration?
 - (2.) Was Mr. McMillan, M.L.A., at the time the contract was entered into, Colonial Treasurer and Minister for Railways?
 - (3.) Is it a fact that Mr. McMillan was at that time interested in the Metropolitan Coal Company?
 - (4.) What were the terms of the contract as to price, &c.?
- Mr. See answered,—The Metropolitan Coal Company (Limited)—a public company whose list of shareholders is at all times open to inspection—has a contract to supply the Railway Department with coal required for railway purposes, that company submitting the most favourable terms when public tenders were invited for the purpose. The tender was accepted on the 23rd June, 1893, at 5s. 10d. per ton for three years. Mr. McMillan was not Minister for Railways at the time, nor had he been so for two years previously, in addition to which the Minister for Railways has no voice or influence in the settlement of contracts for the Railway Department.
- (23.) Proposed Model Farm at Bathurst:—Mr. Crick asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that it has been decided to establish a model farm at Bathurst?
 - (2.) Is it true that he proposes to have the farm on the site of the Bathurst Racecourse?
 - (3.) What steps, if any, have been taken in connection with the establishment of the said model farm?
 - (4.) Has he taken any steps towards resuming the Bathurst Racecourse; if so, what steps, and under what authority?
 - (5.) Is he aware that a strong faction in Bathurst oppose any interference with the racecourse?
 - (6.) As the people of Bathurst are not agreed on the action proposed to be taken, will he delay spending public money on the project?
 - (7.) Has he considered the advisability of locating the model farm at a centre more convenient for the farming interests, such as Blayney, Milthorpe, or Orange?
- Mr. Slattery answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) It is proposed to include the Bathurst Racecourse in the area to be set apart for the farm.
 - (3.) None, except taking steps to secure the land.
 - (4.) The Lands Department has been asked to resume the land under Section 105 of the Crown Lands Act.
 - (5.) No official information on the subject.
 - (6.) Answered by No. 5.
 - (7.) Sites at Blayney, Milthorpe, and Orange have been inspected and reported upon.

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(24.) Case of John Rowan, Modeller :—Mr. Black asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) Is it a fact that John Rowan, a modeller, earning £4 4s. weekly, was sent to the quarantine station, in February, 1885, because he had travelled on the "Ringarooma," whereon a case of small-pox had occurred?

(2.) Is it a fact that the wife and children of Rowan were left destitute during his detention?

(3.) Is it a fact that Dr. Mackellar, the head of the Health Department, promised Rowan that his case would receive attention?

(4.) Is it a fact, nevertheless, that he has never received any compensation, either for loss of his situation, loss of time, or the expense incurred by his family during his absence?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Not aware.

(3.) No.

(4.) Rowan was offered work during his detention and he refused it, consequently he received no payment.

(25.) Auditors to the Broken Hill Council :—Mr. Black asked the Colonial Secretary,—In reference to the appointment of special auditors for Broken Hill, is it a fact that these gentlemen are doing their work by proxy, having engaged for that purpose a suspended school-teacher, an ex-mine labourer, and two Adelaide men?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—This is a matter in which the Government is not called upon to interfere.

(26.) Metropolitan Inspector of Weights and Measures.—Mr. Black asked the Minister of Justice,—
 (1.) Is it a fact that he contemplates appointing the Metropolitan Inspector of Weights and Measures to be Chief Inspector for the Colony, or to any other position involving his appointment by the Executive Council?

(2.) If so, is it considered advisable to make such appointment, in view of the disclosures at the late inquiry respecting Mr. Evans' administrative ability and the Minister's minute regarding same?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) This matter is not at present under consideration.

(2.) I am not prepared to admit that the report of the Board of Inquiry, or the minute of the late Minister of Justice would disqualify Mr. Evans for any appointment by the Governor and Executive Council.

(27.) Adulteration of Food and Drink :—Mr. Donald asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it his intention, in view of the revelations made by recent prosecutions in connection with the adulteration of drink, and in view of the result of the analysis of the sample of tea submitted to him by Mr. Nield, to introduce a Bill to provide for the prosecution and punishment of persons selling adulterated food and drink?

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

Sir George Dibbs answered,—This matter shall have attention.

(28.) Electoral Act :—Mr. Neild asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Does the 33rd section of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893 provide that "within sixty days after such first proclamation determining the names and boundaries of Electoral Districts . . . the Governor shall cause every Electoral District . . . to be subdivided into so many Divisions, each to be designated by such name as he shall determine, and, upon such subdivision being completed, the same shall be published in the *Gazette* so that the Division shall be therein defined"?

(2.) How many of the 125 Electoral Districts have been so subdivided?

(3.) Why has the law not been complied with in respect of the rest of the Electoral Districts?

(4.) Is it the intention of the Government to obtain the sanction of Parliament in respect of the abovementioned disregard of the provisions of the Statute?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—All the Electoral Districts have been proclaimed Registration Divisions, in accordance with the 33rd section of the Act.

(29.) Rate of Wages in Public Contracts :—Mr. Rose asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it his intention for the future to fix a minimum rate of wage that shall be paid by municipalities which receive an endowment from Government?

(2.) If the Glen Innes and Narrabri Railway Bills become law, will a minimum rate of wage be arranged?

(3.) Does he contemplate asserting a minimum rate of wage in the carrying out of all future Road and Public Works contracts?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I have no intention to do anything of the kind.

2. RESUMPTION OF SCOBIE'S LANE, WEST MAITLAND (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Scobie moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers, documents, and correspondence relating to the resumption of Scobie's Lane, leading from Oakhampton Road, West Maitland, to the Hunter River District Water Supply Works.
 Question put and passed.

3. PUBLIC VEHICLES REGULATION ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. Kelly, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Kelly then moved, that the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to reduce the license fees chargeable under the 'Public Vehicles Regulation Act of 1873.'*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered,

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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 reduce the license fees chargeable under the 'Public Vehicles Regulation Act of 1873,'*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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Sydney, 2nd May, 1894.*

4. OXFORD-STREET IMPROVEMENT 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 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 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.*"

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 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 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.*"—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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5. MINING ON PRIVATE LANDS BILL:—On motion of Sir George Dibbs, the Order of the Day No. 12, for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's amendments in this Bill, was withdrawn.
6. NOXIOUS TRADES AND CATTLE-SLAUGHTERING BILL:—Mr. Carruthers presented a Petition from members of the New South Wales Municipal Association, praying the House to pass the Noxious Trades and Cattle-slaughtering Bill, with such amendments as would prevent the establishment of slaughter-houses in all or any of the suburbs of Sydney.
Petition received.
7. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS:—Mr. Hutchinson presented a Petition from certain electors resident in the vicinity of Parkes, praying that, for the reasons in the Petition set forth, a Bill may be introduced and passed, providing that in all Parliamentary elections where a candidate does not secure an absolute majority of the votes polled, further steps shall be taken to definitely ascertain the will of the electors.
Petition received.

8. COUNTRY TOWNS AND HUNTER DISTRICT WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE ACTS 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 such of the provisions of the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880, the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act Extension Act of 1887, and the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Act of 1892, as deal with the repayment of the cost of works of Water Supply and Sewerage, and to extend the period of such repayment; to empower the Board established under the said Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Act of 1892 to connect premises with the water mains and the sewers under their control, and to recover the expenses of such connections; to provide for the carrying out of such connections by the said Board on deferred payments; and to make other provisions subsidiary to or in connection with the objects aforesaid,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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JOHN LACKEY,
President.

9. PAPERS:—Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Progress Report on Artesian Wells in the Bulloo and Darling River Basins.
 - (2.) Return to an Order made on 21st March, 1894, "Wharf at Lime and Erskine Streets, Sydney."
 - (3.) Report of the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage for the year 1893.
- Ordered to be printed.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

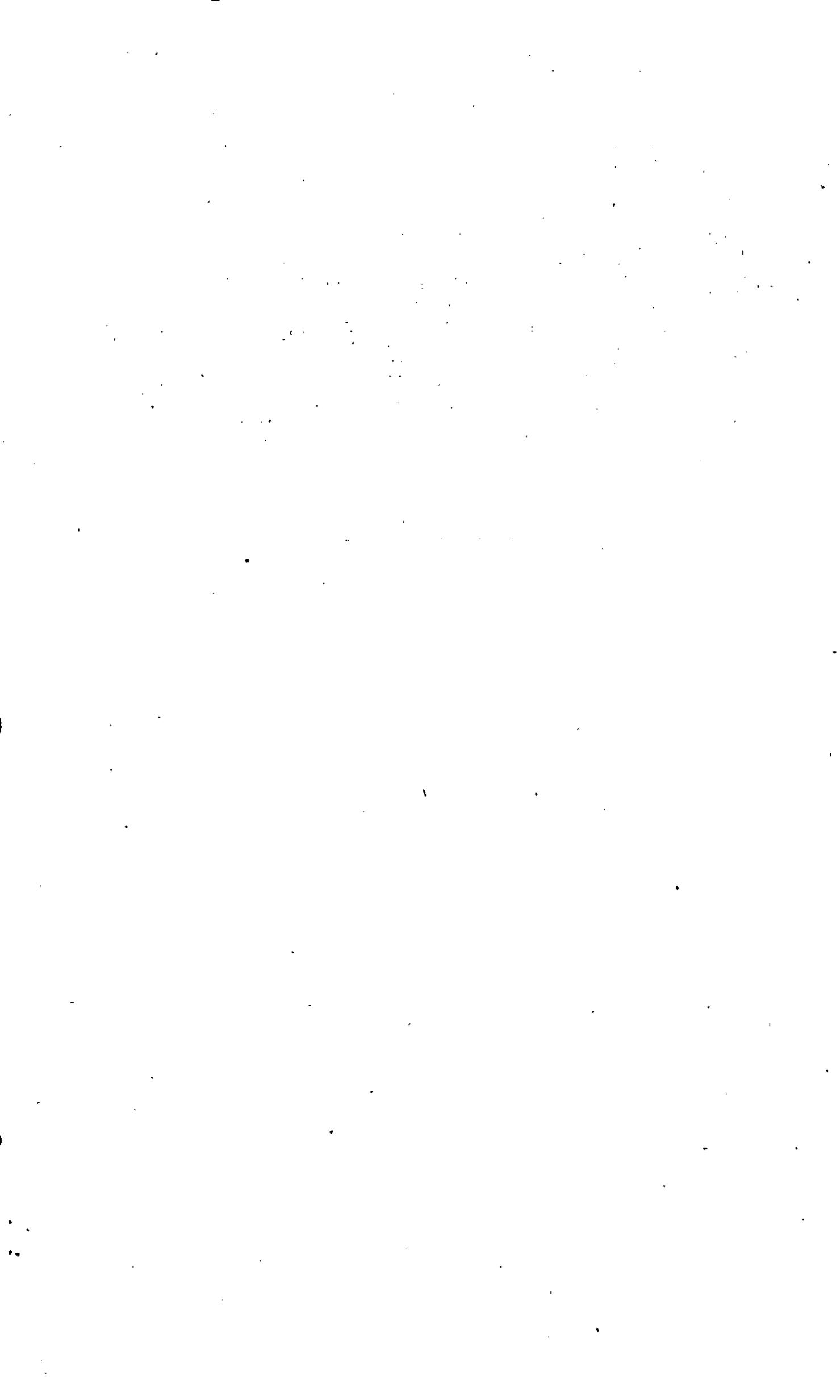
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10. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Haynes rising to move the adjournment of the House,—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice under Standing Order No. 15, respecting motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House “for the purpose of calling attention to the following definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., the action of the Government in ordering the Police to be armed.”
And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—
Mr. Haynes moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
11. NOXIOUS TRADES AND CATTLE-SLAUGHTERING 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 recommitted.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill 2^o, without amendment.
On motion of Sir George Dibbs the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

The House adjourned at sixteen 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.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 3 MAY, 1894.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Officers of Second Infantry Regiment:—*Mr. Fegan*, for *Mr. Wise*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that a Commission has been appointed to inquire into the circumstances leading to the recent resignations by officers of their Commissions in the Second Infantry Regiment?
 - (2.) If so, will he give the names of the members of that Commission?
 - (3.) How many officers of the Second Infantry Regiment have resigned their Commissions since the resignation of Colonel Goodlet of the command of that regiment?
 - (4.) What are the names of those officers, and what rank did they respectively hold at the time of such resignations, and had any of them—and if so, who—qualified, by examination, for a higher rank?
 - (5.) Why have not such resignations been gazetted?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—This information can only be furnished in the form of a Return, which, if moved for in the usual way, shall be supplied.

- (2.) Inspector of Conditional Purchases in the Molong District:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the present Inspector of Conditional Purchases in the Molong district used insulting and offensive language to one Hayman, a free selector, when he lately went to inspect and report on the improvements that were on Hayman's selection?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the Inspector did also, on the occasion referred to, state to the selector that he would put him to all the trouble and delay that he possibly could in getting his selection confirmed?
- (3.) Will he see that steps are taken to have the matter fully inquired into, with the view of protecting selectors from such treatment at the hands of officers of the Lands Department?
- (4.) Is it a fact that Hayman has been put to great inconvenience, and kept waiting for months to have his selection reported on and confirmed, and can get no satisfaction?

Mr. Copeland answered,—Reports have been received from the Chairman of the Land Board and the Inspector of Conditional Purchases, from which it appears:—

(1.) That the insulting and offensive language complained of was made use of by the selector, Hayman, in the first instance. The Inspector, however, admits having used "forcible remarks" when the selector refused to assist him in measuring the clearing on the selection, accompanying such refusal with foul language.

(2.) The Inspector denies that any such threats emanated from him.

(3.) See reply to No. 1.

(4.) In answer to inquiries, the Chairman reports as follows:—"I am not aware what inconvenience Hayman has been put to, but I may point out that his selections were transferred to the Commercial Bank on the 30th August, 1893, and I believe that as soon as the certificate issues the selection will be transferred to the run licensee, to whom Hayman's previous selections were alienated. It is evident that Hayman's selections have not been taken up with a view to making a home, but with the object of selling out at the very earliest opportunity, and therefore the case under consideration does not appear to be one in which any special action should be taken in order to expedite the issue of the certificate."

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(3.) Leases in the Central Division :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) The number of applications that have been received for an extension of lease in the Central Division by virtue of permanent improvements, under section 43 of the Crown Lands Act of 1889?
- (2.) The number of cases in which a deposit of £20 has been lodged in accordance with section 43 of the Lands Act of 1889?
- (3.) The number of cases under section 78 and subsection (xi) of Land Act of 1884, in which he has notified to pastoral lessees in the Central Division that an extension of lease shall be granted for an additional period of five years, by virtue of permanent improvements?
- (4.) Have any of the pastoral lessees in the Central Division, under section 43 of the Land Act of 1889, been notified that they will get an extension of their leases for an extra period of five years, and is he likely to grant the same before September next?
- (5.) In how many cases has the Land Board been called upon to inquire into and report upon improvements, in accordance with section 43 of the Land Act of 1889, and has he accepted or referred the reports (if any) to the Land Court for final decision?
- (6.) How many cases has the Land Court reported on in the Central Division, and recommended that an extension of leases for five years be granted by virtue of permanent improvements?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

- (1.) 578.
- (2.) 578.
- (3.) None.
- (4.) No such notifications have been issued. As regards the latter part of this Question, I shall be glad to furnish a reply if the Honorable Member will explain himself more fully.
- (5.) Out of 578 cases referred to the Land Boards, reports have been received in eight cases only, but no extensions of leases have been recommended. It is for the applicants to take action in such cases, and not the Minister.
- (6.) None.

(4.) Assistant Engineer for Roads and Bridges, Glen Innes :—*Mr. Kelly*, for *Mr. Hutchison*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that there is, besides the Resident Engineer for Roads and Bridges, &c., at Glen Innes, also an Assistant Engineer?
- (2.) If so, when was he appointed, and by whom?
- (3.) Is the assistant a properly-qualified certificated man?
- (4.) What is the necessity for two where formerly one did the work?
- (5.) Has there been more money expended in the district, consequently more work, since his appointment?
- (6.) If so, to what amount, and to what extent?
- (7.) Is one duly qualified man not sufficient to do the work which was formerly done by one?
- (8.) Is it his intention to retain two men to do the work formerly done by one?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) There is a Field Assistant at Glen Innes under the Resident Engineer.
- (2.) Appointed Road Overseer on the 28th August, 1890, by the Commissioner for Roads, and Field Assistant by me, on the Commissioner's recommendation, on the 23rd July, 1892.
- (3.) Certificates of qualification are not required, but he is a competent man for the duties he performs.
- (4, 5, 6, 7, and 8.) The Honorable Member is aware that there has been a diminution rather than increase in expenditure, owing to the shortness of our revenue returns. It is also a fact that the work performed in this district by a previous engineer was not satisfactorily carried out, when there was only one officer in the district. It was therefore considered the truest economy to employ sufficient inspectors to ensure the works being properly supervised and quickly carried out. If the Honorable Member, however, can furnish evidence to show that the additional expenditure incurred in his electorate on this account is unwarrantable, I shall be only too pleased to save it, and spend the amount in other electorates whose members are making complaints of an exactly opposite nature.

(5.) Closing of Gates on Great Northern Railway :—*Mr. Kelly*, for *Mr. Hutchison*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Adverting to the Answer given to *Mr. Hutchison's* Question, No. 5, of 24th November, 1893, in reference to the closing of gates on the Great Northern Railway at 318 miles 10 chains, wherein it was stated by *Sir George Dibbs* that the primary cause of the difficulty in connection with this crossing "arises out of a disagreement between two neighbours," will he state who the two neighbours were?

Mr. See answered,—I can only reply as before that the Honorable Member can be fully informed of the details of this matter at the office of the Railway Commissioners.

(6.) Residents of Pitt Town Labour Settlement :—*Mr. Hugh Taylor* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he cause an inquiry to be made forthwith as to whether it is a fact that a large number of the Pitt Town Labour Settlement residents are in a state of destitution for the want of clothing; and if found to be so, will he cause immediate relief to be given them?*Sir George Dibbs* answered,—The Chairman of the Board of control of the Pitt Town Labour Settlement reports that the settlers are in receipt of their usual allowance for rations, and that no representation has been made to the effect that any of them are in a state of destitution for want of food.(7.) Proposed Railway from Liverpool to Mulgoa :—*Mr. Parkes* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Will the Government offer any opposition to a private railway scheme from Liverpool to Mulgoa, to connect with the main Southern line?
- (2.) If not, will they give such facilities as they can to a private company, if such be formed to undertake this work?

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Mr. Lyne answered,—As the House is aware, I am in favour of encouraging private enterprise in the construction of railways which do not come within the sphere of Government undertakings. I cannot, however, give the Honorable Member a definite answer in regard to this particular proposal until I have consulted the Cabinet.

- (8.) King to Ocean-street Cable Tramway :—Mr. Molesworth asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Referring to the information furnished to this House by the Minister on 30th January last in answer to Mr. Molesworth, stating that the King to Ocean-street cable tramway had then cost the sum of £98,353 16s. 7d., irrespective of the cost of rolling-stock and engine power, is he aware that this expenditure exceeds the estimated cost authorised under the Act 55 Vic. No. 18 by the sum of £18,353 16s. 7d.?
 - (2.) Does not this over-expenditure exceed the margin clearly defined in the "Public Works Act of 1888," 51 Vic. No. 37, which provides under section 16, "that no such contract shall exceed in the aggregate by more than 10 per centum the estimate for the same submitted by the Minister?"
 - (3.) If so, will he explain to the House his reason for committing this breach of the law?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I am aware that the expenditure on this tramway has exceeded the estimate, but I have already explained that during the progress of the work it became evident that the Department would be shortly called upon to extend the tramway to the thickly populated districts in the upper part of Paddington on the one hand, and to Double Bay on the other. The question then came before me for determination as to whether I should sanction the additional expenditure required at once, or wait for the time of its actual requirement, which it was patent would arrive in the near future, before incurring it. To have taken the latter course would have involved the complete waste of something like £25,000, and as it was impossible to stop the work pending a further reference to the Committee, I considered it advisable in the public interest to accept the responsibility of directing that the additional power necessary for the extensions named be provided at once, and thus save, as I before explained, about £25,000. In the case of the North Shore Cable Tram, an exactly opposite course was pursued, with the result that the Government had to incur a double expenditure.

- (9.) Bridge over Little River :—*Mr. Vaughn*, for Mr. Colls, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—About what time will tenders be called for the erection of a bridge over the Little River on the main road from Taemas Bridge to Tumut?

Mr. Lyne answered,—In about a fortnight.

- (10.) Land Resumed in the "Big Scrub" for Railway Purposes :—Mr. Neild asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Referring to his answer to Mr. Neild on the 1st May, what was the acreage of the land in the "Big Scrub" belonging to Mr. J. P. Garvan, M.P., resumed for railway purposes?
- (2.) Was the said land improved; and, if so, in what way?

Mr. Lyne answered,—It seems to me this should properly be moved for in the shape of a Return. The matter was decided by arbitration, and doubtless the arbitrators and umpire went thoroughly into the question of improvement, &c.

- (11.) Holidays in Country Districts :—Dr. Hollis asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it customary to consult the Mayors of Municipalities, or to make inquiries locally, before proclaiming holidays in districts?
- (2.) Will he, in view of the inconvenience which an unnecessary holiday occasions by stopping business, issue instructions that local authorities be communicated with, whenever practicable, before holidays are proclaimed in their districts?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) It is invariably the practice to do so.

- (12.) Federation of the Australian Colonies :—Dr. Hollis asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is the proposal to federate the Australian Colonies still a part of the policy of the Government?
- (2.) Will he cause the salient features of the Federation Bill to be published at an early date, in order that the people may be apprised of its more important details before the next Election?
- (3.) Will he communicate with the Governments of the other Colonies in order to secure their co-operation in again furthering the movement?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—It has been stated before in this House, and I now make the statement again for the information of the Honorable Member, that on the formation of this Government the question of Federation was left an open question. A free hand was given to the Attorney-General of the day (Mr. Barton) to deal with the Federation Bill on the lines on which it left the Convention. In a short time I shall have something to say with regard to Federation. It will probably not be here, but at a public meeting.

- (13.) Revenue of the Colony :—*Mr. Tonkin*, for Mr. Jeanneret, asked the Postmaster-General,—

- (1.) With reference to the official statement of Revenue returns for April, 1894, purporting to show an increase in revenue of £1,066 over the receipts of the corresponding month of 1893, is it a fact that there is an increase of postage in April, 1894, of £18,531 over the receipts of 1893; if not, how is the apparent increase of postage of nearly 100 per cent. accounted for?
- (2.) Is it a fact that there is a decrease of Electric Telegraph receipts of £9,817 in April, 1894, as compared with the receipts in April, 1893; if not, how is the apparent deficiency accounted for?
- (3.) Taking the actual cash receipts of the two Departments (Post and Telegraph) together, how does the account stand?

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Mr. Kidd answered,—The actual collections for April, 1893, were—postage, £35,275 17s. 8d.; telegraphs, £15,347 14s. 8d.; total, £50,623 12s. 4d. The collections for the period 22nd to 29th April, 1893—postage, £8,744; telegraphs, £3,099; total, £11,843, were not credited at the Treasury till 1st May, 1893. From the amount shown as postage collections for April, 1894 (£45,062), must be deducted the value of stamps attached to telegrams, about £10,000, this would make the revenue for April, 1894, as follows:—Postal, £35,062; telegraphs, £12,430; total, £47,492—which, as compared with the revenue for April, 1893, shows a decrease of £3,131.

(14.) Men sent from Labour Bureau to work at Newcastle:—*Mr. Newman*, for *Mr. Edden* asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is it a fact that men are being sent to work at the Co-operative Colliery, Newcastle, from the Labour Bureau, on the recommendation of the Mines Department?
Mr. Slattery answered,—The Superintendent of the Government Labour Bureau states it is not the fact.

(15.) Revenue for the Month of April:—*Mr. Young* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he state, for the information of this House, the principal items which are included in the £26,829, received as revenue for the month of April, under the head of Miscellaneous Receipts?

Mr. See answered,—I shall presently lay the information upon the Table in the form of a Return.

(16.) Accommodation at Redfern Railway Station:—*Mr. Jones* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
 (1.) Is it a fact that through want of space and proper accommodation at Redfern Railway Station produce is often delayed and damaged through such delay?
 (2.) If it is found to be a fact that produce has been delayed and damaged through such delay will he cause such alteration as will prevent its recurrence?

Mr. See answered,—I would point out to the Honorable Member that this is purely a detail of railway management of which the Commissioners are fully cognisant.

2. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

(1.) Public Works Committee Amendment Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—until Tuesday, 15th May.

(2.) Use of Camels Regulation Bill; third reading;—until Tuesday, 29th May.

3. FIRST OFFENDERS PROBATION BILL:—*Mr. Speaker* reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to amend the criminal law so far as regards the punishment of persons convicted of first offences, and persons undergoing imprisonment or penal servitude*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
 Sydney, 3rd May, 1894.

JOHN LACKEY,
 President.

FIRST OFFENDERS PROBATION BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 3rd May, 1894.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
 Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 1, clause 2, line 14. *After "or" insert "any Justice or"*
 Page 1, clause 2, line 17. *After "before" insert "any Justice or"*
 Pages 1 and 2, clause 2, lines 18 to 4. *Omit "for which by law a sentence of penal servitude or imprisonment, with or without hard labour, for a shorter period than three years may be imposed and for which a sentence of such shorter duration is in the opinion of the Court an adequate punishment," insert "which, in the opinion of the Court, is one to which the provisions of this Act should be applied"*
 Page 2, clause 2, lines 6 to 8. *Omit "Court of summary jurisdiction—Two or more Justices in "Petty Sessions having jurisdiction to try persons charged with offences punishable on "summary conviction"*
 Page 2, clause 3, line 11. *Omit "a minor" insert "an indictable"*
 Page 2, clause 3, line 30. *Omit "twenty-four" insert "forty-eight"*
 Page 3, clause 6, line 11. *After "recognizance" insert "an offender so discharged"*
 Page 3, clause 6, line 12. *Omit "It"*
 Page 3, clause 6, lines 12 and 13. *Omit "a Court of summary jurisdiction that an offender so discharged has" insert "any Justice to have"*
 Page 3, clause 6, line 16. *Omit "If"*
 Page 3, clause 6, line 18. *Omit "a Court of summary jurisdiction" insert "any Justice"*
 Page 3, clause 6, line 18. *Omit "Court" insert "Justice"*
 Page 3, clause 6, line 21. *Omit "If"*
 Page 3, clause 6, line 22. *Before "Justices" insert "Justice or"*
 Page 3, clause 6, line 25. *Omit "If"*
 Page 3, clause 6, line 35. *Omit "Court" insert "Justice or Justices"*
 Page 3, clause 6, line 40. *Omit "Court" insert "Justice or Justices"*
 Page 3, clause 7. *Omit clause 7.*

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
 Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by *Mr. Speaker*, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Tuesday next.

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4. PAPERS :—

Mr. See laid upon the Table,—Comparative Statement of Miscellaneous Receipts, Revenue proper of the Colony, paid into the Treasury at Sydney during the months of April, 1893, and April, 1894, respectively, showing the Increase or Decrease under each head thereof.
Ordered to be printed.

Sir George Dibbs laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Hurstville.
- (2.) By-law of the Municipal District of Silverton.
- (3.) General Abstract of Bank Liabilities and Assets for quarter ended 31st March, 1894.

Ordered to be printed.

5. MINING ON PRIVATE LANDS BILL:—Sir George Dibbs (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Mining on Private Lands Bill be withdrawn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

6. NOXIOUS TRADES AND CATTLE-SLAUGHTERING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir George Dibbs moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Sir George Dibbs, *passed*.

Sir George Dibbs then moved, That the title of the Bill be, "*An Act to regulate the carrying on of Noxious Trades and the slaughtering of Cattle; to incorporate the Board of Health; 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 regulate the carrying on of Noxious Trades and the slaughtering of Cattle; to incorporate the Board of Health; and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 3rd May, 1894.

7. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

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

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

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

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

(7.) *Resolved*,—That towards raising the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty,—

(1.) 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 fourteenth day of May, 1894, 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 specialty 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 specialty 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.

(2.) On and after the said day duties shall be levied, collected, and paid according to the duties mentioned in Schedule B to the Stamp Duties Act Amendment Act of 1886, and shall be charged and chargeable upon and in respect of all estate, whether real or personal—

(a) Which any person dying after the said day has disposed of, whether before or after the said day, 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 after the said day by any person so dying, purporting to operate as an immediate conveyance or gift *inter vivos*, whether by way of conveyance, transfer, delivery, declaration of trust or otherwise, which has not been *bonâ fide* made twelve months before the death of that person.

(c) Which any person, so dying, having been absolutely entitled thereto, has, before or after the said day, voluntarily caused to be conveyed, 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.

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- (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 said day, 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 said day 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.

And in this subsection the expression "voluntary settlement" includes any trust, whether expressed in writing or otherwise, in favour of a volunteer, and, if contained in a deed or other instrument effecting the settlement, whether that deed or instrument was made for valuable consideration or not as between the settlor and any other person.

(3.) The said duties shall be levied, collected, and paid, and shall be charged and chargeable upon and in respect of all personal estate (not being chattels real taken under any gift whenever made by any person so dying of which *bonâ fide* possession and enjoyment has not been assumed by the donee immediately upon the gift, and thenceforward retained to the entire exclusion of the donor, or of any benefit to him by contract or otherwise.

(4.) Where any person, dying after the said day, was at the time of his death domiciled within the Colony of New South Wales, all debts actually due and owing by him shall be deducted from his estate. Where the person so dying was not at the time of his death domiciled within the said Colony, the only debts which may be deducted from his estate shall be debts due and owing to persons resident in the said Colony, and debts secured by mortgage, encumbrance, pledge, or lien, legal or equitable, of or over real or personal estate of the said person situate in the said Colony. Provided that, in any case, the debts to be deducted shall not include voluntary debts expressed to be payable on the death of the person so dying, or payable under any instrument which has not been *bonâ fide* delivered to the donee thereof three months before the death of the said person, or debts in respect of which a reimbursement may be capable of being claimed from any other estate or person, except as to the excess, if any, above the amount of the reimbursement claimable.

(5.) In respect of any instrument executed after the said day, the sum payable by way of fine under section thirteen of the Stamp Duties Act of 1880 shall be the fine mentioned in that section, together with a fine of five pounds, and the said section is amended accordingly. And the words "fine imposed by this Act" in the proviso to section fourteen of the last-mentioned Act shall include the fine imposed by section thirteen above mentioned, as amended by this Act.

On motion of Mr. See, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

8. STAMP DUTIES ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2):—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. See, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 7), to further amend the Stamp Duties Act of 1880, and the Stamp Duties Act Amendment Act of 1886.

(2.) Mr. See 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 Wednesday next.

9. PUBLIC WORKS BETTERMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Lync moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Wednesday next.

The House adjourned at six 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. 46.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 8 MAY, 1894.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Mining Registrar's Office at Wyalong:—*Mr. Kelly*, for *Mr. Vaughn*, asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is it a fact that *Mr. Warden Slee* posted notices asking permit applicants to meet him at an hotel 3 miles distant to transact their business when the Registrar's office is already established in the main camp, the centre of population?

Mr. Slattery answered,—The permits to be delivered by *Mr. Warden Slee* refer to areas within *Mr. Neeld's* selection which is situated between the surveyed town and the main camp. Some have been handed to the applicants at the township and some at the main camp. No complaint has been made to the Warden respecting this action.

- (2.) Grafton to Guyra Railway:—*Mr. Hogan* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What is the length of the Grafton to Guyra railway trial survey?
- (2.) What is the estimated cost of the line from Grafton to where it ascends from the Orara to the Dorrigo?
- (3.) What is the cost from thence to the 51-mile peg from Grafton?
- (4.) What is the cost of the remainder?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) 155 miles 66 chains 31 links.
- (2.) (27 miles), £200,158 15s. 3d.
- (3.) (25½ miles), £460,540 4s. 9d.
- (4.) £1,258,543 6s. 5d.

- (3.) Painting for New South Wales Court at Exhibition in England:—*Mr. Kelly*, for *Mr. J. D. FitzGerald*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Did the Government of this country ever engage *Paulo Priolo* to execute a painting to decorate the New South Wales Court at an exhibition holden in England?
- (2.) What was paid to *Paulo Priolo* for the said painting?
- (3.) Where is the painting now?

Mr. Slattery answered,—My honorable colleague is not aware of any such transaction, and there appears to be no record of the same in the Chief Secretary's office.

- (4.) Bathurst Racecourse:—*Mr. Crick* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Has the notice required by section 105 of the Act 48 Vic. No. 18, *in re* resumption of Bathurst race-course, been laid upon the Table?
- (2.) Will he point out how the provisions of the section cover the case?
- (3.) Is it proposed to take the Bathurst race-course with its improvements and leave the race club without a course?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) Under the Crown Solicitor's advice that resumption under the 105th clause can be carried out in any case where it is expedient in the public interest to resume the land.
- (3.) Yes.

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- (5.) Nurse Ferguson:—*Mr. Johnston*, for *Mr. Levien*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Was Nurse Ferguson discharged from the Hospital for the Insane at Parramatta?
 - (2.) Did Dr. Godson assign any reason for her discharge?
 - (3.) Was any charge of any sort made against the nurse; if so, was it communicated to her?
 - (4.) Was she afforded an opportunity to answer any charge?
 - (5.) Will he at once institute inquiry into the case, and see justice done to this girl?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1 and 2.) Yes.
- (3.) No.
- (4.) No charge was made.
- (5.) Such inquiry as may appear necessary will be made.

- (6.) Contract for Supply of Fishplates:—*Mr. Molesworth* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that a contract has been entered into with a *Mr. Sandford* for the supply of fishplates, &c., for 150 miles of road at the cost of £11,800?
 - (2.) What roads are these intended for?
 - (3.) Were public tenders called for the supply of these articles?
 - (4.) If so, how many tenders were received, who were the tenderers, and what were their respective amounts?
 - (5.) Will he lay upon the Table of the House copies of these tenders?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The material is intended to go into stock for future railway extensions. The present stock is very low, and advantage was taken of the exceptionally low price of steel to replenish same.
- (3.) Quotations were obtained in England for fishplates and fishbolts.
- (4.) For fishplates, five, viz.:—

	£	s.	d.	
The Ebbu Vale Co.	5	14	9	f.o.b., London.
Bolckow, Vaughan, & Co.	6	0	0	” ”
The Darlington Steel Co.	6	1	3	” ”
C. Cammell & Co.	6	7	6	” ”
Guest & Co.	7	1	6	” ”
- For fishbolts, six, viz.:—

Bayliss, Jones, & Bayliss	15	15	0	” ”
Patent Nut and Bolt Co.	16	0	0	” ”
Ibbotson Bros. & Co.	16	2	6	” ”
Horton and Sons	16	2	6	” ”
The Anderston Foundry Co.	16	6	0	” ”
P. & W. McLellan	17	7	6	” ”
- (5.) I have no objection if moved for in the usual way.

- (7.) Lock-up at Maclean:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for *Mr. McFarlane*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What action is being taken towards erecting a new lock-up at Maclean?
- (2.) Is he aware that the present building is a disgrace to the town, and unfit for use?

Mr. Slattery answered,—My honorable colleague is informed that a new lock-up is badly required, and the matter shall have consideration when the next Estimates are being prepared.

- (8.) Police Magistrate at Inverell:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for *Mr. Hutchison*, asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) How long has *Mr. Fraser* been acting as Police Magistrate at Inverell?
- (2.) How old is he?
- (3.) Have any complaints been made against him; if so, what was their nature?
- (4.) Does he carry on any business, except his professional duties?
- (5.) At what hour should he take his seat on the Bench?
- (6.) Is he there punctually at the time?
- (7.) Is it a fact that some time ago he sentenced a man to six months for a trivial offence, and afterwards, finding he was wrong, discharged the man?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) Since 1st September, 1875.
- (2.) Sixty-three years of age.
- (3.) Four complaints have been made against him to the Department, but satisfactory explanations in each case were given. To state the nature of them would appear to be outside the proper limits of an answer to a question in the House.
- (4.) None outside of his official duties.
- (5.) Eleven o'clock a.m. is the time arranged for by the Bench at Inverell.
- (6.) Yes, as a rule, except when his other official duties render it impracticable.
- (7.) There is no record of such a case.

- (9.) Men employed at Fitzroy Dock:—*Mr. Haynes*, for *Mr. Jones*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a number of men employed at the Fitzroy Dock were stopped a day's pay for not putting their tickets in, and did they work on that day?
- (2.) Was their time and the work they were employed on, sent in by the foremen of their respective shops?
- (3.) Is there any notice to the effect that men will lose their pay for not putting in their tickets, and was the superintendent acting under instructions from the Engineer-in-Chief?
- (4.) Will he inquire into the case?

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Mr. Lync answered,—The Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers informs me there were 330 men employed at the Dock works on the 18th and 19th of last month, and that complaint was made that on one of these days pay had been stopped from two or three men and five or six boys working there. Inquiries were made by Mr. Darley, and from the information gathered he found it impossible to say whether these persons were entitled to be paid or not, as they failed to comply with the conditions of the Service by placing their tickets in the box to enable the timekeeper to record whether they were at work. That officer is the only person at the Dock who keeps the men's time, and he cannot do this correctly, and in fact cannot say whether the employees are working or not, unless they comply with the regulations of the Service by placing their tickets in the box set apart for the purpose.

(10.) Supply of Blankets:—Mr. Parkes asked the Colonial Secretary,—How is it that the Honorable Member for Parramatta, Mr. Taylor, can obtain 100 or more pairs of blankets when a refusal is peremptorily given to the application of a society of benevolent ladies of Liverpool for two dozen pairs?

Mr. Slattery answered,—Mr. Hugh Taylor has made no application for blankets, as stated by the Honorable Member.

2. COUNTRY TOWNS AND HUNTER DISTRICT WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE ACTS AMENDMENT BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Seo, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

R. W. DUFF,

Governor.

Message No. 46.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend such of the provisions of the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880, the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act Extension Act of 1887, and the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Act of 1892, as deal with the repayment of the cost of works of Water Supply and Sewerage, and to extend the period of such repayment; to empower the Board established under the said Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Act of 1892 to connect premises with the water mains and the sewers under their control, and to recover the expenses of such connections; to provide for the carrying out of such connections by the said Board on deferred payments; and to make other provisions subsidiary to or in connection with the objects aforesaid,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 8th May, 1894.

3. HOSPITAL ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Waddell moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to the management of hospitals.

Question put and passed.

4. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

(1.) First Offenders Probation Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's amendments;—until To-morrow.

(2.) Betting (Infants') Bill (*Council Bill*); third reading;—until To-morrow.

(3.) Criminal Law Amendment Bill; second reading;—until Tuesday, 29th May.

5. WORKING OF COLLIERIES:—Mr. Fegan, as Chairman, brought up the Final 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 13th March, 1894, together with Appendix.

Ordered to be printed.

6. PAPER:—Mr. Seo laid upon the Table,—Statement showing estimated amount required to complete works now being constructed, and chargeable to Loan Votes, and balance of General Loan Account on 31st March, 1894.

Ordered to be printed.

7. CENTENNIAL PARK:—Mr. Hoyle moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(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 boatshed 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.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

8. CORONERS INQUESTS ON CHILDREN:—Mr. Neild moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing the number of coroners' inquests held during the years 1889 to 1893 inclusive, in Sydney and suburbs, on children under the age of one year, distinguishing, where possible, legitimate and illegitimate children, and giving the verdict in each case.

Question put and passed.

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9. MANAGEMENT OF THE COAL-FIELDS OF THE COLONY BY THE STATE:—Mr. Fegan moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(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.
Debate ensued.

Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word "secure," with a view to the insertion in its place of the words "resume some of."

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

Debate continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Cann,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Young,
Mr. Houghton,	Sir George Dibbs,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Kirkpatrick,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Donald,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. G. D. Clark.
Mr. Dawson,	
Mr. Slattery,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Newman,	Mr. Fegan.
Mr. Hutchinson,	

Noes, 13.

Mr. Sec,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. McCourt.
Mr. Henry Clarke,	
Mr. Lees,	
Mr. Johnston,	
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. Sharp,	
Mr. Danahey,	
Mr. Bavister.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question then put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 14.

Mr. Cann,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Black,	Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Gardiner.
Mr. Kirkpatrick,	
Mr. Melville,	
Mr. Houghton,	
Mr. Edden,	
Mr. Sharp,	
Mr. Dawson,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Donald,	
Mr. G. D. Clark.	

Noes, 24.

Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Young,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Wall,	Mr. Danahey,
Mr. See,	Mr. Scobie,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Cook.
Mr. Lyne,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Lees,	Mr. Stevenson.
Mr. Johnston,	

And so it passed in the negative.

The House adjourned at a quarter past 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. 47.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 9 MAY, 1894.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Ringbarking on Crown Lands:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) The amount of money realised from ringbarking, and the area so ringbarked under the Land Act of 1889?

(2.) The number of cases in which the deposit money and the land have been forfeited under section 26 of Land Act of 1884 in consequence of false declarations?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The information sought by the Honorable Member will be furnished in the form of two returns if moved for in the usual manner.

(2.) Repairs to Telegraph Lines:—Mr. Stevenson asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) Were tenders recently invited for repairs to the telegraph lines, Wiseman's Ferry to St. Alban's, Wiseman's Ferry to Farley, and Wollombi to Whittingham?

(2.) Have any complaints been received by the Postal Department in regard to these tenders?

(3.) Would he have any objection to state the names of the tenderers, and the amount of each tender?

(4.) The name of the person who received the contract, and was he the lowest tenderer?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) No objection, if moved for in the usual way. Forty-nine tenders in all were received.

(4.) R. Dillin's tender, being the lowest, was accepted for the Wiseman's Ferry and St. Alban's line, and John Doyle's (which was not the lowest) for the repairs to the Wiseman's Ferry to Farley, and Wollombi to Whittingham lines; as he is an experienced contractor and the line being an important one, carrying the whole of the northern traffic, it was deemed advisable to secure, even at a little advance in price, an expert contractor, on whom the Department could depend to effect the repairs without causing any interruption of the line. Doyle, moreover, agreed to supply 30 feet poles where required in lieu of 28 feet as specified.

(3.) Men despatched from Labour Bureau to the Co-operative Colliery at Plattsburg:—*Mr. Edden*, for Mr. Walker, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it true that the Labour Bureau is sending men applying for work as miners to the office of Mr. Curry, of the Maritime Free Labour Bureau, who is an agent for forwarding men to the Co-operative Colliery at Plattsburg, which is a mine where a labour difficulty now exists?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—There is no foundation whatever for this statement.

(4.) Simpson's Railway Bridge over Parramatta River:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What height above high-water level will the bridge be over the Parramatta River which is about to be erected by the proprietor of Simpson's railway?

Mr. Lyne answered,—By the terms of Simpson's Railway Act of 1893, the railway is to be constructed in a proper and workmanlike manner, to the satisfaction of the Engineer-in-Chief for Railway Construction. It will be necessary, therefore, that the plan of this bridge, as well as other portions of the work, be submitted to this Department for approval, but this has not yet been done. I am therefore unable at the present moment to answer the Honorable Member's Question.

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- (5.) Duck and Parramatta Rivers:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Will he cause a survey to be made, and a report sent in as to the desirableness of removing the silt from, and deepening Duck River from the Parramatta River to Granville, so as to allow the traffic by water to be carried out as formerly?
 - (2.) Also the same in regard of the river from Newington to the Queen's Wharf, Parramatta.
- Mr. Lync answered,—Reports have already been received on the subjects referred to in the Honorable Member's Questions, but the expense involved in carrying out the works makes it prohibitive at the present time. I have also to point out that the fact of the Sewerage Scheme for Parramatta being negatived—largely, I understand, on the evidence given by the Mayor—makes the work of dredging additionally expensive, because it was proposed to utilize the silt dredged from the river for the purpose of reclaiming land intended for a sewerage farm in connection with that scheme.
- (6.) Index to Bankruptcy Records:—Mr. Alfred Allen, for Mr. Wise, asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Has a clerk been recently appointed to compile an index of the bankruptcy records?
 - (2.) If so, when was such an appointment made, and at what salary?
 - (3.) Is he aware that the junior clerks in the Bankruptcy Office offered to compile a new index out of office hours for a total remuneration of £20?
 - (4.) What is the name of the gentleman appointed for this work; and on whose recommendation was he appointed?
 - (5.) Was he previously a member of the Civil Service; if not, was there no retrenched Civil Servant available for the duty of compiling an index?
- Mr. Slattery answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) On 15th January last, at 10s. per diem.
 - (3.) Yes; but it is not considered expedient to allow overtime to permanent officers of the service, except under very exceptional circumstances.
 - (4.) Mr. H. O. MacDonnell, upon his own application.
 - (5.) Yes; Mr. MacDonnell had only a short time before been an officer in the Department of Mines and Agriculture, and was one of those whose services were dispensed with through retrenchment.
- (7.) Conditional Leases:—Mr. Alfred Allen, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Was he correctly reported in the statement in the Press that he had reversed more than 3,000 forfeitures of conditional purchases since he has been in office?
 - (2.) How many of these were forfeitures for non-payment of rent?
- Mr. Copeland answered,—
- (1.) I am not aware that I was so reported in the Press. What I stated was, in effect, that in over 3,000 cases in which forfeiture had been incurred, I had, under the powers conferred by the 6th clause of the Act 54 Vic. No. 1, approved of such forfeiture being either conditionally or absolutely waived. The number of cases so dealt with are as follows:—Forfeiture absolutely waived—Conditional purchases, 1,132; conditional leases, 682. Forfeiture conditionally waived—Conditional purchases, 686; conditional leases, 584.
 - (2.) None.
2. GLEBE ISLAND ABATTOIRS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing the number of horned cattle, sheep, calves, and pigs respectively, condemned as unfit for food at the Glebe Island Abattoirs for each month of the year 1893, and for the first four months of 1894.
Question put and passed.
3. PRISON LABOUR—MAT-MAKING INDUSTRY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Houghton moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Return to an Order,—“Prison Labour—Mat-making Industry,” laid upon the Table of this House on 4th April, 1894, be printed.
Question put and passed.
4. RAILWAYS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Schey moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
- (1.) Copies of vouchers for the following payments, if yet made, viz.:—
 - (a) For a sum of 200 guineas or thereabout, alleged to have been paid to Mr. Price Williams, C.E., for certain inspections recently carried out on the New South Wales Railways.
 - (b) For a sum of 150 guineas or thereabout, alleged to have been paid to Sir John Fowler, C.E., and an assistant of same, for the inspection of an axle.
 - (2.) Also of all correspondence, documents, and papers relating to such payments (if made) or proposed payments (if yet to be made).
- Question put and passed.
5. PAPERS:—Mr. Copeland laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Abstract of Crown lands reserved from sale for the preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 101st, 109th, and 112th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
 - (2.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th and 101st sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
 - (3.) Copies of *Gazette* Notices, setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the dedication of certain lands, in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
 - (4.) Abstract of Crown lands authorised to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
- Ordered to be printed.

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9th May, 1894.

6. CASE OF STAFF-SERGEANT W. JEFFKINS:—Mr. G. D. Clark, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 24th April, 1894. Ordered to be printed.
7. STAMP DUTIES ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2):—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with an amendment.
On motion of Mr. See (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
Ordered (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the Bill be read a third time at a later hour of the day.
8. PUBLIC WORKS BETTERMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Lyne, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—And the Question being again proposed,—
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
- 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 House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 10 MAY, 1894, A.M.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 49.

Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Willis,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Stovenson,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Dawson,	Mr. Colls,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. York,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Newman,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Langwell,	Mr. J. A. Mackinnon,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Bowes,	Mr. Bavister,
Mr. Miller,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Scott,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. E. M. Clark,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Donald,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Melville.
Mr. Houghton,	
Mr. Rae,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Cruickshank.
Mr. Cann,	

Noes, 18

Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. Reid,
Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Lees,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Hart,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Darnley,
Mr. A'Beckett.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Danahey.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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 progress and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.

9. STAMP DUTIES ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2):—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir George Dibbs moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Sir George Dibbs, *passed*.
Sir George Dibbs 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,

9th May, 1894.

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, 10 May, 1894, a.m.*

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

The House adjourned accordingly, at half past Two 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. 48.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 10 MAY, 1894.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Approach to the Brooklyn Railway-station:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for *Mr. Frank Farnell*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When is it intended that the work in connection with making a channel approach to the Brooklyn railway-station will be undertaken in order to complete that which has already been commenced?

Mr. Copeland answered,—My honorable colleague cannot give a positive answer at the present moment, as there is no dredge suitable for the work available just now.

(2.) No. 2 Police-Station, Corner George and Pitt Streets:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for *Mr. Jeanneret*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it a fact that the Government is about to sell by public auction the site of the late No. 2 Police-station, corner of George and Pitt Streets, on which it was formerly proposed to erect a post and telegraph office?

Mr. Copeland answered,—It has been decided to offer this land for sale by auction, and I may add that the papers in the Department of Lands do not disclose that it was ever proposed to erect a post and telegraph office thereon.

(3.) Post and Telegraph Offices at the Haymarket:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for *Mr. Jeanneret*, asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) Is the Government paying £10 per week for a post and telegraph office on leasehold premises belonging to the City Corporation, at the Haymarket, the lease of which will shortly expire?

(2.) What are the intentions of the Government with reference to provision for post and telegraph offices at the Haymarket when the tenancy of the present offices expires?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

(1.) The premises are rented from the executors of the late *W. Watkins* at £300 per annum, and the lease will expire on the 31st December, 1896.

(2.) The matter will receive full consideration before expiration of the lease, and it is probable that fresh tenders will be invited.

(4.) Salary of the Minister of Justice:—*Mr. Molesworth* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What Minister is at present charged with the administration of the Department of Justice?

(2.) How has the voted salary pertaining to the office of Minister for Justice been disposed of since the resignation of the *Hon. R. E. O'Connor*?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—

(1.) The Minister who has had charge of the Department of Justice since the *Honorable R. E. O'Connor* resigned is the *Honorable Thomas Michael Slattery*.

(2.) Since the resignation of the *Honorable R. E. O'Connor* the salary has been safe and sound and intact as a saving to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue in the Treasury.

(5.) Erection of Sheds on Wharfs:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for *Mr. Frank Farnell*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Does he intend to ask Parliament to vote funds for the purpose of erecting sheds on wharfs where necessary; if so, when?

Mr. Copeland answered,—My honorable colleague does not. The least thing those interested can do is to erect sheds for the protection of their goods, especially when the Government has gone to the much greater expense of erecting the wharfs. My honorable colleague, of course, refers to those wharfs which bring in no revenue to the Treasury.

(6.)

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- (6.) Subsidy granted to the School of Arts:—Mr. Kelly asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) Does the Committee of the School of Arts receive a Government subsidy?
 - (2.) What is the amount received by them for the last twelve months?
 - (3.) Is he aware of the fact that Mr. F. E. Hiscocks has leased the large hall of that institution to run a variety and minstrel show?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

- (1.) Yes; on members' subscriptions only.
 - (2.) £1,291, from 1st April, 1893, to 31st March, 1894.
 - (3.) I am informed that the Committee have let the Hall to Mr. Hiscocks for a month, the Committee reserving to itself the right to control the performances.
- (7.) Fruit Diseases Bill:—Mr. Scobie asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce the Fruit Diseases Bill this Session?

Mr. Slattery answered,—I regret to say that in the state of public business it will not be possible to introduce a Fruit Diseases Bill this Session.

- (8.) Training of Public School Teachers:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for Mr. Carruthers, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) For what period has the system of University teaching of students in training been in operation?
- (2.) Has the Department of Public Instruction sufficient experience of results to compare the University teaching system with the ordinary Training School system?
- (3.) If so, will he state which system has furnished the Department with the better trained class of teachers?
- (4.) Which system has been the more costly?
- (5.) Does he intend to continue the present system of University teaching to the students?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

- (1.) From January, 1889, to December, 1893, the students of both Training Schools were partially taught in literary subjects at the University. From January, 1894, they were taught their literary subjects altogether at the University, and their professional subjects only at the Training Schools.
- (2.) Sufficient time has not elapsed to enable a fair comparison to be made.
- (3.) Answered by No. 2.
- (4.) The cost per student was higher under the old system.
- (5.) Yes; for the present.

- (9.) Fees paid to the University for Training of Public School Teachers:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for Mr. Carruthers, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) What is the amount of fees annually paid by the Department of Public Instruction to the University for the students in training who attend lectures?
- (2.) Was this amount paid to the University in addition to the endowment and other State grants?
- (3.) Have applications been made to the University authorities during the last five years for a reduction of the fees for the public examinations; and, if so, by the direction of what Ministers, and with what results?
- (4.) What has been the total amount expended by the State on the University, and in aid of it up to the year 1894?
- (5.) Has the State any voice in the management of the University, any representation upon its Senate, or any right of consultation in regard to its curriculum?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

- (1.) £1,600 per annum.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) Yes; by direction of Mr. Carruthers and Mr. Suttor. On 28th August, 1890, Mr. Carruthers wrote to the Senate with the result that the fees were reduced from 40s. to 30s. for the senior, and from 30s. to 25s. for the junior examination. On 19th December, 1890, Mr. Carruthers requested the Senate to make a further reduction, but his application was declined. On the 26th July, 1892, Mr. Suttor wrote asking that the fees might be further reduced, but the Senate declined to do so.
- (4.) It is impossible to furnish this information at so short a notice. I will, however, obtain it from the Treasury, and lay it upon the Table of the House in the form of a return.
- (5.) No.

- (10.) Supply of Blankets:—*Mr. Alfred Allen*, for Mr. Parkes, asked the Colonial Secretary,—With regard to Mr. Parkes' Question No. 10, of 8th May, referring to the distribution of blankets to the poor,—

- (1.) How many pairs have been distributed to the district of Parramatta through the instrumentality of Mr. or Mrs. Taylor, or any other person?
- (2.) How many other similar applications have been refused, and upon what grounds?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—100 pairs of blankets were distributed to the distressed in Parramatta at the request of the visitors of the Children's Relief Society.

- (11.) Sites for Artesian Bores:—Mr. Collins asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Has a site been selected on the Thalaba Creek for the artesian bore, for which a tender was accepted some months ago?
- (2.) Have instructions been given to the contractor to commence the work; if not, when is it proposed that the work should be started?
- (3.) Have any sites been selected for artesian bores on the travelling stock route between Pilliga and Coonamble; if so, when will tenders be called for putting down the bores?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) The exact site has not yet been selected, the flooded state of the country has much delayed the matter.
- (2.) Not yet. No delay will occur when once the reservation of the land has been completed.
- (3.) The exact sites have not been selected. Arrangements will be made as early as possible.

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2. THE CIVIL SERVICE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Reid moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, with as little delay as possible, a return showing,—
- (1.) The names, positions, and length of service of officers, whether permanent or temporary, removed from the Government service, on the plea of retrenchment, from 1st January, 1892, to the 30th April, 1894, showing date of first employment, and date of dismissal.
 - (2.) The names and positions of officers, whether permanent or temporary, introduced into the Public Service by the present Government, from 1st January, 1892, to the 30th April, 1894.
 - (3.) The names of officers dismissed during the period named, on the plea of retrenchment, and since re-appointed to positions in the Service, specifying in each case the position lost, and the position subsequently gained.
- Question put and passed.
3. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the third reading of the Betting (Infants') Bill postponed until Tuesday next.
4. NOXIOUS TRADES AND CATTLE-SLAUGHTERING 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 regulate the carrying on of noxious trades, and the slaughtering of cattle; to incorporate the Board of Health; and for other purposes*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.
- Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 10th May, 1894.
- JOHN LACKEY,
President.
5. PAPERS:—
- Mr. Copeland laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Willoughby, county of Cumberland, for Stabling Accommodation in connection with the Post and Telegraph Office at North Sydney.
 - (2.) Return to an Order made on 4th April, 1894—"Messrs. Clark and Rowley's lease of Crown land at Bunnerong, Randwick."
- Ordered to be printed.
- (3.) Return to an Order made on 6th February, 1894,—"*Occupation of allotments in Villages of Wilberfore and Pitt Town.*"
 - (4.) Return to an Order made on 1st March, 1894,—"*Conditional Purchase of Thomas Joseph Keenan, county of Ashburnham.*"
 - (5.) Return to an Order made on 28th March, 1894,—"*Davy's Plains Run, No. 298, District of Molong.*"
- Mr. Suttor laid upon the Table,—Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land for Public School purposes at Barber's Creek, Middle Flat, and Woodford Dale.
- Mr. Slattery laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Regulation under the Vine Diseases Act of 1893.
 - (2.) Despatch respecting Treaty with the Argentine Republic.
- Ordered to be printed.
- Sir George Dibbs laid upon the Table,—By-laws of the Borough of Wagga Wagga.
- Ordered to be printed.
6. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Cook 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., recent retrenchments in the Railway Service."
- And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—
- Mr. Cook moved, That this House do now adjourn.
- Debate ensued.
- Question put and negatived.
7. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTORATES AND ELECTIONS ACT OF 1893 AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.
- Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and asked leave to sit again on Wednesday next.
- Sir George Dibbs (*by consent*) moved, That the Order of the Day be discharged.
- Question put and passed.
- Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.
8. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTORATES AND ELECTIONS ACT OF 1893 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2):—
- (1.) Sir George Dibbs moved, That the Order of Leave under which the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893 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. 19 of Wednesday, 28th February, 1894, Entry 2*), read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker.
- (2.) Sir George Dibbs then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893,*"—which was read a first time.
- Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

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9. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:—Sir George Dibbs (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of a Bill, intituled "A Bill to amend the 'Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893,'" through all its stages in one day.
Question put and passed.
10. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir George Dibbs moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
- The House adjourned accordingly, at eleven 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. 49.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 15 MAY, 1894.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Model Farms at Millthorpe and Blayney:—*Mr. Kelly*, for *Mr. Crick*, asked the Secretary for Mines.—Will he lay upon the Table of this House the reports obtained by the Department in reference to proposed sites for model farms at Millthorpe and Blayney?

Mr. Sec answered,—These reports have been mislaid; search has been made for them, but so far without success.

(2.) Refund of Insurance Money to discharged Railway Employees:—*Mr. Lees*, for *Mr. Davis*, asked the Colonial Treasurer.—Is it a fact that the Railway Commissioners have refunded to some of their lately discharged employees the amount of insurance money paid in by them, and refuse a like concession to others?

Mr. Sec answered,—When Railway employees who have had to insure their lives in accordance with the conditions of the Railway Act have been retrenched, the Commissioners have approved of the amounts paid being refunded, but no direction in this matter is given if an employee is dismissed for misconduct or resigns of his own accord.

(3.) Second Infantry Regiment:—*Mr. Kelly* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Second Infantry Regiment has not been paid for the March quarter?
- (2.) If so, will he see that the men are paid at once?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—I am informed by the Major-General Commanding the Military Forces that the regiment will be paid on the 16th instant.

(4.) Boat-races on the Parramatta River:—*Mr. Kelly*, for *Mr. Black*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it not a fact that the regulations of the Marine Board only permit two steamers to follow boat-races on the Parramatta River?
- (2.) Is it not a fact, nevertheless, that several recent races have been followed by the launch of a private citizen?
- (3.) Will he endeavour to enforce the law in future in this matter?

Mr. Sec answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) The Marine Board have always enforced the law, but in cases where Government steamers have followed no action has been taken, as such steamers are exempt from the penalty provisions of the Navigation Acts.

(5.) Assistant Clerk of Petty Sessions at Glen Innes:—*Mr. Hutchison* asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is there an Assistant Clerk of Petty Sessions at Glen Innes?
- (2.) What salary does he receive?

Mr. Sec answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) £150 per annum.

(6.)

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- (6.) Land Agent at Glen Innes :—Mr. Hutchison asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) What is the salary of the Land Agent, as such, at Glen Innes?
 - (2.) Has he free quarters; if so, of what value?
 - (3.) How much does he receive annually for collection of conditional purchase money?
 - (4.) How much does he receive for the office of Clerk of Petty Sessions?
 - (5.) How much does he receive for the sale of miners' rights, or any other fees not herein mentioned?
 - (6.) What is the total amount received annually by him from all sources?
- Mr. Copeland answered,—
- (1.) £290 per annum.
 - (2.) No.
 - (3.) Nothing. It is part of his duty to collect these moneys.
 - (4.) £90 per annum.
 - (5.) As Mining Registrar, £22 10s. per annum. During the year 1893 he also received as commission on miners' rights, &c., sold by him the sum of £4, and from the public as fees for the registration of births, deaths, and marriages, £36 6s.
 - (6.) £442 16s.; his total collections for the year 1893 being £12,954 3s. 8d.

- (7.) Officers of the Second Regiment :—Mr. Hugh Taylor, for Mr. Frank Farnell, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is he aware that there have been several further resignations of officers in the Second Regiment?
 - (2.) Is he aware that there are now only three officers available for duty, viz., Captain Gilchrist and Second Lieutenants Ramaciotti and Hollard (the latter transferred from Ashfield Corps)?
 - (3.) Will he appoint a Commission to inquire into the cause of the wholesale resignations of officers in the Second Regiment?
- Sir George Dibbs answered,—
- (1.) I am not aware.
 - (2 and 3.) I am informed by the Major-General that within his knowledge no dissatisfaction has been expressed by the officers who have resigned; but I shall take it upon myself to make further inquiry.

- (8.) Men working at Messrs. Elliott & Co.'s Works, Botany :—Mr. Sharp asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that certain men working at Messrs. Elliott & Co.'s works, Botany, are allowed by the Police to carry revolvers?
 - (2.) Who issued the permits, and for what reasons?
 - (3.) Will he instruct the Police to disarm these men in the interests of public safety?
- Sir George Dibbs answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Inspector-General of Police :—
- (1.) The police have heard that one man carries a revolver, who states he does it for his own protection.
 - (2.) No permit is issued, nor is it necessary.
 - (3.) The police have no such power.

PARRAMATTA STREET WATERING BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. Parkes, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Parkes then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act 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.*"

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 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.*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee thereon.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 15th May, 1894.

3. GREAT MARLOW LEVEL, CLARENCE RIVER (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Young, for Mr. Wise, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers, reports, correspondence, &c., relative to Johnstone's contract, and the washaway at the Great Marlow level on the Clarence River.
- Question put and passed.

4. PRECEDENCE OF GENERAL ORDERS OF THE DAY—(*Sessional Order—Formal Motion*) :—Sir George Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be a Sessional Order of this House that General Orders of the Day shall take precedence of General Notices of Motions for the remainder of the Session.

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

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5. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
 (1.) Betting and Gambling Suppression Bill; second reading;—until Tuesday next.
 (2.) Public Works Committee Amendment Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—to follow Order No. 11, for the resumption of the adjourned Debate respecting “Post Office Savings Bank—National Bank.”
 (3.) Apprentices Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council’s amendments;—until Tuesday next.

6. **OXFORD-STREET IMPROVEMENT BILL**:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled “*An Act to enable the 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 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,*”—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
 Sydney, 15th May, 1894.

JOHN LACKEY,
 President.

7. **HOSPITAL ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL**:—Mr. Waddell presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to further amend the law relating to the management of Hospitals,*”—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 5th June.

8. **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 non-prosecution of directors of fraudulent land and building companies.”
 And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—
 Mr. Haynes moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and negatived.

9. **RATES OF PILOTAGE AT THE PORTS OF SYDNEY AND NEWCASTLE**:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Molesworth,—
 “(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the excessive rates of pilotage now levied at the ports of Sydney and Newcastle are seriously detrimental 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.”

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

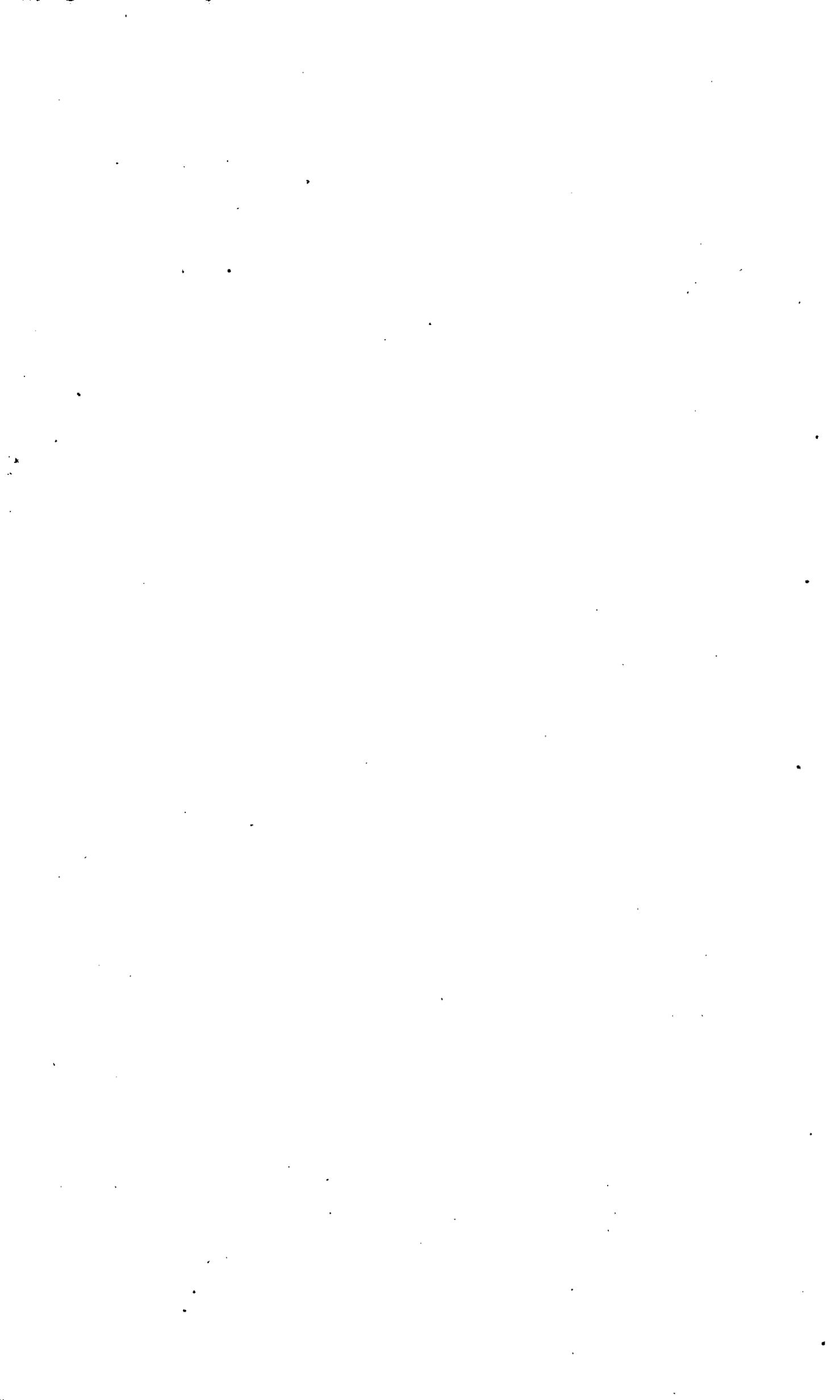
Notice was taken that there was not a quorum present,—

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only nineteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely, Mr. Joseph Abbott, Mr. Black, Mr. Bowes, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Cook, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Cotton, Mr. Donald, Mr. Edden, Mr. Fegan, Mr. Haynes, Mr. Jones, Mr. Langwell, Mr. McGowen, Mr. McMillan, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Reid, Mr. Scobie, and Mr. Waddell,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at twenty-nine minutes after Eight 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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No. 50.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 16 MAY, 1894.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Level-crossing Gates on Railways:—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) On what date was the first set of level-crossing gates opened and closed by machinery first brought into use?
- (2.) At what station or crossing were such gates first used?
- (3.) What was the name and address of the maker of the machinery for the first set of such gates?
- (4.) What was the cost of such first set of machinery?
- (5.) Was the cost of such first set of machinery paid by the Government?
- (6.) If not, by whom was it paid; and when?
- (7.) How many sets of such machinery are in use on the New South Wales Railways up to date?
- (8.) How many pairs of gates formerly operated by hand are now worked by such machinery?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) 11th December, 1881.
 - (2.) Burwood.
 - (3.) Messrs. M'Kenzie & Holland, Railway-signal Engineers, Worcester, England.
 - (4.) About £120.
 - (5.) Yes.
 - (6.) See answer to No. 5.
 - (7.) Thirty-one.
 - (8.) Twenty-nine.
- (2.) Lease to Messrs. Press and Wells, at Como:—*Mr. Fegan*, for Mr. Morgan, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Have the Railway Commissioners granted a lease or permission to occupy any portion of the railway embankment or premises at Como to Messrs. Press and Wells, or other persons, for the purpose of letting boats; if so, will he state the date, names of persons, amount of rent, the conditions, and all other particulars?
 - (2.) If no such permission or lease has been granted, will he state whether any application has been made for the purpose, and by whom; and in view of this being public property, will he see that any such permission or authority is advertised and submitted to public auction, in order that all persons may have an opportunity of competing for it?
 - (3.) Will he see that any action does not interfere with Crown lands under the waters of the river and beyond the boundaries of the railway lands?
- Mr. See answered,—I am informed that the application of Mr. J. H. Wills has been granted to occupy a portion of land within the railway boundaries for the purpose mentioned, at a rental of £12 per annum, payable monthly, for a term of five years,—the Commissioners reserving the right to cancel at any time on giving one month's notice should they consider it advisable to do so. It will be for the Department of Lands to take action should Mr. Wills trespass on Crown lands.
- (3.) Leases in the Central Division:—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the finding, report, and recommendation of the Local Land Boards be made known upon applications made by holders of pastoral leases in the Central Division for an extension of lease under the 43rd section of the Land Act of 1889?
- Mr. Copeland answered,—Instructions have already been issued to the Chairmen of the various Boards to convene Board meetings, at which the announcements referred to will be made.
- (4.) Annual Instalments on Special Areas:—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Has it been brought under his notice that in many cases the holders of special areas are unable to pay the annual instalments as they fall due, through the excessive price placed on the lands when proclaimed special areas, and the reduction of values of agricultural and other productions since such proclamations were issued?
- (2.)

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- (2.) What action (if any) does he intend to take to give relief where it can be shown that the occupants cannot pay the whole, or a part, of such instalments?
- (3.) Will he take into consideration the necessity of placing before Parliament a Bill to amend the Land Laws, so that those occupying special areas may be allowed to pay the amount due in instalments of 1s. an acre a year until the debt is liquidated?
- (4.) Will he consider if this or any other mode of relief should be given?
- Mr. Copeland answered,—
- (1.) Yes; statements have been made to that effect.
- (2.) Where conditional purchasers have represented their inability to make their usual payments extensions of time have been granted, generally for periods of six months.
- (3.) I cannot entertain any proposal to reduce the instalments to 1s. on special areas, inasmuch as the interest alone, at 4 per cent. per annum, on the unpaid balance would in all cases exceed that amount.
- (4.) Yes; consideration will be given to this matter.
- (5.) Painting by P. Priolo for the Colinderies Exhibition:—*Mr. Kelly*, for Mr. Crick, asked the Colonial Secretary,—In reference to Mr. J. D. FitzGerald's Question No. 3, asked on the 8th instant,—
- (1.) Will he make further inquiry, and ascertain if a painting was not executed by P. Priolo for the Colinderies Exhibition, which painting represented Great Britain seated on the globe receiving the offerings of her Colonies—depicted by female figures?
- (2.) Will he inquire if such painting was taken by Mr. J. C. Neild to the Adelaide Exhibition, to which he went as Commissioner?
- (3.) If so, will he ascertain what Mr. Neild did with the painting?
- Sir George Dibbs answered,—I cannot find any record bearing upon the painting of any picture by the gentleman named; but I will make further inquiry, and will let the Honorable Member know the result.
- (6.) Prospecting Vote:—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Mines,—In view of the number of applications from the Cobar district for assistance from the Prospecting Vote will he see that the Prospecting Board visits Cobar at the earliest date possible?
- Mr. Slattery answered,—A member of the Board will visit the locality at the earliest possible date.
- (7.) Postal Arrangements with Country Railway Station-masters:—Mr. Edden asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the payments formerly made by the Postal Department to country railway station-masters for work in connection with the mails have been discontinued, and the total amount taken to the credit of the Railway Department?
- (2.) Is it a fact that in the event of any mishap to the mails the station-masters are fined, and have to pay the fines out of their railway salaries, receiving no payment at all for their postal work?
- Mr. See answered,—I am informed that a lump sum is paid the Railway Department for services performed for the Postal Department. In fixing the remuneration of officers, consideration is given to the whole of the duties to be performed. If officers entrusted with postal duties are found remiss in their work they are dealt with in the ordinary course.
- (8.) Inspector of Conditional Purchases, Molong District:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is he aware that the present Inspector of Conditional Purchases in the district of Molong is frequently in the habit of using squatters' horses, and also staying at their houses, when in the execution of his public duties?
- (2.) Will he see that such conduct is put a stop to?
- Mr. Copeland answered,—Not that I am aware of, but inquiry shall be made.
- (9.) Destruction of Garbage at North Sydney:—Mr. Bowes asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is he aware that a private company has expended a large sum in erecting recently-patented sanitary appliances for the destruction of garbage at North Sydney, and has he received a report from the Board of Health as to their effectiveness; if not—as this is a matter of import to many suburbs at present—will he direct such a report to be made?
- Sir George Dibbs answered,—An officer of the Board of Health will shortly inspect the appliances and report thereon.
- (10.) Case of John Rowan:—*Mr. Fegan*, for Mr. Black, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) In reference to the replies given to Mr. Black's Questions on 2nd May, concerning the case of John Rowan, is it a fact that the Health Department wrote to Rowan promising to give his claims favourable consideration?
- (2.) Is it not a fact that Rowan never refused to work, but merely refused to sign a paper accepting 7s. per day during the period of his detention?
- (3.) Was it not the duty of the Health Department to provide for the family of Rowan, absolutely without means, during the period of his detention in quarantine?
- (4.) Why was not the family of Rowan—exposed to the danger of contracting small-pox from him during a period of two days—quarantined also?
- Sir George Dibbs answered,—The following answers have been supplied by the Board of Health:—
- (1.) No.
- (2.) Rowan was twice offered and twice refused to work on the grounds that the wages were too small.
- (3.) No. Passengers arriving by sea have no claim for detention, but as Rowan stated that his family were in needy circumstances, work was specially offered to him.
- (4.) Rowan's family were not quarantined, as they had not been exposed to the danger of contracting small-pox.

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(11.) Duty on Canadian and New Zealand Produce:—Mr. J. D. FitzGerald asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is the Government aware that the Government of New Zealand has instructed Mr. Lee-Smith, its delegate to the Intercolonial Conference at Ottawa, to offer that if Canada will admit New Zealand produce free of duty, New Zealand will, in return, admit free of duty the produce of Canada?

(2.) Will the Government of New South Wales instruct its delegate to make a similar offer?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—I am not aware what instructions Mr. Lee-Smith has received from his Government, but the representative of New South Wales at the Intercolonial Conference at Ottawa will make all inquiries, and will ascertain what concessions have been made by the Imperial Government to Canada with a view to the adoption of something of the same kind by this Colony.

(12.) Railway Refreshment Rooms:—Mr. Langwell, for Mr. Rae, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Are railway refreshment rooms subject to the provisions of the Licensing Act; if not, what exemptions or distinctions are made?

(2.) Are railway refreshment rooms allowed to sell intoxicants to the general public other than railway travellers at any hour of the day or night?

(3.) Do the Commissioners undertake to convey provisions or liquors from Sydney by rail to any refreshment room lessees at less than ordinary rates, or free of charge?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) The railway refreshment rooms are subject to regulations made by the Governor-in-Council, in accordance with section 19 of the Licensing Act.

(2.) The regulations permit the sale of refreshments to persons arriving at or departing by rail from the refreshment station at any hour during the day or night.

(3.) Refreshment supplies are carried once a month only on permit issued at one-half ordinary rates.

(13.) Persons Accompanying New South Wales Delegate to Canada:—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) How many persons paid by the New South Wales Government are to accompany the Honorable F. B. Suttor to Canada?

(2.) What are their names, and what salaries are to be paid to them?

(3.) Were they members of the Civil Service prior to such appointment being given them?

(4.) If so, what positions did they occupy, and at what salaries?

(5.) If not, why were not persons already in the Service selected for this duty?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—Three persons will go to Canada from this Colony, including Mr. F. B. Suttor, the delegate of New South Wales to the Conference. That gentleman will take with him Mr. C. Lync, shorthand writer, and a messenger from the Colonial Secretary's Department, both of whom are in the Civil Service.

2. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the third reading of the Betting (Infants') Bill, postponed until Tuesday next.

3. STAMP DUTIES ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2):—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to further amend the 'Stamp Duties Act of 1880,' and the 'Stamp Duties Act Amendment Act of 1886,'*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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Sydney, 16th May, 1894.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

4. PAPERS:—

Mr. Slattery laid upon the Table,—Return to an Address adopted on 24th October, 1893,—“Dubbo Refrigerating and Boiling-down Company.”

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.) Regulations under the Labour Settlements Act for the Wilberforce Settlement.

(3.) Return to an Order made on 26th April, 1894,—“Harbour and River Improvements.”

(4.) Notification of resumption under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Riley, county of Richmond, for drainage works at Tuckombil Creek.

Ordered to be printed.

5. 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 “for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., a notice that appeared in the *Government Gazette* of May 11th, and signed by the Under Secretary for Lands, stating that notice is hereby given that action will be taken to declare “forfeited any conditional purchases for which the payment of instalments or interest is in arrears after 31st May next.”

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.

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6. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTORATES AND ELECTIONS ACT OF 1893 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2):—
 (1.) 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 and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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 Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that a *Point of Order* had arisen in the Committee, and obtained leave to sit again so soon as a decision thereon had been given.

Point of Order:—The Chairman then stated that a new clause was proposed by the Honorable Member for Mudgee, Mr. Haynes, which provided for the exercise, personally or by post, of the right to vote by holders of Electoral Rights who had removed from their Electoral Districts. Objection being taken, he, the Chairman, gave his opinion that the clause was outside the scope and subject matter of the Bill, and therefore out of order.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker ruled in accordance with the opinion given by the Chairman.

Mr. Speaker then left the Chair, and the Committee resumed.

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

Sir George Dibbs moved, That the report be now adopted.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

- (2.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. See, *passed*.

Mr. See then moved, that the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend 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 the 'Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893,'*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
 Sydney, 16th May, 1894.*

7. LABOUR SETTLEMENTS ACT AMENDMENT 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 House 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 the Bill with amendments.

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

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

The House adjourned, at a quarter past 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. 51.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 17 MAY, 1894.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Naremburn Public School:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that some persons on the 9th May, 1894, took possession of the land and building known as the Naremburn Public School?
 - (2.) Was any money paid in respect to this resumption, and to whom, and when?
 - (3.) Were there any difficulties in respect to the titles of this land, and what precautions were taken by the Department in paying moneys?
 - (4.) Is it a fact that the Crown Solicitor advised that the money should be paid into Court, but that the then Minister (Mr. J. H. Carruthers) caused the money to be paid under a bond of indemnity?
 - (5.) What steps does he propose to take with the persons who have seized the property?
- Mr. Suttor answered,—
- (1.) On the 9th instant some persons entered the school grounds and claimed possession, leaving one of their number on the premises.
 - (2.) Yes; to Mr. Thomas Broughton, in March, 1891.
 - (3.) There were some opposing claims, and all precautions provided by law were taken.
 - (4.) The money was paid in the manner advised by the Crown Solicitor at the time.
 - (5.) They have been prosecuted and fined in connection with the entry on the land.
- (2.) Assistant Engineer for Roads and Bridges, Glen Innes:—Mr. Hutchison asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Adverting to Mr. Hutchison's Question of the 3rd May, and the Answers given to Nos. 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8, will he state under which resident engineer was the work neglected or performed unsatisfactorily—was it under Mr. Hay, formerly engineer, or Mr. Miller, late engineer, or whom?
 - (2.) Is he aware that Mr. Hay neglected his duty, the result being bad and unsatisfactory work, and he did not do the amount of work he had to perform?
 - (3.) Is he aware that the assistant engineer or overseer was engaged and put on by Mr. Hay, formerly resident engineer?
 - (4.) Is it not a fact that although the roads district of Glen Innes was enlarged by adding some of the roads in the Tenterfield district to it, it has been reduced in size by the replacing of said roads again in the Tenterfield district?
 - (5.) Is the Glen Innes Road district larger than others that have only one engineer and no assistant?
 - (6.) If the assistant was employed to look after the work by Mr. Hay while he too often frequented the public-house and neglected his duty, where is the necessity for two men to do the work of one?
 - (7.) Was Mr. Val. Miller, late engineer, not competent to do the work satisfactorily; if so, in what respect?
 - (8.) Is the present resident engineer, Mr. Jenkins, not competent to do the work without an assistant, seeing the district is reduced in size, and when both the work is less and the amount of money expended less than formerly?
 - (9.) Is Glen Innes specially favoured with an assistant and other districts less favoured?
 - (10.) Would it not be possible for one competent resident engineer to perform the work without an assistant in the Glen Innes district?
 - (11.) Was the late resident engineer, who was retrenched, married or single?
 - (12.) Is the present engineer, Mr. Jenkins, married or single?

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Mr. Copeland answered,—I have been furnished with the following answer:—I do not think any public service will be gained by giving categorical answers to this long list of questions; some of them refer to matters which are of no public importance,—for instance, whether an officer of the Works Department is married or single. I am not aware whether this is the case or not, nor do I think it is my business to inquire. I will ask, however, the Honorable Member to be so good as to comply with the request of my honorable colleague, the Minister for Works, to communicate to him any information which, in his opinion, shows that unnecessary expenditure is incurred in his electorate. I am sure that if this course is pursued, it will produce more satisfactory results than answering questions in the House of the character put by the Honorable Member. I will, however, promise him to bring the matter under the attention of the Minister for Works on his return.

(3.) The Consolidated Revenue Fund:—*Mr. McMillan* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What was the amount of unexpended votes or balances on 31st December, 1891, 1892, and 1893?
- (2.) What was the position of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, stating separately Post Office Suspense Account on 31st December, 1891, 1892, and 1893?
- (3.) What amount of cash either from loans or other funds was at the disposal of the Government when they came into office in November, 1891?
- (4.) Will the balance or surplus of 1893, as stated in last Ways and Means, be affected by further Supplementary Estimates; and, if so, what is now the actual balance on the accounts of 1893?
- (5.) What is the position of the Consolidated Revenue at the present time?

Mr. See answered,—The required information, which will take a little time to prepare, will be prepared and laid upon the Table in the form of a return at the earliest possible date, probably next week.

(4.) Free Labourers for the Co-operative Colliery, Newcastle:—*Mr. Edden* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has any application been made by *Mr. Currie*, Secretary of the Free Labour Bureau, for police assistance to escort free labourers to the Newcastle District for the Co-operative Colliery?
- (2.) Has any application been made for extra police at Plattsburg; if so, by whom?

Mr. See answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Inspector-General of Police:—

- (1.) Not as far as I am aware.
- (2.) Some extra police (attached to the sub-district) have been detailed for duty at Plattsburg, by direction of the Superintendent of Police.

(5.) Cumeragunga Mission Station:—*Mr. Chanter* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has any inquiry been made within the past few months into the working of the Cumeragunga Mission Station, near Moama?
- (2.) By whom was the inquiry instituted?
- (3.) What was the nature and scope of the inquiry?
- (4.) By whom was it conducted?
- (5.) Has any report been made; if so, to whom?
- (6.) What is the nature of the report?
- (7.) Will he cause a copy of report to be supplied to *Mr. Chanter*?

Mr. See answered,—I am informed that the Aborigines Protection Association have recently caused an inspection of the station by their Secretary. The Association would have no objection to furnishing *Mr. Chanter* with a copy of the report.

(6.) Lamps on the Murray Bridge between Moama and Echuca:—*Mr. Chanter* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Referring to *Mr. Chanter's* Questions of 26th April, and the replies thereto, on the subject of lighting the lamps on the Murray bridge, at Moama, and *Mr. Chanter's* further letter thereon,—Will he arrange that the contract of these lamps be withdrawn from the Victorian Railway Department, and placed either under the Moama or Echuca Municipal Councils?

Mr. Copeland answered,—I will bring the matter referred to by the Honorable Member under the attention of my honorable colleague on his return to town next week.

(7.) Boats Conveying Guests to Admiralty House:—*Mr. Scott*, for *Mr. Dawson*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Were the Government boats used to convey guests to the festivities at the Admiralty House on Tuesday evening paid for; if so, by whom?
- (2.) If not paid for, what was the cost to the State of running these boats all night?

Mr. See answered,—The Government boats were used and the cost to the State was very trifling.

(8.) Bridge over Little River, at Rocky Ponds:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is he aware that a boy named Gallagher was drowned in April last when crossing the Little River, at Rocky Ponds, with the mail bags, and will he see that immediate steps are taken to have a bridge erected over this river to prevent further loss of life, as the crossing is a most dangerous one to the travelling public?
- (2.) Is it not a fact that *Dr. Ross* has frequently drawn the attention of the Works Department to the want of a bridge over this dangerous crossing; if so, who is answerable for the delay in proceeding with this necessary public work?
- (3.) Is it the intention of the Department or Government to compensate the unfortunate widow for the loss of her son?

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Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) My honorable colleague has been informed by the Honorable Member that the accident referred to did occur, and the local officer has been instructed to report as to the necessity for a bridge at this place.

(2.) The Honorable Member has, my honorable colleague understands, drawn the attention of the Works Department to the want of a bridge over this crossing. The impossibility of finding funds for erecting bridges over all the dangerous crossings in the Colony is the cause of the delay in this and many other similar cases.

(3.) The Honorable Member will see on a moment's reflection that no case of compensation lies against the Department for this very regrettable accident.

(9.) Pericoota Station, near Moama :—Mr. Chanter asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Have the owners of Pericoota Station, near Moama, applied for an exchange of land ?

(2.) If so, will he state the nature of the application, and by whom made ?

(3.) Will he publish in the local press a sketch of the proposed exchange, if any, so that the public may become acquainted with the proposals ?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) Yes, two applications were lodged by them on the 25th June, 1890, and refused on the 3rd June, 1892.

(2.) The applications were made by the lessees of the holding.

(3.) A plan or tracing illustrating any proposed exchange as submitted to the Land Board, after report of the District Surveyor is exhibited at the office of the Crown Land Agent of the District for a period of one month before the case is heard by the Board.

2. CROWN LANDS ACT OF 1889 DECLARATORY BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—

(1.) Mr. Copeland moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to declare the meaning of the words "the publication of the report of the said Board" as used in the 43rd section of the Crown Lands Act of 1889.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Copeland then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to declare the meaning of the words 'the publication of the report of the said Board' as used in the forty-third section of the 'Crown Lands Act of 1889,'*"—which was read a first time.

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

3. LABOUR SETTLEMENTS ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. Copeland, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Copeland then moved, that the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the 'Labour Settlements Act.'*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Labour Settlements Act,'*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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Sydney, 17th May, 1894.

4. FISHERIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. Edden, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Edden then moved, that the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the 'Fisheries Act of 1881' in certain respects.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Fisheries Act of 1881' in certain respects,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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5. POLICE SENT TO NEWCASTLE AND PLATTSBURG DURING THE STRIKE (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Fegan moved, pursuant to Notice,—That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—

(1.) The number of Police sent to Newcastle and Plattsburg during the recent strike.

(2.) The amount of extra pay received for duty at the above places.

(3.) The correspondence requesting the Police to be sent to the above places.

Question put and passed.

6. PAPERS :—

Mr. Copeland laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Documents respecting the absolute reversal of the forfeiture of the conditional purchase of John Davis, at Yass, under subsection (v) of section 3 of the Act 55 Vic. No. 1.

(2.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of St. James, county of Cumberland, for permanent additions to Supreme Court Buildings, Sydney.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr.

17th May, 1894.

Mr. See laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Amended Regulations under the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Acts of 1893.
- (2.) Return to an Address, adopted on 18th April, 1894,—“ Validity of Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893.”
- (3.) Tables illustrating the inward and outward movement of capital during the twenty-two years from 1871 to 1892 inclusive, for Australasia.
- (4.) Report of the Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board for 1893, under the “ Fire Brigades Act of 1884.”

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Slattery laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return to an Order, made on 8th May, 1894,—“ Coroners Inquests on Children.”
- (2.) Letter from Bench of Magistrates at the Central Police office, together with depositions in the case *Regina v. William Byrnes and others*, charged with conspiracy in connection with the Imperial Land, Building, and Deposit Company (Limited).

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Suttor laid upon the Table,—Statement showing Government expenditure on Sydney University and affiliated Colleges, from foundation to date.

Ordered to be printed.

7. FARMERS AND SETTLERS ASSOCIATIONS :—Mr. Chanter presented a Petition from Gunning Francis Plunkett, President, and John Louis Tréllé, Secretary, of the Farmers and Settlers Associations of the Colony, submitting certain resolutions dealing with land and other laws of this Colony, agreed to by delegates assembled on two separate occasions at Cootamundra and Junee, and praying the House to take such resolutions into favourable consideration.
At the request of Mr. Chanter, the Petition was read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker.
Petition received.
8. RECONSTRUCTED COMPANIES BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Slattery 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. Slattery, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
On motion of Mr. Slattery (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
9. ARMIDALE WATER SUPPLY WORKS BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Copeland moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Copeland, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Copeland, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

The House adjourned, at twenty-five minutes after Nine 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. 52.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 22 MAY, 1894.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Railway Contract with the Metropolitan Coal Company:—Mr. Scott asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Was a contract for the supply of coal entered into by the Railway Department with the Metropolitan Coal Company prior to the contract of 23rd June, 1893; if so, what was the date and what were the terms of the contract?

(2.) Was Mr. McMillan, M.L.A., at the time Colonial Treasurer?

(3.) Were special freight charges arranged for the benefit of the Metropolitan Coal Company for the carriage of coal to Sydney; if so, what were they?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) Yes, by public tender, for the year ending 31st December, 1890, at 7s. per ton; and later, again after public tenders were invited, for the year ending 30th June, 1893, at 6s. per ton.

(2.) Mr. McMillan was Colonial Treasurer when the first contract was accepted, but had ceased to hold that position when the contract was let in July, 1892.

(3.) The freight charges applicable to the Metropolitan Colliery apply to all alike under similar circumstances.

- (2.) Public School at Leichhardt:—*Mr. Kelly*, for Mr. Black, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What is the name of the contractor for the public school at Leichhardt West?

(2.) Is he a naturalised citizen?

(3.) Is it a fact that his branch contracts are so sub-let that carpenters on the job only earn 25s. weekly?

(4.) Is it a fact that the roof was never examined by the Clerk of Works and is unsafe, the purlins, for instance, never having been bolted?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) John Wagaman.

(2.) He is a native of Maryland, U.S.A., and has been in the Colony since 1877. He is not a naturalised subject.

(3.) No.

(4.) The roof was examined by the Clerk of Works both before and after it was fixed. The purlins are properly bolted and the roof is secure.

- (3.) Berenegad Pastoral Holding, No. 235, Central Division:—*Mr. Kelly*, for Mr. Chanter, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Referring to the proposed surrender and exchange of land within the Berenegad pastoral holding No. 235, Central Division—will this proposal be inquired into by the Local Land Board at their next sitting at Deniliquin?

(2.) When will sketch plans illustrating the proposal be forwarded to the Crown Lands Agent at Deniliquin, for inspection by the public?

(3.) Will he cause particulars of the proposal to be published in the local Press, in order that the public may understand its nature, and thus be afforded an opportunity of opposing it if thought advisable?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) Yes; the papers were forwarded to the Hay Board on the 15th instant for inquiry and report.

(2.) A plan or tracing, illustrating the proposed exchange, as submitted to the Land Board after report of the District Surveyor, will be exhibited at the office of the Crown Land Agent of the district for a period of one month before the case is heard by the Board.

(3.) This does not appear to be necessary in view of the existing arrangements for giving publicity to the business to be dealt with by the Land Board.

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- (4.) Menindie and Broken Hill Tramway Company :—*Mr. Kelly*, for Mr. Hayes, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Did the promoter of the Menindie and Broken Hill Tramway Company comply with the 3rd section of the Act, and lodge with the Colonial Treasurer the sum of £3,000 as therein provided?
 - (2.) If such sum was lodged on what date was the same paid?
- Mr. Copeland* answered,—The Treasurer informs my honorable colleague that the sum of £3,000 was credited at the Treasury on the 13th October, 1893.
- (5.) Free Selections in the Central Division :—*Mr. Scott*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Secretary for Lands,—The number of free selections taken up in the Central Division since 1884, and the area of the same?
- Mr. Copeland* answered,—12,913 conditional purchases, for an area of 4,451,734½ acres, have been applied for.
- (6.) Travelling Stock Routes in Narrabri Land District :—*Mr. Collins* asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Have complaints been made with respect to leasing the travelling stock routes in the Narrabri Land District?
 - (2.) Is he aware that at Narrabri railway station nearly a million sheep and several thousands of cattle were trucked last year, and that there are over 500 horse and bullock teams travelling to and from Narrabri.
 - (3.) Is it a fact that since the travelling stock routes have been leased traffic of all descriptions has been diverted in consequence of the stock routes having been eaten bare by stock belonging to the lessees of the annual leases?
 - (4.) Seeing that the Department receive a very small amount for rent for these annual leases, will he take steps to cancel them as soon as possible, and adopt some other course to enable the travelling stock and teams to use the reserves without suffering loss or inconvenience?
- Mr. Copeland* answered,—
- (1.) On the 16th instant a petition was presented by the Honorable Member from certain "residents, drovers, and carriers of the Narrabri District," which was forwarded to the District Surveyor for report on the following day.
 - (2.) No.
 - (3.) I am not aware.
 - (4.) Upon receipt of the District Surveyor's report the question will be fully considered.
- (7.) Lavatories to the Museum :—*Mr. Edden*, for Mr. Donald, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that a charge is made at the Museum for the use of the closets and urinals?
 - (2.) Is such a charge made at any other public institution?
 - (3.) If so, at how many?
 - (4.) If not, why is the charge made at the Museum?
 - (5.) Is it true that 3d. per head is charged there?
- Mr. See* answered,—
- (1.) Yes, at the ladies' retiring room, but not at the men's watercloset and urinals.
 - (2 and 3.) I am not aware.
 - (4.) To defray expenses of washing, soap, and extra labour attaching to proper attention to the rooms.
 - (5.) Yes.
- (8.) Case of Prisoners Williams and Montgomery :—*Mr. Rae*, for Mr. J. D. FitzGerald, asked the Minister of Justice,—In reference to the cases of the prisoners Williams and Montgomery, now under sentence of death, and in view of the fact that human life has not been actually sacrificed, is there any probability of the cases being reconsidered by the Executive Council?
- Mr. Slattery* answered,—Capital cases which have been finally dealt with by the Executive Council should not be reopened unless some fresh light is thrown upon them.
2. CASE OF DEMBECKIE *versus* TUCKER (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. Neild* 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 the proceedings in the Supreme Court of New South Wales in the case of Dembeckie *versus* Tucker.
- Question put and passed.
3. MUNICIPAL GAS ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—
- (1.) *Mr. Melville* moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the "Municipal Gas Act of 1884."
- Question put and passed.
- (2.) *Mr. Melville* then presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to amend the 'Municipal Gas Act of 1884,'"—which was read a first time.
- Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday, 30th May.
4. PROPERTY FRONTING DARLING HARBOUR, KNOWN AS TAYLOR'S WHARF (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. Neild* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers connected with the application of the trustees of the will of the late Thomas Day for the issue of title deeds for the property fronting Darling Harbour and Sussex-street, known as Taylor's Wharf.
- Question put and passed.
5. RATES OF PILOTAGE AT THE PORTS OF SYDNEY AND NEWCASTLE (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. Molesworth* moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Order of the Day for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion in reference to Rates of Pilotage at the ports of Sydney and Newcastle, which lapsed by reason of the House being counted out on the 15th May, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday, 29th May.
- Question put and passed.

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6. PERMITS FOR GOLD-MINING PURPOSES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Morgan moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing the number of permits for gold-mining purposes applied for during the twelve months ending the 30th April, 1894; also showing the period that has intervened between the date of application and the date of issue, in the case of all applications where the delay has exceeded one month.
Question put and passed.
7. CAMELS AND DROMEDARIES IMPOUNDING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Slattery 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 further amend the "Impounding Act of 1865," and the Acts amending the same, and to amend the "Public Watering Places Act of 1884."
Question put and passed.
8. ARMIDALE WATER SUPPLY WORKS BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. Copeland, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Copeland then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the construction of works of water supply for the town of Armidale, county of Sandon, and to apply the provisions of the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880, and any Act amending the same, to the said works.*"
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 Armidale, county of Sandon, and to apply the provisions of the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880, and any Act amending the same, to the said works,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 22nd May, 1894.*
9. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Betting and Gambling Suppression Bill postponed until Tuesday, 5th June.
10. PAPERS:—
Mr. See laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 9th May, 1894,—"*Glebe Island Abattoirs.*"
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Slattery laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Rules of the Supreme Court in Probate Jurisdiction.
(2.) Return (in part) to an Order made on 17th March, 1892,—"*Convictions under the "Licensing Act."*"
Ordered to be printed.
11. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Jeanneret rising to move the adjournment of the House,—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice under 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 inhuman manner in which the Licensed House for the Insane, 'Bay View House, Cook's River,' is conducted."
And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—
Mr. Jeanneret moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
12. APPRENTICES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Houghton, 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. Houghton 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 consolidate and amend the law relating to Apprentices.*"
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 22nd May, 1894.*
13. BETTING (INFANTS') BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Neild moved, "That" this Bill be now read a third time.
Mr. McCourt moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clause 3."
Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.
Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted be so inserted,—put and passed.
Question then,—That the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clause 3,—put and passed.
On motion of Mr. Neild, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill 2^o with further amendments.
On motion of Mr. Neild (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time at a later hour of the day. 14.

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14. **THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:**—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Black, "That, in the opinion of this 'House,' the public welfare demands such a limitation of the powers of the Legislative Council as will prevent that body from vetoing in future any measure similar in general principles to one previously vetoed "by them after its passage through the Legislative Assembly."
Upon which Mr. J. D. FitzGerald had moved, by way of amendment, That all the words after the word "House" be omitted, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "the Legislative Council is a hindrance to progressive legislation, and ought to be abolished."
And the Question being again proposed,—
Mr. McCourt moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Debate ensued.
Question put,—That this Debate be now adjourned.
The House divided.

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Melville,	Mr. Scott,
Mr. See,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Traill,	Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Donald,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. McCredie.
Mr. Hasall,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hart,	
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Newton,	Mr. Lee.

Nocs, 19.

Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Gough,
Mr. Cotton,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. G. D. Clark,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Hindle,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Murphy.
Mr. Bavister,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hutchison,	
Mr. Darnley,	Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Waddell.
Mr. Cann,	
Mr. Davis,	
Mr. Molesworth,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday, 5th June.

15. **FIRST OFFENDERS PROBATION BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Waddell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the 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. Waddell, the report was adopted.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Criminal Law as far as regards the punishment of persons convicted of first offences, and persons undergoing imprisonment or penal servitude.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 22nd May, 1894.

16. **POSTPONEMENT:**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Masters and Servants Bill postponed until Tuesday next.
17. **HOMESTEAD PROTECTION BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Donald moved "That" the report from the Committee of the Whole be now adopted.
Mr. O'Sullivan 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 now recommitted."
Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.
Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted be so inserted,—put and passed.
Question then,—That the Bill be now recommitted,—put and passed.
On motion of Mr. Donald, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday, 5th June.
18. **ADJOURNMENT:**—Mr. See moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at eighteen minutes before Nine 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. 53.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 23 MAY, 1894.

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 Sir George Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) Oxford-street Improvement Bill:—

R. W. DUFF,
Governor.

Message No. 47.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act 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 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,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 23rd May, 1894.

- (2.) Stamp Duties Acts Further Amendment Bill (No. 2):—

R. W. DUFF,
Governor.

Message No. 48.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to further amend the 'Stamp Duties Act of 1880,' and the 'Stamp Duties Act Amendment Act of 1886,'*"—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, 23rd May, 1894.

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Contract for Supply of Fish-plates:—*Mr. Joseph Abbott*, for *Mr. Molesworth*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Referring to his reply to Questions by *Mr. Molesworth*, on the 8th May, relating to *Mr. Sandford's* contract for the supply of fish-plates, &c., at a cost of £11,800, will he inform the House at what price per ton for fish-plates and fish-bolts respectively this contract has been entered into?

(2.) Over what period are the deliveries to extend?

(3.) Were any other Colonial manufacturers invited to send in quotations for this work?

(4.) What was the occasion of his departing from the usual custom of inviting public tenders?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) Fishplates, £9 7s. 6d. per ton; fishbolts, £18 10s. per ton.

(2.) For fishplates the rate of delivery to be 322,000 in three months from date of signing contract, and 161,000 per month afterwards. For fishbolts the rate of delivery to be 28,800 in three months from date of signing contract, and 14,400 per month afterwards.

(3 and 4.) No other Colonial manufacturers were invited to send in tenders because the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways reported to me that there are no firms in this Colony having the necessary plant for turning out fishplates and fishbolts other than the Eskbank Iron Company.

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(2.) Hydro-pneumatic Gun at Fort Scratchley:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. Fegan*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has his attention been called to a report which appeared in the *Evening News*, re an accident to one of the hydro-pneumatic guns at Fort Scratchley?
- (2.) If so, what steps does he intend to take to ascertain the truth of the report; and if true will he cause an inquiry to be made as to the cause of the accident?
- (3.) What conditions were made with the manufacturer when buying the guns, and were they guaranteed?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—I am informed by the Major-General Commanding the Forces that the accident alluded to was due to a Palliser shell breaking up in one of the 6-inch guns at Fort Scratchley on the 12th instant, and that the cause is in no way attributable to the gun or its manufacturer.

(3.) Accident to Gun on board H.M.S. "Cordelia":—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. Fegan*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Did the gun which burst on board H.M.S. "Cordelia" in any respect whatever resemble the gun with which an accident occurred at Fort Scratchley?
- (2.) Was the cause of the bursting of the gun on H.M.S. "Cordelia" ever ascertained?
- (3.) Was the bursting of that gun in any way attributable to the muzzle of the gun "drooping," as the result of repeated firing?
- (4.) Has any report ever been made relative to the 6-inch breech-loading guns in this Colony to the effect that they are liable to suffer from muzzle-drooping?
- (5.) Have any of the 6-inch breech-loading guns in this Colony been sent to England to be muzzle-chased, so as to strengthen them and guard against the possibility of their muzzles drooping?
- (6.) How many of the 6-inch breech-loading guns in this Colony have been sent to England to be muzzle-chased?
- (7.) Was the gun at Fort Scratchley one which had been so dealt with?
- (8.) How many 6-inch breech-loading guns are there in the Colony?
- (9.) Do experts consider that muzzle-drooping would cause a projectile or shell to become impacted in a gun, and that the bursting of the gun would follow?
- (10.) Are the 9-inch anti-bombardment breech-loading guns recently mounted on the coast liable to muzzle-drooping?
- (11.) Will he cause an inquiry to be made with a view to determining whether they require to be muzzle-chased, or strengthened in any other way?
- (12.) What is the cost of each 6-inch breech-loading gun, inclusive of emplacements, mounting, &c.?
- (13.) What is the cost of each 9-inch breech-loading gun, inclusive of emplacements, mounting, &c.?
- (14.) What is the cost per round, with projectile or shell, of firing the 6-inch breech-loading guns?
- (15.) What is the cost per round, with projectile or shell, of firing the 9-inch breech-loading guns?
- (16.) What is the life of a 6-inch breech-loading gun?
- (17.) What is the life of a 9-inch breech-loading gun?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—In answer to this Question I will lay a return upon the Table when the opportunity arrives.

(4.) Tramway to Kensington Racecourse:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. Carruthers*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Have any proposals been made to him, or the Department of Public Works, to construct a tramway to the Kensington racecourse, or its vicinity?
- (2.) Is it intended to construct such a tramway?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) Proposals have been made to construct a tramway to the Australian Jockey Club's grounds and on to Kensington.
- (2.) No decision has been arrived at in the matter.

(5.) Price of Ammunition:—*Mr. McCourt* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Have the Government received any report or communication from Major-General Hutton in which he recommends that a reduction should be made in the price of ammunition?
- (2.) If so, will the Government state what reduction is recommended?
- (3.) In view of the depression and the inability of riflemen to purchase ammunition at the present price, is the Government prepared to carry out such recommendation; and if so, when?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—Yes, a reduction has been made considerably below that recommended by Major-General Hutton. The following are the reduced prices:—7s. 6d. and 6s. per 100 rounds for Martini-Henry rifle and carbine respectively.

(6.) Lead-poisoning in Mines:—*Mr. Cann* asked the Secretary for Mines,—Has the Department taken any steps to give effect to the regulations recommended by the Lead Board for the prevention of lead-poisoning; if not, will he do so?

Mr. Slattery answered,—This matter will receive immediate attention.

(7.) Pipes for Junee Water-works:—*Mr. Williams*, for *Mr. Rae*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Are the pipes for the Junee water-works manufactured in the Colony of New South Wales, or are they imported?
- (2.) What is the difference in the cost of the pipes required for the above works between the home-made and the imported article?
- (3.) If home-made pipes are the more costly, and such pipes are to be used in the Junee water-works, has such increased cost been included in the estimated sum voted for the work?

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Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) They are to be manufactured in the Colony.
- (2.) Cast-iron pipes, about 18 per cent. above the imported cost; steel pipes, about 12 per cent. above the imported cost.
- (3.) The estimate was based on the price for pipes made in the Colony.

(8.) Arming of Police at Mr. Adrian Knox's Electioneering Meeting:—Mr. Haynes asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Were the plain-clothes police in attendance to maintain order at Mr. Adrian Knox's recent electioneering meeting at Double Bay armed with revolvers?
- (2.) If so, was such arming deemed necessary by the Inspector-General?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—I am not aware that any plain-clothes constables were at the meeting referred to.

(9.) Sewerage Contracts at St. Leonards:—Mr. Black asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is Carter and Gunnur's sewerage contract at St. Leonards executed by day-work or sublet?
- (2.) If the latter, what is the contract price per cubic yard?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I am informed that some portions of Messrs. Carter and Co.'s contracts are sublet, but at what rate I do not know.

3. ADULTERATED LIQUORS NOW OR RECENTLY IN BOND (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Neild moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers relating to adulterated liquors now or recently in bond.
Question put and passed.4. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the third reading of the Betting (Infants') Bill (*Council Bill*) postponed until Tuesday next.

5. PAPERS:—

Sir George Dibbs laid upon the Table,—Return respecting Guns.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Slattery laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Rules of the Supreme Court in Lunacy.
- (2.) Report of the Stock and Brands Branch, Department of Mines and Agriculture, for the year 1893.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Copeland laid upon the Table,—Report of the Department of Lands for the year 1893.

Ordered to be printed.

6. WORKING OF COLLIERIES:—Mr. Fegan (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Clerk have leave to return the plan for working a mine under tidal waters handed in by Mr. William Thomas before the Select Committee on "Working of Collieries" on 26th April, 1894.
Question put and passed.

7. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Edden rising to move the adjournment of the House,—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice under 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 Police "authorities rendering assistance to the Free Labour Bureau in forwarding men to the Newcastle "District."

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

8. NOXIOUS TRADES AND CATTLE-SLAUGHTERING 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. 49.*A Bill, intituled "*An Act to regulate the carrying on of Noxious Trades, and the Slaughtering of Cattle; to incorporate the Board of Health; 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, 23rd May, 1894.*9. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Sir George Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn until Tuesday next.
Question put and passed.

10. RECONSTRUCTED COMPANIES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir George Dibbs moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Slattery, *passed*.Mr. Slattery then moved, that the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to facilitate the carrying out the Reconstruction Schemes of certain Companies*."

Question put and passed.

Ordered,

23rd May, 1894.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the Bill returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to facilitate the carrying out the Reconstruction Schemes of certain Companies*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd May, 1894.

RECONSTRUCTED COMPANIES BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 23rd May, 1894.

F. W. WEBB,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

- Page 2, clause 4. *Add*, at end of clause, "Provided that any debtor of the old Company shall be entitled to set off any debt against the new Company, which, but for the passing of this Act, he would have been entitled to set off against the old Company."
- Page 3, clause 6, line 9. *After* "Act" *insert* "being a Bank in accordance with the interpretation clause of the Bankers' Books Evidence Act, 1891."
- Page 3, clause 7, lines 15 and 16. *Omit* "who authorised the reconstruction of the Company concerned"
- Page 3, clause 7. *Add*, at end of clause, "The word 'Company' in this section shall include a Company or Society formed by the reconstruction of any Society registered under the 'Friendly Societies of 1873.'"

Examined,—

NINTIAN MELVILLE,
Chairman of Committees.

11. CROWN LANDS ACT OF 1889 DECLARATORY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Copeland moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Copeland, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
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.
12. CAMELS AND DROMEDARIES IMPOUNDING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Slatery, 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 "Impounding Act of 1865," and the Acts amending the same, and to amend the "Public Watering Places Act of 1884."
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.
Ordered, that the reception of the Resolution stand an Order of the day for Tuesday next.
13. TAMWORTH 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 at a later hour of the day.
14. PUBLIC WORKS BETTERMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that a *Point of Order* had arisen in the Committee, and obtained leave to sit again so soon as a decision thereon had been given.
Point of Order:—The Chairman then stated that clause 1 being under consideration an amendment was proposed extending the principle of betterment to all work that had already been authorised, which amendment he considered to be beyond the scope of the clause dealing with work to be carried out. Exception being taken to his ruling, he had been directed to report the matter to the House.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Speaker said that he was clearly of opinion that the proposed amendment was out of order on the ground stated by the Chairman.
Mr. Speaker then left the Chair, and the Committee resumed.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.

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15. TAMWORTH WATER SUPPLY WORKS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Lyne moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Lyne, *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 Tamworth, counties of Inglis and Parry, and to apply the provisions of the 'Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880,' and any Act amending the same, to the said works.*"

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 Tamworth, counties of Inglis and Parry, and to apply the provisions of the 'Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880,' and any Act amending the same, to the said works,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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Sydney, 23rd May, 1894.*

16. 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 Twelve 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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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 29 MAY, 1894.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Coaling of Locomotives at Goulburn and Newcastle:—*Mr. Edden*, for *Mr. Scott*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What was the cost per ton of coaling locomotives at Goulburn during the years 1883 and 1884?

(2.) The cost per locomotive of removing ashes at Goulburn during the same period?

(3.) The cost per ton of coaling locomotives at Goulburn during the period from 1886 to 1893 inclusive; also, the cost per locomotive of removing ashes for the same period?

(4.) The cost per ton of coaling locomotives at Newcastle for the three years prior to the removal of the engine depôt to Hamilton.

(5.) The present cost per ton of coaling locomotives at Hamilton?

Mr. See answered,—I am informed that the information would not be obtainable without considerable labour being entailed, and it is pointed out to me that the information sought would scarcely justify the expense.(2.) Nowra to Braidwood Road:—*Mr. McCourt*, for *Mr. Morton*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What is the number of miles of the Nowra to Braidwood Road within the limits of the Shoalhaven Electorate?

(2.) What is the amount per mile voted annually for expenditure on this road?

(3.) How much money has been voted for expenditure on the said road since 1st January, 1890?

(4.) The amount expended on the said road within the Shoalhaven Electorate from 1st January, 1890, to 31st December, 1893?

Mr. Copeland answered,—My honorable colleague will have no objection to furnish this information in the shape of a Return, but he will be glad if the Honorable Member will move for it in the usual way.(3.) Accommodation at Glebe Island Abattoirs:—*Mr. Kelly* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that applications have been made to the authorities on Glebe Island for space for killing sheep, lambs, and cattle?

(2.) Is he aware that the Superintendent of Glebe Island has refused such application owing to the want of accommodation?

(3.) Is it a fact that there is a piece of spare land at Glebe Island suitable for erecting slaughter-houses; if so, will he give instructions to have those houses erected, with a view to provide this extra accommodation?

(4.) Is it a fact that the premises known as the freezing-house have been let without being submitted to auction, in accordance with the rules of Glebe Island?

(5.) Will he state what is the amount of rent received by the Department for the use of this freezing-house, and who is the lessee?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) Applications have been made for the slaughtering accommodation for sheep, lambs, &c., and refused. No applications have been made for the slaughtering of cattle.

(2.) The Superintendent has necessarily refused, having no accommodation.

(3.) There is room for the erection of additional buildings, but the Government do not contemplate doing so.

(4.) The premises known as the freezing-house have not been let. Privileged occupation was granted to Messrs. Geddes & Co., under guarantee, to enable them to assist in disposing of the surplus stock of sheep in the Colony.

(5.) Messrs. Geddes & Co. pay by fee per head. No lease having been granted, they do not pay rent.

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- (4.) Railway Reserve at Como:—*Mr. Nicholson*, for Mr. Morgan, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What are the dimensions of the portion of the railway reserve at Como to be occupied by John Wills under permission of the Railway Commissioners?
 - (2.) Does the said area include any land situated below high-water mark; if so, what are the dimensions of the said land so situated under the water?
 - (3.) Will he lay upon the Table a description of the whole of the land which Mr. Wills has been given permission to occupy?
 - (4.) On what date, and under what authority, was the said land under the water dedicated as a railway reserve?
 - (5.) Will he lay upon the Table a description of the said railway reserve under the waters of the river?
 - (6.) Is it a fact that this land was let privately without giving the local residents or the public an opportunity of making an offer for it?
 - (7.) Is it a fact that in connection with Mr. Wills's application before the Land Board, a Mr. Cooper swore that he would give £50 a year for this land, which is let to Mr. Wills for £10 a year?

Mr. See answered,—I am informed that the dimensions of the portion of railway property to be occupied by Mr. J. H. Wills at Como are 35 feet by 70 feet, about 25 feet of which would be covered at high-water spring tides, and that this area comprises the whole of the land proposed to be leased to Mr. Wills. This land is not situated on a railway reserve, but forms a portion of the railway property, duly acquired by resumption, which property extends across the river, and is vested in the Railway Commissioners by the provisions of the Government Railway Act of 1888. Opportunity was afforded to local residents and others to make offers for sites for boatsheds, as it has been known for some years that strong efforts were being made to maintain the present boat-letting monopoly to the prejudice of the public interest and convenience. I am also informed that the Railway Commissioners have not received any advice as to what transpired in evidence at the meeting of the Land Board referred to.

- (5.) Assistant Engineer for Roads and Bridges, Glen Innes:—*Mr. Edden*, for Mr. Hutchison, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In reference to Mr. Hutchison's Question of the 17th May, which was then put but not answered, will he now answer the questions which are hereunder again stated,—
- (1.) Adverting to Mr. Hutchison's Question of the 3rd May, and the Answers given to Nos. 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8, will he state under which resident engineer was the work neglected or performed unsatisfactorily—was it under Mr. Hay, formerly engineer, or Mr. Miller, late engineer, or whom?
 - (2.) Is he aware that Mr. Hay neglected his duty, the result being bad and unsatisfactory work, and he did not do the amount of work he had to perform?
 - (3.) Is he aware that the assistant engineer or overseer was engaged and put on by Mr. Hay, formerly resident engineer?
 - (4.) Is it not a fact that although the roads district of Glen Innes was enlarged by adding some of the roads in the Tenterfield district to it, it has been reduced in size by the replacing of said roads again in the Tenterfield district?
 - (5.) Is the Glen Innes road district larger than others that have only one engineer and no assistant?
 - (6.) If the assistant was employed to look after the work by Mr. Hay while he too often frequented the public-house and neglected his duty, where is the necessity for two men to do the work of one?
 - (7.) Was Mr. Val. Miller, late engineer, not competent to do the work satisfactorily; if so, in what respect?
 - (8.) Is the present resident engineer, Mr. Jenkins, not competent to do the work without an assistant, seeing the district is reduced in size, and when both the work is less and the amount of money expended less than formerly?
 - (9.) Is Glen Innes specially favoured with an assistant and other districts less favoured?
 - (10.) Would it not be possible for one competent resident engineer to perform the work without an assistant in the Glen Innes district?
 - (11.) Was the late resident engineer, who was retrenched, married or single?
 - (12.) Is the present engineer, Mr. Jenkins, married or single?

Mr. Copeland answered,—I have received the following answer from my honorable colleague:—I must refer the Honorable Member to the answer given to him on the 17th instant, by my honorable colleague, the Minister for Lands, who was acting for me during my absence. That reply was entirely in accord with my views, which I had previously communicated to my Under Secretary, and, I can only repeat, that if the Honorable Member will communicate to me any information of the character indicated in that reply, I will at once give it my best consideration. I shall only be too pleased to ascertain that the expenditure on roads in the Honorable Member's Electorate can be fairly reduced.

- (6.) Case of *Quentin McQuorin McHaffie v. the Crown*:—*Mr. Darnley*, for Mr. Gardiner, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) In the case of *Quentin McQuorin McHaffie versus the Crown*—(a) What particular points in law were determined by the Supreme Court decision in this case; (b) what are the intentions of the Minister with respect to forfeited lands similarly situated?
 - (2.) In the case of forfeited conditional purchase lands similar to McHaffie's, but situated wholly within the external boundaries of a leasehold area—(a) Has a case other than McHaffie's been stated to the Supreme Court to determine the point in law as to whether such lands are open for conditional purchase or not; (b) what action (if any) does the Minister propose taking to determine this point?

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Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) (a) I must refer the Honorable Member to the report in the *Sydney Morning Herald* of the 2nd March last, for the points of law decided in this case. (b) They have been reserved from conditional sale and lease, and annual lease, pending legislation.

(2.) (a) No; the law being clear on the subject, see section 32 of Act 53 Vic. No. 21. (b) No action is necessary in these cases.

(7.) Distribution of Amount Voted for Parks:—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has any decision been come to yet with reference to the distribution of the lump sum voted for parks throughout the Colony?

(2.) If so, will he state the sums he proposes giving to the towns respectively of Bourke, Nyngan, Cobar, Louth, and Brewarrina?

Mr. Copeland answered,—Yes; the sum voted has been divided, and Members are now being communicated with as to the amounts allotted.

(8.) Patients in Bay View Asylum, Cook's River Road:—Mr. Cotton asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What number of Government patients are at present placed in private lunatic asylums, and at what cost?

(2.) What number of such patients have been placed in the Bay View Asylum, on the Cook's River Road, during the past year, and at what cost per head to the State?

Mr. See answered,—There are only 50 Government patients placed in private lunatic asylums, all of whom are in the Bay View Asylum, at a cost of 22s. 6d. per head per week.

(9.) Fees Paid by Postal Employees to Security Fund:—Mr. Cann asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) Is it a fact that postal employees are required to pay a fee each year as a security fund?

(2.) If so, how many contribute to such fund, and what amount per man?

(3.) What amount is received per year by such payments, and what is the total amount of accumulations of such fund since its establishment?

(4.) What are the total number of cases that have come under this fund, and the total amount of payments made since its establishment?

(5.) Was the fund first started by a private company, and are the funds now held by the Treasury?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) All postal officials contribute under the Regulations, and pay from 5s. to £5 per annum, according to the nature of their duties.

(3 and 4.) The information will be prepared, and laid upon the Table in the form of a Return, if moved for in the usual way.

(5.) Previous to the establishment of the Treasury Guarantee Fund on the 1st January, 1891, the fidelity of the employees was guaranteed under an arrangement with four insurance companies.

2. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Criminal Law Amendment Bill postponed until To-morrow.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Copeland laid upon the Table,—Abstract of Crown lands authorised to be dedicated to public purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Redbank, county of Macquarie, for a way of access to wharf site on west bank of Hastings River.

(2.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Craven, county of Selwyn, for deviation of the road from Rosewood to Coppabella.

(3.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Moredun, county of Hardinge, for deviation of the road from Wandsworth to "Old Ben Lomond Inn."

(4.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parishes of Kamandra and Parkes, county of Ashburnham, for the Parkes Water Supply.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. See laid upon the Table,—Return showing particulars respecting the Public Accounts.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Slattery laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report on Prisons for the year 1893.

(2.) Extract from the *Sydney Morning Herald* containing the Judgment of the Supreme Court in the case of Norton v. Crick, respecting the privileges of Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Kidd laid upon the Table,—Notification of reduced rate on press messages to New Caledonia.

Ordered to be printed.

4. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER:—

(1.) Mr. Copeland (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That it is a matter of urgent and pressing necessity that Standing Order No. 59 be suspended to admit of the Crown Lands Act of 1889 Declaratory Bill being read a third time and passed forthwith.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Copeland then moved, without Notice, That Standing Order No. 59 be now suspended to admit of the Crown Lands Act of 1889 Declaratory Bill being read a third time and passed forthwith.

Question put and passed.

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5. CROWN LANDS ACT OF 1889 DECLARATORY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Copeland moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put and passed.

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

Mr. Copeland then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to declare the meaning of the words 'the publication of the Report of the said Board,' as used in the forty-third section of the Crown Lands Act of 1889.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to declare the meaning of the words 'the publication of the Report of the said Board,' as used in the forty-third section of the 'Crown Lands Act of 1889,'*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 29th May, 1894.*

6. 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, namely, the "determination of the Executive with respect to the sentence on the condemned men, Montgomerie "and Williams."

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

7. LABOUR SETTLEMENTS ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Labour Settlements Act,'*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 29th May, 1894.*

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

LABOUR SETTLEMENTS ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 29th May, 1894.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, clause 1, line 7. *After "Act" insert "of 1894"*

Page 1, clause 1, line 8. *Before "hereinafter" insert "fifty-six Victoria number thirty-four"*

Page 2, clause 2, line 3. *After "pounds" insert "Provided that the amounts hereby sanctioned " shall not be paid to a greater number of persons than may be entitled to receive the " same at the passing of this Act"*

Page 2, clause 4, line 27. *Omit "Labour Settlements Acts" insert "Principal Act"*

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,

Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

8. TRUCK BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Cook moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker having stated that the Chairman of Committees was absent, requested Mr. McCourt to take the Chair in Committee.

On motion of Mr. Cook, 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. McCourt* reported the Bill with amendments.

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

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time at a later hour of the day.

9. NAVIGATION ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Murphy 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. Murphy, 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. McCourt* reported the Bill with an amendment.

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

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

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10. USE OF CAMELS REGULATION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Waddell moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Donald,
Mr. See,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Danahey,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. G. D. Clark,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Langwell,	Mr. Hindle,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Francis Clarke,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,	Mr. Molesworth.
Mr. Grahame,	
Mr. Kelly,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Collins,	Mr. J. D. FitzGerald.

Noes, 7.

Mr. Neild,
Mr. Young,
Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Hart.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Gardiner.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.
Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Waddell, *passed*.
Mr. Waddell then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to regulate the use of Camels.*"
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 use of Camels,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
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Sydney, 29th May, 1894.

11. TRUCK BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Cook moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Cook, *passed*.
Mr. Cook then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act 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.
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 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,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 29th May, 1894.
12. RATES OF PILOTAGE AT THE PORTS OF SYDNEY AND NEWCASTLE :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Molesworth,—
" (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the excessive rates of pilotage now levied at the ports of Sydney and Newcastle are seriously detrimental 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,"—
Mr. Molesworth resumed his speech in reply.
Question put and passed.
13. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Masters and Servants Bill postponed until To-morrow.
14. BETTING (INFANTS') BILL (*changed from*) BETTING AND LOANS (INFANTS') BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Neild moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Neild, *passed*.
Mr. Neild then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to render penal the inciting infants to betting or wagering, or borrowing money ; and to avoid contracts for the payment of loans advanced during infancy.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with the following Message :—
MR. PRESIDENT,—
The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to render penal the inciting infants to betting or wagering, or borrowing money ; and to avoid contracts for the payment of loans advanced during infancy,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, including amendments in the Title, in which amendments the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 29th May, 1894.

BETTING

29th May, 1894.

BETTING AND LOANS (INFANTS') BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 29th May, 1894.

F. W. WEBB,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

Page 1, Title. *After* "penal" *insert* "wagering with or"Page 1, Title. *Omit* "or borrowing money, and to avoid contracts for the payment of loans
"advanced during infancy."Page 1, clause 1, line 6. *After* "profit" *insert* "actually wagers with or"Page 2, clause 2. *Omit* clause 2.Page 2, clause 3, lines 33 and 34. *Omit* "the preceding sections of"Page 2, clause 3, line 35. *After* "person" *insert* "wagered with or"Page 2, clause 4. *Omit* clause 4.Page 2, clause 5. *Omit* clause 5.Page 2, clause 6, line 57. *Omit* "and Loans"

Examined,—

NINIAN MELVILLE,

Chairman of Committees.

The House adjourned, at seventeen minutes before 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. 55.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 30 MAY, 1894.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Ironclad Gold-mining Company at Cargo:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Did the month's grace which was allowed by Mr. Warden Sharp to Mr. Dunn, of the Ironclad Gold-mining Company at Cargo, to carry out the labour conditions of his lease, expire on the 29th April last; if so, what steps (if any) has he taken to compel Mr. Dunn to fulfil the labour conditions?
 - (2.) Is it his intention to cancel the said lease for non-fulfilment of labour conditions, in accordance with the 32nd section of the Mining Act; if so, when?
 - (3.) Is it not a fact that Mr. Dunn has repeatedly had a suspension of the labour conditions granted to him; if so, how many times, and for how long a period on each occasion?
 - (4.) Is he aware that the suspension of labour conditions of this lease or claim inflicts a serious loss and injury upon the miners, &c., in the district of Cargo, and will he see that the lease is either worked in accordance with the provisions of the Mining Act or else cancelled and thrown open to the public?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

- (1.) No such suspension granted, the papers were referred to Warden Sharpe on the 18th April, for inquiry into complaint of non-work.
 - (2.) In view of the Warden's report it is thought that Mr. Dunn should be allowed a little longer time to resume operations, but in the event of his not resuming the leases may be cancelled.
 - (3.) No. Since Mr. Dunn became the lessee only one partial suspension of six months has been granted, and this on the "Ironclad" only. No suspensions have been granted as regards the "Golden Clad."
 - (4.) It is reported that the working of these leases provides a large number of the miners at Cargo with wages, and it is recognised that the conditions of the leases should be observed, but the lessee has expended a large sum of money in endeavouring to treat the stone profitably, and has not yet succeeded.
- (2.) Cartage of Goods from Bathurst Railway Station to the Gaol:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Lee, asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) The name of the contractor for cartage of goods from Bathurst Railway Station to the gaol?
 - (2.) The price per ton?
- Mr. Slattery* answered,—The Comptroller-General of Prisons reports as follows:—"This Department has not entered into any such contract. Goods for the gaol, I find on inquiry, are delivered by Wright, Heaton, & Co., except goods from the Government Architect's Department. Goods from that Department weighing over 28 lb. are delivered at the gaol by Mr. Cutter, of Bathurst, who has a contract for delivery at 2s. 6d. per ton. Parcels of 28 lb. and under and stamped railway parcels are carried in the gaol cart. The Colonial Stores Department and the Government Architect's Department make their own arrangements for conveyance of goods sent by them."
- (3.) Railway Freights on Coal from Helensburgh to Sydney:—*Mr. Scott* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What are the existing freight rates charged the Metropolitan Coal Company for the carriage of coal from their mine at Helensburgh to Sydney; when were the present rates brought into force; upon whose representations was a reduction made?
 - (2.) What is the distance from Helensburgh to Sydney; and what freight charges are imposed for the conveyance of coal to the Newcastle Dyke from collieries situated at a similar distance from there?

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Mr. See answered,—

(1.) The existing rate for the carriage of coal from Helensburgh to Sydney for local purposes is the ordinary rate applying for coal from and to all stations, but it is presumed the Honorable Member's questions refer to the special rate granted from the Illawarra Line stations generally to Darling Harbour for coal that is intended for shipment by sea. The charge from Helensburgh, 29 miles, is 2s. 3d. per ton, and from 48 miles, 3s. per ton. The rates now in operation were brought into force after publication in the *Gazette* of the 19th September, 1893, after representation from the Illawarra Collieries as to increased trade if the reduced rates were allowed.

(2.) Helensburgh is 29 miles from Darling Harbour, and the rate for coal for local purposes is 3s. per ton, and for coal for export 2s. 3d. per ton. On the Northern Line coal is carried under the published rate sheets for 29 miles at 1s. 8d. per ton, but the circumstances are not analogous, as the Newcastle Collieries provide their own waggons, and the local conditions are not the same.

(4.) Watering the Streets of the City of Sydney :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that the Corporation of Sydney is in the habit of employing men to flush and water the streets in the city, that are paved with wooden blocks, during the early hours of the morning, and will he obtain from the Government Medical Officer or Board of Health a report as to whether such a practice is in any way inimical or prejudicial to public health?

(2.) Will he also obtain a report as to whether such a practice is calculated to load the atmosphere, especially during the cold nights of winter, with an unnecessary amount of moisture or humidity, and whether this would seriously affect persons, more especially children, suffering from weak lungs, throat and other diseases?

(3.) If the practice is found, on the report of the Government Medical Officer or Board of Health, to be in any way injurious or prejudicial to public health, will he see that steps are taken to have the practice put a stop to?

Mr. Kidd answered,—My honorable colleague is informed by the Medical Adviser to the Government that there appears to be no objection such as to warrant any interference with the practice of the City Council in this matter.

(5.) The Chief Inspector of Stock :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) How long has the Chief Inspector of Stock (Mr. Bruce) been absent from the Colony, and when is he likely to return?

(2.) Has he, during his absence from the Colony, sent in to the Government any report or progress report of his mission to Chicago and America; if so, will he lay a copy of the same upon the Table of this House?

(3.) When in America, was he instructed by the Government to report on the progress of agriculture in that country; if so, has he yet sent in any report or progress report of his visit to America and Chicago, or when is he likely to do so?

(4.) What has been the total cost incurred to the Colony since he left in the shape of travelling expenses, &c.

(5.) On whose authority was he authorised to visit England and the Continent on the frozen meat, fruit, and produce industries, &c., and the opening up of agencies in these countries for our frozen meat and produce, and what has been the result of his mission to England and the Continent in this respect, and when is his report likely to be sent in?

(6.) Has he been acting in England and the Continent as an agent for any private firm or syndicate in the Colony; if so, for whom, and has his mission been a successful one, and to what extent?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) Since 21st March, 1893. He is expected back early in July.

(2.) No report has yet been received.

(3.) No.

(4.) £250 has been advanced, to be adjusted on his return to the Colony.

(5.) On the authority of the Government. His report is not expected until he returns to the Colony.

(6.) Not that I am aware of.

(6.) Sewerage Contract at North Sydney :—*Mr. Black* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the sewerage contract on North Shore is let to Carter and Gummow at schedule price, or about £3 15s. a cubic yard for sinking?

(2.) Is it a fact that their employees are paid 10s. per cubic yard for the first 20 feet of sinking and 15s. per cubic yard after that depth is reached?

(3.) Is it also a fact that these miners have also to find powder, fuse, candles, &c., while 6d. per week insurance money is deducted and 10 per cent. held back until the completion of the work?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) The original contract was at a schedule rate; an extension thereof was given at a lump sum, based on the schedule rates of the original contract. There is no item in the schedule exactly corresponding to the amount named by the Honorable Member. The prices, however, range from £3 3s. to £3 18s. per cubic yard, according to the nature of the ground dealt with.

(2 and 3.) I am unable to give any further information on this subject than that contained in my answer to a somewhat similar question asked by the Honorable Member on the 23rd instant.

(7.) Bay View Asylum, Cook's River Road :—*Mr. Molesworth*, for *Mr. Cotton*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Who are the proprietors of the Bay View Lunatic Asylum, on the Cook's River Road?

(2.) What is the average cost to the State for patients confined in Government lunatic asylums?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

(1.) The original proprietor was *Dr. Tucker*, who, it is understood, has transferred his interest to *Dr. Vause*, the present Medical Superintendent.

(2.) The average weekly cost, without deducting collections, is 11s. 2½d.; on deducting collections, 9s. 6½d.; but this does not include interest on cost of buildings.

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- (8.) Resumption of Land owned by Mr. E. Terry :—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Tonkin, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What amount of land, the property of Mr. E. Terry, was resumed by the Government for railway purposes in connection with the construction of the Great Northern Railway?
 - (2.) What amount was paid Mr. Terry as compensation?
- Mr. See answered,—
- (1.) 11 acres 3 roods and 34 perches.
 - (2.) £2,900.
- (9.) Certain Building Material of the Sydney Hospital :—Mr. Darnley asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is he aware that certain building material originally contained in the rooms set apart as fever wards in connection with the Sydney Hospital has been sold, and is now being retained for purposes of erecting dwelling-rooms?
 - (2.) Will he take immediate steps to prevent the spread of contagious disease by the means above referred to?
- Mr. Kidd* answered,—My honorable colleague is informed this is not the case.
- (10.) Railway Employees attending Political Gatherings :—Mr. Darnley asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the Commissioners for Railways have issued orders prohibiting their employees from attending political gatherings?
 - (2.) Have the Commissioners for Railways any objection to their employees taking part in politics, provided they do not discuss the railway policy or questions appertaining to the management of the railways?
- Mr. See answered,—
- (1.) No.
 - (2.) The railways, by the Railway Act, were removed from the sphere of politics.
- (11.) Cost of Wire Rope for North Sydney Tramway :—Mr. Waddell asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- What was the cost of the new cable wire rope for the North Sydney Tramway?
- Mr. See answered,—£35 per ton, and minimum life guaranteed from date on which cable commenced to run, 425 days.
- (12.) Land Resumed at Kiama for Railway Purposes :—Mr. Fuller asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the Railway Commissioners are erecting engine-sheds and other conveniences at Bomaderry, on the South Coast line?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that the Railway Commissioners resumed land for the purpose of erecting engine-sheds in Kiama?
 - (3.) Is it a fact that if sheds are erected at Bomaderry the land resumed at Kiama will be useless for railway purposes?
 - (4.) Is it a fact that at present the engines and carriages, or some of them, used on the South Coast Railway lie at Kiama entirely unprotected, and exposed to the ocean?
 - (5.) In view of the foregoing questions, will the Commissioners take steps to have sheds erected in Kiama for the protection of the engines and carriages, and for other purposes?
- Mr. See answered,—
- (1.) No.
 - (2.) No.
 - (3.) See Nos. 1 and 2.
 - (4 and 5.) A train daily stands at Kiama waiting to take up the running to Sydney; and, as is the case at most country stations, covered accommodation for the carriages is not provided. The Commissioners do not propose to erect sheds at Kiama as suggested, as they have no money available for the purpose. The protection of rolling stock is an important one, but there are other places requiring this accommodation more urgently than Kiama, and the work is held in abeyance until funds are available. The question is under consideration of moving the small engine-shed at North Kiama to the present Kiama Station.
- (13.) Proposed New Post Office at Albion Park :—Mr. Fuller asked the Postmaster-General,—
- (1.) Has the purchase of the land for the proposed new post office at Albion Park been completed?
 - (2.) If so, when does he intend proceeding with the building?
- Mr. Kidd answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) As soon as funds are available.
- (14.) Contract for Forming Flower-beds, &c., at the Sydney Infirmary :—Mr. Neild asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Has a contract been let, or work given without competition, for turfing, constructing fountain, forming flower-beds and brick drain, &c., at the Sydney Infirmary?
 - (2.) To whom was such work given?
 - (3.) What is the agreed price for such work?
- Mr. Lyne answered,—In order to provide for the completion of the outside work at the same time as the buildings, arrangements were made, on the recommendation of the Architect, with Mr. Daniel Sheehy—who had all the necessary appliances to carry on the work quickly—to perform this service. The price agreed upon was £1,200.
- (15.) Polling-places :—Mr. Joseph Abbott asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) When will the polling-places for the coming election be gazetted?
 - (2.) Will they be gazetted in sufficient time before the election to permit of petitions being got up for the establishment of extra polling-places if any such are deemed necessary by the electors in any electorate?
 - (3.) Is it likely that the polling-places will be gazetted before Parliament is prorogued?
- Mr. Kidd* answered,—As soon as the inquiries now being made with regard to the polling-places are completed they will be gazetted. If representations are at once made with regard to the establishment of polling-places, they will be considered and dealt with before the list is published.

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(16.) Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board:—Mr. Jeanneret asked the Secretary for Public Works,—With reference to the following resolution of the Municipal Council of the City of Sydney, passed on 5th ultimo, viz:—“That, in the opinion of this Council, the time has arrived when the “intentions of the Legislature, as expressed in the terms of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts which provide for the transfer to local municipal authority of the water and sewerage reticulation, should be availed of by this Council, so far as such reticulation is within the limits “of the City of Sydney,”—

(1.) Will he state what is the whole debt chargeable to the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board as at 31st December, 1893, for water and sewerage works within and under the Board's jurisdiction?

(2.) How much of the said debt would be properly chargeable to the Municipal Council of the City of Sydney, if computed in terms of the 135th and 136th sections of 43 Vic. No. 32, and in terms of the intentions of the Legislature as were expressed in section 140 of same Act?

(3.) What was the proportion of annual revenue to capital cost of the reticulation works for water and sewerage within the City of Sydney for the year 1893?

(4.) What was the gross return per cent. on the debt for 1893 of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board?

(5.) What was the return per cent. after deducting expenses?

(6.) What was the surplus (if any) of revenue, over interest and expenses, to the credit of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board on 31st December, 1893?

(7.) What was the total interest paid by the metropolitan municipalities for water and sewerage service for 1893?

(8.) How much of that surplus has been raised by taxation within the City of Sydney, and how much from the Borough of Redfern, and how much from the other metropolitan municipalities combined?

(9.) Is the surplus of revenue from the Board's taxation, over and above depreciation, interest, and working expenses (if there is a surplus), available for expenditure by the Board or available for reduction or equalisation of taxation by the Board; if not, to what purpose is the surplus of taxation of ratepayers in the Metropolitan area of the Water and Sewerage Board devoted?

Mr. Lyne answered,—It is impossible to supply this information in the form of answers to questions at this short notice. I would therefore suggest to the Honorable Member, that he move for a return in the ordinary way giving the required information.

2. TOLLS ON RANDWICK AND COOGEE ROADS ABOLITION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Lyne moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal the Randwick and Coogee Road Trust Act, 1854, the amended Randwick and Coogee Roads Trust Act of 1868, the Randwick and Coogee Roads Transfer Act of 1869, and the Randwick Toll-gate Removal Act; to declare the Roads referred to in the said Acts to be public roads; and to prevent the collection of tolls thereon.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Lyne then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to repeal the Randwick and Coogee Road Trust Act, 1854, the amended Randwick and Coogee Roads Trust Act of 1868, the Randwick and Coogee Roads Transfer Act of 1869, and the Randwick Toll-gate Removal Act; to declare the Roads referred to in the said Acts to be public roads; and to prevent the collection of tolls thereon,*”—which was read a first time.

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

3. PARRAMATTA FRIENDLY SOCIETIES HALL BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Lyne, for Sir George Dibbs, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the Trustees of certain lands at Parramatta to mortgage the said lands, and to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Slattery then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to enable the Trustees of certain lands at Parramatta to mortgage the said lands, and to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof,*”—which was read a first time.

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

4. PAPER:—Mr. Slattery laid upon the Table,—Return showing the result of the Local Option vote taken in the Suburban Municipalities in February, 1894.

Ordered to be printed.

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 “on the following definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., the attitude of “the Government towards the exercise of the constitutional Right of Petition.”

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

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

Debate ensued.

Point of Order:—Mr. John Wilkinson requested Mr. Speaker to rule whether in this debate the case of Montgomery and Williams, which was discussed yesterday on a motion for the adjournment of the House, could be again referred to.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said it appeared to him that a general discussion took place last night on the case referred to, but he thought it would be in order, in this debate, to discuss the attitude of the Government in relation to a Petition to grant a respite to the criminals, which he understood had been presented since the debate of yesterday.

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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.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 31 MAY, 1894, A.M.

Question put,—That this House do now adjourn.

The House divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Houghton,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Lees,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Langwell,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Miller.

Tellers,

Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Chapman.

Noes, 67.

Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Scott,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. McFarlane,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. York,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Bowes,
Mr. See,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Colls,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Gould,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Dowel,	Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. McCredie,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Barton,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Marks,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Want,	Mr. Donnelly,
Mr. Donald,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,	Mr. Newton,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Hindle,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Murphy,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Traill,	Mr. Francis Clarke,
Mr. John Wilkinson,	Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Dawson.
Mr. Grahame,	Tellers,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Hassall.
Mr. Bavister,	
Mr. Danahey,	

And so it passed in the negative.

6. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Reconstructed Companies Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Assembly in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to facilitate the carrying out of the Reconstruction Schemes of certain Companies.*"

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 30th May, 1894.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

(2.) Mining on Private Lands Bill (No. 2):—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to legalise Mining on Private Lands; to provide for charging rents in connection therewith, and for the resumption of land or the surrender by way of exchange and the granting of other lands in lieu thereof 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,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 30th May, 1894.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

MINING

30th May, 1894.

MINING ON PRIVATE LANDS BILL (No. 2).

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 30th May, 1894.

JOHN J. CALVERT,

Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 2. Preamble, line 1. *Omit* " or "
- Page 2, clause 1, line 7. At end of clause *add* " of 1894 "
- Page 3, clause 3, line 8. *Omit* " no reservation "
- Page 3, clause 3, line 8. *Omit* " such grant be "
- Page 3, clause 3, line 9. *After* " minerals " *insert* " or of minerals other than gold "
- Page 3, clause 3, line 10. *After* " land " *insert* " under the provisions of this Act "
- Page 3, clause 4, line 13. *Omit* " alienated "
- Page 3, clause 4, line 13. *After* " lands " *insert* " now or hereafter to be alienated and "
- Page 3, clause 6. *After* clause 6 *insert* the following new clause :—
- A register shall be kept for the purposes of this Act in the prescribed manner, and registration of any lease purporting to give the right to mine in or on private land, or of any agreement for mining in or on private land, shall consist in recording in such register particulars of such lease or agreement.
- Page 3, clause 7, line 33. *After* " right " *insert* " or mineral license "
- Page 3, clause 7, line 40. *After* " right " *insert* " or mineral license "
- Page 3, clause 7, line 40. *Omit* " dogs " *insert* " any dog "
- Page 3, clause 7. At end of clause *add* " Provided that the Warden may refuse to grant an authority if he has good reason to believe that such private land as aforesaid contains neither gold, silver, lead, tin, or antimony, but in case of such refusal the applicant may appeal to the Minister, who may reverse the Warden's decision "
- Page 4, clause 9, line 20. *Omit* " Part III of "
- Page 4, clause 10, lines 36 and 37. *Omit* " vested in trust and "
- Page 4, clause 10, line 48. *After* " lessee " first time occurring *insert* " who shall place substantial sheep-proof gates at all fences intersected by such right of way "
- Page 4, clause 10, line 50. *After* " or " third time occurring, *insert* " unless fenced "
- Page 4, clause 10, line 51. *Omit* " dogs " *insert* " or permit to be kept on such land any dog "
- Page 4, clause 10, line 57. *Omit* " one hundred and fifty " *insert* " two hundred "
- Page 5, clause 10, line 4. *Omit* " or " *insert* " yard "
- Page 5, clause 10, line 4. *After* " orchard " *insert* " or pleasure ground "
- Page 5, clause 10, line 5. *After* " improvement " *insert* " on such restricted portion "
- Page 5, clause 10, line 6. *Omit* " to " *insert* " the Minister may "
- Page 5, clause 10, line 6. *Omit* " the " *insert* " an "
- Page 5, clause 10, line 6. *After* " area " *insert* " adjoining such substantial or valuable improvement "
- Page 5, clause 11. *Omit* clause 11, insert the following new clause :—
- Nothing in this Act contained shall, unless with the consent of the owner, apply or be held to apply to any lands which are enclosed and under cultivation.
- Page 5. *After* clause 12, *insert* the following new clause :—
- Nothing in this Act contained shall give the lessee the right to impound any sheep, cattle, horses, or other animals belonging to, or being the property of, or being in the custody or under the control of the owner or occupier of the said land, or to disturb or molest any such sheep, cattle, horses, or other animals in any way whatever, or to prevent any such sheep, cattle, horses, or other animals from depasturing on or over the said land so demised under this Act, unless the said land be fenced as hereinafter provided. And no action or suit for trespass or otherwise in respect of any of the matters or things mentioned or referred to in this section shall lie, either at law or in equity, against any such owner or occupier of the said land so demised at the suit of the lessee or any person or persons claiming under such lessee, unless the said land so demised under the provisions of this Act to the said lessee shall, at the time when any alleged cause of action or suit arose, have been securely fenced, and the same shall have been, at the time when the alleged cause of action or suit arose, in good order and repair, and the cost of erecting and keeping such fence in good order and repair shall have been borne or paid by the lessee.
- Page 5, clause 14. At end of clause *add* " Provided also that notwithstanding anything in this section or in this Act contained, an agreement or contract may be entered into with the owner, occupier, or mortgagee for compensation being made by a percentage of the gold or other minerals taken from the mines on or under such land or otherwise. "
- Page 6, clause 15, line 23. *Omit* " of Court "
- Page 6, clause 15, line 27. *After* " paid " *insert* " or a contract or agreement has been entered into as provided for in the last proviso of the preceding section "
- Page 6, clause 15, line 28. *Omit* " in due course "
- Page 6, clause 15, line 28. *Omit* " issued " *insert* " granted "
- Page 6, clause 15. At end of clause *add* " and shall then be notified in the Gazette "
- Page 6. *After* clause 16 *insert* the following new clause :—
- All parties under disability to sell and convey who are seized, or possessed of, or entitled to any private land or any estate, or interest therein, may settle by agreement, subject to the approval of the Warden, with any person desiring to mine therein or thereon, the amount of compensation to be paid in respect of any such land, estate, or interest, and may enter into all necessary agreements for that purpose, and particularly any of the following parties so seized, possessed, or entitled as aforesaid, may so settle with the applicant (that is to say) :—all corporations, tenants in tail or for life, guardians, committees of lunatics and idiots, trustees, or feoffees in trust, for charitable or other purposes, executors and administrators, and all parties for the time being entitled to the receipt of the rents and profits of any such land in possession, or subject to any estate in dower, or to any lease for life, or for lives and years, or for years, or any less interest, and

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Not to apply to lands under cultivation.

Lessee not to impound unless land fenced, &c

Parties under disability or having limited interest enabled to sell or convey and exercise other powers,

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every valuation so settled as aforesaid by all such parties, other than lessees for life, or lives and years, or for years, or for any less interest, shall be binding not only on themselves and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, and successors, but also on every person entitled in reversion, remainder, or expectancy after them, or in defeasance of the estates of such parties, and as to such guardians on their wards and as to such committees on the lunatics and idiots of whom they are the committees respectively, and as to such trustees, executors, or administrators on their cestuique trusts, whether infants, issue unborn, lunatics, *femes covert*, or other persons.

Page 6, clause 17, line 54. *After* "erected" *insert* "and kept in good repair"

Page 7, clause 17, line 17. *Omit* "in Council"

Page 7, clause 17. At end of clause *add* "and the lease shall be liable to forfeiture and may be forfeited on the authority of the Governor"

Page 7, clause 18, line 28. *After* "adjoining" *insert* "or in the vicinity of"

Page 7, clause 18, line 30. *After* "owner" *insert* "and occupier respectively"

Page 7, clause 18, line 32. *After* "owner" *insert* "and occupier"

Pages 7 and 8, clause 20. *Omit* clause 20, *insert* the following new clause:—

In any case where at the time of the passing of this Act *bona fide* mining operations are being carried on under agreement upon any private land which is subject to be mined upon under the provisions of this Act, a joint application by the parties to such agreement or by their respective representatives for a special lease, if made in the prescribed manner within two months after this Act comes into force, and if accompanied by an attested copy of such agreement, shall have priority over all other applications with respect to the land defined therein. And such private agreement then in force shall in no way be disturbed or interfered with by the operations of this Act. And in the event of mining operations being carried on by the owner or owners of any such land, on their own account, at the time of the passing of this Act, and whether such land is held in one area or in two or more conjoined areas, or in detached portions, if such land has been acquired for or is owned and worked as one mine, any application for a special lease of such lands by the owner or owners shall, if made within two months after this Act comes into force, have a like priority, and shall not be otherwise affected by this Act; or in any case where active mining operations have not been commenced, notwithstanding that the owner has, prior to the passing of this Act, obtained from the Governor or made application for a permit to mine for, win, and remove gold or any mineral other than gold from such private land, the owner may within two months after this Act coming into force apply in the prescribed manner to convert such permit into a special lease under this Act; and in all cases referred to in this section such special leases shall not be subject to the provisions of this Act with respect to area or the payment of rent.

Existing agreements protected by special lease.

Permit may be converted into special lease.

Page 8, clause 22, line 27. *After* "land" *insert* "or his agent on his behalf"

Page 8, clause 22, line 28. *Before* "lease" *insert* "special"

Page 8, clause 22, line 30. *After* "date" *insert* "except for the period of two months after the passing of this Act"

Page 9, clause 25, line 17. *After* "right" *insert* "or a mineral license"

Page 9, clause 25, line 18. *Omit* "gold"

Page 9. *After* clause 25 *insert* the following new clause:—

The Warden may, upon the application of any corporation having the care and management of any public highway, street, or road, or upon the application of any person authorised by such corporation, by writing under the hand of the Warden, authorise any mining surveyor or surveyors to enter upon and inspect any land or mines comprised in any mining lease under this Act, and every part thereof, for the purpose of ascertaining whether the persons working such mines are encroaching on any public highway, street, or road, and whether the mining operations carried on can be continued without causing injury or damage to such public highway, street, or road, or to any house or building abutting thereon or adjoining thereto.

Encroaching on highways, streets, &c.

Page 9, clause 26, lines 24 and 25. *Omit* "whereof a mining lease has been granted under the provisions of this Act" *insert* "whereon mining is being carried on for gold or minerals other than gold."

Page 9, clause 26, lines 26 and 27. *Omit* "by writing under the hand of the Warden."

Page 9, clause 26, line 27. *After* "authorize" *insert* "in writing."

Page 9, clause 26, line 31. *After* "person" *omit* remainder of clause.

Page 9, clause 29, line 58. *After* "right" *insert* "or mineral license."

Page 9, clause 29, line 59. *Omit* "gold."

Page 10, clause 29, line 7. *After* "rights" *insert* "or mineral licenses"

Page 10, clause 29, line 8. *Omit* "seven" *insert* "fourteen"

Page 11, clause 32, lines 16 and 17. *Omit* "fifteen and seventeen" *insert* "seventeen and twenty"

Page 11, clause 33, line 19. *Omit* "fourteen" *insert* "sixteen"

Page 11, clause 35, line 39. *Omit* "Government"

Page 11, clause 35, line 49. *After* "such" *insert* "tenant or"

Page 11, clause 35, line 52. *After* "Land" *omit* "appeal"

Page 12, clause 36, line 12. *Omit* "or" *insert* "nor"

Page 12, clause 36, line 13. *Omit* "twenty-nine" *insert* "thirty-three"

Page 12, clause 36, line 24. *After* "thereof" *insert* "containing such deposits"

Page 12, clause 36, line 33. *Omit* "appeal"

Page 12, clause 36, line 46. *After* "land" *omit* "appeal"

Page 13, clause 38, line 20. *Omit* "section thirteen" *insert* "Part II"

Page 13, clause 39, line 25. *After* "regulations" *insert* "in accordance with this Act"

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,

Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

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7. **LABOUR SETTLEMENTS ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—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 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. Slattery, the report was adopted.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Labour Settlements Act.'*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 31st May, 1894, a.m.*

8. **CAMELS AND DROMEDARIES IMPOUNDING BILL**:—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read for the reception of the Resolution from the Committee of the Whole,—The Chairman of Committees 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 further amend the "Impounding Act of 1865," and the Acts amending the same, and to amend the "Public Watering Places Act of 1884."

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

- (2.) Mr. Slattery then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to further amend the 'Impounding Act of 1865,' and the Acts amending the same, and to amend the 'Public Watering Places Act of 1884,'*"—which was read a first time.

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

The House adjourned, at half-past 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.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 31 MAY, 1894.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Sweating and Sub-letting of Government Contracts :—Mr. Bavister asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Are building contracts in that Department allowed to be sub-let without consent being specially granted?

(2.) How many building contracts now in progress in that Department are being sub-let with the knowledge of the heads of departments, and which are they?

(3.) What contracts for buildings are being carried out without sub-letting, and which are they?

(4.) Is it the intention of the Education Department, or the Government, to prevent the system of sweating and sub-letting on their own departmental works?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) I am not aware of any.

(3.) All, as far as the Department is aware.

(4.) So far as the Education Department is concerned, sub-contracts are not recognised.

(2.) Mr. W. Seymour Wells, C.E. :—*Mr. Sydney Smith*, for Mr. Burdekin, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What amount of compensation was Mr. W. Seymour Wells, C.E., entitled to, on being retired from the Public Service while holding the position of Resident Engineer at Richmond, in the Hawkesbury District?

(2.) Has the amount been paid?

(3.) If not, when will it be payable?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The matter has not yet been decided by the Civil Service Board. They have returned the papers to this Department for some further information, which will be supplied immediately.(3.) Forfeited Conditional Purchases :—*Mr. Hutchinson* asked the Secretary for Lands,—(1.) What is the actual or approximate number of forfeited conditional purchases which were gazetted as reserves by Mr. Garrett, Minister for Lands, after the decision of the Privy Council in the case of *Edols v. Tearle*?

(2.) Under what section of the 1884 Land Act were such reserves proclaimed, and were they gazetted as reserves from sale temporarily, or were any of them reserved for any public purpose?

(3.) Will he state the reasons for the gazettal and the revocation of such reserves, and the adding of such lands to the leasehold areas?

(4.) Is it a fact that many leasehold areas were considerably increased in area by the addition of such reserved lands?

(5.) Is it a fact that all pastoral holdings under 1884 Land Act were required to be divided into two parts (as nearly equal as practicable), as far as the Crown lands were concerned, termed respectively leasehold and resumed areas?

(6.) How many forfeited conditional purchases were there gazetted as reserves within the leasehold area of Burrawang (Forbes Land Board District) prior to the passing of the 1889 Land Amendment Act?

(7.) How many of such reserves were there revoked and added to such leasehold area, and what were the dates of their revocation?

(8.) What was the acreage of the Burrawang leasehold area when the pastoral holding was divided in 1885, and what is the number of acres contained in such leasehold area for 1893?

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(9.) Is it a fact that some forfeited portions which were reserved and added to such leasehold area have been exchanged, or are in process of exchange, for surrendered lands; if so, what is the acreage of same?

(10.) Has he proclaimed any of such surrendered lands, within the external boundaries of leasehold areas or Crown lands, open to conditional purchase, or does he intend doing so?

(11.) Has the opinion of the Crown Law Officers been taken as to whether the forfeited conditional purchases which were made reserves, and subsequently added to leasehold areas, are open to conditional purchase, and as to whether the action of reserving and adding such lands to leasehold areas was in conformity with the provisions of the 1884 Land Act, or made legal by the 1889 Act?

Mr. Copeland answered,—I must ask the Honorable Member to move in the usual manner for a return giving the information required by him, but I may state that if such return is ordered by the House the compilation of it will take up some time and entail considerable expenditure.

(4.) Officers of the Department of Agriculture:—*Mr. Molesworth*, for Mr. Fegan, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) When certain officers of the Department of Agriculture were about to be retired last year, were they informed that it was proposed to place their names upon a list, from which selections might be made to fill any vacancy that might occur in any of the Public Departments?

(2.) Will he give the names, ages, dates of retirement, and periods of service under the Government of the late Chief Clerk and the late First Clerk of the Department of Agriculture, and generally the opinions of their superior officers in the several departments in which they served concerning their ability and zeal?

(3.) What steps, if any, have been taken in the matter of the re-employment of these retired officers, and have situations been found for several of the late temporary hands of this Department?

(4.) Was the abolished position of first clerk in the Department of Agriculture very soon re-created and filled by the appointment of an officer of much shorter service than his retired predecessor?

(5.) What is the difference between the salary paid to the former and present occupants of this position?

(6.) What was the number of registered and unregistered communications in the Department of Agriculture during the years 1891, 1892, and 1893 respectively?

(7.) The same as regards the period from 1st January, 1893, to the 15th May of the same year, and from the 16th May to 31st December, 1893?

(8.) The number of letters written and despatched from that Department during the above periods, distinguishing letters to the public from those written to officers of the Department?

(9.) What appointments have been made to this Department during the past year, and what transfers have been effected from the temporary to the permanent staff, stating the respective salaries to be given?

(10.) Is it a fact that certain officers of the Department are allowed to attend to the greater part of their official duties at their own place of residence?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) Yes; the names of these officers have been placed on list with those of other retrenched officers for re-appointment in case of suitable vacancies in preference to persons not previously employed in the Service.

(2.) Late Chief Clerk—Arthur Price; age, 32 years; date of retirement, 16th July, 1893; period of service, 15 years 6 months. Late First Clerk—A. J. P. G. Reynolds, B.A.; age, 27 years; date of retirement, 16th July, 1893; period of service, 9 years, 5 months. Mr. Price and Mr. Reynolds performed the duties allotted to them in the Department of Agriculture satisfactorily. There is no record in this Department of the opinions of Mr. Price's superior officers in the Department in which he had previously served. Mr. Reynolds appears to have given satisfaction in the Lands Department as a draftsman.

(3.) No suitable opportunity has occurred for the re-appointment of these gentlemen. Two temporary officers have been re-appointed, one as assistant artist, at a salary of £100, and the other as a temporary junior clerk, £50. It is understood that some others have obtained temporary employment in other departments.

(4.) The abolished position of First Clerk in the Department of Agriculture has not since been re-created.

(5.) The salaries paid to the late Chief and First Clerks amounted to £700 per annum; the officer performing their combined duties receives £254.

(6.) The number of registered letters during 1891, 8,171; unregistered, 8,000. During 1892, 12,724 registered; 10,127 unregistered. During 1893, 16,025 registered; unregistered papers, nil.

(7.) From 1st January, 1893, to 15th May, 1893, 9,228 registered papers; from 16th May to 31st December, 1893, 6,797 registered papers.

(8.) Letters written:—1891, 9,754; 1892, 15,981; 1893, 9,045; 1st January to 15th May, 1893, 3,762; 16th May to 31st December, 1893, 5,283. A considerable time would be required to prepare the information asked for as to the respective number of letters written to the public and to officers of the Department. Few letters have, however, been written to officers of the Department since its re-organisation, a saving being effected by forwarding original papers.

(9.) J. T. Gorus, re-appointed Inspector under the Vine Diseases Act of 1893, £300; C. Brady, appointed Expert in Sericulture, £300; T. A. Wright, appointed Dairy Expert, £200; P. G. Wicken, Experimentalist, Hawkesbury College, £65, *vice* Shute (£100), resigned; C. Barker, £50; and F. C. Wills, £100, re-appointed; H. S. Burton, appointed Artist at £208 a year, *vice* E. M. Grosse (£335), resigned; A. A. Dunningcliff, salary, January, 1893, £300—transferred to Staff, 1894, £200; A. H. Benson, salary, January, 1893, £300—transferred to Staff, 1894, £290; E. A. C. Wainwright, salary, January, 1893, £156—transferred to Staff, January, 1894, £150; H. A. Earl (transferred to Permanent Staff), salary, £100.

(10.) The Department having, for the purposes of retrenchment, given up the premises recently occupied in Macquarie-street, it has been necessary, pending the completion of required alterations in the premises now occupied by the Department, to allow some portion of the work to be done outside.

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- (5.) Appointments to the Justice Department during 1894:—*Mr. Molesworth*, for *Mr. Lonsdale*, asked the Minister of Justice,—The name, official duties, and salary of each person appointed to the Department of Justice and branches since 1st January, 1894?

Mr. Slattery answered,—This information must be moved for in the usual way.

- (6.) Appointments to the Mines Department during 1894:—*Mr. Molesworth*, for *Mr. Lonsdale*, asked the Secretary for Mines,—The name, official duties, and salary of each person appointed to the Department of Mines and Agriculture and branches since 1st January, 1894?

Mr. Slattery answered,—The reply given to the last Question will apply to this Question also.

- (7.) Proposed Bore on the Brewarrina-Gongolgon Road:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. Lee*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the proposal to put down a bore on the Brewarrina-Gongolgon Road was protested against by the Mines Department, on the report of a competent officer?

(2.) Is such a bore now being made under direction of the Public Works Department?

(3.) Is this bore 3 miles from a Government tank, on which a considerable sum has been expended, as well as 6 miles from a permanent supply of water?

(4.) Will he lay upon the Table all documents connected with this transaction?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) No official information has reached this branch protesting against the Bendermere bore.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) There is a Government tank for stock purposes about 5 miles from the bore.

(4.) I have no objection if moved for in the usual way.

- (8.) Leave of Absence to *Mr. Thompson*, Government Valuator:—*Mr. Sydney Smith*, for *Mr. Lee*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What was the original term of leave of absence which *Mr. Thompson*, Government Valuator, applied for on the plea of ill-health?

(2.) Has that term been extended for a period of twelve months?

(3.) Does he draw the full amount of his salary during that period?

(4.) Is it not a fact that *Mr. Thompson* is now in sound health?

(5.) Is *Mr. Waller* paid the same salary as *Mr. Thompson* while performing his duties?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) Six weeks.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) I cannot say, but he certainly was not when the leave of absence was granted to him, and I do not think it is likely that he is.

(5.) Yes.

- (9.) Establishment of Model Farm on the Garra Reserve:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Has he yet decided to take any steps for establishing a model farm on the Garra reserve, near Molong; if so, when is the work likely to be proceeded with?

(2.) Is it not a fact that the officers of the Agricultural Department under his control have repeatedly reported in favour of the Garra reserve as a most admirable site for establishing a model farm; if so, why has so important a matter been kept so long in abeyance?

(3.) Is it not a fact that wheat, fruit, &c., grown by settlers at Garra, have for years taken first prizes in Sydney and other agricultural societies in the Colony?

(4.) Is he aware that the reserve contains an area of over 600 acres of first-class agricultural soil and climate, &c., a most suitable site for establishing a silk-worm industry, and the growth of the mulberry?

(5.) Is he likely to utilise part of this land by the planting of 4 or 5 acres of mulberry trees during the present season; if so, when will the work be proceeded with?

(6.) Will he, in the interest of agriculture and the development of the silk-worm industry, request the chief officer of the Agricultural Department to send in a report on the matter?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) The Garra reserve, in common with several other reserves, has been reported upon as suitable for the establishment of a model farm. Definite action regarding the final selection of sites for these farms has been delayed in consequence of limited funds.

(3.) Garra is known to be eminently suited for the cultivation of wheat, fruit, &c.

(4.) Yes.

(5.) Inquiries are being made as to the possibility of establishing a small mulberry plantation at Garra at a slight cost.

(6.) Yes.

- (10.) Price of Ammunition:—*Mr. Bavister* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) On what date will the reduced charges for ammunition (which are even then 50 per cent. higher than neighbouring colonies) come into force?

(2.) Is it intended to continue the use of the Flemington range for rifle shooting; and if so, at what date is it likely to be available for practice?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) The reduced charges are at present in force, being 40 per cent. under cost price.

(2.) This matter is under consideration.

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- (11.) **Condemned Cattle** :—*Mr. Molesworth*, for *Mr. Donald*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) What is done with the cattle condemned as unfit for food at the abattoirs?
 - (2.) Is it true that some of them are sent up the country and sold to country butchers?
 - (3.) Will he make inquiries, with a view to insure their destruction?
- Mr. See* answered,—
- (1.) They are scored and thoroughly saturated with kerosene, and are then allowed to be removed to the boiling-down works.
 - (2.) No.
 - (3.) No inquiries are necessary. It is impossible for meat that has been kerosened to enter into human or animal consumption.
- (12.) **Compensation paid to Mr. E. Terry for Land Resumed for Railway Purposes** :—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. Tonkin*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What amount did *Mr. E. Terry* claim as compensation for the land taken for railway purposes on the Great Northern Railway?
- Mr. See* answered,—£3,078 9s. 2d.
- (13.) **Petition sent by Progress Committee at Fifield** :—*Mr. Morgan* asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) On what date was a petition received, sent by the Progress Committee at Fifield, asking for the resumption of land upon which gold has been discovered?
 - (2.) When did the Warden visit the field to report on the proposed resumption?
 - (3.) When was the Warden's report sent to the Department?
 - (4.) About what time will this matter be dealt with, and what is the cause of delay?
- Mr. Slattery* answered,—The date of the petition cannot be given as it is with the Warden, but the Lands Department is about to be asked to cancel the conditional lease.
- (14.) **Compensation to Messrs. Garvan and Others, in connection with Lismore Railway** :—*Mr. Jones* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House all papers, correspondence, &c., relating to the matter of compensation to Messrs. Garvan, Campbell, and others, in connection with the Lismore Railway?
- Mr. Lyne* answered,—I cannot undertake to do this; it would involve the production of an immense mass of papers, and I feel certain if the Honorable Member saw them he would agree with me that it would be unfair to put the country to the expense of doing so.
- (15.) **Inspectors of Government Bores** :—*Mr. Jones* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What are the names of the Inspectors of Government Bores appointed during the last eight months?
 - (2.) Had these Inspectors any special qualifications?
 - (3.) Were there none of the public servants, either retrenched or retired, who could have performed these duties?
- Mr. Lyne* answered,—
- (1.) *Mr. E. Evans*, *Mr. W. K. Jeffery*, *Mr. J. H. Crick*, *Mr. C. S. Hoskins*, and *Mr. J. Walsh* (who was promoted from another branch).
 - (2.) They have all proved themselves qualified for the work.
 - (3.) This is a very wide question; if there were such public servants their claims did not come under my notice.
- (16.) **Public School Building at West Leichhardt** :—*Mr. Neild* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the new public school building at West Leichhardt is not being constructed in accordance with the specifications?
 - (2.) Are the purlins of the roof nailed instead of bolted, as required by the specifications?
 - (3.) Has the Clerk of Works ever made an inspection of the roof?
 - (4.) Has he looked at the whole work oftener than once a month?
- Mr. See* answered,—
- (1 and 2.) No.
 - (3 and 4.) Yes.
- (17.) **Grants to the Queanbeyan District** :—*Mr. McCourt* asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) In view of his assurances that the most rigorous retrenchment has been carried out by the present Government, is there any accuracy in the following statement in the *Queanbeyan Age*, of the 30th instant:—"The Grants to the Queanbeyan District.—£23,000 in three years.—*Mr. E. W. O'Sullivan, M.P.*, writes:—Whilst thanking your Bungendore reporter for his sketch of the proceedings at the banquet recently given to me, I desire to point out that he appears to have slightly misunderstood my reference to the £23,000 obtained by me as special grants to the district. That sum has been granted during the past three years, not, as your reporter appears to have thought, for the period which has elapsed since I was first elected, nine years ago. The total amount for the nine years would be nearer £60,000 than £23,000. I was giving an account of my stewardship since last election, and therefore only referred to the period which has elapsed since then. I enclose you in round numbers the items which go to make up the £23,000 referred to:—*Tharwa bridge*, £4,500; *Michelago bridge*, £1,000; *Mill Creek bridge*, £400; *Woolshed Creek bridge*, £1,000; *bridge over Molonglo River, at Yass Road*, £1,300; *Crisp Creek bridge*, £180; *Captain's Flat roads*, £3,500; *Norongo road*, £300; *White Pinch road*, £150; *drainage at Bungendore*, £700; *drainage at Queanbeyan*, £1,000; *Michelago Court-house*, £1,500; *Majura road*, £100; *improvements to minor roads, bridges, &c.*, £2,500; *Cooma road*, £240; *two bridges over the Shoalhaven and one at Tarago, on borders of Braidwood and Queanbeyan district* (for which *Mr. Chapman, M.P.*, deserves more than half the credit), £3,900, my share "being about £1,800; *two bridges near Foxlow* (yet to be erected), £1,400; *Brindabella road*, " £300;

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“ £300; Bredalbano and Thonfod roads, £100; Cavan road, £300; Post Office at Bungendore and Gininderra (pending decision as to sites), £700; recreation reserve at Captain's Flat, £70. The above does not include the £12,000 spent upon classified roads during the past three years ” ?

(2.) If the above is accurate, how much money remains available and unexpended at the present time for the public works in other constituencies ?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) The whole of the works referred to have not been carried out within the time specified. If the Honorable Member moves for a return he will obtain a list of the whole of the works.
- (2.) The Honorable Member ought to have more sense than to ask such a Question.

(18.) Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board:—Mr. Jeanneret asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Will he state what is the whole debt chargeable to the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board as at 31st December, 1893, for water and sewerage works within and under the Board's jurisdiction, as shown by the Board's report to the Minister ?

(2.) Is the amount so stated the correct amount ?

(3.) What was the proportion of annual revenue to capital cost of the reticulation works for water supply within the City of Sydney for the year 1893 ?

(4.) Can he say what was the proportion of annual revenue to capital cost of sewerage reticulation within the City of Sydney for 1893 ?

(5.) What was the gross return per cent. on the debt for 1893 of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board ?

(6.) What was the return per cent. after deducting expenses ?

(7.) What was the surplus (if any) of revenue, over interest and expenses, to the credit of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board on 31st December, 1893, as shown by the Board's report to the Minister ?

(8.) What was the total interest paid by the metropolitan municipalities for water and sewerage service for 1893 ?

(9.) Is the surplus of revenue (if any arising) from the Board's taxation, over and above depreciation, interest, and working expenses, available for expenditure by the Board or available for reduction or equalisation of taxation by the Board; if not, to what purpose is the surplus of taxation of ratepayers in the Metropolitan area of the Water and Sewerage Board devoted ?

(10.) Have the Water and Sewerage Board requested the Government to introduce a Bill to enable the Board to recover rates by means of levy and distress in addition to the remedy of recovery before the Supreme Court, the District Courts, and the Courts of Petty Sessions, to which remedies it is stated by the Board that they are at present limited ?

(11.) If so, is it the intention of the Government to introduce such a Bill during this Session ?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I must refer the Honorable Member to the answer I gave yesterday to a series of somewhat similar questions, but, may state at once, that it is not the intention of the Government to introduce this Session any measure of the kind referred to.

(19.) Appointment of Deputy Registrars:—Mr. Cook asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that nearly the whole of the Deputy Registrars recently appointed under the Electoral Act are members of the Civil Service already in receipt of salaries ?

(2.) In view of the widespread distress and dearth of employment, will he consider the advisability of giving this work to some of the competent men now in the ranks of the unemployed ?

Mr. Sec answered,—

(1.) Yes, to a large extent.

(2.) The matter shall have my attention.

2. NAVIGATION ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Murphy, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Murphy then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to further amend the ‘Navigation Act of 1871.’*”

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 ‘Navigation Act of 1871,’*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 31st May, 1894.

3. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS (*Railway from Temora to Wyalong*):—

Mr. Garrard, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table, Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, Appendices, and Plans, from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works on the proposed Railway from Temora to Wyalong.

Ordered to be printed.

4. PAPERS:—Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—Copy of agreement entered into by land-owners and others in connection with a Flood Waters Relief Drain from Tuckumbil Creek to Evans River.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Slattery laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 23rd May, 1894,—“*Adulterated ‘Liquors now or recently in Bond.’*”

Ordered to be printed.

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5. TOLLS ON RANDWICK AND COOGEE ROADS ABOLITION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Lyne moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Lyne, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that a *Point of Order* had arisen in the Committee, and obtained leave to sit again so soon as the decision thereon should have been given.
Point of Order:—The Chairman stated that during the consideration of clause 2 an amendment was submitted to prevent any toll being levied by the Borough of Randwick on roads other than those referred to in the clause, which amendment he held to be beyond the scope of the clause, and therefore out of order. His ruling being questioned, he had been directed to report the point for Mr. Speaker's decision.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Speaker decided that the proposed amendment had no relevancy to the objects of the Bill, and was clearly beyond the scope of the clause.
Mr. Speaker then left the Chair, and the Committee resumed.
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 on Tuesday next.

6. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Tamworth Water Supply Works Bill:—

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 Tamworth, counties of Inglis and Parry, and to apply the provisions of the 'Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880,' and any Act amending the same, to the said works,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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Sydney, 31st May, 1894.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

(2.) Armidale Water Supply Works Bill:—

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 Armidale, county of Sandon, and to apply the provisions of the 'Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880,' and any Act amending the same, to the said works,*"—returns the same to Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 31st May, 1894.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

7. CROWN LANDS ACT OF 1889 DECLARATORY 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 declare the meaning of the words 'the publication of the Report of the said Board,' as used in the forty-third section of the 'Crown Lands Act of 1889,'*"—with the amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 31st May, 1894.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

CROWN LANDS ACT OF 1889 DECLARATORY BILL.

Schedule of the Amendment referred to in Message of 31st May, 1894.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, clause 1, line 17. Omit "forty days" insert "a reasonable time"

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman of Committees.

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

Whereupon, 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 amendment 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 amendment.

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

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to declare the meaning of the words 'the publication of the Report of the said Board,' as used in the forty-third section of the 'Crown Lands Act of 1889.'*"

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8. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTORATES AND ELECTIONS ACT OF 1893 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2) :—
Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to amend the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 31st May, 1894.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTORATES AND ELECTIONS ACT OF 1893 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2).

Schedule of the Amendments, referred to in Message of 31st May, 1894.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Pages 1 and 2, clause 1. *Omit* clause 1.
 Page 2, clause 2, line 6. *Omit* "by affidavit or solemn declaration"
 Page 2, clause 2, line 11. *After* "and" *insert* "on receiving the Elector's Right originally issued
 "may"
 Page 2, clause 2, line 11. *After* "therewith" *omit* remainder of clause.
 Page 2, clause 3, line 20. *After* "within" *omit* remainder of clause, *insert* :—
 Section eighty-two, subsection (11), question (1), is amended by the substitution of the words "the District for which the Elector's Right now exhibited by you was issued" for the words "this District"
 Page 2. *After* clause 3 *insert* the following new clause :—
 Any person tendering his vote under section eighty-two of the Principal Act, if still a resident in the District, for a Division of which he obtained his Elector's Right, shall be entitled to vote for such District, notwithstanding that he shall have changed his place of residence from such Division to another in the same District, and the term "qualification" in the prescribed question (11) in the aforesaid section shall be held to mean residence in the District for a Division in which he acquired his Right. Elector moving from one Division to another may still vote for his District.
 Page 2, clause 4, line 24. *Omit* "Every" *insert* "In each District the Electoral"
 Page 2, clause 4, lines 24 and 25. *Omit* "thirtieth day of May" *insert* "seventh day of June"
 Page 2, clause 4, line 29. *After* "Registrar" *insert* "and of the Deputy Registrars for such
 "District"
 Page 2, clause 4, line 29. *After* "Rights" *insert* "and substituted Electors' Rights"
 Page 2, clause 4, line 30. *After* "issued" *insert* "under sections thirty-six, thirty-eight, and
 "thirty-nine of the Principal Act"
 Page 2, clause 4, line 30. *After* "which" first time occurring *insert* "Rights"
 Page 2, clause 4, line 30. *Omit* "the" *insert* "such"
 Page 2, clause 4, line 30. *Omit* "for which he is Registrar"
 Page 2, clause 4, line 31. *After* "which" *insert* "names"
 Page 2, clause 5, line 34. *Omit* "Every" *insert* "Each such"
 Page 2, clause 5, line 34. *Omit* "any"
 Page 2, clause 5, line 36. *Omit* "the Clerk of the Revision Court for" *insert* "one of the Clerks
 "of Petty Sessions in"
 Page 2, clause 5, line 38. *Omit* "who" *insert* "which person"
 Page 2, clause 5, line 39. *Omit* "fifteenth" *insert* "twentieth"
 Page 2, clause 6, line 41. *Omit* "The Revision Clerk" *insert* "Such Clerk of Petty Sessions"
 Page 2, clause 6, lines 41 and 42. *Omit* "thirty-first day of May" *insert* "seventh day of June"
 Page 2, clause 6, line 42. *Omit* "twelfth" *insert* "eighteenth"
 Page 2, clause 6. At end of clause *add* "and he shall act as Revision Clerk at such Court"
 Page 2, clause 7, line 47. *Omit* "The additional Lists" *insert* "Each additional List"
 Page 2, clause 7, line 47. *Omit* "fifteenth" *insert* "twentieth and if necessary also on the twenty-
 "first"
 Page 2, clause 8, lines 52 to 54. *Omit* "If the Court be satisfied that an Elector's Right for the
 "District has been issued to any duly qualified person and that such person is not already
 "enrolled the Court shall insert his name" *insert* "It shall be the duty of such Court to
 "inquire whether Electors' Rights for such District have been duly issued under sections
 "thirty-six, thirty-eight, and thirty-nine of the Principal Act to persons duly entitled
 "thereto but not enrolled, and in each case in which the said Court shall be satisfied that
 "an Elector's Right for such District has been so duly issued to a person still entitled
 "thereto, and that such person has not yet been enrolled for such District, the said Court
 "shall insert such person's name"
 Page 2, clause 8, line 56. *After* "thereof" *insert* "certified as correct under the hand of the
 "Presiding Magistrate"
 Page 2, clause 8, lines 57 and 58. *Omit* "and printed by the Government Printer" *insert* "who
 "shall cause the same to be at once printed, and shall forthwith forward a sufficient
 "number of copies thereof to the proper Returning Officer"
 Page 3, clause 9, line 1. *Omit* "with the advice of the Executive Council"
 Page 3, clause 10, line 10. *Omit* "Parliament" *insert* "the Legislative Assembly"
 Page 3, clause 10, line 10. *Omit* "Parliament" *insert* "Legislative Assembly"
 Page 3, clause 11, line 13. *After* "Act" second time occurring *insert* "of 1894"
 Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,

Chairman of Committees.

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

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Whereupon, 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 Sir George Dibbs, the report was adopted.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893.'*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 31st May, 1894.*

9. CAMELS AND DROMEDARIES IMPOUNDING 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. Slattery, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Slattery, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
10. PUBLIC WORKS BETTERMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 1 JUNE, 1894, A.M.

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

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

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

11. POSTPONEMENTS:—The Orders of the Day of Government Business Nos. 4 to 13 postponed until after General Order of the Day No. 1.
12. MUNICIPAL GAS ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Melville 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. 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 without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Melville, the report was adopted.
Ordered (after Debate), that the Bill be now read a third time.
(2.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Melville, *passed*.
Mr. Melville then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the 'Municipal Gas Act of 1884.'*"
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 'Municipal Gas Act of 1884.'*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 1st June, 1894, a.m.*
13. JOHNSTONE'S BAY STORM-WATER 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 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 on Tuesday next.

The House adjourned, at seven minutes after Five 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. 57.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 5 JUNE, 1894.

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 Sir George Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) First Offenders Probation Bill:—

R. W. DUFF,
Governor.

Message No. 50.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Criminal Law so far as regards the punishment of persons convicted of first offences, and persons undergoing imprisonment or penal servitude,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 1st June, 1894.

- (2.) Apprentices Bill:—

R. W. DUFF,
Governor.

Message No. 51.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate and amend the law relating to Apprentices,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 1st June, 1894.

- (3.) Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893 Further Amendment Bill (No. 2):—

R. W. DUFF,
Governor.

Message No. 52.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend 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, 2nd June, 1894.

- (4.) Tamworth Water Supply Works Bill:—

R. W. DUFF,
Governor.

Message No. 53.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of works of Water Supply for the town of Tamworth, counties of Inglis and Parry, and to apply the provisions of the 'Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880,' and any Act amending the same, to the said works,*"—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, 5th June, 1894.

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(5.) Labour Settlements Act Amendment Bill:—

R. W. DUFF,
Governor.

Message No. 54.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Labour Settlements Act,'*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 5th June, 1894.

(6.) Armidale Water Supply Works Bill:—

R. W. DUFF,
Governor.

Message No. 55.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of works of Water Supply for the town of Armidale, county of Sandon, and to apply the provisions of the 'Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880,' and any Act amending the same, to the said works,*"—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, 5th June, 1894.

(7.) Reconstructed Companies Bill:—

R. W. DUFF,
Governor.

Message No. 56.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to facilitate the carrying out the Reconstruction Schemes of certain Companies,*"—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, 5th June, 1894.

(8.) Crown Lands Act of 1889 Declaratory Bill:—

R. W. DUFF,
Governor.

Message No. 57.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to declare the meaning of the words 'the publication of the Report of the said Board,' as used in the forty-third-section of the 'Crown Lands Act of 1889,'*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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Sydney, 5th June, 1894.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Mail Waggon and Carts:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for *Mr. Chapman*, asked the Postmaster-General,—

- (1.) Who are the contractors for mail waggons and carts required in his Department?
- (2.) Are these contracts given privately or publicly tendered for?
- (3.) If contracts have been let privately, will he in future have same publicly tendered for?
- (4.) Have several firms offered to do the work at a much cheaper rate per annum than it costs at present?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

- (1.) There are no contractors for mail waggons and carts.
- (2.) Tenders are invited as required.
- (3.) No contracts have been let privately.
- (4.) No.

(2.) Delivery of Goods from Bathurst Railway Station to the Gaol:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. Lee*, asked the Minister of Justice,—Referring to *Mr. Lec's* Questions of 29th May, will he say,—

- (1.) When tenders were invited for the delivery of goods from the railway station, Bathurst, to the gaol?
- (2.) The names of tenderers?
- (3.) If tenders were not invited, why not?
- (4.) The name of the present contractor?
- (5.) The price per ton paid to *Wright, Heaton, & Co.*?

Mr. Kidd answered,—The Government Architect reports as follows:—

- (1.) 8th May, 1893.
- (2.) *H. B. Thomas and Sons, B. Cutter, Wright, Heaton, & Co.*
- (3.) Tenders were invited.
- (4.) *B. Cutter*, at 2s. 6d. per ton cartage.
- (5.) 6s. per ton was paid to *Wright, Heaton, & Co.* previous to tenders being invited.

(3.)

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(3.) Officer of Agricultural Department:—*Mr. Sharp*, for *Mr. McGowen*, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a civil servant receiving a fixed salary from the Agricultural Department is allowed to retain his private office, compete for commercial work, and also employ other artists in his office on commercial work?

(2.) If so, will he take steps to have this altered, in justice to the other competing artists?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) The Department's artist is performing his duties in his private office pending the completion of necessary alterations in the Department's new premises. He does not in any way compete for commercial work, and has severed his business connection with the artists with whom he was formerly associated, who are, however, it is understood, carrying on their business in the name of the old firm.

(2.) No officers in the Department are or will be allowed to compete for commercial work.

(4.) Exhibition of Plans and Specifications of proposed Public Works:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for *Mr. Rose*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In consideration of the importance of the City of Goulburn will he cause all plans and specifications of proposed public works relating to the Southern district to be exhibited at the Goulburn Court-house?

Mr. See answered,—Wherever the course proposed is considered necessary it will be followed.

(5.) Compensation to *Mr. George Hill* for Land resumed at Woolloomooloo Bay:—*Mr. McCourt* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What is the agreed, or paid, compensation to *Mr. George Hill* for land resumed at Woolloomooloo Bay?

(2.) Is it true that in settling the recent action with *Mr. Hill* the Government agreed to take more land from him; if so, to what value?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) Agreed compensation, £16,240.

(2.) It is not true.

(6.) Case of Senior-constable *Gorman* and Constable *Byers*:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has any departmental action been taken by him in the case of Senior-constable *Gorman* and Constable *Byers*, who were tried at the Water Police Court, in November last year, on a charge of conspiracy?

(2.) Is it a fact that both of the constables were called upon to show cause why they should not be dismissed from the Police Force; if so, will he give the reason why they are still on duty?

(3.) Will he have any objection to laying the whole of the papers in connection with the case upon the Table of the House?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Inspector-General of Police:—

(1.) There has been full inquiry, and the charge referred to was dismissed.

(2.) The constables were called upon for reports in their defence. The papers were submitted to the Attorney-General, and on review of all the facts, the Inspector-General did not feel justified in directing the dismissal of the men.

(3.) No, provided that they are moved for in the usual way.

(7.) Railway Embankment at Como:—*Mr. Nicholson* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the railway embankment at Como, which is composed of sand and loose stones, is being excavated by a *Mr. Wills* for the purpose of erecting a building on the reposing angle of the bank for a boat-letting house?

(2.) Is it a fact that the toe of the embankment under water is to be disturbed by the driving of piles into it, and which will interfere with the navigation of the river?

(3.) In view of the accident which recently occurred at this place by the trucks running over the embankment into the river, what steps are to be taken to prevent any portion of a train from falling on the boat-house in the event of any similar accident; has he considered the possible loss of life and claims for compensation in case of such accident on a public holiday, when the boat-house may be full of people?

(4.) Referring to the land under the waters of the river at Como to be occupied by *J. H. Wills*, by permission of the Railway Commissioners, and said by them to be acquired by resumption, under water, what is the area of the said resumption under water, and from whom was the said land under water resumed?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) I am informed that the railway embankment at Como is not being excavated by *Mr. Wills*, nor will the building when erected repose on the angle of the said bank.

(2.) The toe of the embankment will not be disturbed by the driving of piles, nor will the navigation of the river be interfered with.

(3.) The accident referred to did not occur at this place, nor is it possible for any such accident to endanger the existence of the boat-house in question.

(4.) The area of land acquired by resumption is a strip of 3 chains in width, extending across *George's River* from its northern to southern banks, and the said land was resumed from the Crown.

3. DESPATCH TO GOVERNOR OF NEW ZEALAND IN REFERENCE TO APPOINTMENTS TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Young* moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House a copy of the despatch of the Marquis of Ripon, dated 26th September, 1892, to the Governor of New Zealand, and the correspondence which led up to the same, in reference to appointments to the Legislative Council.

Question put and passed.

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5th June, 1894.

4. TOLLS ON RANDWICK AND COOGEE ROADS ABOLITION BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. See, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to repeal the 'Randwick and Coogee Road Trust Act, 1854,' the 'Amended Randwick and Coogee Roads Trust Act of 1868,' the 'Randwick and Coogee Roads Transfer Act of 1869,' and the 'Randwick Toll-gate Removal Act'; to declare the roads referred to in the said Acts to be public roads; and to prevent the collection of Tolls thereon.*"

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 'Randwick and Coogee Road Trust Act, 1854,' the 'Amended Randwick and Coogee Roads Trust Act of 1868,' the 'Randwick and Coogee Roads Transfer Act of 1869,' and the 'Randwick Toll-gate Removal Act'; to declare the roads referred to in the said Acts to be public roads; and to prevent the collection of Tolls thereon,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 5th June, 1894.*

5. CAMELS AND DROMEDARIES IMPOUNDING BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. See read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to further amend the 'Impounding Act of 1865,' and the Acts amending the same, and to amend the 'Public Watering Places Act of 1884.'*"

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 'Impounding Act of 1865,' and the Acts amending the same, and to amend the 'Public Watering Places Act of 1884,'*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 5th June, 1894.*

6. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

- (1.) Parramatta Street Watering Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act 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,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 5th June, 1894.*

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

- (2.) Fisheries Act Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Fisheries Act of 1881' in certain respects,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 5th June, 1894.*

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

FISHERIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 5th June, 1894.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, clause 1, line 7. *After "lawful" insert "in such places and at such times as are defined "by the Governor on the recommendation of the Commissioners of Fisheries for the time "being"*

Page 1, clause 1, line 10. *After "and" insert "the mesh of such net"*

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

- (3.) Betting (Infants') Bill (*changed from*) BETTING AND LOANS (INFANTS') BILL:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having taken into consideration the Message from the Legislative Assembly, dated 29th May, 1894, in reference to the Betting and Loans (Infants') Bill:—

Disagrees from the amendment in the Title which proposes to insert the words "wagering "with or"

- (1.) Because the said amendment is foreign to the original scope and intention of the first clause of the Bill, as indicated in the Title, namely, to render penal the inciting infants to betting and wagering by inviting them to do so by circulars or other documents, and not to make punishable the simple act of wagering with them under all circumstances.

(2.)

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- (2.) Because it is undesirable to pass a law so drastic in its provisions as to render punishable by fine and imprisonment the mere act of wagering with an infant for an amount, however small, upon even a boat-race, or cricket match, or other innocent amusement of a like kind.

Disagrees from the amendment in clause 1, which proposes to insert the words "actually wagers with or,"—for similar reasons.

Disagrees from the amendment in clause 3, which proposes to insert the words "wagered with or,"—for similar reasons.

Agrees to the remaining amendments made by the Legislative Assembly in this Bill.

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Sydney, 5th June, 1894.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, that this Message be taken into consideration To-morrow.

7. PROPOSED STANDING ORDERS:—Mr. Young, on behalf of the Chairman, brought up from the Standing Orders Committee a Report, with Standing Orders prepared by that Committee.
Ordered to be printed.

8. PAPERS:—

Mr. Copeland laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 21st March, 1894,—"Special Areas."

Ordered to be printed.

Sir George Dibbs laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order, made on 19th April, 1894,—"Brush Farm, Parramatta River."

(2.) Despatch respecting retention of title of "Honorable" by Presidents of the Legislative Council and Speakers of the Legislative Assembly.

(3.) Amended Regulations under the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Acts of 1893.

(4.) By-laws of the Borough of Newcastle, under the Newcastle Paving and Public Vehicles Regulation Act.

(5.) Regulations for the nautical school-ship "Sobraon."

(6.) New and amended By-laws of the Sydney University.

(7.) Report of the Minister of Public Instruction for the year 1893.

Ordered to be printed.

(8.) Reports respecting the management of the licensed House for the Insane at Cook's River, known as "Bay View."

9. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Jeanneret rising to move the adjournment of the House,—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice under 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 manner in which special leases "on harbour frontages and reclamation rights are dealt with by the Government."

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

10. HOSPITAL ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Waddell moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

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

11. OPERATION OF THE SHIPPING LAWS:—Mr. Kelly, 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 23rd January, 1894, together with Appendix,—and moved, That the Document be printed.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

12. BETTING AND GAMBLING SUPPRESSION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—and Mr. E. M. Clark proceeding to move, That this Bill be now read a second time,—

Mr. Crick raised a Point of Order, that the Bill contained provisions beyond the order of leave,—Notice was taken that there was not a quorum present.

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only eighteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely, Mr. Black, Mr. E. M. Clark, Mr. Crick, Mr. Donald, Mr. Edden, Mr. Fegan, Mr. Gormly, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Langwell, Mr. McCourt, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Newton, Mr. Scott, Mr. Slatery, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Vaughn, and Mr. Wall,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at twenty-five minutes after Ten 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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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 6 JUNE, 1894.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Market for Goulburn Potatoes:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for *Mr. Rose*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is he aware that there are about 10,000 tons of potatoes in the Goulburn district unsaleable for the want of a market?
 - (2.) Is he aware that Sydney and suburbs buy nearly all their potato supply from the adjoining colonies?
 - (3.) Is he aware that large consignments of potatoes are carried from Tasmanian ports as low as 5s. per ton?
 - (4.) Is he aware that Goulburn consignors, sending less than 6 tons to Sydney, are charged at the rate of 13s. 3d. per ton, with a charge of 9s. 6d. per 6-ton lots?
 - (5.) Is he aware that last year, when potatoes were bringing double the present price, the freight from Goulburn to Sydney was only 8s. 6d. per ton?
 - (6.) Under the circumstances, is it his intention to take any steps towards securing to the New South Wales farmer a market for the produce referred to?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—I have no doubt that the facts which the Honorable Member professes to allege in asking Questions 1 to 5 are perfectly correct; but as I am not up in the potato business, I cannot answer them. As to Question No. 6, I should like to ask the Honorable Member, after his utterances of last week in this House, what measure of support I am likely to have from him in regard to any alteration of the duties?

- (2.) Lismore to Tweed Railway:—*Mr. Nicoll* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In view of the two sections of the Lismore to Tweed railway now being opened, and the necessity of tram-lines as feeders to convey cane to the railway having arisen, will he expedite the construction of these lines, through the Railway Commissioners, and relieve the pressing wants of the producers of the district?

Mr. See answered,—The line has not been opened long enough to demonstrate by actual experience of the working the necessity or otherwise for these feeding lines. So far the traffic has been small.

- (3.) Visit of Messrs. Beaver, Docker, Tarleton, and Watkin to Norfolk Island:—*Mr. Kelly*, for *Mr. Black*, asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that Messrs. Beaver, Docker, Tarleton, and Watkin have lately gone on judicial business to Norfolk Island?
- (2.) If so, what is the nature of that business?
- (3.) How are these gentlemen at present employed?
- (4.) Are their passages paid?
- (5.) Are their expenses allowed?
- (6.) Are they to receive any remuneration; if so, how much?

Mr. Kidd answered,—I am informed by my honorable colleague, the Attorney-General, as follows:—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) For the case of a trial of murder, under Commission from His Excellency the Governor of Norfolk Island.
- (3.) Judge Docker is District Court Judge for the Western Circuit, Mr. Beaver is Clerk of the Peace, Mr. Watkin is one of the Parliamentary Draughtsmen, and Mr. Tarleton is a Barrister-at-law.

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- (4.) Not by this Colony.
 (5.) Not by this Colony.
 (6.) None from this Colony. This Colony will be put to no expense. The party will be a very short time absent. Judge Docker's time is his own for the next few weeks. Mr. Tarleton is not in the Government service. A short leave of absence has been granted to Messrs. Watkin and Beaver. It was found that in consequence of the near approach of the close of the Session and the state of the criminal business of the Colony, both these gentlemen could be spared for a time without detriment to the public service. The arrangement has been made at the request of His Excellency the Governor, and to help him out of a great difficulty, in which he was placed as Governor of Norfolk Island, the laws of that island making no provision for, and its exchequer being unable to bear the expense of, an ordinary trial of the capital offence which is alleged to have been committed.
- (4.) Mr. H. H. Macdonnell, candidate for Willoughby Electorate:—Mr. Black asked the Minister of Justice,—
 (1.) Is it a fact that H. H. Macdonnell, clerk in the Bankruptcy Court, is now a declared candidate for election to Parliament for Willoughby?
 (2.) Was this gentleman once in the Government employ at Bega?
 (3.) Is it not usual to discharge civil servants who persist in seeking the suffrages of the electors?
Mr. Kidd answered,—
 (1 and 3.) Mr. Macdonnell was a candidate for Parliament for the electorate named, but having been informed that he must either resign his position in the Bankruptcy Office or retire from his candidature, he chose the latter alternative.
 (2.) No.
- (5.) Briefs against the Crown:—*Mr. Fegan*, for Mr. Hutchison, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he introduce a Bill next Parliament preventing any member of Parliament, being an attorney or barrister, from accepting a brief against any Department of the Crown?
Sir George Dibbs answered,—I propose to wait until I see what the next Parliament is composed of.
- (6.) Pinhoe Patent Refuse Destructor Company's Works:—*Mr. Stevenson* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has Dr. Ashburton Thompson inspected the Pinhoe Patent Refuse Destructor Company's works; and, if so, would he have any objection to lay the report upon the Table of this House?
Sir George Dibbs answered,—There is such a report in the possession of the Health Department, and I will endeavour to lay it upon the Table to-morrow.
- (7.) Leases of Pastoral Tenants:—*Mr. Chanter* asked the Secretary for Lands,—Referring to the several applications made by pastoral tenants under the 43rd clause of the Amending Land Act of 1889 to the various Land Boards, and the Boards' recommendations thereon, will he undertake that no action be taken on these, or any renewals of leases be granted or refused, until the new Parliament has assembled, and been given an opportunity of amending the law dealing with the whole question?
Mr. Copeland answered,—I conceive it my duty to give effect to the law in force for the time being, and were I inclined to act otherwise such action would be illegal and of no avail.
- (8.) Bridge over Cooma Creek:—*Mr. Johnston*, for Mr. Dawson, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What is the cause of delay in the acceptance of the tender for erection of bridge over Cooma Creek?
Mr. Copeland answered,—The Secretary for Public Works has furnished the following reply:—The delay was caused by the Department having to wait for an answer from the Cooma Council as to whether they were prepared to construct the approaches to the bridge in question, that being considered a matter which should be left to that body. A reply has now been received that they are willing to accept the responsibility, and a tender for the bridge will be at once accepted.
- (9.) Subletting of Contract for Gun-room at Victoria Barracks:—*Mr. Bavister* asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) Is he aware that some contractors for gun-room at Victoria Barracks have sub-let part of their contract at an unreasonably low price, and that the men have been compelled to abandon it?
 (2.) Did the contractors then obtain men from the Labour Bureau, at 5s. per day, to do the work requiring skilled carpenters?
 (3.) If he is in favour of public works being done at such prices, will he take steps to see that the work is done by the State employing the labour direct, so preventing contractors sweating workmen on Government works?
Sir George Dibbs answered,—I am not aware, but will cause inquiries to be made.
- (10.) Australian Hardwood Blocks:—*Mr. Stevenson* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) Has his attention been called to a paragraph in the *Sydney Morning Herald* of the 18th May, giving an account of a paper read at the Royal Society by Mr. Walter A. Smith, M.I.C.E., which states that if Australian hardwoods were used in London street pavements, instead of soft woods, a saving of about £11,000 would result in every mile of road, during a period of twenty-one years, besides providing a better pavement than that now in use?
 (2.) With the view of bringing our Australian hardwood blocks, for street-paving at home, before the authorities in England, would he have a copy of the paper laid upon the Table of this House?
Mr. Copeland answered,—My honorable colleague has not yet had time to consider the statements contained in the newspaper referred to, but he will do so. He is not, however, in a position to lay the paper upon the Table of the House, as the document is not a public one, and is not in his possession, but, if he obtains it, it shall be laid upon the Table to-morrow.

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- (11.) Erskineville Public School :—Mr. Bavister asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) The name of the architect, also of the builder or contractor for the building, in connection with the Erskineville Public School, which recently partly collapsed?
 - (2.) Were the plans and specifications of the building in question submitted to and approved by the Architect to the Public Instruction Department prior to the building being erected?
 - (3.) Was any supervision exercised over the building while in course of erection by any Government officer, or did any such officer examine, inspect, or approve of the work when completed?
 - (4.) If not, upon whose certificate was the building accepted by the Public Instruction Department as being erected in a manner befitting all necessary requirements?
 - (5.) Are the officers of the Department satisfied that the building was well designed, and that it was erected in a sound and workmanlike manner?
 - (6.) If not, will he consider the advisability of taking steps for the recovery of damages from those, whose default in design and construction, have led to such a serious mishap?
- Sir George Dibbs* answered,—I have been furnished with the following :—
- (1.) The architects were Messrs. Blackman and Parkes. The original contractor was Mr. R. H. Troughton, but the contract was afterwards transferred to Mr. A. Rees.
 - (2.) Yes.
 - (3.) No; the Minister intrusted the carrying out of the works wholly to the architects employed.
 - (4.) On the certificate of Messrs. Blackman and Parkes.
 - (5.) There was no fault in the design, but the execution has proved to be defective in several points.
 - (6.) The matter will receive consideration.

- (12.) Water-supply and Sewerage Works at Manly :—Mr. Haynes asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the ratepayers in the municipality of Manly number not over 1,100, and that the municipal indebtedness is now £54,000?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that the water-supply works, estimated by the Department to cost £17,000, have cost £34,000?
 - (3.) Is it a fact that he is endeavouring to force on the same municipality, despite local opposition, a project for the extensive laying of pipes for sewerage purposes, and that the Department declines to state exactly the certain cost of the undertaking?
- Mr. Copeland* answered,—In answer to these Questions, I can only inform the Honorable Member that my colleague, the Minister for Works, emphatically denies that he is in any way endeavouring to force upon the Municipality of Manly any project for sewerage works; but I understand the Municipal Council has conformed to all the requirements of the law, and is anxious the work should be carried out. If that is so, tenders will be invited without delay; and if the tenders are higher than estimated, the Council will have an opportunity of withdrawing from the scheme. The principal opponent is Mr. C. H. Hayes, of Manly.

- (13.) Newtown and Erskineville Public Schools :—Mr. Molesworth asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the Newtown and Erskineville Public Schools are so full that children are being refused admission on the ground of there being no room for them?
 - (2.) Will he take immediate steps to supply increased school accommodation for this district?
- Sir George Dibbs* answered,—
- (1.) Twelve children have been refused admission to the Infants' Department of the Newtown Public School, as the number for which accommodation is provided was reached. None, however, have been prevented from attending the Erskineville Public School.
 - (2.) The school accommodation of the district is amply sufficient, as other schools in the locality are not nearly full.

- (14.) Assistant Clerk of Petty Sessions at Balmain :—Mr. Black asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that H. W. Tarrant has been appointed Assistant Clerk of Petty Sessions at Balmain?
 - (2.) If so, at what salary?
 - (3.) How long has he been in the Government service, and what was his salary prior to this promotion?
 - (4.) Were there no other officers in the Department entitled by superior ability and lengthier service to this position?
- Mr. Kidd* answered,—
- (1.) No; Mr. Tarrant has been authorised to act as a temporary clerk in the Police Office at Balmain during the absence, on official duty, of Mr. McAlister at Glen Innes.
 - (2.) He is receiving salary at the rate of £125 per annum.
 - (3.) Two years' service, and his salary prior to his transfer to the Petty Sessions Branch was £100 per annum.
 - (4.) As the position is of a temporary nature only for a limited period, the claims of other officers have not been overlooked.

- (15.) Courts of Conciliation and Arbitration Act :—Mr. Houghton asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- Is it his intention, as promised, to bring in a Bill to amend the Courts of Conciliation and Arbitration Act in the direction of compelling both parties to a dispute to place their case before the Court of Arbitration, with a view to the same being passed into law before the close of the Session?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—If Parliament remains in Session long enough I shall be glad to introduce such a Bill; but I fear that that will not be the case.

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- (16.) Tenderers for Repairs to Telegraph Lines from Wiseman's Ferry, &c.:—Mr. Stevenson asked the Postmaster General,—Will he have any objection to lay upon the Table of the House a return showing,—
- (1.) The names of tenderers for repairs to telegraph lines as under:—(a) Wiseman's Ferry to Farley; (b) Wollombi to Whittingham; (c) Wiseman's Ferry to St. Albans?
 - (2.) The amount of each tender received, and all papers and correspondence having reference to the acceptance of Mr. John Doyle's tender?
- Mr. Kidd answered,—I will lay the papers upon the Table of the House to-morrow night.
- (17.) Lecture by Mr. Dauncey, on Company Promotion:—Mr. McCourt asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is he aware that the object of a lecture delivered by a Mr. Dauncey, at the Y.M.C.A. Hall, on Tuesday, 29th May, and at which he (the Minister) took the Chair, was for the purpose of Company promotion?
 - (2.) If so, does he consider it consistent with his position as Minister for Works to assist Company promoters in his official capacity?
 - (3.) Have any proposals been made by Mr. Dauncey for the manufacture of iron and steel required for Government services; and if so, what are they?
 - (4.) Will he lay upon the Table of the House all correspondence relating to this subject?
- Mr. Copeland answered,—My honorable colleague in taking the chair at this lecture did not in any way identify himself with the promotion of any Company, and he considers himself perfectly justified in assisting by any means in his power the establishment of works which, if successfully carried out, will be of immense benefit to the Colony.
2. ADDITIONAL SITTING DAY (*Sessional Order—Formal Motion*):—Sir George Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That, during the remainder of the present Session, unless otherwise ordered, Friday in each week be a sitting day of this House, that the House meet at Four o'clock p.m., and that Government Business take precedence.
Question put and passed.
3. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Betting and Gambling Suppression Bill postponed until Tuesday next.
4. PAPERS:—Mr. Copeland laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 101st 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 and 109th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
Ordered to be printed.
5. MINING ON PRIVATE LANDS BILL (No. 2):—The Order of the Day having been read, on motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

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 Council's amendments.

Mr. Copeland then moved, That the report be now adopted.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 54.

Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Sec,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Slatery,	Mr. Dawson,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Donnelly,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Newman,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Bowes,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Scott,	Mr. Sheldon,
Sir W. P. Manning,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Francis Clarke,	Mr. Newton,
Mr. Colls,	Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Crick,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Marks,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Miller,	Mr. Willis,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,	Mr. Schey.
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. Cruickshank,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Wall,	Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Hassall.

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Mr. Burdekin,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Sydney Smith,	
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Fegan.
Mr. Jones,	
Mr. G. D. Clark,	
Mr. Haynes,	
Mr. Gould,	
Mr. Reid,	
Mr. Hart,	
Mr. Lees,	
Mr. McCredie,	
Mr. Molesworth,	
Mr. Lonsdale,	
Mr. McGowen,	
Mr. Langwell,	
Mr. Cann,	
Mr. Edden,	
Dr. Hollis,	
Mr. Darnley,	
Mr. Danahey,	
Mr. Bavister,	
Mr. Wise,	
Mr. Davis,	
Mr. Cotton,	
Mr. Kelly.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered

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6th June, 1894.

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 legalise Mining on Private Lands; to provide for charging rents in connection therewith, and for the resumption of land or the surrender by way of exchange and the granting of other lands in lieu thereof 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.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 7th June, 1894, a.m.

- G. TOLLS ON RANDWICK AND COOGEE ROADS ABOLITION 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 repeal the 'Randwick and Coogee Road Trust Act, 1854,' the 'Amended Randwick and Coogee Roads Trust Act of 1868,' the 'Randwick and Coogee Roads Transfer Act of 1869,' and the 'Randwick Toll-gate Removal Act'; to declare the roads referred to in the said Acts to be public roads; and to prevent the collection of Tolls thereon,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 6th June, 1894.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

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

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

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 7 JUNE, 1894.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Officers of the Second Regiment:—*Mr. Stevenson*, for *Mr. Hugh McKinnon*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he cause an inquiry to be made in order to ascertain the reason why the following officers have been retired from the Second Regiment during the last twelve months, namely, Colonel Burnett, Major D. Fraser, Major A. Fraser, Captain Stack, Captain Chilcott, Lieutenant Shipway, Lieutenant Anderson, Lieutenant Mason, and Lieutenant Geddes?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—I have not had time to make a formal inquiry, but I can assure the Honorable Member that it shall be done when Parliament goes into recess; and when I have more time upon my hands.

(2.) Crown Lands sold in Land Districts of Deniliquin and Hay:—*Mr. Kelly*, for *Mr. Chanter*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) What area of land has been sold by public auction in the Land District of Deniliquin since the Land Law of 1884 to date?

(2.) What was the average price per acre?

(3.) What area of land has been conditionally purchased at £1 per acre?

(4.) What area of land has been selected under the special area clause?

(5.) What was the average price per acre?

(6.) Will he supply similar answers in respect to lands sold in the Land Districts of Hay and Urana?

Mr. Copeland answered,—To end of 1893:—

	Area.			Average price per acre.		
	a.	r.	p.	£	s.	d.
Deniliquin—						
Sold by auction	51,454	3	12½	1	18	6½
Conditionally purchased within special areas—						
Country	85,583	1	0	1	15	5
Suburban or within population areas	6,270	3	0	2	15	3
Ordinary conditional purchases	61,864	1	27	1	0	0
Hay—						
Sold by auction	61,497	3	31	1	10	10½
Conditionally purchased within special areas—						
Country	22,353	1	0	1	12	8
Suburban or within population areas	Nil.			Nil.		
Ordinary conditional purchases	212,371	1	20	1	0	0
Urana—						
Sold by auction	20,244	0	18	2	4	0
Conditionally purchased within special areas—						
Country	34,420	0	0	1	19	3
Suburban or within population areas	254	2	10	3	0	0
Ordinary conditional purchases	20,430	1	25	1	0	0

(3.) Machinery for Railway Level-crossing Gates:—*Mr. Schey* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—On what date was the first lot of machinery for operating railway level-crossing gates received into the Government stores from England?

Mr. See answered,—I am informed that it was in May, 1880.

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(4.) Dynamo for Electric Lighting of Sydney Branch of Royal Mint:—Mr. Fegan asked the Postmaster-General,—

- (1.) Did the specification for electric lighting of the Royal Mint make it imperative that an Elwell-Parker dynamo of a certain size be used?
- (2.) Was the officer who compiled the specification the only holder of such a dynamo in this Colony?
- (3.) Did the officer supply the said dynamo to the contractors?
- (4.) Is the same officer consulting electrician on works outside the Department—amongst others, the Illawarra Steamship Company and Balmain New Ferry Steamship Company?
- (5.) Is it not the rule in the Department that officers shall not be interested in outside work?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

- (1.) The specification provided for the supply of an Elwell-Parker continuous-current dynamo of 4,800 to 5,000 volts.
- (2.) The officer who compiled the specification is an officer of the Works Department, who has, or had, no interest in any dynamo.
- (3.) No.
- (4.) No.
- (5.) Yes.

(5.) Homestead Lease in the Brewarrina District:—Mr. Langwell asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Has he received a communication relating to a homestead lease, No. 674, Brewarrina district?
- (2.) Is it his intention to take any action in this case?
- (3.) Has he any objection to lay any papers in connection with this case upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

- (1.) Yes, with respect to a transfer of the lease.
- (2.) All necessary action has already been taken by the Department.
- (3.) There would be no objection, but the papers could not now be laid upon the Table prior to the prorogation.

(6.) Road between Molong and Gumble:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has any tender been invited yet for repairing the Road between Molong and Gumble via Redbank; if so, when is the work likely to be proceeded with, and what is the cause of the delay?
- (2.) Is he aware that the road is in a most dangerous state?

Mr. Lyne answered,—No, but tenders will be invited almost immediately.

(7.) Persons relieved at the Benevolent Asylum in Sydney:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) The number of persons relieved weekly or monthly at the Benevolent Asylum in Sydney, and the amount of provisions served out weekly or monthly to the same?
- (2.) Why are provisions made for relieving the distressed at the Benevolent Asylum in Sydney, and not in inland towns and districts of the Colony, where distress is in many cases equally as great and as keenly felt as in Sydney?
- (3.) Will he see that some provision is made for relieving the poor and distressed during winter in inland towns, the same as is done in Sydney?
- (4.) How much does the Benevolent Asylum in Sydney cost the Colony annually?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—I will lay upon the Table to-morrow a Return giving the information desired.

(8.) Fees paid to Members of Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works,—Mr. Edden, for Mr. Fegan, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What sums have been paid as fees to each member of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works since the 22nd October, 1892?
- (2.) What sums have been paid as travelling allowances to each member of such Committee since the 22nd October, 1892?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The information asked for will be furnished in the shape of a Return as soon as possible.

(9.) Revenue Receipts for the Month of May:—Mr. Hugh Taylor, for Mr. Jeanneret, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—With reference to the published statements of revenue for May last, showing a substantial increase of £22,228 over the receipts for May, 1893,—

- (1.) Will he explain if there is in reality an increase of the amount stated in the postal receipts of £11,788, and if there is in reality a decrease in the telegraph receipts of £4,477, or whether, if truly stated, and the two accounts taken together, the position of revenue is not exactly or approximately the same as in 1893, and that the stated surplus of £11,788 in the postal receipts does not exist?
- (2.) Will he explain the cause of this apparent increase in the postal receipts of £11,788, if it does not really exist, and why is it thus shown?
- (3.) Taking the whole revenue together, does he still estimate a surplus for May, 1894, of cash received of £22,228 over May, 1893, or, if not, will he state what it is, in intelligible terms?

Mr. See answered,—Taking the whole month's revenue together, there is a surplus in cash of £22,528, as compared with the revenue for the corresponding month of 1893. This surplus is actual, not estimated. The increase in the receipts for postage stamps is in consequence of the purchase of stamps used for payment of telegraph messages, in accordance with an arrangement recently brought into operation. A transfer from postal to telegraph revenue of the estimated value of stamps so used is made quarterly. I may add that consequent upon the introduction of the system of paying for telegraphic messages by postage stamps, it is impossible to state the exact revenue from each Department separately. There is, however, a net increase of £7,300 in the combined receipts as compared with those for May, 1893.

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2. PROPOSED STANDING ORDERS (*Formal Motion*):—Sir George Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House now agrees to, and adopts the Standing Orders as brought up by the Standing Orders Committee, and ordered to be printed on the 5th June, 1894, and authorises Mr. Speaker to present such Standing Orders to His Excellency the Governor for approval.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 34.

Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Sec,	Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Colls,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Francis Clarke,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Bruncker,	Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Dowel,	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Newton,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Murphy.
Dr. Ross,	
Mr. Barbour,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Sharp,	Mr. O'Sullivan.

Noes, 21.

Mr. Hindle,	Mr. Hutchinson.
Mr. Hutchison,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. G. D. Clark,	Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Danahey,	Mr. Fegan.
Mr. Schey,	
Mr. Rose,	
Mr. Kelly,	
Mr. Miller,	
Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,	
Mr. Houghton,	
Mr. Walker,	
Mr. Darnley,	
Mr. Cook,	
Mr. Edden,	
Mr. Nicholson,	
Mr. Gormly,	
Mr. Chapman,	
Mr. Langwell,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

3. JOHNSTONE'S BAY STORM-WATER SEWERS 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 certain Storm-water Sewers discharging into Johnstone's Bay, Port Jackson.*"

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 certain Storm-water Sewers discharging into Johnstone's Bay, Port Jackson,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 7th June, 1894.

4. HOSPITAL ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Waddell, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Waddell then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to further amend the Law relating to the management of Hospitals.*"

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 Law relating to the management of Hospitals,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 7th June, 1894.

5. DISTRESS FOR RENT ABOLITION 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 abolish Distress for Rent, and to abolish Preferential Payments in certain cases.*"

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 abolish Distress for Rent, and to abolish Preferential Payments in certain cases,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 7th June, 1894.

6. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, relative to "Post Office Savings Bank—National Bank," postponed until To-morrow.

7. PAPERS:—

Mr. Slattery laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Despatch respecting Extradition Treaty between Portugal and Great Britain.

(2.) Amended By-law of the Borough of Morpeth.

(3.) By-law of the Municipal District of Adamstown.

(4.) By-laws of the Borough of Kiama.

(5.) Notification of resumption, under the "Public Works Act of 1888," of land for Public School purposes at Bonville.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Kidd laid upon the Table,—Return respecting repairs to telegraph lines in the Districts of Wiseman's Ferry, Wollombi, and St. Albans.

Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—Return respecting Australian hardwood blocks.

Ordered to be printed.

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8. CAMELS AND DROMEDARIES IMPOUNDING 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 further amend the 'Impounding Act of 1865,' and the Acts amending the same, and to amend the 'Public Watering Places Act of 1884,'*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 7th June, 1894.*

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

CAMELS AND DROMEDARIES IMPOUNDING BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 7th June, 1894.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2. *After clause 2, insert the following new clause:—*

The provisions of sections eighteen and twenty-eight of the "Impounding Act of 1865" shall not apply to unbranded camels or dromedaries.

Page 2, Schedule I, line 15. *Omit "4" insert "1"*

Page 2, Schedule I, line 15. *Omit "12" insert "4"*

Page 2, Schedule I, line 16. *Omit "4" insert "1"*

Page 2, Schedule I, line 16. *Omit "12" insert "4"*

Page 2, Schedule II, line 20. *Omit "One shilling" insert "For the first, threepence; and for every other trespassing and impounded at the same time, one half-penny."*

Page 2, Schedule II, line 21. *Omit "One shilling" insert "For the first, threepence; and for every other trespassing and impounded at the same time, one half-penny."*

Page 2, Schedule III, line 25. *Omit "One shilling" insert "Threepence"*

Page 2, Schedule III, line 26. *Omit "One shilling" insert "Threepence"*

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,

Chairman of Committees.

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

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Slattery, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the 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. Slattery, 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 further amend the 'Impounding Act of 1865,' and the Acts amending the same, and to amend the 'Public Watering Places Act of 1884.'*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 7th June, 1894.*

9. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Fegan rising to move the adjournment of the House,—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice under Standing Order No. 15, respecting motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House "to consider a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the necessity of rendering financial assistance to Municipalities."

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at nine minutes after Nine 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. 60.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

FRIDAY, 8 JUNE, 1894.

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

JOHNSTONE'S BAY STORM-WATER SEWERS 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 certain Storm-water Sewers discharging into Johnstone's Bay, Port Jackson,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 7th June, 1894.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Ham College Exhibits at the Hawkesbury Agricultural Show:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) How many exhibits did the Ham Agricultural College exhibit at the late Hawkesbury Agricultural Show on the 10th, 11th, and 12th May last; what did the exhibits consist of; and was any prize awarded for them?

(2.) Is it a fact that the College only sent in two exhibits, viz., two cheeses (which the students had to pay for), and another exhibit, called the "famous spotted dog," a kind of seed-cake?

(3.) Will he see that steps are taken to have all agricultural produce grown at Ham College with the aid of artificial manures exhibited at the next Hawkesbury Agricultural Show, so that the public may have an opportunity of witnessing the kind and quality of produce grown annually at the College, and which is supported at the public expense?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) No exhibits were entered for competition, consequently no prize could be awarded; but 12 head of cattle of several breeds were sent to the Show as non-competitive exhibits.

(2.) A student who has taken the diploma of this institution, and is now a dairy student, was allowed to exhibit two cheeses and samples of fresh and salt butter made by himself. A first and a second prize were awarded to him for the cheeses. The student in question was not charged anything. I do not understand the reference to "famous spotted dog," unless it refers to a joke current amongst the students.

(3.) The College authorities will be glad to exhibit all agricultural produce grown with the aid of artificial manures at the Hawkesbury College. At the two former Shows of the Hawkesbury Agricultural Society, very extensive exhibits were shown, representing nearly all produce that could be grown upon a farm. As the College grounds abut upon the Society's Show grounds, a majority of the visitors took the opportunity of driving round the farm, and seeing the various crops in actual growth. An excellent display was also made at the Show of the Royal Agricultural Society in Sydney, on 21-27 March last. These exhibits represented the results of manurial experiments in almost everything that could be produced on farm, orchard, also results in apirary and dairy; and the comments made by the judges and the metropolitan press were most favourable.

(2.) Specimens, &c., Purchased for the Technological Museum:—*Mr. Barbour* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Will he please to lay upon the Table of this House a Return of all specimens, materials, and books purchased for the Technological Museum from the end of 1889 up to date; giving date of purchase, description, amount paid, from whom obtained, and where now located?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—It is impossible to obtain this information on so short a notice.

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- (3.) Employment of Official Stenographers in the Dominion of Canada:—*Mr. Fegan*, for *Mr. Scott*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he obtain for the information of Parliament a report from *Mr. Charles Lyne*, upon the general system of the employment of official stenographers in the various law courts in the Dominion of Canada?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—I will give the matter consideration before the mail leaves.

- (4.) Influx of Japanese, Javanese, and Cingalese into Queensland:—*Mr. Nicoll* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that at present there are large numbers of Japanese, Javanese, and Cingalese pouring into the Colony of Queensland, and taking the place of Australian citizens in various avenues of employment, besides being a racial danger to the future of the Australian people?

(2.) Will he send a protest to the Government of Queensland, in so far as one friendly Government can do to another, to restrict this immigration of Asiatics so fraught with danger to Australia as a whole?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—As soon as the House adjourns, and I have a little more time upon my hands, I will give the matter every consideration.

- (5.) Case of Major-General Richardson:—*Mr. Edden*, for *Mr. Schey*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What amount per year was agreed to be paid by the friends of Major-General Richardson to *Dr. Vause* for the detention and treatment of that unfortunate officer?

(2.) What amount per year have the friends of the said unfortunate officer agreed to pay to the Government for his detention and treatment in a State Asylum?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—This is a question which I think ought not to be asked. Certainly I do not intend to answer it.

- (6.) Powers Vested in the Attorney-General as Grand Jury:—*Mr. Nicholson*, for *Mr. Hutchison*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he take steps to abolish the powers now vested in the Attorney-General, as Grand Jury, in finding or not finding of true bills against persons committed for criminal offences, and establish the grand jury system in lieu thereof?

Sir George Dibbs answered,—The present system has always worked well, and is much more economical, convenient, and expeditious than the grand jury system, and there is no reason for making any change.

- (7.) Proposed Bore on the Brewarrina-Gongolgon Road:—*Mr. Jones*, for *Mr. Lonsdale*, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the officers of the Mines Department refused to recommend the proposal to put down a bore on the Brewarrina-Gongolgon Road?

(2.) Has the Minister given a decision in favour of the work being carried out?

(3.) If not, will he state his reasons for declining to sanction the proposal?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) Yes; as the requirements of the district were not sufficient to justify the expense, and the prospect of success were small.

(2.) No.

(3.) Answered by No. 1.

3. CASE OF REGINA v. BYRNES AND OTHERS—IMPERIAL LAND, BUILDING, AND DEPOSIT COMPANY (LIMITED):—*Mr. Slattery* (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Clerk have leave to return to the custody of the Attorney-General's Department the papers and depositions in the case *Regina v. William Byrnes and others*, charged with conspiracy in connection with the Imperial Land, Building, and Deposit Company (Limited), laid upon the Table of the Legislative Assembly, and ordered to be printed on the 17th May, 1894.
Question put and passed.

4. PAPERS:—

Mr. Copeland laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 23th February, 1894—"Resumption of Messrs. Westcott, Watts, and Davey Brothers' Conditional Leases in the Parkes Land District."

Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—Return (*in part*) to an Order made on 12th October, 1893,—"Darling Harbour."

Ordered to be printed.

Sir George Dibbs laid upon the Table,—Return respecting relief afforded by the Benevolent Asylum.

Ordered to be printed.

5. ADJOURNMENT:—*Mr. E. M. Clark* 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, namely, Betting shops and Gambling in the City and Suburbs, and the neglect of the police in not suppressing the same."

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.

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6. PRECEDENCE OF CERTAIN BUSINESS :—Sir George Dibbs proceeding to move,—That the following Business be taken immediately after Government Business this day, and in the following order :—
- (1.) Mr. Dowel's Notice of Motion for the restoration to the Notice Paper of the Order of the Day relative to the Council's amendments in the Australasian Rights Purchase Bill
 - (2.) Post Office Savings Bank—National Bank; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Dowel, for the adoption of the Report from the Select Committee, brought up on 16th May, 1893.
 - (3.) Betting (Infants') Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Council's Message of 5th June.
 - (4.) Fisheries Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's amendments.
 - (5.) Mr. Hoyle's Notice of Motion in favour of the sum of £500 being 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,—

Point of Order :—Mr. Neild requested Mr. Speaker's attention to the fact that this motion if carried, would in effect supersede the Sessional Order passed by this House on the 15th May, 1894, by giving precedence to a Notice of Motion of General Business, in contravention of that Sessional Order, a course which should not be taken without first suspending that Order in express terms.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker stated that he had looked very carefully into the matter, and for the reasons stated, and others which he pointed out, ruled that the motion was out of order.

7. POSTPONEMENTS :—Sir George Dibbs moved, That the whole of the Orders of the Day of Government Business (Nos. 1 to 9) be postponed until Tuesday next.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

8. POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK—NATIONAL BANK :—The Order of the Day having been read for the 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."

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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.

Sir Henry Parkes moved the Previous Question.

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

Debate continued.

Previous Question,—That that Question be now put,—put and passed.

Original Question put, That the Report from the Select Committee on 'Post Office Savings Bank—National Bank,' brought up on the 16th May, 1893, be now adopted.

The House divided.

Ayes, 40.

Mr. Fegan,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Rose,	Dr. Hollis,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Francis Clarke,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Sehey,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Black,
Mr. G. D. Clark,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Colls,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Bavister,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Donald,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Dowel.
Mr. Tonkin,	
Mr. Hassall,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. O'Sullivan.

Noes, 17.

Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Jeanneret,
Mr. Slattery,
Sir George Dibbs,
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Torpy,
Mr. See,
Mr. Hart,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Cruickshank.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Molesworth.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put.

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8th June, 1894.

The House divided.

Ayes, 36.

Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Torpy,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. See,	Mr. Hassall,
Sir George Dibbs,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Francis Clarke,	Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Sheldon,	Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Hugh McKinnon,	Mr. Bruncker,
Mr. Hart,	Mr. Colls,
Mr. Sharp,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Newton,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Chanter.
Mr. Johnston,	
Mr. J. D. FitzGerald,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Donald.

Noes, 16.

Mr. Fegan,
Mr. G. D. Clark,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Lees,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Darnley,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Cann,
Dr. Hollis.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Campbell.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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.



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,
R. 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 tenth day of July proximo, and the same stand so prorogued accordingly.

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

By His Excellency's Command,
GEORGE R. DIBBS.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

1894.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

BUSINESS UNDISPOSED OF AT THE CLOSE OF THE SESSION.

(PROROGUED, 11 JUNE, 1894.)

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Narrabri to Moree Railway Bill ; second reading.
2. Medical Bill (*Council Bill*) ; second reading.
3. Disorderly Conduct Suppression Bill (*Council Bill*) ; second reading.
4. Public Works Betterment Bill ; third reading.
5. Parramatta Friendly Societies Hall Bill ; second reading.
6. Artesian Wells Regulation Bill ; second reading.
7. Additional Conditional Purchases and Leases Validation Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
8. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
9. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. DOWEL to move, That 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, which lapsed on 20th February, 1894, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for this day.
2. MR. HASSALL to move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1894 a sum of money as a special endowment to all municipalities out of the Consolidated Revenue.
3. MR. KELLY to move, That the Motion passed by this House on 7th June, 1894, dealing with the Standing Orders, be now rescinded.
4. MR. NEILD to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Application of Mr. J. F. Connelly to mine in the parish of Currajong," brought up on 1st May, 1894, be now adopted.
5. MR. FEGAN to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Working of Collieries," brought up on 8th May, 1894, be now adopted.
6. MR. KELLY to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Operation of the Shipping Laws," brought up on 5th June, 1894, be now adopted.
7. MR. DANAHY to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the "Municipalities Act of 1867" and the "Municipalities Act Amendment Act of 1892" in certain particulars.
8. MR. FEGAN to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—
 - (1.) The name and salary of each person employed in the Department of Agriculture (*a*) on 1st July, 1893, (*b*) on 1st May, 1894.
 - (2.) A copy of the Under Secretary's report on the proposed retrenchment and reorganization of the Department of Agriculture, made about April, 1893 ; together with a copy of all subsequent reports and minutes by the Under Secretary and the Chief Clerk on the reorganization of the Department.
 - (3.) The total emoluments drawn by Mr. J. H. Maiden, as an officer in the Public Service.
 - (4.) From what fund is the Minister paying the amount being spent in the college, farm buildings, and residences, and the expenses of carrying on experimental farms in country districts.
9. MR. HAYNES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a copy of the report of His Honor Judge Backhouse, together with the evidence in the matter of the Royal Commission of Inquiry as to the charges of Thomas Loder, Justice of the Peace, against J. K. Cleeve, Police Magistrate at Penrith.

10. **MR. DOWEL** to move,—
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that mining settlements be established at the principal mining centres or other parts of the Colony, as may from time to time be deemed advisable.
 (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
11. **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.
12. **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.
13. **MR. PARKES** to move,—
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient to start extra relief works of a payable nature in close proximity to the City of Sydney to exhaust the unemployed labour centred there and unable to escape.
 (2.) That with this object in view the contemplated completion of the Burwood Road to Liverpool railway should be referred to the Public Works Committee without further delay.
14. **MR. GARRARD** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the metropolitan penny postage area should be extended to the boundaries of the county of Cumberland.
15. **MR. NEILD** to move, That the following Standing Order be adopted by this House, and presented by Mr. Speaker to His Excellency the Governor for approval:—That no notice of motion, expressing in respectful language dissent from the ruling of Mr. Speaker, shall be mutilated or suppressed without the opinion of the House being previously taken thereon.
16. **MR. HUGH TAYLOR** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should place on the Additional Estimates a sum of £1,000 for the purchase of a site for a public park at North Granville.
17. **MR. GORMLY** to move,—
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that in framing an amending Land Bill provision should be made so that relief may be given to resident holders of special areas where it can be shown that an excessive price has been placed on the land.
 (2.) That the above resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
18. **MR. G. D. CLARK** to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Case of Staff-sergeant "W. Jiffkins," brought up on 9th May, 1894, be now adopted.
19. **MR. R. G. D. FITZGERALD** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence relating to the alleged use of the recreation ground at Muswellbrook for the purpose of training horses.
20. **MR. BLACK** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers and correspondence concerning the dismissal of James Hill from the Engineering Department of the Railway Service.
21. **MR. KELLY** to move, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Seamen's Laws Consolidation Act.
22. **MR. ROSE** to move, That in the opinion of this House,—
 (1.) The present abnormal rate of interest fixed by the Banks is tending to drive people off the land.
 (2.) The Government should intervene by advancing certain amounts to land-owners on approved security, at 5 per cent. interest.
 (3.) Such advances should have a twenty years currency, with provision for annual repayments of a percentage of principal as well as interest.
 (4.) Such advances should be made by issuing interminable 4 per cent. amalgamated Savings Banks stock.
23. **MR. WADDELL** to move, That in the opinion of this House,—
 The question of opening up fresh markets for the products of our great pastoral and agricultural industries is one demanding the earnest attention of the Government.
 (2.) It is desirable the Government should appoint permanently a trustworthy and capable man to collect all the latest information of a nature likely to assist producers in opening up fresh markets for preserved beef and mutton, butter, tallow, and wool, and to as far as possible draw the attention of residents in European and other countries (who are likely to become purchasers for such products) to the advantages of trading with the Colony.
 (3.) The Government should secure the services of a trustworthy and capable man, of large experience on the London fruit markets, to assist in opening up markets for New South Wales fruit by collecting and supplying to the Agricultural Department of the Colony all the latest information as to the kinds of fruit most saleable in England and on the Continent, the time of the year such fruits are most in demand, the best way to pack and transmit, the most reliable agents to employ in their sale, and any other useful information; also, to occasionally visit the Colony and personally instruct our fruit-growers as to the best modes of packing and preserving fruit for exportation.
 (4.) Such officers should make London their head-quarters, and be under the control and direction of the Agent-General for the Colony.

24. **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.
25. **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.
26. **MR. E. M. CLARK** to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the circumstances of the dismissal of Thomas Buckley from the Public Works Department.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Lyne, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Houghton, Mr. Hoyle, Mr. Gormly, Mr. Walker, Mr. Brunner, Mr. Frank Farnell, and the Mover.
27. **MR. DOWEL** to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to further amend the "Criminal Law Amendment Act."
28. **MR. DOWEL** to move,—
 (1.) That, in consequence of the ruinous fall of prices affecting securities, commodities, and wages, also the uncertainty of national and international exchanges caused to a large extent by the depreciation of silver and the appreciation of gold, it is, in the opinion of this House, desirable that the British Government should co-operate with the great monetary nations of the world for the purpose of making an international agreement to provide for an enlarged use of silver in the following manner:—
 (1.) To establish an open Mint to which every man may take either gold or silver to be coined (subject to Mint charges only).
 (2.) To determine a fixed ratio which the gold and silver coins are to bear to each other.
 (3.) To enact that the money so coined shall be legal tender to any amount at the option of the payer.
 (2.) That the above resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
29. **MR. WILLIS** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all letters, correspondence, &c., in connection with the case *Eddy v. Rescigh Martin*, together with all references to the costs in the said case.
30. **MR. HOYLE** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing the names and salaries of all persons employed in the Public Service of this Colony, other than workmen, who travel at less than the ordinary fares upon our railways.
31. **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 Civil Service Act should be refunded, with interest at the rate of 5 per cent.
32. **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.
33. **MR. LEE** to move, That, in the opinion of this House,—
 (1.) The classification of the Crown lands in the Eastern Division, as hereunder indicated, would encourage more rapid settlement and improve the public estate.
 (2.) In the case of first-class lands, suitable for agriculture, the maximum area now allowed for conditional purchase should be reduced.
 (3.) The area and price of second-class land should be fixed according to quality and locality.
 (4.) The lowest class should embrace the hilly or waste lands, the maximum area for conditional purchase increased, and the price reduced to a minimum of 2s. per acre, payable by instalments extending over a period of fifteen years.
34. **MR. CHANTER** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers, letters, and other correspondence relating to applications for the withdrawal of reserves 760, parish of Coroe, county of Urana, and 2,588, parish of Booranbanilly, county of Urana, from selection, to be granted as a site for artesian water reservation, or submitted to auction sale only.
35. **MR. WILLIS** to move,—
 (1.) That in the opinion of this House it is desirable that the State should, without delay, make provision for a place of safety where inebriates can be properly treated and cared for.
 (2.) That the above resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
36. **MR. LEVIEN** to move,—
 (1.) That no leases except residential leases should be granted on any gold-fields until after a period of three years from discovery.
 (2.) That all lands within proclaimed gold-fields should be under the absolute control of the Mines Department.
37. **MR. LEVIEN** to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the selection made by James Connelly, at Tamworth, of a conditional purchase or conditional purchases Nos. 98, 105, and 106, county of Inglis, parish of Attunga, and the subsequent legal proceedings in the Supreme Court of the actions of James Connelly against John Brogan, the elder, Patrick Brogan, John Brogan, the younger, and James Brogan.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Copeland, Mr. Dowel, Mr. Hassall, Mr. Wall, Mr. Davis, Mr. Fegan, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Murphy, and the Mover.
 (3.) That the Minutes of the Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee of Session 1890 be referred to such Committee.

38. **MR. HOYLE** to move,—
 (1.) That as the development of the iron industry within the Colony is certain to lead to other important developments, and to aid the Colony in the direction of greater reliance on its own and intercolonial resources, this House affirms the necessity of the Government taking steps calculated to encourage the production and manufacture of all iron for use in the Colony.
 (2.) That the foregoing resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
39. **MR. PERRY** 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 certain farmers on the North Creek, near Ballina, to compensation for losses sustained by them in consequence of the shoaling of the mouth of that creek, brought about by the construction of the harbour works.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Lyne, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Garrard, Mr. McCourt, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Edden, and the Mover.
40. **MR. CHANTER** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence, papers, letters, &c., in connection with the withdrawal from selection of about 3,000 acres of land situate on Boonoke pastoral holding, Land District of Deniliquin, submitted to auction at Deniliquin about two years since.
41. **MR. CHANTER** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence, papers, letters, &c., in connection with the application for revocation of reserves, with the view of their submission for auction sale only, on Deniliquin pastoral holding.
42. **MR. NICOLL** to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the selection made by Thomas McGuire, at Murwillumbah, on the 23rd August, 1888, of a conditional purchase, No. 88, and transferred to Peter Nelson on 30th November, 1891.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Copeland, Mr. Perry, Mr. Davis, Mr. Francis Clarke, Mr. Bowes, Mr. McFarlane, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Hugh McKinnon, and the Mover.
43. **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 circumstances connected with the dismissal of James Cook from the Tramway Service.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Cook, Mr. Bavister, Mr. Langwell, Mr. Scott, Mr. Henry Clarke, Mr. Dowel, Mr. Darnley, Mr. Lees, Mr. Willis, and the Mover.
44. **MR. BARBOUR** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all letters and papers in connection with the special area on Calimo and Tumudgery, Deniliquin Land District, opened for conditional purchase on the 22nd March, 1894.
45. **MR. FULLER** to move,—
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient to start public works of a payable nature for the proper development of the country, and to afford employment to the people.
 (2.) That with this object in view the branch line of railway from Jamberoo to a point on the South Coast line should be referred to the Works Committee without delay.
46. **MR. McMILLAN** to move, That in the opinion of this House it is advisable, in order to simplify and make more intelligible the public accounts, that the following system should be adopted:—
 (1.) All amounts paid out of the Consolidated Revenue should be charged to the account of the year in which they are expended.
 (2.) That the national balance should be the net amount of the Consolidated Revenue account at the close of the financial year, allowing for the due credit of all legitimate suspense accounts, and the debit of all sums actually expended but not brought to account.
 (3.) That as soon as possible after the close of the financial year, a statement shall be drawn up signed by the Under Secretary for Finance and Trade, and by the Auditor-General, stating the exact position of the Consolidated Revenue account, and that the same be laid as soon as practicable upon the Table of this House.
47. **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.
48. **MR. HAYES** to move,—
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is undesirable that Crown lands other than town and suburban lots should be alienated by auction sale pending the passing of an amending Land Act.
 (2.) That the above resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
49. **MR. GARDINER** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, a sum of £120,000 should be devoted to the construction of a series of locks on the Lachlan River, between Cowra and Hillston, in order to conserve flood-waters for the purposes of irrigation and navigation.
50. **MR. COOK** to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the circumstances connected with the cancellation of contracts Nos. 2 and 3, on the Jenolan Caves Road, and which were partially completed by Thomas Martin.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Donald, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Edden, Mr. Bavister, Mr. Darnley, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Lonsdale, Mr. Jones, and the Mover.

51. MR. FRANCIS CLARKE to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the practice of the Department of Lands in declaring Crown lands to be inferior lands should be extended to those lands which are difficult of access and situated on the back creeks of the North Coast district.
52. MR. HOUGHTON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
 (1.) The amount of Road Votes, and how much expended in each and every electorate during the last two years.
 (2.) The amount voted, and how much expended on other public works in each and every electorate during the same period.
 (3.) The amount voted for flood damages in each and every electorate during the last five years.
53. MR. HAYNES to move, That the following Standing Order be adopted by this House, and presented by Mr. Speaker to His Excellency the Governor for approval:—That it shall be competent for any Member without Notice, before the intervention of other business, to submit a motion disagreeing from the ruling of Mr. Speaker or the Chairman of Committees, as the case may be.
54. 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.
55. MR. HOUGHTON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing the names of all prisoners who were released before the expiration of their sentences during the years 1892 and 1893, together with the dates on which they were sentenced and released, the terms of imprisonment to which they were sentenced, the offences of which they were convicted, and the reasons for their release.
56. 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.
57. MR. HOYLE 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.
58. MR. FRANCIS CLARKE to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the present depressed state of our timber industry, and to suggest means for its revival.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Slattery, Mr. McFarlane, Mr. Perry, Mr. Young, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Alfred Allen, and the Mover.
59. MR. ALFRED ALLEN to move, That in the opinion of this House all future appointments to the Civil Service should be submitted, in a monthly return, to the House, with the names of the persons recommending such appointments.
60. MR. HUTCHINSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing severally,—
 (1.) The names, salaries, travelling and other allowances, places of residence, and districts of all inspectors of stock and watering-places engaged in the Public Service for the year 1893.
 (2.) The dates and number of inspections during the year by each officer and the number of days travelled by each officer while on duty during the year 1893.
61. MR. HUTCHINSON to move, That in the opinion of this House,—
 (1.) The various land systems hitherto enacted have proved unsatisfactory, inasmuch as they have failed in the settlement of a thriving yeomanry upon the soil, conduced to the aggregation of large estates, hampered industry, trammelled the legitimate operations of capital, and intensified the industrial distress and widespread depression now prevailing throughout the Colony.
 (2.) It is of paramount importance and imperatively essential that fresh land legislation of a sound, liberal, and comprehensive character should be passed without any delay, in order to induce permanent settlement, stimulate productive enterprise, relieve the congested labour markets, and encourage the growth and expansion of the great interests of the country.
62. MR. HUTCHINSON to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should place on the Estimates a sum of money for the purpose of testing, by means of a diamond drill, the auriferous character and value of quartz reefs at great depths, as well as for boring for artesian supplies of water in that important part of the western country, embracing Parkes, Trundle, Melrose, and Alectown districts.
63. MR. EWING to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers in connection with annual lease No. 92-1, 160 acres, county of Wellesley, land district of Bombala.
64. MR. HAYNES to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon all matters relating to the application by Albert Llewellyn Cadogan for the cancellation of a permit to mine held by Robert Owen, at Kangaroo Mountain, parish of Wagara, county of Buccleuch, being portion of conditional lease 659.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. McCourt, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Hart, Mr. Hugh Taylor, Mr. Rae, Mr. Cook, Mr. Slattery, and the Mover.
65. 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.

66. MR. FRANCIS CLARKE to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the regulations governing the cutting and removal of timber on conditional leases.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Slattery, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Bruncker, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Barton, and the Mover.
67. MR. FRANCIS CLARKE to move, That, in the opinion of this House, none but colonial timber should be used in the erection and construction of public buildings and public works where such is found to be most suitable.
68. MR. HAYNES to move, That in future where it is determined by the Colonial Secretary's Department to assist the indigent with food supplies, orders should be given with the cash value notified thereon for presentation to any grocer or other supplier of food, and not confined to any one particular firm of business people.
69. 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.
70. 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.
71. MR. DOWEL to move,—
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the wharfage on the shores of Port Jackson, including the Government wharves, should be placed under the control of a properly constituted Harbour Board, with power to purchase, improve, borrow money, fix wharfage charges, dues, and all other matters incidental thereto.
 (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to his Excellency the Governor.
72. MR. HUTCHISON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all letters, papers, or other documents relating to and in connection with a dispute existing between the Post and Telegraph Department and Mr. Ford, of Dalmorton, in connection with the occupancy of premises alleged to be owned by Mr. Ford; and also, in connection with the offer of Mr. Ford of premises for a telegraph office, and the acceptance of the same by the Department and the removal therefrom.
73. MR. HUTCHISON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all letters, papers, reports, or other documents in connection with and having reference to an inquiry into certain charges preferred against Mr. Smyth, Postmaster at Dalmorton.
74. MR. CHAPMAN to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for papers and persons, to inquire into and report upon the mining laws and regulations with a view of making necessary amendments.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Slattery, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Dowel, Mr. Tonkin, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Cann, Mr. Edden, Mr. Wall, Mr. Newman, and the Mover.
75. MR. GARDINER to move, That the Return to an Order—"Alienation and Leasing of portions 17 and "18, parish of Mount Allen, county of Blaxland,"—laid upon the Table of this House on 7th June, 1893, be printed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Betting and Gambling Suppression Bill; second reading.
2. Fisheries Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's amendments.
3. Betting (Infants') Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's Message of 5th June, relative to the amendments in this Bill.
4. The Legislative Council; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Black, "That, in the opinion of this 'House,' the public welfare demands such a limitation of the powers of the Legislative Council as will prevent that body from vetoing in future any measure similar in general principles to one previously vetoed by them after its passage through the Legislative Assembly."
 Upon which Mr. J. D. FitzGerald had moved, by way of amendment, That all the words after the word "House" be omitted, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "the Legislative Council is a hindrance to progressive legislation, and ought to be abolished."
5. Homestead Protection Bill, recommitted; to be further considered in Committee.
6. Criminal Law Amendment Bill; second reading.
7. Masters and Servants Bill; second reading.
8. Public Works Committee Amendment Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading.
9. Net-fishing in Port Hacking Prohibition Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
10. Legal Practitioners Bill; second reading.

Legislative Assembly Office,
 Sydney, 11th June, 1894.

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

1894.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

ATTENDANCES OF MEMBERS IN DIVISIONS AND COUNTS-OUT,
DURING THE SESSION OF 1894.

	Divisions in the House.	Divisions in Committee.	Counts-out.	Total.
Abbott, Joseph, Esq.	20	18	1	39
Abbott, The Hon. Sir Joseph Palmer, Kt. (<i>Speaker</i>) .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
A'Becket, William Channing, Esq.	15	17	.....	32
Allen, Alfred, Esq.	21	29	.....	50
Barbour, Robert, Esq.	37	29	.....	66
Barnes, John Frederick, Esq.	36	43	.....	79
Barton, The Hon. Edmund, Esq., Q.C.	19	45	.....	64
Bavister, Thomas, Esq.	51	92	1	144
Black, George, Esq.	47	56	2	105
Booth, Robert, Esq.	1	.....	.....	1
Bowes, John Wesley, Esq.	26	32	2	60
Brown, Edward George, Esq.	9	13	.....	22
Brown, Herbert Harrington, Esq.	8	7	.....	15
Brunker, James Nixon, Esq.	9	16	.....	25
Burdekin, Sydney, Esq.	18	28	.....	46
Campbell, Archibald, Esq.	14	42	1	57
Cann, John Henry, Esq.	50	72	.....	122
Carruthers, Joseph Hector, Esq.	20	25	1	46
Chanter, John Moore, Esq.	17	12	.....	29
Chapman, Austin, Esq.	19	47	.....	66
Clark, Edward Mann, Esq.	17	8	1	26
Clark, George Daniel, Esq.	52	73	1	126
Clarke, Francis, Esq.	40	42	.....	82
Clarke, Henry, Esq.	26	30	1	57
Collins, Charles, Esq.	20	18	1	39
Colls, Thomas, Esq.	25	18	.....	43
Cook, Joseph, Esq.	52	94	3	149
Copeland, The Hon. Henry, Esq.	52	82	1	135
Cotton, Francis, Esq.	33	17	1	51
Crick, William Patrick, Esq.	18	14	1	33
Cruikshank, George Alexander, Esq.	29	56	.....	85
Cullen, Joseph Francis, Esq.	14	13	.....	27
Cullen, William Portus, Esq., LL.D.	13	9	1	23
Dale, David, Esq.	10	.....	.....	10
Danahey, Cornelius James, Esq.	47	86	1	134
Darnley, Edward, Esq.	55	81	3	139
Davis, Thomas Martin, Esq.	27	46	.....	73
Dawson, Henry, Esq.	30	33	.....	63
Dibbs, The Hon. Sir George Richard, K.C.M.G.	47	82	2	131
Dickens, Edward Bulwer Lytton, Esq.	13	21	.....	34
Donald, George, Esq.	49	85	3	137
Donnelly, Denis Cornelius Joseph, Esq.	19	20	.....	39
Dowel, William Springthorpe, Esq.	27	13	.....	40
Edden, Alfred, Esq.	58	97	4	159
Eve, James, Esq. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ewing, Thomas Thomson, Esq.	11	7	.....	18
Farnell, Frank, Esq.	29	44	.....	73
Fegan, John Lionel, Esq.	54	100	4	158
FitzGerald, John Daniel, Esq.	43	38	.....	81
FitzGerald, Robert George Dundas, Esq.	5	12	.....	17
Fuller, George Warburton, Esq.	22	36	.....	58
Gardiner, Albert, Esq.	44	70	1	115
Garrard, Jacob, Esq.	19	27	.....	46
Garvan, James Patrick, Esq.	24	20	.....	44
Gillies, John, Esq.	17	21	.....	38
Gormly, James, Esq.	22	43	1	66
Gough, John George, Esq.	14	13	.....	27
Gould, Albert John, Esq.	24	34	.....	58
Grahame, William, Esq.	33	54	.....	87
Hart, John Shadrach, Esq.	45	59	.....	104
Hassall, Thomas Henry, Esq.	44	93	1	138
Hayes, James, Esq.	12	17	.....	29
Haynes, John, Esq.	25	15	1	41
Hindle, John, Esq.	34	36	1	71

	Divisions in the House.	Divisions in Committee.	Counts-out.	Total.
Hogan, Patrick, Esq.	19	27	.....	46
Holborow, William Hillier, Esq.	16	34	.....	50
Hollis, Leslie Thomas, Esq., M.B., Ch.M.	23	40	.....	63
Houghton, Thomas John, Esq.	36	30	1	67
Hoyle, Henry Clement, Esq.	34	47	.....	81
Hutchinson, George Fairhurst, Esq.	60	103	2	165
Hutchison, Alexander, Esq.	31	59	1	91
Inglis, James, Esq.	1	.....	.....	1
Jeanneret, Charles Edward, Esq.	18	30	.....	48
Johnston, James, Esq.	43	51	.....	94
Jones, Robert, Esq.	25	44	1	70
Kelly, Andrew Joseph, Esq.	44	84	2	130
Kidd, The Hon. John, Esq.	52	61	.....	113
Kirkpatrick, John, Esq.	16	21	.....	37
Langwell, Hugh, Esq.	43	76	3	122
Lee, Charles Alfred, Esq.	21	33	.....	54
Lees, Samuel Edward, Esq.	36	56	.....	92
Levien, Robert Henry, Esq.	19	12	1	32
Lonsdale, Edmund, Esq.	27	68	.....	95
Lyne, The Hon. William John, Esq.	46	82	.....	128
Mackinnon, James Archibald, Esq.	11	1	.....	12
Manning, Sir William Patrick, Kt.	14	24	.....	38
Marks, James, Esq.	13	33	.....	46
Martin, James, Esq.	12	6	.....	18
McCourt, William, Esq.	54	85	1	140
McCredie, George, Esq.	24	22	.....	46
McFarlane, John, Esq.	27	26	.....	53
McGowen, James Sinclair Taylor, Esq.	39	99	1	139
McKinnon, Hugh, Esq.	30	57	1	88
McMillan, William, Esq.	7	12	1	20
Melville, Ninian, Esq. (<i>Chairman of Committees</i>)	43	.....	1	44
Miller, Gustave Thomas Carlisle, Esq.	18	62	.....	80
Molesworth, Edmund William, Esq.	26	37	2	65
Morgan, James, Esq.	31	62	.....	93
Morton, Philip Henry, Esq.	26	23	3	52
Murphy, William Alfred, Esq.	33	43	.....	86
Neild, John Cash, Esq.	25	28	.....	53
Newman, Henry William, Esq.	37	45	.....	82
Newton, James, Esq.	26	74	2	102
Nicholson John Barnes, Esq.	41	39	1	81
Nicoll, Bruce Baird, Esq.	40	30	.....	70
O'Sullivan, Edward William, Esq.	44	68	1	113
Parke, The Hon. Sir Henry, G.C.M.G.	15	8	.....	23
Parke, Varney, Esq.	34	49	.....	83
Perry, John, Esq.	41	23	.....	64
Rae, Arthur, Esq.	32	53	1	86
Reid, George Houston, Esq.	24	33	1	58
Rose, Thomas, Esq.	31	23	.....	54
Ross, Andrew, Esq., M.D.	22	23	1	46
Schoy, William Francis, Esq.	28	79	1	108
Scobie, Robert, Esq.	43	56	1	100
Scott, David, Esq.	30	26	2	58
See, The Hon. John, Esq.	43	88	.....	131
Sharp, William Henry, Esq.	48	77	.....	125
Sheldon, Job, Esq.	35	63	.....	98
Slattery, The Hon. Thomas Michael, Esq.	54	96	2	152
Smith, Bruce, Esq.	3	4	.....	7
Smith, Sydney, Esq.	15	28	1	44
Stevenson, Richard, Esq.	52	89	2	143
Sutton, The Hon. Francis Bathurst, Esq.	43	91	2	136
Taylor, Hugh, Esq.	14	30	2	46
Tonkin, James Ebenezer, Esq.	36	64	1	101
Torpy, James, Esq.	42	69	.....	111
Traill, William Henry, Esq.	21	18	.....	39
Vaughn, Robert Matteson, Esq.	32	53	1	86
Waddell, Thomas, Esq.	24	23	1	48
Walker, Thomas, Esq.	29	10	.....	39
Wall, William Chandos, Esq.	30	32	1	63
Want, John Henry, Esq., Q.C.	4	1	.....	5
Wilkinson, John, Esq.	9	29	.....	38
Wilkinson, Robert Bliss, Esq.	6	11	1	18
Williams, Thomas Henry, Esq.	30	44	2	76
Willis, William Nicholas, Esq.	36	43	1	85
Wise, Bernhard Ringrose, Esq.	7	21	.....	28
Wright, Francis Augustus, Esq.	27	33	60
York, Thomas Henry, Esq.	11	15	26
Young, James Henry, Esq.	32	22	54

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

BUSINESS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NEW SOUTH WALES
DURING THE SESSION OF 1894.

1. New Writs issued	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
2. Select Committees :—										
On Public Matters	...	...	...	...	7					
On Private Bills	...	...	...	...	1					8
3. Standing Committees	...	...	...	...						4
4. Public Bills :—										
Originated in the Assembly—										
Passed last Session (Assent not reported)	...	...	...	...	2					
Received the Royal Assent	...	...	...	...	27					
Otherwise disposed of	...	...	...	...	40					
						69				
Brought from the Council—										
Received the Royal Assent	...	...	...	...	1					
Otherwise disposed of	...	...	...	...	5					
							6	...	...	75
5. Private Bills :—										
Originated in the Assembly—										
Received the Royal Assent	...	...	...	...	3					
Otherwise disposed of	...	...	...	...	1					
							4			
Brought from the Council—										
Received the Royal Assent	...	...	...	...	2					
Otherwise disposed of	...	...	...	...	0					
								2	...	6
6. Petitions received :—										
Printed	...	...	...	...	41					
Not Printed	...	...	...	...	3					
										44
7. Divisions :—										
In the House	...	...	...	...	62					
In Committee of the Whole	...	...	...	...	112					
										174
8. Sittings :—										
Days of Meeting	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	60
Hours of Sitting	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	491 h. 24 m.
Hours of Sitting after Midnight	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	63 h. 29 m.
Daily Average	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8 h. 11 m.
Adjourned for want of a Quorum—										
Before commencement of Business	...	...	...	...	1					
After commencement of Business	...	...	...	...	3					
										4
9. Votes and Proceedings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	60
Entries in Votes and Proceedings—										
Of Business done	...	...	...	...	672					
Of Questions answered	...	...	...	...	654					
										1,326
Daily Average	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22
Entries in Notice Paper—										
Of Questions	...	...	...	...	971					
Of Notices of Motion	...	...	...	...	3,900					
Of Orders of the Day	...	...	...	...	1,886					
Of Contingent Notices	...	...	...	...	0					
										6,757
Daily Average	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	112
10. Contingent Notice Papers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
11. Orders for Papers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	36
12. Addresses for Papers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
13. Other Addresses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
14. Papers laid upon the Table :—										
By Message	...	...	...	...	27					
By Command	...	...	...	...	197					
In Return to Orders	...	...	...	...	32					
In Return to Addresses	...	...	...	...	2					
Reports from Standing and Select Committees	8					
										266
Ordered to be Printed	245					
Not ordered to be Printed	21					
										266

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