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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT

TUESDAY, 18 JULY, 1899.

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 nineteenth day of June, 1899.

Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

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

“ NEW SOUTH WALES, } By His Excellency the Right Honorable WILLIAM, EARL BEAUCHAMP,
“ to wit. } Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael
“ (L.S.) } and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony
“ BEAUCHAMP, }
“ Governor. } of New South Wales and its Dependencies.

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

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

“ By His Excellency's Command,

“ G. H. REID.

“ GOD SAVE THE QUEEN! ”

2. APPOINTMENT OF THE RIGHT HONORABLE WILLIAM, EARL BEAUCHAMP, AS GOVERNOR OF THE COLONY:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Reid, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

BEAUCHAMP,

Governor.

Message No. 1.

The Right Honorable William, Earl Beauchamp, has the honor to inform the Legislative Assembly that Her Majesty has been graciously pleased, by a Commission under her Sign Manual and Signet, bearing date at St. James's, the 3rd day of February, 1899, to appoint him to be Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies, and that on the 18th day of May last he assumed the Government of the Colony accordingly.

Government House,

Sydney, 17th July, 1899.

Ordered to be taken into consideration To-morrow.

3. ELECTORATE OF NORTHUMBERLAND:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that during the recess, in accordance with the direction of the 55th section of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893, he had issued a Writ for the Election of a Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of Northumberland, in the room of Richard Stevenson, Esquire, deceased; and that the said Writ had been duly returned to him, with a certificate endorsed thereon by the Returning Officer, of the election of John Norton, Esquire, to serve as such Member.

18th July, 1899.

4. MEMBER SWORN :—John Norton, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance, and signed the Roll of the House, took his seat as Member for the Electoral District of Northumberland.

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

“ MR. SPEAKER,—

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

The House went,—and being returned, adjourned, on motion of Mr. Bruncker, at twenty-five minutes past Twelve o'clock, until half-past Three o'clock This Day.

The House resumed, pursuant to adjournment.

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

- (1.) Australasian Federation Enabling Bill :—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 2.

A Bill, intituled “ *An Act to make provision for the acceptance and enactment of a Federal Constitution for Australia,*”—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 22nd April, 1899.

- (2.) Conciliation and Arbitration Bill :—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 3.

A Bill, intituled “ *An Act to make provision for the prevention and settlement of Trade Disputes,*”—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House.

Sydney, 22nd April, 1899.

7. TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES :—Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 28, appointed—

John Lionel Fegan, Esquire,
Edward William O'Sullivan, Esquire,
Josiah Thomas, Esquire,

William Henry Burgess Piddington, Esquire,
Samuel Thomas Whiddon, Esquire,

to act as Temporary Chairmen of Committees during the present Session.

8. 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—

“ William John Ferguson, Esquire,
“ Francis Augustus Wright, Esquire,
“ Charles Hilton Dight, Esquire,
“ James Alexander Kenneth Mackay,
“ Esquire,

Samuel Edward Lees, Esquire,
John Garland, Esquire,
William Sawers, Esquire,
William Rigg, Esquire, and
William Henry Wilks, 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 eighteenth day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and
“ ninety-nine.

“ J. P. ABBOTT,

“ Speaker.”

9. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Bruncker, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

BEAUCHAMP,

Governor.

Message No. 4.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to Friendly Societies, and for other purposes.

Government House,

Sydney, 18th July, 1899.

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

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10. **ORDNANCE LANDS TRANSFER BILL:**—Mr. Reid 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*.

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

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

The Constitution for the establishment of the Federal Commonwealth of Australia, framed by the Convention of 1897-8, and amended by a Conference of the Prime Ministers of Australia in the beginning of the present year, was, in pursuance of legislation which recently engaged your attention, submitted to the electors of New South Wales.

2. The completed returns of the voting, which took place on the 20th June, show that 190,161 effective votes were polled, 107,420 being in favour of the acceptance of the Constitution—in other words, the Bill has been accepted by a majority of 24,679 affirmative votes. Taking the result by electorates, seventy-nine constituencies supported the Bill, and forty-six opposed it.

3. In view of a decision so clear and emphatic, Ministers can see no reason to delay the consummation of this great movement. The provision, therefore, contained in the Federal Enabling Act, passed in April last, which empowers the Government, upon the acceptance of the Constitution by two Colonies in addition to New South Wales, to submit to Parliament Addresses to Her Majesty the Queen, praying that the Federal Constitution may be passed into law by the Imperial Parliament, upon receipt of similar Addresses from the Parliaments of two such Colonies, will be acted upon.

4. The differences of opinion upon the federal issue, which have so strongly agitated the community, will now, I hope, give place to a loyal desire to co-operate in making the fullest possible use of those broader opportunities, and that higher national life, which are involved in the birth of the new Commonwealth, an event which will surely stimulate the best feelings, and consolidate the highest hopes, of Australian patriotism.

5. The protracted negotiations for the laying of a Pacific cable, connecting Australia with Great Britain by way of Canada, and worked from stations on British territory only, have been crowned with success, upon the lines so strongly advocated by Canada, New South Wales, Queensland, and New Zealand. The liberal conduct of the Imperial Government in this matter is highly appreciated.

GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

6. The Public Revenue for the year just ended has far surpassed all expectations, and affords further proof of the resources of the country and the indomitable spirit of the people. I trust that the widespread droughts which have so grievously distressed our pastoral, agricultural, and mining interests for several years past are now giving way to better seasons.

7. The Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the new financial year will shortly be submitted to you.

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

8. The irresistible mandate of the people, pronounced upon the 20th June, transfers from the Legislature of New South Wales to a Federal Parliament so many matters of national importance that organic changes in the constitution of this Parliament will speedily become imperative. In the present position of affairs, it seems idle to place in the forefront of the business for the present Session any measure of constitutional reform affecting one House only.

9. In view of measures of large importance, long delayed and greatly needed, which my Advisers desire to introduce and hope to pass into law this Session, the question of a change of procedure in dealing with such measures has forced itself upon the Ministry. The experiment will be made of referring certain special measures to the scrutiny of Grand Committees, after the first reading in the Legislative Assembly.

10. During the ensuing year leasehold areas of land in the Central Division, estimated at 8,721,000 acres, revert to the Crown. Careful inquiries are being made in order that the demand for land for agriculture and closer pastoral settlement may be met. Subject to that demand, the lessees will be dealt with in an equitable spirit.

11. You will be invited to restore the Navigation Bill to the Business Paper.

12. The Bill to place the affairs of Friendly Societies upon a better footing will be revived.

13. The Early Closing Bill will be restored to the Paper, and carried through its final stages.

14. A short Land Bill, whose chief feature is a provision for the re-appraisal of Conditional Purchases and Leases, will be promptly submitted.

15. A Bill to provide for the extension of Local Government, to reform the existing Municipal law, and to attach a State guarantee to approved municipal loans, will also be submitted.

16. A Bill to establish a State Bank, by amalgamating the Government Savings Banks, is regarded by my Advisers as another urgent measure. In this Bill permanent provision will be made for advances to those engaged in developing the resources of the soil.

17. The Judicature Bill will be placed before the Legislative Assembly at an early date.

18. A Bill to consolidate and amend the Mining Laws of the Colony will also be introduced.

19. The system of Old Age Pensions, which aims at saving the aged poor from the brand of pauperism, and which Ministers propose to establish in this country, will be preceded by a Bill to be laid before Parliament in a few days, providing relief for the victims of accidents in mines, and for their dependent relatives, out of a joint fund contributed by the miners, the mine-owners, and the State.

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20. The laws relating to the Department of the Railways and the Public Service can, it is thought, be wisely amended for the purpose of establishing a tribunal for the trial of all charges of misconduct, and providing that an elected representative of the Service, in each case, shall be a member of the investigating body.

21. The growing pressure of railway traffic at Redfern makes a new central terminus and the extension of the line into the city questions of great urgency. Proposals on the subject will speedily be introduced.

22. The area under cultivation has increased by far more than 100 per cent. during the past six or seven years. In view of this magnificent development, the extension of light lines of railway through fertile areas is a matter of ever increasing urgency.

23. Amongst other measures which will be laid before you are the Gold and Mineral Dredging Bill, a Bill to extend the operation of the Factories and Workshops Act, the Forestry Bill, Indecent Publications Bill, Eight Hours (Mining) Bill, a Bill providing for the Inspection of Boilers, a Bill amending the Mining on Private Property Act, a Vegetation Diseases Bill, Fisheries Bill, and Medical Practitioners Bill.

24. I now leave you to your important deliberations, with an earnest prayer that under Divine guidance your labours may promote the best interests of all classes of the people.

Point of Order:—The Honorable Member for West Macquarie, Mr. Crick, submitted that a notice for the adjournment of the House, under Standing Order No. 49, handed in by the Honorable Member for The Lachlan, Mr. Carroll, should be proceeded with, notwithstanding that Standing Order No. 39 provides that no business beyond what is of a formal character shall be entered upon before the Address-in-Reply to the Governor's Opening Speech has been adopted.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the Standing Orders comprised in Chapter IV refer to the procedure in relation to the opening of the Session, and No. 39 explicitly excludes any but formal business. Mr. Carroll's notice was, therefore, out of order. His right to discuss any matter on the motion for the adoption of the Address-in-Reply would not be prejudiced.

Mr. Wilks then moved, and Mr. Millard seconded the motion,—

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

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Affleck, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Lees, Mr. Garland, Mr. McLean, Mr. Moore, Mr. Millard, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Whiddon, and the Mover.

And Mr. Storey demanding a Ballot,—

Mr. Speaker referred to his previous decision on this subject, given on 11th April, 1899, and disallowed the demand.

Question put and passed.

The Committee retired to prepare the Address,—

And Mr. Wilks 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 WILLIAM, EARL BEAUCHAMP, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

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

We join with your Excellency in the hope that the decision recorded by the electors upon the 20th June will be fraught with lasting benefits to the Australian people, and we are prepared to take the necessary steps to give full effect thereto without delay.

We will give due consideration to such of the important measures enumerated in your Excellency's speech as may be submitted to us.

We trust that our labours may prove of benefit to all classes of the people.

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

Debate ensued.

Mr. Storey moved, That the Address be amended by the insertion of the following words, to stand paragraph 4:—"This House, recognising that increased taxation through the Customs will be imperative under Federation, considers that after the Address to Her Majesty the Queen has been passed, a Bill should be introduced immediately by the Government which would give New South Wales producers and manufacturers a fair start under the changed conditions that Federation will bring about. Steps should also be taken to remit, as far as practicable, an equivalent in existing taxation."

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

Debate continued.

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

Question put and passed.

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

The House adjourned, at five minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at half-past Three 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 EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 19 JULY, 1899.

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

PAPER:—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—A copy of the Colonial Treasurer's Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Consolidated Revenue and other moneys for the year ended 30th June, 1898, together with the Auditor-General's Report thereon, transmitted to the Legislative Assembly under the provisions of the Audit Act of 1870.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

2. CITY AND NORTH SYDNEY CONNECTION BILL:—

(1.) Mr. McLean presented a Petition from John Sulman, of Sydney, representing that the City and North Sydney Connection Bill, which was introduced into this House on the 24th August, 1898, 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 409th Standing Order of this House permitting of the prayer of the Petitioner being entertained,—
Petition received.

(2.) Ordered, that the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 1st August.

3. NORTH SHORE BRIDGE BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Neild presented a Petition from Benjamin Crispin Simpson, of Sydney, Member of the Institute of Civil Engineers, representing that the North Shore Bridge Bill, which was introduced into this House on the 4th October, 1898, 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 409th Standing Order of this House permitting of the prayer of the Petitioner being entertained,—
Petition received.

(2.) Ordered, that the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 1st August.

4. SAYWELL'S TRAMWAY AND ELECTRIC LIGHTING BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Cohen presented a Petition from Thomas Saywell, of Sydney, representing that Saywell's Tramway and Electric Lighting Bill, which was introduced into this House on the 6th September, 1898, 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 409th Standing Order of this House permitting of the prayer of the Petitioner being entertained,—
Petition received.

(2.) Ordered, that the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 1st August.

5. CONDITIONAL PURCHASES AND CONDITIONAL LEASES, EASTERN DIVISION:—Mr. Rose presented a Petition from certain Conditional Purchasers and Lessees in the Electorate of Argyle, representing that inferior lands in the Eastern Division of the Colony have been taken up by Petitioners, who are subjected to great hardships by the payment of a rate for purchase money or rent equal to that charged for much better land; that a reappraisalment would give great relief; and praying the House to take the premises into favourable consideration at the earliest opportunity.
Petition received.

6. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:—Mr. Perry, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table,—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Appendices, relating to the proposed Public Offices, Phillip, Bridge, and Young Streets, Sydney.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

19th July, 1899.

7. COAL AND SHALE MINES HOURS REGULATION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Edden moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Coal and Shale Mines Hours 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, 15th August.
8. MUNICIPALITIES (ELECTION) BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Cann, for Mr. Thomas, moved, pursuant to notice, That the Municipalities (Election) Bill, which was introduced in the Assembly during a previous Session, but was interrupted before its completion by the close of that 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, 15th August.
9. CONVICTIONS AGAINST FRUIT VENDORS AND OTHERS FOR SUNDAY TRADING (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Copeland 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 return showing the number of convictions obtained during the years 1897 and 1898, respectively, against fruit vendors and others, instituted by the Police, under the various Police Acts, for Sunday trading, which returns are not specified by the Clerks of Petty Sessions in the returns sent to the Government Statistician.
Question put and passed.
10. THE GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Wilks, 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 WILLIAM, EARL BEAUCHAMP, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies.
"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—
"We, Her Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, the Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, in Parliament assembled, desire to express our thanks for your Excellency's Speech, and to assure you of our unfeigned attachment to Her Most Gracious Majesty's Throne and Person.
"We join with your Excellency in the hope that the decision recorded by the electors upon the 20th June will be fraught with lasting benefits to the Australian people, and we are prepared to take the necessary steps to give full effect thereto without delay.
"We will give due consideration to such of the important measures enumerated in your Excellency's Speech as may be submitted to us.
"We trust that our labours may prove of benefit to all classes of the people."
Upon which Mr. Storey had moved, That the Address be amended by the insertion of the following words, to stand paragraph 4:—"This House, recognising that increased taxation through the Customs will be imperative under Federation, considers that, after the Address to Her Majesty the Queen has been passed, a Bill should be introduced immediately by the Government which would give New South Wales producers and manufacturers a fair start under the changed conditions that Federation will bring about. Steps should also be taken to remit as far as practicable an equivalent in existing taxation."
And the Question being again proposed,—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted,—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
Mr. Crick moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow, and (*with the unanimous concurrence of the House*) take precedence of other business.
11. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Reid moved, That this House do now adjourn until To-morrow at half-past Three o'clock.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
The House adjourned accordingly, at thirteen minutes before Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at half-past Three o'clock.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 3.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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FOURTH SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 20 JULY, 1899.

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. Lee, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) Macleay River Harbour Works Bill:—

BEAUCHAMP,
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 sanction the carrying out of Harbour Works at Macleay River.

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- (2.) Manning River Harbour Works Bill:—

BEAUCHAMP,
Governor.

Message No. 6.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to sanction the carrying out of Harbour Works at Manning River.

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- (3.) Hastings River Harbour Works Bill:—

BEAUCHAMP,
Governor.

Message No. 7.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to sanction the carrying out of Harbour Works at Hastings River.

*Government House,
Sydney, 20th July, 1899.*

- (4.) Nambucca River Harbour Works Bill:—

BEAUCHAMP,
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 carrying out of Harbour Works at Nambucca River.

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2. INCLOSED LANDS PROTECTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Dight presented a Petition from certain landowners and residents of the Electoral District of Singleton, representing that the Inclosed Lands Protection Act Amendment Bill, which was introduced into this House on the 4th October, 1898, and read a first time, was interrupted by the close of the Session, and praying that the said Bill may be proceeded with during the present Session.
Petition received.
3. SYDNEY AND NORTH SYDNEY BRIDGE AND TRAMWAY BILL:—
(1.) Mr. E. M. Clark presented a Petition from William Kenwood, of Sydney, civil engineer, representing that the Sydney and North Sydney Bridge and Tramway Bill, which was introduced into this House on the 13th October, 1898, 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 409th Standing Order of this House permitting of the prayer of the Petitioner being entertained,—
Petition received.
(2.) Ordered, that the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday next.
4. PROPOSED RAILWAY LINE FROM WELLINGTON TO PARKES:—Dr. Ross presented a Petition from Lewis May, Chairman, and H. P. Miller, Secretary, on behalf of the Balderodgery and Mount Aubery Railway League, representing that the proposed line of railway from Wellington to Parkes, passing through Balderodgery and Mount Aubery, would probably be less expensive to construct than any other continuation of the Werris Creek line; that it would tap a rich agricultural and pastoral district, and would, in the opinion of Petitioners, pay interest from its inception and a handsome margin in the near future; that the line ten or fifteen years ago was surveyed and marked out; and praying that the House will take the foregoing premises into favourable consideration.
Petition received.
5. CROWN LANDS ACT:—Mr. Ross presented a Petition from certain residents of Narrabri, stating that certain persons are allowed to take up land without competition, thereby depriving others of their right of becoming applicants for such land, which results in a loss of revenue to the State, and praying the House to take such a course as may be deemed necessary to ensure the strict observance of the law in this respect.
Petition received.
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Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
The House adjourned accordingly, at five minutes after Eleven o'clock, until Tuesday next at half-past Three o'clock.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 4.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 25 JULY, 1899.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
PROPOSED RAILWAY FROM MUSWELLBROOK TO CASSILIS:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick presented a Petition from certain residents and electors of Muswellbrook, Denman, Goulburn River, Merriwa, and Cassilis, representing that they have been agitating for the construction of a Railway through these Districts, between Muswellbrook and Cassilis, for a number of years; that a line has been surveyed, lockspitting completed, trial holes sunk, and all necessary work done for the construction of the proposed line as far as Cassilis, and the sum of £700,000 voted by Parliament for the purpose; and praying the House to place the matter before the Public Works Committee for their report as to the advisability of constructing a Railway, not alone from Muswellbrook to Cassilis, but to continue the line to Coonamble.
Petition received.
2. CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Moore moved, pursuant to Notice, That William McCourt, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the whole House for the present Session.
Question put and passed.
Whereupon Mr. McCourt made his acknowledgments to the House.
3. COMPANIES EMPLOYEES WAGES PROTECTION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. McLean 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 protect the wages of workmen employed by Joint Stock Companies; to provide for the payment of wages in preference to other debts due by Companies; and to amend the Companies Act, the Friendly Societies Act of 1873, and the Joint Stock Companies Arrangement Act of 1892.
Question put and passed.
4. JUVENILE SMOKING SUPPRESSION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Dr. Ross 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 restrict and prohibit the use of tobacco, cigars, and cigarettes by juvenile members of the community.
Question put and passed.
5. PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Cohen moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act Amendment Bill, which was introduced in the Assembly during a previous Session, but was interrupted before its completion by the close of that 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, 8th August.
6. MUNICIPALITIES ACT OF 1897 AMENDING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Municipalities Act of 1897, Amending Bill, which was introduced in the Assembly during a previous Session, but was interrupted before its completion by the close of that 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, 8th August.

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7. SHIPS COAL-BASKET BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Smith 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 fix the size and regulate the weight of baskets used in discharging coal-ships. Question put and passed.
8. MINERS PROVIDENT RELIEF FUND BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Bruncker, for Mr. Cook, moved, pursuant to notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide a fund for the benefit of persons injured by mining accidents, and the relations of persons killed or injured by such accidents; and for purposes incidental to or consequent upon those objects. Question put and passed.
9. MACLEAY RIVER HARBOUR WORKS BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Macleay River Harbour Works Bill, forwarded to the Legislative Council during a previous 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 sanction the carrying out of Harbour Works at Macleay River,”—forwarded to the Legislative Council 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 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.
10. MANNING RIVER HARBOUR WORKS BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That the “Manning River Harbour Works Bill,” forwarded to the Legislative Council during a previous 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 sanction the carrying out of Harbour Works at Manning River,”—forwarded to the Legislative Council 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 Assembly requests that the said Bill be proceeded with under the Council’s Standing Order in that behalf. Question put and passed. Message to Legislative Council sent accordingly.
11. HASTINGS RIVER HARBOUR WORKS BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Hastings River Harbour Works Bill, forwarded to the Legislative Council during a previous 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 sanction the carrying out of Harbour Works at Hastings River,”—forwarded to the Legislative Council 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 Assembly requests that the said Bill be proceeded with under the Council’s Standing Order in that behalf. Question put and passed. Message to Legislative Council sent accordingly.
12. NAMBUCCA RIVER HARBOUR WORKS BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Nambucca River Harbour Works Bill, forwarded to the Legislative Council during a previous 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 sanction the carrying out of Harbour Works at Nambucca River,”—forwarded to the Legislative Council 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 Assembly requests that the said Bill be proceeded with under the Council’s Standing Order in that behalf. Question put and passed. Message to Legislative Council sent accordingly.
13. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Bruncker moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Friendly Societies Bill, which was introduced in the Assembly during a previous Session, but was interrupted before its completion by the close of that Session, be now reintroduced at the stage it had reached at the time of such interruption. Question put and passed. Ordered, that the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday, 2nd August.
14. CLAIMS OF MRS. GUILFOYLE, WIDOW OF THE LATE FORESTER AT MOAMA (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Carroll, for Mr. Chanter, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House all papers, letters, and other documents relating to the claims of Mrs. Guilfoyle, widow of the late Mr. Guilfoyle, Forester, at Moama, who died in the service, for a gratuity or allowance. Question put and passed.
15. THE GOVERNOR’S OPENING SPEECH:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Wilks, 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 WILLIAM, EARL BEAUCHAMP, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies.
 “MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—
 “We, Her Majesty’s loyal and dutiful subjects, the Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, in Parliament assembled, desire to express our thanks for your Excellency’s Speech, and to assure you of our unfeigned attachment to Her Most Gracious Majesty’s Throne and Person.
 “We

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" We join with your Excellency in the hope that the decision recorded by the electors upon the 20th June will be fraught with lasting benefits to the Australian people, and we are prepared to take the necessary steps to give full effect thereto without delay.

" We will give due consideration to such of the important measures enumerated in your Excellency's Speech as may be submitted to us.

" We trust that our labours may prove of benefit to all classes of the people."

Upon which Mr. Storey had moved, That the Address be amended by the insertion of the following words, to stand paragraph 4 :— "This House, recognising that increased taxation through the Customs will be imperative under Federation, considers that, after the Address to Her Majesty the Queen has been passed, a Bill should be introduced immediately by the Government which would give New South Wales producers and manufacturers a fair start under the changed conditions that Federation will bring about. Steps should also be taken to remit as far as practicable an equivalent in existing taxation."

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

Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

16. COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY :—Mr. Reid (*by consent*) moved, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.
Question put and passed.

17. COMMITTEE OF WAYS AND MEANS :—Mr. Reid (*by consent*) moved, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Question put and passed.

18. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Reid moved, That this House do now adjourn until To-morrow, at half-past Three o'clock.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

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

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

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 5.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 26 JULY, 1899.

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. Carruthers, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

BEAUCHAMP,
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 that provision be made for defraying the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the months of July and August, or following month, of the financial year ending 30th June, 1900, together with provision for an advance to the Colonial Treasurer, and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan.

*Government House,
Sydney, 26th July, 1899.*

Ordered to be referred to the Committee of Supply.

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

- (1.) Miners Accident Relief Bill:—

BEAUCHAMP,
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 provide a fund for the benefit of persons injured by mining accidents, and the relations of persons killed or injured by such accidents; and for purposes incidental to or consequent upon those objects.

*Government House,
Sydney, 20th July, 1899.*

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

- (2.) Municipalities (Amendment) Bill:—

BEAUCHAMP,
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 amend the law relating to Municipalities; to provide for the establishment of Municipal Abattoirs; to authorise the expenditure of Municipal funds for purposes of and relating to certain parks, commons, and public lands, and the payment into such funds of income of and relating to such parks, commons, and lands; to enable Municipalities to borrow money under certain conditions on the guarantee of the Government; and for purposes incidental to or consequent upon the above-mentioned objects.

*Government House,
Sydney, 20th July, 1899.*

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

(3.)

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(3.) Judicature Bill:—

BEAUCHAMP,
Governor.

Message No. 12.

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 simplify and amend the practice of the Supreme Court.

Government House,
Sydney, 19th July, 1899.

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

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, 18th July, 1899, 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*:—Francis Augustus Wright, Esquire, Charles Hilton Dight, Esquire, William Sawers, Esquire, William Rigg, Esquire, and William Henry Wilks, 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 Great Seal of the Colony, dated twenty-sixth July, 1899, and signed by His Excellency the Governor, empowering William McCourt, 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 WILLIAM, EARL BEAUCHAMP, Knight Commander
“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, WILLIAM, EARL BEAUCHAMP,
“as Governor of the Colony of New South Wales, do hereby authorise WILLIAM MCCOURT
“Esquire, Chairman of Committees of the Legislative Assembly of the said Colony, in the
“absence of the Honorable the Speaker of the said Assembly, to administer from time to time,
“as occasion may require, to any Member of the said Assembly to whom the same shall not have
“been previously administered, the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to Her Majesty the Queen,
“required by law to be taken or made and subscribed by every such Member before he shall be
“permitted to sit or vote in the said Legislative Assembly.

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

“BEAUCHAMP.

“By His Excellency's Command,

“JAMES N. BRUNKER.”

5. PAPER:—Mr. Reid (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Colonial Treasurer's Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure for the year ended 30th June, 1898, together with the Auditor-General's Report thereon, laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker on 19th July, 1899, be printed. Question put and passed.

6. THE GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Wilks, 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 WILLIAM, EARL BEAUCHAMP, Knight Commander of the
“Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-
“in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies.

“MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

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

“We join with your Excellency in the hope that the decision recorded by the electors upon
“the 20th June will be fraught with lasting benefits to the Australian people, and we are prepared
“to take the necessary steps to give full effect thereto without delay.

“We will give due consideration to such of the important measures enumerated in your
“Excellency's Speech as may be submitted to us.

“We trust that our labours may prove of benefit to all classes of the people.”

Upon

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Upon which Mr. Storey had moved, That the Address be amended by the insertion of the following words, to stand paragraph 4 :—“ This House, recognising that increased taxation through the “ Customs will be imperative under Federation, considers that, after the Address to Her Majesty “ the Queen has been passed, a Bill should be introduced immediately by the Government which “ would give New South Wales producers and manufacturers a fair start under the changed “ conditions that Federation will bring about. Steps should also be taken to remit as far as “ practicable an equivalent in existing taxation.”

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

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 27 JULY, 1899, A.M.

Debate continued.

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

The House divided,

Ayes, 7.

Mr. McLaughlin,
Mr. Norton,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Gillies.

Tellers,

Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Price.

Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Reid,
Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Barton,
Mr. Spruson,
Mr. Carroll,
Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Alexander Campbell,
Mr. Dight,
Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Ferris,
Dr. Graham,
Mr. Morgan,

Noes, 56.

Mr. McCourt,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Jessep,
Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Holman,
Mr. Ross,
Mr. Whiddon,
Mr. Millard,
Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Thomas Clarke,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. W. W. Davis,
Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Law,

Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Dick,
Mr. David Davis,
Mr. Archer,
Mr. Watson,
Mr. Rigg,
Mr. Terry,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Archibald Campbell.

Tellers,

Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Wilks.

And so it passed in the negative.

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

Mr. Reid informed the House that he had ascertained it to be the pleasure of the Governor to receive their Address-in-Reply to His Excellency's Opening Speech To-morrow at Four o'clock.

7. PAPERS:—

Mr. Young 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.
- (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.
- (3.) Abstract of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the 107th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
- (4.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th and 101st sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
- (5.) Abstract of Crown Lands Reserved from Sale for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 101st, 109th, and 112th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
- (6.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Sutherland, county of Cumberland, for a Public Park at Kurnell, Botany Bay.
- (7.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Sutherland, county of Cumberland, for a Public Park at Kurnell, Botany Bay.
- (8.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Alexandria, county of Cumberland, for a Public Recreation Ground at Moore Park, Sydney.
- (9.) Notification of withdrawal, under the Crown Lands Act of 1895, of certain lands from the Pastoral Lease of the Geurie Leasehold Area, for Settlement by other Holdings.
- (10.) Amended Regulation No. 2, and Additional Form No. 2, under the Public Roads Act, 1897.
- (11.) Amended Regulations Nos. 50 and 149, and Amended Form No. 51, under the Crown Lands Acts.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—Report on Flood Prevention in the Hunter River, by C. Napier Bell, M. Inst. C.E.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

26th July, 1899.

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

(1.) Inebriates Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the care, control, and treatment of inebriates, and for purposes incidental to the abovementioned objects,*"—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 be proceeded with under the Assembly's Standing Order in that behalf.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 19th July, 1899.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

And the 296th Standing Order of the House permitting of the restoration of the Bill to the stage it had reached at the close of a previous Session,—

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

(2.) Metropolitan Sale-yards (Fees) Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Sydney Corporation Act of 1879 in respect of the fees and charges which may be taken and demanded under the provisions of section 139 of that Act,*"—forwarded to the Legislative Assembly 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 be proceeded with under the Assembly's Standing Order in that behalf.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 19th July, 1899.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

And the 296th Standing Order of the House permitting of the restoration of the Bill to the stage it had reached at the close of a previous Session,—

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

(3.) Sydney Corporation Act Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Sydney Corporation Act of 1879, by providing for the election of the Mayor, and for the triennial retirement and election of Aldermen,*"—forwarded to the Legislative Assembly 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 be proceeded with under the Assembly's Standing Order in that behalf.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 19th July, 1899.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

And the 296th Standing Order of the House permitting of the restoration of the Bill to the stage it had reached at the close of a previous Session,—

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

(4.) Companies Acts Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Companies Acts of 1874 and 1888,*"—forwarded to the Legislative Assembly 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 be proceeded with under the Assembly's Standing Order in that behalf.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 26th July, 1899.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

And the 296th Standing Order of the House permitting of the restoration of the Bill to the stage it had reached at the close of a previous Session,—

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

9. PRECEDENCE OF BUSINESS (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Reid 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.

10. INCLOSED LANDS PROTECTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Dight moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Inclosed Lands Protection Act Amendment Bill, which was introduced in the Assembly during a previous Session, but was interrupted before its completion by the close of that 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, 22nd August.

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11. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**:—Mr. Carruthers 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 1899-1900, 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.

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

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.

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

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

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

(1.) *Resolved*,—

That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £1,497,517: being £1,024,000 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony during the months of July and August, or following month of the financial year ending 30th June, 1900, to be expended at the rates which have been sanctioned for the financial year ended 30th June, 1899, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1899-1900.

For Services of the year 1899-1900—£325,000 for Public Works and Services: being £300,000 for Roads and Bridges; and £25,000 for Government Architect. And £50,000 for Treasurer's Advance Account, the whole amount to be adjusted not later than the 30th June, 1901.

And in anticipation of Loan Votes—

For Public Works—£80,517: being £4,000 for improvements to Bellinger River; £10,000 for improvements to Clarence River; £5,000 for improvements to Darling and Murrumbidgee Rivers; £4,000 for North Harbour Reclamation, Newcastle; £2,200 for self-propelled Sand Pump Dredge; £1,000 for Shallow Draught Steamer for Dredge Service; £1,500 for Bourke Wharf and Cranes; £6,000 for Darling Harbour Wharf Extension; £3,000 for Installation of Electric Light—Government House; £1,500 for "Sobraon"—store premises and other works; £3,000 for Jenolan Cave Accommodation House and other works; £10,000 for Additions to General Post Office; £2,000 for Gaols—Installation of Electric Light; £5,000 for Rookwood Asylum Buildings; £15,000 for Cootamundra-Gundagai Railway—Award and Costs; and £7,317 for Tamworth to Manilla Railway.

And for Postmaster-General—£18,000: being £15,000 for Construction and Extension of Telegraph and Telephone Lines; and £3,000 for erection of Post and Telegraph Offices.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Services of the financial year 1899-1900, the sum of £1,497,517 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

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

14. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL**:—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Reid, 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 1899-1900; and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan.

(2.) Mr Reid 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 1899-1900; 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. Reid, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Piddington, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

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

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

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

Mr. Reid 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 1899-1900; 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 1899-1900; and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 27th July, 1899, a m.

15. PAPERS:—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Copies of Minutes of His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council,—

(1.) Authorising the transfer of an amount from the Vote "Legislative Assembly, Contingencies," to supplement the Vote "Legislative Council and Assembly, Contingencies."

(2.) Authorising the transfer of an amount from the Vote "To promote Prospecting for Gold, &c., Department of Mines," to supplement the Vote "Vine Diseases Act—Expenses in connection with the eradication of Phylloxera, &c."

(3.) Authorising the transfer of an amount from the Vote "To promote Prospecting, &c., Contingencies, Department of Mines," to supplement the Vote "Agriculture, Contingencies."

(4.) Authorising the transfer of amounts from the Vote "Postage of Public Departments, Miscellaneous Services, Treasury," to supplement the following Votes, viz.:—

(a) "Management of and expenses in connection with payment of half-yearly dividends on Inscribed Stock by the Bank of England."

(b) "Exchange on Remittances within and beyond the Colony."

(c) "Commission on payment of Debentures and Interest on Debentures in Sydney."

(d) "To pay interest on the uninvested funds at the credit of the Civil Service Superannuation Account."

(e) "To pay interest on special deposits by the Savings Bank of New South Wales."

(f) "Expenses in connection with the compilation of the Historical Records of New South Wales."

(5.) Authorising the transfer of an amount from the Vote "To promote Prospecting for Gold, &c., Contingencies, Department of Mines," to supplement the vote "Imported and Introduced Stock."

(6.) Authorising the transfer of amounts from the Votes "Marine Board, Sydney," "Marine Board, Newcastle," "Harbour-Masters," "Colonial Light-Houses," "Sea and River Pilots," "Boatmen," and "Telegraph Stations," to supplement the Vote "Marine Board of New South Wales, Miscellaneous."

(7.) Authorising the transfer of an amount from the Vote "Department of Lands, Contingencies," to supplement the Vote "Survey of Lands, Contingencies."

(8.) Authorising the transfer of amounts from the Votes "Commission on Payments in England, &c.," "For the Relief and Conveyance of Distressed Seamen, &c.," "For interest on Funds in the temporary possession of the Government, &c.," "To pay interest on the Balance uninvested at the credit of the Municipal Council of Sydney, &c.," "To pay interest on daily credit balance of the Colonial Treasurer's Curator of Intestate Estates Account," "To meet claims for the refund of Pilotage, &c.," "To meet Gratuities to Officers, &c.," and "Proportion payable to Government of Queensland for expense of maintenance of Garrison, Thursday Island," to supplement the Vote "Exchange on Remittances, &c., Miscellaneous Services, Treasury."

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

16. CAPETEE TRAMWAY 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 John Lang, of Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, merchant, his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, or any company duly registered for that purpose by agreement with the said John Lang, his executors, administrators, or assigns, to construct and maintain a Tramway from a point near the north-east corner of lease number twenty, in the parish of Gindantherie, county of Cook, to the Mudgee Railway; and to use steam or other motive power upon the said Tramway, and to carry passengers, goods, live stock, ore, and other things over the said Tramway, for hire, for the public generally,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence; accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

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Sydney, 27th July, 1899.

JOHN LACKEY,

President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, read a first time.

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

17. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Reid (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the House, at its rising this day, do adjourn until half-past Eleven o'clock To-morrow, and that Government Business take precedence on that day.

18. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Reid moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

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19. 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 1899-1900; and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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Sydney, 27th July, 1899.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

20. PAPERS:—

Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Regulations under the Public Service Act of 1895,—
 - (a) Leave of absence to certain Officers of the Educational Divisions.
 - (b) Living allowances to Officers stationed in remote parts of the Colony.
 - (c) Appendix A—Subjects of examination for teachers and pupil-teachers.
 - (d) Fitzroy Dock Works—Hours of working.
 - (e) Scale of allowances to Officers in the Departments of Lands, Mines, and Public Works.
 - (f) Overtime to Officers of the Electric Lighting Staff of Postal and Electric Telegraph Department and Government Printing Office.
 - (g) Fines for minor offences against discipline.
 - (h) Government Stores.
 - (i) Public Service Tender Board.
 - (j) Privilege leave to certain Officers of the Department of Prisons.
 - (k) Working hours of crews of dredges.
- (2.) Return (*in part*) to an Order, made on 17th March, 1892,—“Convictions under the Licensing Act.”
- (3.) Return to an Order, made on 30th August, 1898,—“Divorce Jurisdiction.”
- (4.) Rules of the Supreme Court in Equitable Jurisdiction.
- (5.) Despatch respecting mutual Extradition of Fugitive Criminals.
- (6.) Annual Returns under the 103rd section of the District Courts Act of 1858.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Hogue laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Notifications of resumptions, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, for Public School Purposes, at Bindogundra, Brookvale, Chain of Ponds, Daisy Park, Eli Elwah, Gorum Borum, Grubben, Kurrajong South, Middle Arm, and Newcastle South.
- (2.) Report of the Trustees of the Australian Museum for the year 1898.
- (3.) Report of the Minister of Public Instruction for the year 1898.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

21. THE GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH:—Mr. Reid informed the House that, owing to the protracted sitting, the Governor had signified his pleasure to receive their Address-in-Reply To-morrow (Friday), at Twelve o'clock at noon.

The House adjourned, at twenty-three minutes before Nine o'clock, p.m., until To-morrow at half-past Eleven o'clock.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.



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FOURTH SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

FRIDAY, 23 JULY, 1899.

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

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

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

To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the
Legislative Assembly of New South Wales,—

I receive with gratification your Address in Reply to my Speech, and note with pleasure your expressions of continued attachment to the Throne and Person of Her Most Gracious Majesty.

I feel that I can confidently rely upon your wisdom and loyalty in the due consideration of the several Measures to be submitted to you during the ensuing Session of Parliament; and I again join with you in the earnest hope that the result of your deliberations will prove both acceptable and beneficial to all classes of the community.

BEAUCHAMP,
Governor.

27th July, 1899.

2. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Sydney Corporation Act Amendment Bill postponed until Tuesday, 22nd August.
3. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Reid moved, That this House do now adjourn until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at a quarter before One 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 EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 1 AUGUST, 1899.

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 Mr. Reid, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

BEAUCHAMP,
Governor.

Message No. 13.

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 1899-1900; 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 numbered and forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 29th July, 1899.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Public Servants:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What was the total number of Civil Servants, temporary and permanent, in the service of the Colony in the year 1895?

(2.) How many of each were there in the Treasury, Works, Lands, Education and Labour, Mines and Agriculture, Justice, and Post Office Departments?

(3.) What was the total cost in salaries to those employed in the above enumerated Departments in that year?

(4.) Will he supply answers to the same questions enumerated above for the year ending 30th June, 1899?

Mr. Reid answered,—The information asked for will be prepared and laid upon the Table of this House in the form of a return, if moved for by the Honorable Member in the usual way.

(2.) Crown Lands in the Central Division:—Mr. Sawers asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) What is the approximate area of Crown lands within Central Division held under occupation license?

(2.) What is the estimated area of abandoned Crown lands within Central Division?

Mr. Young answered,—As the information sought cannot be readily supplied at once, I shall be glad if the Honorable Member will postpone this question till Tuesday next.

(3.) Members of the Executive Council:—Mr. Perry asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Have the following gentlemen, who were appointed as Members of the Executive Council, ever resigned that office, viz., William John Lyne, Thomas Michael Slattery, John Moore Chanter, Henry Clarke, William McMillan, Bruce Smith, Daniel O'Connor, John See, Charles Gilbert Heydon, Henry Copeland, and Richard Edward O'Connor?

(2.) If so, on what dates did they resign?

(3.) Are they still Members of the Executive Council?

Mr. Brunner answered,—In answer to this question, I would draw the attention of the Honorable Member to paragraph 57, Chapter III, of the Colonial Rules and Regulations, which is as follows:—"In Colonies possessing what is called Responsible Government, the Governor is empowered by his instructions to appoint and remove Members of the Executive Council, it being understood that Councillors who have lost the confidence of the local Legislature will tender their resignation to the Governor, or discontinue the practical exercise of their functions in analogy with the usage prevailing in the United Kingdom."

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- (4.) Circular sent to Chairmen of Local Land Boards and District Surveyors :—Mr. Rose asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Will he lay on the Table of the House a copy of all circulars sent to Chairmen of Local Land Boards since January, 1894?
 - (2.) The same with regard to all circulars to District Surveyors?
 - (3.) Is it not a fact that a complete set of such circulars is kept in the Department?
- Mr. Young answered,—Inasmuch as these circulars are, in most instances, of a confidential character, I cannot undertake so comply with the request of the Honorable Member.
- (5.) Examination for promotion in the Public Service :—Mr. Austin Chapman asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the only examination for promotion in the Clerical Division of the Public Service which the Public Service Act prescribes is for promotion from the lower series of grades to the higher series of grades?
 - (2.) Did not the Attorney-General, while piloting the Public Service Bill through this House, move, and succeed in carrying by 54 votes to 19, an amendment exempting from even that examination all officers then in the Service, on the ground (see *Hansard*, vol. lxxx, p. 1834) “that it is only right that we should exempt from the necessity of examination, before going to a higher grade, officers at present in the Service. It is only fair that they should not be put under this “new disability”?
 - (3.) If the answers to 1 and 2 be in the affirmative, will he have Regulations 254 to 264 under the Public Service Act repealed, and Regulations substituted more in accordance with the spirit of the Act, as foreshadowed by the Attorney-General?
- Mr. Reid answered,—There is a question later on the paper to be asked by the Member for the Richmond, and the answers prepared to those questions will supply the information desired by the Honorable Member.
- (6.) Proposed Railway from Singleton to Cassilis :—Mr. Dight asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he take steps during the present Session to submit to the Public Works Committee the construction of a light line of railway from Singleton to Cassilis, *via* Jerry's Plains, a portion of which has already been surveyed?
- Mr. Lee answered,—I can make no definite promise until the railway policy has been considered by the Cabinet.
- (7.) Gold and Mineral Dredging Bill :—Mr. Carroll, for Mr. Piddington, asked the Secretary for Mines,—In view of the many applications for gold-dredging leases, will he expedite the submission to this House of the Gold and Mineral Dredging Bill, referred to in the Opening Speech of His Excellency the Governor?
- Mr. Cook answered,—Yes; it is my intention to introduce the measure at the first opportunity.
- (8.) Issue of Deeds of Conditional Purchases in the Cowra District :—Mr. Carroll, for Mr. Waddell, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is he aware that in some cases where selectors have paid up all instalments on their conditional purchases in the Cowra District, that a delay of fifteen months has occurred before the deeds have been issued?
 - (2.) Will he take steps to prevent such vexatious delays occurring again?
- Mr. Young answered,—I am not aware; but if the Honorable Member will afford particulars of any cases they will be inquired into.
- (9.) Imperial and Inland Penny Postage :—Mr. Haynes, for Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, asked the Postmaster-General,—
- (1.) Have any overtures been made to him of late with regard to Imperial and Inland Penny Postage?
 - (2.) What would be the loss to this Colony if Imperial Penny Postage were established?
 - (3.) What would be the loss to this Colony if Inland Penny Postage were established?
 - (4.) What is the revenue lost by free carriage of certain printed matter through the Post Office and over the Colony?
 - (5.) What is the financial position of the General Post Office in connection with its dealings with other branches?
 - (6.) Are the documents, letters, &c., of all other branches of the Public Service franked through the Post Office?
 - (7.) Would there be any increase, or is it estimated that there would be a decrease, in the number of letters and other matter posted if penny postage throughout the Colony were adopted?
 - (8.) If the Pacific cable were constructed, what revenue (if any) would be saved as far as New South Wales is concerned?
 - (9.) Are there any apparent methods by which further economy can be exercised in the administration of the Postal and Telegraphic Departments?
 - (10.) What districts in New South Wales are now under the Penny Postage system?
 - (11.) What would be the cost to this Colony if Imperial and Inland Penny Postage were adopted, taking into account prospective revenue to be derived from postage on newspapers and from other sources?
- Mr. Parkes answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) About £28,000 per annum, presuming that, if the postage to British possessions beyond Australasia were reduced to 1d., a similar reduction would have to be made to the Australasian Colonies, or £103,000 in all if postage were reduced to 1d. throughout Australasia and other British possessions.
 - (3.) About £75,000 per annum.
- (4.)

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(4.) It depends on what the Honorable Member means by "certain printed matter." I presume he refers to printed matter coming within the definition of a newspaper under the postal law. If such matter were charged at the rate of $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per 10 oz. (as in most of the other Colonies), the revenue would be about £41,000, but I should anticipate a revenue of about £31,000 per annum, after allowing for a number of newspapers which would cease to exist, and for others which would not be distributed through the post if postage were chargeable.

(5 and 6.) A vote of £32,000 per annum is taken by the Treasury and credited to the Post Office to meet the postage chargeable on letters from Public Departments generally. The Post Office performs a number of services for the public and for other Government Departments, for which no monetary credit is taken, in the foregoing statement. These services include the conveyance by post of petitions to the Governor, the Executive Council, and Members of either House of Parliament, newspapers under seven days old, returns under the "Land and Income Tax Assessment Act of 1895," letters and packets for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the "Census and Industrial Returns Act," and returns of births, deaths, and marriages, all of which are by law exempt from postage; also all mail matter on Her Majesty's Service, the postage properly chargeable on which is thought to be not fully covered by the annual vote of £31,000 for this purpose; the supply of shipping and weather intelligence by telegraph; the performance by Post-masters and other offices in various districts of the Colony of the duties of Electoral Registrar, Deputy Electoral Registrar, Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages, Meteorological Observer, &c.; and the maintenance of the electric light at Parliament House, Circular Quay, Cowper's Wharf, and the Jenolan Caves. It is impossible to accurately appraise the value of these services, but it will be understood from the nature of them that they entail a considerable amount of expenditure on the Department, probably not less in the aggregate than £50,000 per annum.

(7.) There would certainly be an increase in the number of letters posted if the inland postage were reduced to 1d. The quantity of other classes of mail matter would not be materially affected by the reduction of postage on letters.

(8.) It will be impossible to say, until it is known what our share of the cost of a single or duplicate cable (whichever may be decided on) will be, and until the future arrangements as to tariff and otherwise with the Eastern Extension Company are settled on the termination in October next of the agreement under which certain Colonies pay a subsidy of £32,400 a year, of which New South Wales subscribes £13,000.

(9.) I believe the Department to be as economically worked as it is possible, having regard to reasonable public convenience and requirements; but I will inform the Honorable Member further on this point.

(10.) I will presently lay on the Table a return giving this information. I may state that penny postage is now extended to the city and all suburban areas; also to Campbelltown, Liverpool, and other towns near to the city, and to Newcastle and to the whole of its suburbs, within a radius of 12 miles. Country towns are enjoying the benefit of penny postage to the extent of fifty-four of the principal towns of the Colony.

(11.) If newspapers were charged as stated the loss would be £73,000. The increase of business upon the establishment of penny postage might reasonably be estimated to increase the revenue by £20,000, and, if other Departments of the Public Service bore their fair share of expenditure as before referred to, the loss upon the establishment of penny postage would not be a very serious matter.

(10.) Officers promoted under Public Service Regulations:—*Mr. Carroll*, for *Mr. Wise*, asked the Attorney-General,—

(1.) How many officers were promoted (under Public Service Regulations, which took effect from 1st July, 1898) to higher positions, involving work of a more onerous and responsible nature, without increase of salary?

(2.) What were the recommendations of the heads of the Departments in the said several cases?

(3.) Will he lay upon the Table a return giving names, positions, and present pay of the said officers, and also salary attached to the positions by the Public Service Board when they graded the Service?

(4.) Also, a return showing the clerks in the Public Service Board Office who received increases under the Regulations, dated 1st July, 1898, with the amounts of the increases granted them?

(5.) When the Public Service Board was appointed, the Premier stated that any officer who was dissatisfied with the ruling of the Board could appeal to him, and he would see that justice was done;—will he be good enough to say—(1) How such an appeal can be made to avoid drawing the displeasure of the Board on the appellant; (2) should it be done through the Department, or direct to the Premier?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1 to 4.) It appears to me that the questions of the Honorable Member are asked under a misconception of the working of the increment system. I shall lay upon the Table of the House the last annual report of the Public Service Board, which I received during the recess, which fully deals with this subject. The Honorable Member will find the reference on page 7.

(5.) Any officer is at liberty to address me direct, and I know the Public Service Board sufficiently to be aware that an officer by so acting is not prejudiced in their eyes in the matter of any appeal he may make. Statements to the contrary are made sometimes, I fear, for the purpose of discrediting the Board.

(11.) Land and Income Tax Assessment Act:—*Mr. Affleck* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What is the total amount of money received as income-tax up to the 30th of June last?

(2.) What is the total amount of money received as land-tax up to the 30th of June last?

(3.) What is the approximate cost of carrying out the Land and Income Tax Assessment Act, and the collection of taxes under the same, up to the 30th of June last?

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Mr. Carruthers answered,—

(1.) £695,924 10s. 3d.

(2.) £784,293 5s. 9d.

(3.) Inclusive of all initiatory expenses before the Act came into force, and also the cost of the first assessment for Land Tax, the expenditure to the 30th June, 1899, was £154,493 18s. 8d.

(12.) Commissions of Officers of the Colonial Marine Service:—Mr. Wright asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that officers of the Colonial Marine Service cannot secure commissions in the Royal Naval Reserve unless they serve the stipulated time on board H.M. ships on the Home Station?

(2.) If such is the case, will he communicate with the Admiralty, with a view of allowing officers of the Colonial Marine to put in their time on board H.M. ships on the Australian Station?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1.) I think not; no stipulation is made regarding the place at which an officer is necessitated to serve in a merchant ship to enable him to secure a commission in the Royal Naval Reserve. Special provision is made in the Regulations of 1896 for the appointment and employment of officers in the Royal Naval Reserve, to the effect that "if, owing to the nature of their employment, officers are unable to perform their drill at home, they may be permitted to do so in any of Her Majesty's ships abroad, commanded by a Captain or Commander, permission having been first obtained by the Commander-in-Chief of the Station."

(2.) Under these circumstances there does not appear to be any necessity for communicating with the Admiralty on the subject.

(13.) Postage on Newspapers:—Mr. Affleck asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) Is it a fact that newspapers posted in the city, within seven days of publication, for any of the suburbs, or *vice versa*, are charged a penny postage?

(2.) If so, what is the reason for this charge, seeing that newspapers go free throughout the rest of the Colony?

(3.) What is the approximate revenue by such charge for the twelve months?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The answers to these questions are,—

(1.) No.

(2 and 3.) Answered by 1; but the Honorable Member probably means his questions to refer to newspapers posted in the city for delivery within the city—the answers to which are that the charge was imposed by section 2 of 37 Victoria No. 1, and that the revenue from such charge is infinitesimal, as few, if any, newspapers are so posted.

(14.) License for Hotel at Mosman:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has he observed that a publican's license has been granted, or that Judge Docker has decided that a license can be granted, for an hotel at Mosman, notwithstanding that the Local Option vote in that municipality in 1897 was against the granting of any new licenses?

(2.) Is he aware this decision has been given in the face of a petition signed by 476 residents, chiefly heads of families, and a second petition, signed by 129 females, chiefly mothers of families, all residents of Mosman?

(3.) Is it his intention to take such steps as will prevent this or any other house getting a license, even if it is necessary to pass a special Act for the purpose?

(4.) Will he, without further delay, bring in a Bill making provision for the future licensing of public-houses, and regulating the traffic, and dealing with the licensing of public-houses generally?

Mr. Brunker answered,—

(1.) Yes; but I am informed that the size of the proposed hotel was such as to exempt it, under the provisions of section 29 of the Liquor Act, 1898, from the operation of the Local Option vote.

(2.) I am not aware of the exact number of persons who signed petitions against the granting of the license. I understand, however, that a number of the residents of Mosman were opposed to it.

(3.) No; inasmuch as the granting of the license in the first instance was within the discretion of the Licensing Magistrates under the present Act.

(4.) The Liquor Act, 1898, already makes provision of this kind. It is proposed to introduce a Bill to amend that Act in certain particulars when a suitable opportunity occurs.

(15.) Lake George:—Mr. Affleck asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has Lake George been gazetted as a reserve; if so, for what purpose was it reserved?

(2.) Has the said Lake George, or any portion of it, been leased to any person; if so, under what tenure, and at what rent?

(3.) Is it his intention to lease any portion of Lake George; if so, what portion, and what quantity?

(4.) Is it a fact that adjoining landholders have fenced in large portions of it into paddocks for their own private use?

(5.) If such has been done, will he take steps to prevent such occupation by adjoining owners of land?

(6.) Will he inform the House who are the trespassers on Lake George by enclosing the same, and the quantity enclosed by each holder?

(7.) If he decides on leasing any portion of Lake George, will he submit such leases to public auction, and compel trespassers to keep their stock off in the meantime?

Mr. Young answered,—

(1.) A reserve of about 30,000 acres of Crown lands, including Lake George, was gazetted on the 31st July, 1882, as water reserve No. 161.

(2.) No.

(3.)

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- (3.) This question has not yet come before me on any case.
 (4, 5, and 6.) Representations of the nature indicated by the Honorable Member have been made to the Department, but the question whether adjoining landholders have certain legal rights under their Crown Grants would require decision before it could be stated whether trespass had been committed.
 (7.) See reply to No. 3.
- (16.) Issue of Excursion Rates to Members of Police Force:—Mr. W. W. Davis asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he take into consideration the advisability of extending to the Police Force the right of having excursion rates during their holidays, as is the case with other Civil Servants?
 Mr. Bruncker answered,—The Civil Servants have not been granted any special concession in railway rates.
- (17.) Working of the Tramway System:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
 (1.) Is he aware that a Tramway Amendment Bill is now before the Parliament in Victoria which makes it penal if conductors or drivers are worked more than eight hours a day, and that a minimum wage of 7s. a day, and time and a quarter for overtime, when worked in urgent cases, is provided?
 (2.) Will he see that a similar provision is embodied in the working of our tram-lines in Sydney?
 Mr. Carruthers answered,—I have not had any information on the subject of proposed legislation in Victoria, but will inquire.
- (18.) Proposed Railway between Muswellbrook and Merriwa, and Cassilis:—Mr. Haynes, for Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he lay before the Public Works Committee, this Session, the proposal to construct a railway between Muswellbrook and Merriwa and Cassilis?
 Mr. Lee answered,—I can make no definite promise until the railway policy has been considered by the Cabinet.
- (19.) Federal Literature carried by Rail and Coach:—Mr. Haynes, for Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, asked the Postmaster-General,—
 (1.) Can he give the House any idea of the aggregate weight of special Federal literature carried by rail and coach, and issued by the Sydney Press and the Government, during the recent campaign?
 (2.) Were mail contractors allowed any increase on their contract money for carrying this literature?
 (3.) In view of the fact that many of them had to refuse passengers on the grounds above stated, will he consider their claims to compensation?
 Mr. Parkes answered,—
 (1.) About 90 tons.
 (2.) No.
 (3.) They have no claim for compensation under their contracts, and, even if it were decided to compensate, it would be impossible to compute the proportion in each case, as no record was kept of the weight of "federal literature" carried by each of our 853 mail contractors.
- (20.) Examiner of Titles:—Mr. Hassall, for Mr. O'Connor, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) Were applications invited for the position of Examiner of Titles, recently filled?
 (2.) Did the Public Service Board adjudicate on the merits of the respective applicants?
 (3.) Did they follow the practice laid down by them when filling the position of Registrar-General, and submit the claims of the respective candidates to a Board comprised of leading solicitors; if not, why not?
 (4.) Who selected the successful candidate?
 (5.) Was the successful candidate only recommended by one solicitor of Sydney, Mr. Smith (of Macnamara and Smith), his employer?
 (6.) Would he lay upon the Table of the House all papers dealing with the recommending and filling of the vacancy?
 Mr. Bruncker answered,—
 (1.) Yes.
 (2.) Yes. The Board obtained such advice as they considered necessary in view of the technical nature of the position.
 (3.) No; the Board did not consider this course necessary, as they had the assistance of the Registrar-General, who is in every way competent to advise as to the professional qualifications of the candidates.
 (4.) The Public Service Board.
 (5.) All candidates were required to submit testimonials with their applications, and the gentleman appointed, Mr. Colborne, submitted, amongst others, one from Mr. E. A. Smith, of the firm of Macnamara and Smith. The Registrar-General reports to the Board that Mr. Colborne is highly qualified for the position of Third Examiner, and that no better appointment could have been made.
 (6.) A copy of the papers, with the exception of those which relate to personal qualifications of certain gentlemen who were applicants, will be laid upon the Table, with the certificate given by the Public Service Board under section 30 of the Public Service Act, at an early date.
- (21.) Street Traffic between City and Eastern Suburbs:—Mr. Quinn asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) Has the dangerous inadequacy of the existing avenues of communication between the city and the eastern suburbs engaged his attention?
 (2.) Will he take steps to relieve the perilous congestion of traffic by the prompt construction of a new street?
 Mr. Lee answered,—The matter referred to by the Honorable Member is one for the consideration of the Municipal authorities, (22.)

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(22.) Remission of Fines under the Towns Police Act:—Mr. Arthur Griffith asked the Attorney-General,—

(1.) Does not the wording of the section of the Towns Police Act (under which a magistrate at Wyalong recently fined a number of young men for playing football on Sunday) run as follows:—
“ Any Justice appointed under this Act may, and is hereby required, to disperse, or cause to be dispersed, all persons gathering together on Sunday in any public or open place for the purpose of gambling or playing at any game; and to take and seize, or cause to be taken and seized, any implements, instruments, and animals used or intended to be used therein, and to destroy and carry away the same; and all persons actually gambling or playing as aforesaid shall be prosecuted according to law ” ?

(2.) As this clause is obviously intended to apply only to gambling (and games played for the purpose of gambling), not to wholesome athletic sports, will he suggest to his colleague, the Minister of Justice, the advisability of remitting the fines ?

Mr. Reid answered,—The honorable gentleman has been misinformed. The conviction was under sub-section 6 of section 13 of 17 Vic. No. 31 (Towns Police Act), which was extended to all parts of the Colony by 41 Vic. No. 12.

(23.) Government Metallurgical Works at Clyde :—Mr. Carroll, for Mr. Hurley, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Has he, in accordance with his promise to the Assembly on the 19th December last, visited the Government Metallurgical Works at Clyde ?

(2.) Has he caused any inquiry or report to be made by any practical or competent experts on the Government Metallurgical Works at Clyde, such experts not being in any way interested with the Government or politicians of the day ?

(3.) If not, does he intend getting an independent expert report made on such works ?

(4.) Did he state, in reply to Mr. Hurley's Question on the 13th December, that the Department intends to erect the necessary plant to aid miners in treating the innumerable varieties of ore found in the Colony ?

(5.) Is it not a fact that the Government Metallurgist has been in the employ of the Government over five years; if so, why is it that the necessary plant to aid miners in treating the innumerable varieties of ore found in the Colony has not been erected before now ?

(6.) Will he take steps to procure two practical, competent experts—one from Victoria and one from Charters Towers, Queensland—to consult with the Government Metallurgist before erecting the plant to treat the innumerable varieties of ore found in the Colony, so as to ensure the success of any further outlay on the Government Metallurgical Works at Clyde ?

Mr. Cook answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) Answered by No. 2.

(4.) Yes, so far as is practicable.

(5.) The plant is capable of making a practical test of ordinary ores, but it was never intended to treat all ores, such, for instance, as iron ores, chrome, tungsten ores, and many others.

(6.) Such an expenditure would not be justified, as there are experts quite as scientific and quite as competent in this Colony as in Victoria or Queensland.

(24.) Stock Tax :—Mr. Haynes asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) What is the amount raised per annum during the last five years as a tax on stock under the Pastures and Stock Protection Act of 1881 ?

(2.) What has been the expenditure from the fund during the period mentioned ?

(3.) Is he aware that complaints are frequent at the excessive charges levied under the Act ?

Mr. Cook answered,—

(1.) Receipts.—1894, £39,469 13s. 3d.; 1895, £39,638 14s.; 1896, £38,252 2s. 8d.; 1897, £35,235 3s. 8d.; 1898, £32,720 17s. 4d. Total, £185,313 10s. 11d.

(2.) Expenditure.—1894, £44,695 6s. 3d.; 1895, £45,952 10s. 2d.; 1896, £35,933 18s. 8d.; 1897, £40,340 13s. 11d.; 1898, £28,910 13s. 10d. Total, £195,833s. 2s. 10d. The difference in the expenditure over the receipts is accounted for by the subsidy granted by the Government.

(3.) Very few complaints have been received as to the charges levied under the Act as being excessive. The Boards have the power of fixing the rate of assessment as they think fit, and they very seldom levy the maximum rate.

(25.) Homestead Leases in the Bourke District :—Mr. Haynes asked the Secretary for Lands,—
Would he lay upon the Table of this House the papers in connection with the following homestead leases in the Bourke District, viz., No. 22, No. 465, No. 431, No. 939, No. 1,120, No. 1,009, No. 987, No. 827 ?

Mr. Young answered,—The papers should be moved for in the usual way; but I may point out to the Honorable Member that they refer only to a private business matter between Mr. Burcher and Pitt, Son, and Badgery, and do not appear to be of such public importance as to justify the cost of copying them. The Honorable Member can see the papers at the Head Office, if he so desires.

(26.) Government Prospecting Batteries :—Mr. Austin Chapman asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Has he received any reports from his officers *re* the proposal to establish Government prospecting batteries ?

(2.) Is it intended to establish any of these batteries; if so, when ?

Mr. Cook answered,—

(1.) Yes; numerous reports have been made on applications received for public batteries; but in no case was the report sufficiently favourable to warrant the erection of a plant.

(2.) Yes; if a case be established where there is sufficient justification for the Government to incur the expense.

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- (27.) The Standing Orders:—Mr. Affleck asked the Attorney-General,—
- (1.) Does he remember making the House a promise, at the end of last Session, that during the recess he would endeavour to get the Standing Orders Committee together, and have the Standing Orders of this House amended in several respects?
 - (2.) Did he have the said meeting called; and if so, what was done; if not, why not?
 - (3.) Is it his intention to try and get a meeting called without delay for the purpose of amending the Standing Orders?
 - (4.) Will he submit such amendments during the present Session for the approval of this House?
- Mr. Reid answered,—I do not remember making a promise in that form, because the Committee could not meet during the prorogation of Parliament. This matter will receive attention.
- (28.) Birds Protection Act of 1893:—Mr. Rose asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) What is the object in protecting the black and white magpie under the Birds Protection Act of 1893?
 - (2.) Is he not aware that such bird is most destructive to wheat crops at the earlier stage of germination?
- Mr. Bruncker answered,—The magpies (other than black magpies) are destructive of many grain-destroying insects; possibly they may in rare instances destroy some slight portion of the crop.
- (29.) Railway Revenue and Expenditure:—Mr. Walkins, for Mr. Fegan, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Have the earnings of the railways been greater than the expenditure for the last seven years?
 - (2.) If so, by what amount?
 - (3.) Will he give the revenue and expenditure for the last seven years?
- Mr. Carruthers answered,—The Railway Report for the year just ended is not yet complete, but information is laid upon the Table of the House annually as to the railway transactions, and I have to refer the Honorable Member to the Report of 1898, Appendix 7, showing the earnings and expenditure for each year since the year 1855.
- (30.) Warders in Country Gaols:—Mr. Quinn asked the Attorney-General,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that a number of warders in country gaols have to do duty seventeen hours daily?
 - (2.) Have warders so treated received intimation that they must submit to the long duty or quit the Service?
- Mr. Reid answered,—
- (1.) No.
 - (2.) No.
- (31.) Record of Brands for Sheep:—Mr. Haynes, for Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, asked the Attorney-General,—
- Will he this Session consider the necessity and advisability of bringing in a Bill similar to the Cattle-stealing Prevention Act, but dealing specifically with sheep, making it compulsory for buyers of this class of stock to keep a record of brands and of the names of persons from whom they have purchased same?
- Mr. Reid answered,—I will refer this matter to my honorable colleague the Secretary for Mines.
- (32.) Revenue received at the Tingha Mining Office:—Mr. Moore asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- What amount of revenue was received at the Tingha Mining Office for the half-year ended 30th June?
- Mr. Cook answered,—£1,292 7s. 1d.
- (33.) Minimum Wage in the Goulburn District:—Mr. Rose asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What is the reason that the minimum wage fixed for unskilled labour in contract work for the Goulburn District is 1s. per day less than the scale for the metropolitan area?
 - (2.) Is he aware that the cost of living is as cheap, if not cheaper, near the metropolis than inland?
- Mr. Lee answered,—The Honorable Member is probably aware that the cost of living is greater in the metropolis than in the country districts, house rent being higher, and, as a rule, men have to travel to and from their work by 'bus or tram, owing to not being able to obtain a house at a reasonable rent near the centre of population. The minimum rate of wage for the country and metropolitan districts was fixed by my predecessor some years ago, after most careful consideration, and I am not aware of any reason, at present, why a change should be made.
- (34.) Fee for information respecting Conditional Purchases:—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that a fee of 5s. is charged a conditional purchaser who desires to pay his balance for supplying information as to the amount of such balance?
 - (2.) If yes, is such information withheld until the fee is paid?
- Mr. Carruthers answered,—It has been found necessary to charge a search fee in consequence of the large number of inquiries made by financial institutions, such inquiries being evidently for the sole purpose of checking their securities. In no case is the fee charged when the owner of the conditional purchase asks for the information, nor is it charged in cases where it is the intention to pay off the outstanding balance of purchase-money.
- (35.) The Prospecting Vote:—Mr. Haynes, for Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) What is the total amount paid away in the shape of aid since the Prospecting Vote was inaugurated?
 - (2.) How many separate parties or individuals have received this aid during the operation of the system?
 - (3.) Has it been found that the system has been one productive of good results?

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Mr. Cook answered,—

- (1.) £218,867.
- (2.) 4,468.
- (3.) It cannot be claimed that any great discovery has been made by means of the Prospecting Vote, but still some rich working claims have been opened up by means of the aid granted. The proving of a lead or reef to be payable at any particular part invariably leads to the taking up of arrears of adjoining lands, thereby providing employment for a large number of persons.

(36.) Postal Fees on Printed Matter:—*Mr. Haynes*, for *Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick*, asked the Postmaster-General,—

- (1.) Is he aware that a large number of trade circulars, insurance societies' advertising sheets, and similar other publications, are now securing free transmission through the post because of the lax registration regulations at present in operation?
- (2.) Will he cause a more stringent set of regulations to be framed which will prevent the publishers of these papers from evading payment of the requisite postal fees on their printed matter?

Mr. Parkes answered,—Nothing is allowed to pass free unless it conforms to the definition and conditions prescribed by sections 3 to 6 of the Postage Acts Amendment Act, 56 Vic. No. 31. It is not a matter of Regulation.

(37.) Exempting Officers from Examination in the Public Service:—*Mr. Carroll*, for *Mr. Pyers*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Will he state why his amendment to section 43 of the Public Service Act of 1895, which he stated was moved by him for the purpose of exempting officers then in the Service from the necessity of passing a test examination as a condition precedent to obtaining promotion, has been disregarded by the Public Service Board?
- (2.) Will he state whether any (and, if so, what) steps are being taken to test the legality of the Public Service Board's action in virtually compelling officers who entered the Public Service prior to the passing of the Public Service Act of 1895, and are now in receipt of the maximum salary of their respective grades, to submit themselves to a semi-scholastic examination, should they desire promotion?
- (3.) Will he state why the Public Service Board has not published Regulations to provide for the holding of test examinations for public servants desirous of passing from the lower to the higher grades of the Service, concerning which the salary of £300 marks the division, as required by section 43 of the Public Service Act?

Mr. Reid answered,—

- (1.) A condition of things now obtains which was not contemplated at the time the Public Service Act was under consideration, in that there is in force a system of periodical increments of salary which are given to officers who show they are qualified to receive such. A system of increments prevailed some years ago, but it utterly broke down owing to the absence of the important condition which is now exacted, viz., that officers shall, by practical examination, show themselves to be worthy of receiving increases. It is for this reason, and in the interests both of the general public and of the Service, that these examinations have been instituted. No officer is compelled to undergo examination, and those that are contented with their present positions need not present themselves.
- (2.) The Regulations under which these examinations are carried out were carefully examined and approved by the late Attorney-General before being passed by the Executive. No Regulations under the Public Service Act are passed until and unless they have been approved by the highest legal authority of the Crown, viz., the Attorney-General.
- (3.) The question of providing for this examination is not a very pressing one, and in view of the large amount of reorganising work which the Public Service Board have had to perform, they have naturally allowed the less important matters to stand in abeyance. As soon, however, as the necessity arises, Regulations will be published dealing with this particular matter. In the meantime every care is taken by the Board that the absence of the Regulations shall not prejudice any officer.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Amended Regulations and Rates under the Electric Telegraph Act.
- (2.) Return showing the Districts in New South Wales which are under the Penny Postage System. Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Cook laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Proclamation prohibiting for a period of two years from 16th May, 1899, the importation of all kinds of hay, straw, or litter from Africa, Asia (including the Islands of the Asiatic Archipelago), and South America.
- (2.) Amended Regulation No. 21 under the Diseases in Sheep Acts.
- (3.) Report of the Department of Mines and Agriculture for the year 1898.
- (4.) Proclamation prohibiting the introduction into New South Wales from any place outside the Colony of any Coffee-plant in growth.
- (5.) Proclamation prohibiting the introduction into New South Wales from any place outside the Colony of any plant or fruit affected by any species of Trypetinæ or Fruit-flies.
- (6.) Report by *C. G. Wade, Esquire*, on the Inquiry into the working of the Newcastle Colliery Company's A Pit.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return (*in part*) to an Order, made on 21st September, 1898,—“Monthly Returns of Accidents.”
- (2.) Return (*in part*) to an Order, made on 21st September, 1898,—“Monthly Returns of Accidents.”

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- (3.) Return (*in part*) to an Order, made on 21st September, 1898,—“Monthly Returns of Accidents.”
- (4.) Return (*in part*) to an Order, made on 20th April, 1899,—“New Road at Burrawong Old Station, District of Molong.”
- (5.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act of 1888, for the erection of Police Buildings at Hill End, parish of Tambaroora, county of Wellington.
- (6.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act of 1888, for the construction of a Bridge over Gunday Creek, parish of Goulburn, county of Argyle.
- (7.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act of 1888, for the erection of a Bridge over Stonequarry Creek, at Picton, parish of Picton, county of Camden.
- (8.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act of 1888, for the erection of Police Buildings, at Frederickton, parish of Yarrabandini, county of Dudley.
- (9.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act of 1888, for the erection of a Bridge over the Cudgegong River, at Rylstone, parish of Dabee, county of Phillip.
- (10.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act of 1888, for the erection of a Bridge over Haslam's Creek, at Rookwood, parishes of St. John and Concord, county of Cumberland.
- (11.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, for the construction of a Weir across the Narran River, at Angledool, parishes of Ballanbilla and Elphinstone, counties of Narran and Finch.
- (12.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, for the Supply of Water to the Districts north of the Parramatta River, parish of South Colah, county of Cumberland.
- (13.) Additional Metropolitan Sewerage By-laws, under the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act Extension Act of 1894.
- (14.) Reports of the completion of—(1) Homebush Creek Branch; Long Cove Sub-branch; Careening Cove Stormwater Channel; Main Northern Branch, 3rd Division; Balmain South-eastern Slopes Branch Sewer; and Double Bay Low-level Sewers. (2) Additional Pipe Sewers at North Sydney. (3) Outfall Works, Willoughby. (4) Certain Sewers taken over from the Borough of Leichhardt, under the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1889. Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Brunker laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Commission appointing the Right Honorable William, Earl Beauchamp, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales.
 - (2.) By-law of the Borough of Balmain.
 - (3.) By-law of the Borough of Junee.
 - (4.) By-law of the Borough of Wollongong.
 - (5.) By-laws of the Borough of Rookwood.
 - (6.) By-laws of the Borough of Newcastle.
 - (7.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Hamilton.
 - (8.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Hillston.
 - (9.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Ulmarra.
 - (10.) Regulations under the Australasian Federation Enabling Act.
 - (11.) Report of the Wollongong Fire Brigades Board for the year ended 31st March, 1899.
 - (12.) Report of the Aborigines Protection Board for the year 1898.
 - (13.) Return (*in part*) to an Order, made on 21st September, 1898,—“Monthly Returns of Accidents.”
 - (14.) Return (*in part*) to an Order, made on 21st September, 1898,—“Monthly Returns of Accidents.”
 - (15.) Proclamation declaring the acceptance of the Constitution by the Electors of New South Wales, under the Australasian Federation Enabling Act, 1899.
 - (16.) Return of Votes polled on 20th June, 1899, under the Australasian Federation Enabling Act, 1899.
 - (17.) Sixteenth General Report, together with Returns, giving a record of the Committee's inquiries and Minutes of Proceedings of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works. Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
4. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—Samuel Edward Lees, Esquire, James Alexander Kenneth Mackay, Esquire, and John Garland, Esquire, came to the Table, and were sworn by the Clerk as Members of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.
5. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
- (1.) City and North Sydney Connection Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until Tuesday, 5th September.
 - (2.) North Shore Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until Tuesday, 5th September.
 - (3.) Saywell's Tramway and Electric Lighting Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until Tuesday, 19th September.
 - (4.) Companies Employees Wages Protection Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to protect the wages of workmen employed by Joint Stock Companies; to provide for the payment of wages in preference to other debts due by Companies; and to amend the Companies Act, the Friendly Societies Act of 1873, and the Joint Stock Companies Arrangement Act of 1892;—until Tuesday next.
 - (5.) Juvenile Smoking Suppression Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to restrict and prohibit the use of tobacco, cigars, and cigarettes by juvenile members of the community;—until Tuesday next.
 - (6.) Inebriates Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—until Tuesday, 19th September.
 - (7.) Companies Acts Amendment Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—until Tuesday next.

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6. ESTATE OF THE LATE S. M. SWIFT, OF PETERSHAM:—Mr. Hughes moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the alleged evasion of probate duty by the executors in the estate of the late S. M. Swift, Esq., squatter, Petersham.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Dick, Mr. Hurley, Mr. McLean, Mr. Thomas, Mr. McFarlane, Mr. O'Sullivan, and the Mover.
 (3.) That the Progress Report from the Select Committee of Second Session of 1898 be referred to such Committee.
 Question put and passed.
7. MINE AT BRINDABELLA, OWNED BY THE BANK OF NORTH QUEENSLAND:—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the alleged maladministration in reference to a mine at Brindabella, owned by the Bank of North Queensland.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Cook, Mr. Carroll, Mr. Fegan, Mr. Quinn, Mr. Howarth, Mr. David Davis, Mr. Haynes, Mr. Hurley, Mr. Dick, and the Mover.
 Debate ensued.
 Mr. Fegan moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
 Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday, 15th August.
8. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Reid moved, That this House do now adjourn until To-morrow at Four o'clock.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put.
 The House divided.

Ayes, 39.

Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Henry Chapman,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Law,
Mr. Sawers,	Mr. Tefry,
Mr. Ferris,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. FitzGerald,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Dight,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. W. W. Davis,	Mr. Jessep,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Millard,	Mr. Wilks,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Ross.
Mr. Molesworth,	
Mr. Whiddon,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Thomas Clarke,	Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Rose,	Mr. Rigg.
Mr. Morgan,	

Noes, 14.

Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Quinn,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Norton,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Hughes,
Mr. Afleck,
Mr. David Davis,
Mr. Haynes.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Meagher.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-nine 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.

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FOURTH SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT

WEDNESDAY, 2 AUGUST, 1899.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Extension of the Dog Act to Police District of Kiama:—Mr. Alexander Campbell asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) At whose request has the Dog Act been extended to the whole of the Police District of Kiama?

(2.) In view of the rapid increase of hares throughout the district, as well as other vermin, will he cause instructions to be given to apply the Act within town boundaries only?

Mr. Brunker answered—

(1.) On the recommendation of the Superintendent of Police in charge of the District.

(2.) Instructions will be given not to enforce the Act in an oppressive manner.

(2.) Clearance of the Street Letter-pillars:—Dr. Ross asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) Is it a fact that for many years after the street letter-pillars were established, the letters posted in them until about 5 a.m. were cleared in time for the first city, suburban, and country deliveries?

(2.) Is the latest hour of clearance now in many localities 9.15 p.m.?

(3.) Having regard to the fact that many suburban residents leave their homes before their letters are delivered in the morning, and do not return until after the hour of posting has elapsed, will he take steps to afford the fullest postal facilities, consistent with the despatch by the morning's mails?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

(1.) Yes; but at that time the first morning delivery did not take place so early as at present.

(2.) 9.15 p.m. is the latest hour of clearance at only a few of the more remote suburban letter-boxes. The majority are cleared between 10 and 11.15 p.m.; whilst at some of the nearer suburbs, such as Redfern, Alexandria, Woollahra, &c., the clearance is as late as shortly after midnight.

(3.) I am now having inquiry made to ascertain whether a later clearance can be arranged for the more distant suburban letter-boxes, without risk of missing the last trains or trams to Sydney.

(3.) Record of Brands for Sheep:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Mines,—Will he this Session consider the necessity and advisability of bringing in a Bill similar to the Cattle-stealing Prevention Act, but dealing specifically with sheep, making it compulsory for buyers of this class of stock to keep a record of brands and of the names of persons from whom they have purchased same?

Mr. Cook answered,—Provisions of the nature referred to are included in the Amended Brands Bill which it is intended to introduce when opportunity offers.

(4.) Ocean-street Cable Tram:—Mr. Quinn asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) The respective length of the several 2d. sections on the Ocean-street Cable Tram?

(2.) The length of sections in steam trams from Bridge-street to Bondi Junction (2d. section)?

(3.) The length from Bridge-street to Enmore (2d. section)?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—I am informed the lengths are as under:—

(1.) (a) King-street to Power-house, 1 mile 32 chains; (b) Victoria-street to Ocean-street, 1 mile 15 chains; through distance, 2 miles 47 chains; fare, 3d.

(2.) 3 miles 49 chains.

(3.) 3 miles 74 chains.

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- (5.) Refreshment Booths at Railway Stations:—Mr. W. W. Davis asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is he aware that the refreshment booths at the railway stations are mostly held by Mr. H. Smith?
 - (2.) Will he take into consideration the desirability of calling tenders for the operation of these refreshment rooms in sections, in order to break up this monopoly?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

- (1.) I am informed that the majority of the Railway refreshment rooms are leased by Mr. H. Smith. Tenders were invited for the rooms separately; but as Mr. Smith submitted the most favourable offers for the majority of them, they were let to him.
- (2.) Tenders are publicly invited for the leasing of the Railway refreshment rooms separately.

- (6.) Conditional Purchases:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—As the question as to the right of a conditional purchaser to convert a conditional lease into an additional conditional purchase has recently cropped up, as follows:—

- (a) Conditional leases prior to 1895 were granted for fifteen years, with a right to purchase the land within that period.
- (b) The amended Act of 1895 extended conditional leases to twenty-eight years, but does not specifically say that the right to purchase continues after the first fifteen years expire;—

Will he state, for the information of the general public, but more particularly the selector class, whether his Department holds that the right to purchase continues for the whole term of the conditional lease that has been extended from fifteen to twenty-eight years, or only to the fifteen years?

Mr. Young answered,—The opinion of my predecessor, which is shared by myself, is that such right of purchase continues for the whole term of twenty-eight years.

- (7.) Four-mile Creek Road:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that some years back a petition was forwarded to the Lands Department from Messrs. John Courts, Wm. Clark, and others, asking that a road, known as the Four-mile Creek Road, parishes of Carlton and Clarendon, county of Bathurst, 92,412-26, be surveyed and opened for traffic, to enable the settlers in that locality to get access to and fro to their selections?
- (2.) Is it not also a fact that three years ago the road in question was surveyed, and that the surveyor's report is in favour of the road being open in the interest of the public?
- (3.) What is the reason that the matter of opening this road has been so long delayed; and will he see that steps are taken to have the road opened without further delay, or state his reasons for not doing so?

Mr. Young answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) All the parties interested, except one landowner, having now given their consent to the opening of this road through their properties, it has been decided to resume the necessary land for such purpose, notwithstanding the objection of such landowner, and the resumption will be accordingly gazetted within a few days.

- (8.) Lease of Goodrich Copper Mines, Molong District:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) The name of the person or company that at present holds the lease of the copper mines known as Goodrich, in the Molong District, and how long they have been in possession of the same?
- (2.) Is the mine at present being worked, or is it under suspension; and for what reason, and for what period?
- (3.) Will he state if any of the adjoining leases for gold and copper have lately been cancelled; if so, the number and name of the same?
- (4.) Are there any of the gold and copper leases adjoining the Goodrich Mine still in occupation; if so, the number of the same, and by whom occupied?
- (5.) Is the notice of cancellation of certain leases in this locality in the *Government Gazette* of the 23rd June last correct?

Mr. Cook answered,—

- (1 and 2.) The property originally known as the Goodrich Copper Mine was re-pegged under two mineral leases and four gold leases about eighteen months ago; the two mineral leases were cancelled on the 30th June last, and a complaint of non-work is pending against the gold leases.
- (3.) Yes, a lease held by W. D. Gibson was cancelled on the 30th June last.
- (4.) None beyond these above quoted.
- (5.) Yes.

- (9.) Additional Conditional Purchase of Mrs. Bradford:—Dr. Ross asked the Minister for Lands,—

- (1.) Did one Mrs. Bradford—a widow and selector in the District of Molong—apply some few months back to be permitted to take up an additional conditional purchase to her 40 acres of 1881, selection of land adjoining, it being a water reserve, parish of Cardington, District of Molong, county of Gordon?
- (2.) What is the reason the matter is being so long delayed?
- (3.) Has the surveyor yet reported on the matter; if so, what decision (if any) has been arrived at in her case?

Mr. Young answered,—

- (1.) Yes, on the 5th June last.
- (2 and 3.) The application was forwarded by the Land Board on the 8th June to the District Surveyor, who has not yet reported. He has been asked to expedite his action.

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(10.) Retiring Allowances to Teachers:—*Mr. Willis*, for *Mr. O'Sullivan*, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) When will the Government give effect to the promise made by the Premier in March last that teachers with service prior to 1880 would receive "favourable treatment" in the computation of their retiring allowances?

(2.) Has the Public Service Board in any case since conceded such favourable treatment?

(3.) Is it the intention of the Government to alter the law so that teachers with broken service might be credited with their service prior to the break in it?

Mr. Hogue answered,—I would suggest that the Honorable Member address these questions to the Right Honorable the Premier, at whose hands this matter is receiving consideration.

(11.) Inverell Post and Telegraph Offices:—*Mr. Cruickshank* asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) Has his attention been drawn to the inadequate provision for public convenience at the Inverell Post and Telegraph Offices?

(2.) Has *Mr. Inspector Bramble* visited the district to inquire into the state of the post-office upon the complaints made by *Mr. Cruickshank*; if so, what alterations has *Mr. Bramble* suggested, and will the Minister give instructions to have the Post Office Inspector's recommendations carried out immediately?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes, and advises that the necessary alterations be made to meet the complaints, which I have directed to be carried out as soon as possible.

(12.) Mining Warden for Inverell:—*Mr. Cruickshank* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Have repeated representations been made, through his Department, to the Civil Service Board as to the necessity of having a permanent Mining Warden stationed at Inverell?

(2.) Has it not been found impossible for the present Visiting Mining Warden to attend to his Magisterial work and Mining Warden's duties at Inverell, Tingha, and Boggy Camp owing to the increase of work, and the fact that a great part of his time is occupied in travelling to and fro between Inverell and Glen Innes?

(3.) Will he take immediate steps to have a Mining Warden permanently located at Inverell?

Mr. Cook answered,—

(1.) The Mining Warden being primarily an officer of the Justice Department, representations have been made to that Department, with the result that temporary help has been afforded.

(2.) Yes, it has been found impossible, with the present rush of work, to attend satisfactorily to the mining business.

(3.) This, I understand, is being arranged for.

(13.) Government Stud Stock:—*Mr. Haynes* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is it a fact that over 50 per cent. of the dairy stock recently purchased for stud purposes at the Richmond Agricultural Farm were found to be suffering from tuberculosis?

(2.) Would he state the circumstances regarding the selection of the stock referred to?

Mr. Cook answered,—

(1.) None of the stock imported for stud purposes have been found to be suffering from tuberculosis. They were all subjected to the tuberculosis test before leaving England, and also on arrival in New South Wales, and were free from any trace of this disease.

(2.) Arrangements for the selection of the stock were left to the Agent-General, who, being on the spot, was best able to look after the matter. He arranged with *Mr. George Thornton*—one of the best known cattle judges in the world—to choose the stock, which were selected from the best milking herds of Great Britain and the Continent.

(14.) Provisions of the Public Health Act:—*Mr. Watson*, for *Mr. Dacey*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Does the Public Health Act empower the Board of Health to prosecute persons who are found selling adulterated food and drink?

(2.) How many persons have been prosecuted for selling impure tea?

(3.) How many persons have been prosecuted, under the Public Health Act, for selling adulterated intoxicants?

(4.) Has the Public Health Act been in partial operation about three years?

(5.) How many years will it take to bring the whole Act into operation?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) One.

(3.) None.

(4 and 5.) No. By section 92 of the Public Health Act, the whole Act took effect from 1st January, 1897.

(15.) Ratable Land in Incorporated Areas:—*Mr. Watson*, for *Mr. Dacey*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he cause a return to be laid upon the Table of this House showing the value, unimproved, of all ratable land in incorporated areas, giving each Municipality separately?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—I am informed the preparation of this return would entail considerable expense, and moreover would seriously interfere with the business of the Land and Income Tax Department, which at present is very great.

(16.) Local Option Bill:—*Mr. Watson*, for *Mr. Dacey*, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is it a fact that New South Wales possesses almost unrivalled resources for the development of a great and prosperous wine industry?

(2.) When does he intend to introduce important proposals for the benefit of this branch of colonial industry?

(3.) Will he introduce a Local Option Bill this Session?

Mr. Cook answered,—I am afraid if I answered these questions seriously it would tend to deprive the Honorable Member of further opportunities for the display of that fund of humour which we know him to possess.

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(17.) Issue of Excursion Rates to Members of Police Force :—Mr. W. W. Davis asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he take into consideration the advisability of arranging for members of the Police Force being allowed to travel on the railways at special excursion rates when taking their annual holidays?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—I would point out to the Honorable Member that this is a matter for the consideration of the Railway Commissioners, and would suggest that he should communicate with them.

(18.) Proposed Railway between Liverpool and Mulgoa :—Mr. Lees asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In view of the answer given by his predecessor, at the close of last Session, that he hoped during this Session to include the light line of railway between Liverpool and Mulgoa in the Government railway policy, will he see that it is included this Session?

Mr. Lee answered,—Until Cabinet decides the railway policy of the Government, I can make no promise beyond saying that due consideration will be given to the Honorable Member's representations.

2. PAPERS :—

Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Additional Gaol Regulation regarding appointment of Acting Gaolers and Acting Matrons.
- (2.) Third Annual Report of the Public Service Board.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Young laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Copies of *Gazette* Notices, setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with certain Streets, in accordance with the provisions of the 7th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 22.
- (2.) 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.
- (3.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorised to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
- (4.) Abstract of Crown Lands Reserved from Sale for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 101st and 109th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
- (5.) Abstract of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the 107th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
- (6.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th and 101st sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Substituted Regulation No. 2, under the Noxious Trades and Cattle Slaughtering Act of 1894.
- (2.) Regulations under the Land and Income Tax Assessment Act of 1895, and the Land and Income Tax (Declaratory) Act, 1898.
- (3.) Amended and Additional Regulations under the Public Health Act, 1896.
- (4.) Statement showing the average Liabilities and Assets of Banks within the Colony for quarter ended 31st March, 1899.
- (5.) Statement showing the average Liabilities and Assets of Public Companies within the Colony for quarter ended 31st March, 1899.
- (6.) Report of Railway Commissioners on Railways and Tramways for quarter ended 31st March, 1899.
- (7.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, for improving the Grades on the Railway between Sydney and Newcastle, at Woy Woy.
- (8.) Statement of Payments made from the Treasurer's Advance Account for April, 1899.
- (9.) Statement of Payments made from the Treasurer's Advance Account for May, 1899.
- (10.) Statement of Payments made from the Treasurer's Advance Account for June, 1899.
- (11.) Return to an Order, made on 18th April, 1899,—“Ocean Street Cable Tramway.”
- (12.) By-laws of the Borough of Mudgee, under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1897.
- (13.) By-laws of the Borough of Vancluse, under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1897.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Bruncker laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) By-laws of the Borough of West Maitland.
- (2.) Return (*in part*) to an Order, made on 21st September, 1898,—“Monthly Returns of ‘Accidents.’”

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Hogue laid upon the Table,—Report of the N.S.S. “Sobraon” for the year ended 30th April, 1899.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—

- (1.) Capertee Tramway Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—until Tuesday, 22nd August.
- (2.) Coal-lumpers Baskets Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to fix the size and regulate the weight of baskets used in discharging coal-ships,—until Tuesday, 22nd August.
- (3.) Sydney and North Sydney Bridge and Tramway Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until Tuesday, 5th September.

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

Question put and passed.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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5. **STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE (Sessional Order)** :—Mr. Reid moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Standing Orders Committee for the present Session shall consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. McCourt, Mr. Barton, Mr. Sec, Mr. Lyne, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. McGowen, Mr. Crick, Mr. Morgan, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, 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, and that Mr. Speaker be empowered to convene meetings of the Committee.
Question put and passed.
6. **LIBRARY COMMITTEE (Sessional Order)** :—Mr. Reid moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Library Committee for the present Session shall consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Neild, Mr. Barton, Mr. Archibald Campbell, Mr. Ashton, Mr. Perry, Mr. Arthur Griffith, Mr. Mackay, Mr. Fegan, 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.
7. **REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE (Sessional Order)** :—Mr. Reid moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Refreshment Committee for the present Session shall consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Neild, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Levien, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Austin Chapman, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Cann, Mr. Meagher, 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.
8. **PRINTING COMMITTEE (Sessional Order)** :—Mr. Reid moved, pursuant to amended Notice,—
(1.) That the Printing Committee for the present Session shall consist of Mr. Gormly, Mr. Macdonald, Mr. Dight, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Mr. Nobbs, Mr. Kidd, Mr. Millard, Mr. E. M. Clark, Mr. Donaldson, and the Mover, to whom are hereby referred all papers (except such as the Standing Orders direct shall be printed, Reports from Select Committees on Private Bills, Estimates of Expenditure, and Estimates of Ways and Means) which may be laid upon the Table of the House. It shall be the duty of such Committee to report from time to time which of the papers referred to them ought, in their opinion, to be printed, and whether in full or in abstract; and it shall be in the power of the Committee to order such papers, or abstracts thereof, to be prepared for press by the Clerk in attendance upon such Committee.
(2.) That the Clerk of the House shall cause to be printed, as a matter of course, all reports from the Printing Committee.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Barton moved,—That the Question be amended by the insertion at the end of paragraph (1.) of the words, "and such papers or abstracts shall be printed unless the House otherwise order."
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 then,—
(1.) That the Printing Committee for the present Session shall consist of Mr. Gormly, Mr. Macdonald, Mr. Dight, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Mr. Nobbs, Mr. Kidd, Mr. Millard, Mr. E. M. Clark, Mr. Donaldson, and the Mover, to whom are hereby referred all papers (except such as the Standing Orders direct shall be printed, Reports from Select Committees on Private Bills, Estimates of Expenditure, and Estimates of Ways and Means) which may be laid upon the Table of the House. It shall be the duty of such Committee to report from time to time which of the papers referred to them ought, in their opinion, to be printed, and whether in full or in abstract; and it shall be in the power of the Committee to order such papers, or abstracts thereof, to be prepared for press by the Clerk in attendance upon such Committee, and such papers or abstracts shall be printed unless the House otherwise order.
(2.) That the Clerk of the House shall cause to be printed, as a matter of course, all reports from the Printing Committee,—put and passed.
9. **MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—
(1.) **Small Debts Recovery Bill** :—
MR. SPEAKER,—
The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to the Recovery of Small Debts in Courts of Petty Sessions*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.
Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 2nd August, 1899.
Bill, on motion of Mr. Reid, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
JOHN LACKEY,
President.
- (2.) **Matrimonial Causes Bill** :—
MR. SPEAKER,—
The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to Divorce and Matrimonial Causes*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.
Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 2nd August, 1899.
Bill, on motion of Mr. Reid, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next. (3.)

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(3.) Marriage Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to Marriage*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 2nd August, 1899.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Reid, read a first time.

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

(4.) Printing Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Acts for preventing the printing and publishing of books and papers by persons not known*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 2nd August, 1899.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Reid, read a first time.

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

(5.) Wharfage and Tonnage Rates Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate enactments relating to Wharfage and Tonnage Rates*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 2nd August, 1899.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Reid, read a first time.

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

(6.) Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to the Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 2nd August, 1899.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Reid, read a first time.

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

(7.) Crimes Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

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

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 2nd August, 1899.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Reid, read a first time.

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

(8.) Landlord and Tenant Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Statutes relating to the Law of Landlord and Tenant*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 2nd August, 1899.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Reid, read a first time.

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

(9.) Infants Custody and Settlement Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Law relating to the custody of Infants and the settlement of the property of Infants*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 2nd August, 1899.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Reid, read a first time.

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

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(10.) Patents Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to Letters Patent*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.
Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 2nd August, 1899.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Reid, read a first time.

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

(11.) Public Vehicles Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Acts for the Regulation of Public Vehicles in the City and Police District of Sydney*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 2nd August, 1899.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Reid, read a first time.

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

(12.) Stage-Carriages Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to Stage-Carriages*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 2nd August, 1899.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Reid, read a first time.

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

(13.) Book Purchasers Protection Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to the protection of the purchasers of certain Books*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 2nd August, 1899.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Reid, read a first time.

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

(14.) Felons Apprehension Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Statutes relating to the Apprehension of Felons*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 2nd August, 1899.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Reid, read a first time.

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

(15.) Prisons Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to the regulation and control of Prisons, and the custody of Prisoners*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 2nd August, 1899.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

Bill, on motion by Mr. Reid, read a first time.

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

(16.) Factors Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to Advances made to Agents entrusted with Goods*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 2nd August, 1899.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Reid, read a first time.

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

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(17.) Police Regulation Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Statute Law relating to the Regulation of the Police Force*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 2nd August, 1899.*

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Reid, read a first time.

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

(18.) Companies Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act for consolidating enactments relating to Companies*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 2nd August, 1899.*

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Reid, read a first time.

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

10. LEAVE OF ABSENCE:—Mr. Reid (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That leave of absence, on account of illness, be granted to Henry William Newman, Esquire, Member for Orange, for the remainder of the present Session.

Question put and passed.

11. AUSTRALASIAN FEDERATION:—Mr. Reid moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House agrees to the following Address to the Queen, praying for the establishment of the Commonwealth of Australia, and authorises Mr. Speaker to sign such Address on behalf of the Legislative Assembly, and present it to His Excellency the Governor for transmission to Her Majesty:—

To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,—

We, your Majesty's loyal subjects, the Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, in Parliament assembled, approach your Majesty with assurances of loyal attachment to your Throne and Person.

We humbly desire to lay before your Majesty:—

1. That, pursuant to legislation passed by the Parliaments of New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, Tasmania, and Western Australia, a Convention of Representatives of the Colonies named met and framed a Draft Federal Constitution, during the years 1897 and 1898.

2. That in the beginning of the present year the Prime Ministers of the Colonies named, and the Prime Minister of Queensland, in Conference assembled, amended the said Draft Federal Constitution in certain respects.

3. That subsequently Federal Enabling Acts were passed by the Parliaments of New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, and Tasmania, and those Acts provided for the submission of the Federal Constitution, drafted and amended as aforesaid, to the electors of New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, and Tasmania, for acceptance or rejection.

4. That the electors of New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, and Tasmania have accepted the said Constitution as amended. The vote of the people of Queensland will be taken on the 2nd September next.

5. That the Federal Enabling Act of New South Wales, which was passed during the month of April last, provided as follows:—

"If two Colonies, in addition to New South Wales, accept the Constitution, both Houses of Parliament may adopt Addresses to the Queen, praying that the Constitution may be passed into law by the Imperial Parliament upon receipt of similar Addresses from the Parliaments of two such Colonies; and the Addresses so adopted shall be forthwith transmitted to the Queen, with a certified copy of the Constitution."

6. In pursuance of those powers, we, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, pray that upon the transmission to your Majesty of an Address from the Legislative Council of New South Wales to the same effect, and of similar Addresses from the Parliaments of two or more of the other Colonies, namely, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania, and Western Australia, your Majesty may be pleased to cause the accompanying Constitution to be submitted to the Imperial Parliament for the establishment of an Australian Commonwealth, composed of those Colonies which unite with New South Wales in a similar prayer to your Majesty.

All which we, the Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, humbly pray your Majesty to take into your gracious and favourable consideration.

On behalf and in the name of the Legislative Assembly.

Speaker.

Mr. Barton moved, That the Question be amended by the insertion of the following words, to stand paragraph 2:—"That the said Draft Federal Constitution was, on the 3rd June, 1898, submitted, in accordance with Statutes in that behalf, to the electors of New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, and Tasmania; that in the three last-mentioned Colonies it was accepted by majorities exceeding the requirements of the Statutes applying to those Colonies, while in New South Wales the said Draft Constitution received the votes of a majority not equal to the requirement of the Statute under which the vote was taken."

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

Debate ensued.

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

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The House divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Haynes,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Carroll.
Mr. Fegan,	
Mr. Barton,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Sawers,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Mengher,	Mr. Cruickshank.
Mr. Wright,	
Mr. Quinn,	
Mr. See,	
Mr. Dugald Thomson,	
Mr. David Davis,	
Mr. Alexander Campbell,	
Mr. Dacey,	
Mr. Rose,	
Mr. Dight,	
Mr. T. H. Griffith,	
Mr. Cohen,	
Mr. FitzGerald,	
Mr. Barnes,	
Mr. O'Connor,	
Mr. Cotton,	

Noes, 40.

Mr. Neild,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Spence,
Dr. Graham,	Mr. Norton,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Wilks,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Whiddon,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Brunner,	Mr. Howarth,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Hughes,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Rigg,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Hurley,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. Pycers,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Macdonald,	Mr. Ashton,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Henry Chapman,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Wood.
Mr. Young,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. E. M. Clark,	Mr. Cann.
Mr. Nobbs,	

And so it passed in the negative.

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

Question put and passed.

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

12. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Friendly Societies Bill postponed until Wednesday next.

13. APPOINTMENT OF THE RIGHT HONORABLE WILLIAM, EARL BEAUCHAMP, AS GOVERNOR OF THE COLONY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Reid moved, That His Excellency's Message No. 1 be read.

Question put and passed.

And Message (as recorded in the Votes and Proceedings of 18th July, 1899) read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker.

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

To His Excellency the Right Honorable WILLIAM, EARL BEAUCHAMP, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

We, the Members of the Legislative Assembly, in Parliament assembled, desire to express our thanks for Your Excellency's Message, informing us of your assumption of the Government of the Colony, in virtue of a Commission from Her Most Gracious Majesty, appointing you Governor and Commander-in-Chief.

We beg your Excellency to accept our cordial congratulations on your assuming the Government of New South Wales. The choice made by Her Majesty will, we feel assured, tend to strengthen the loyal attachment of all classes.

Question put and passed.

14. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Reid moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

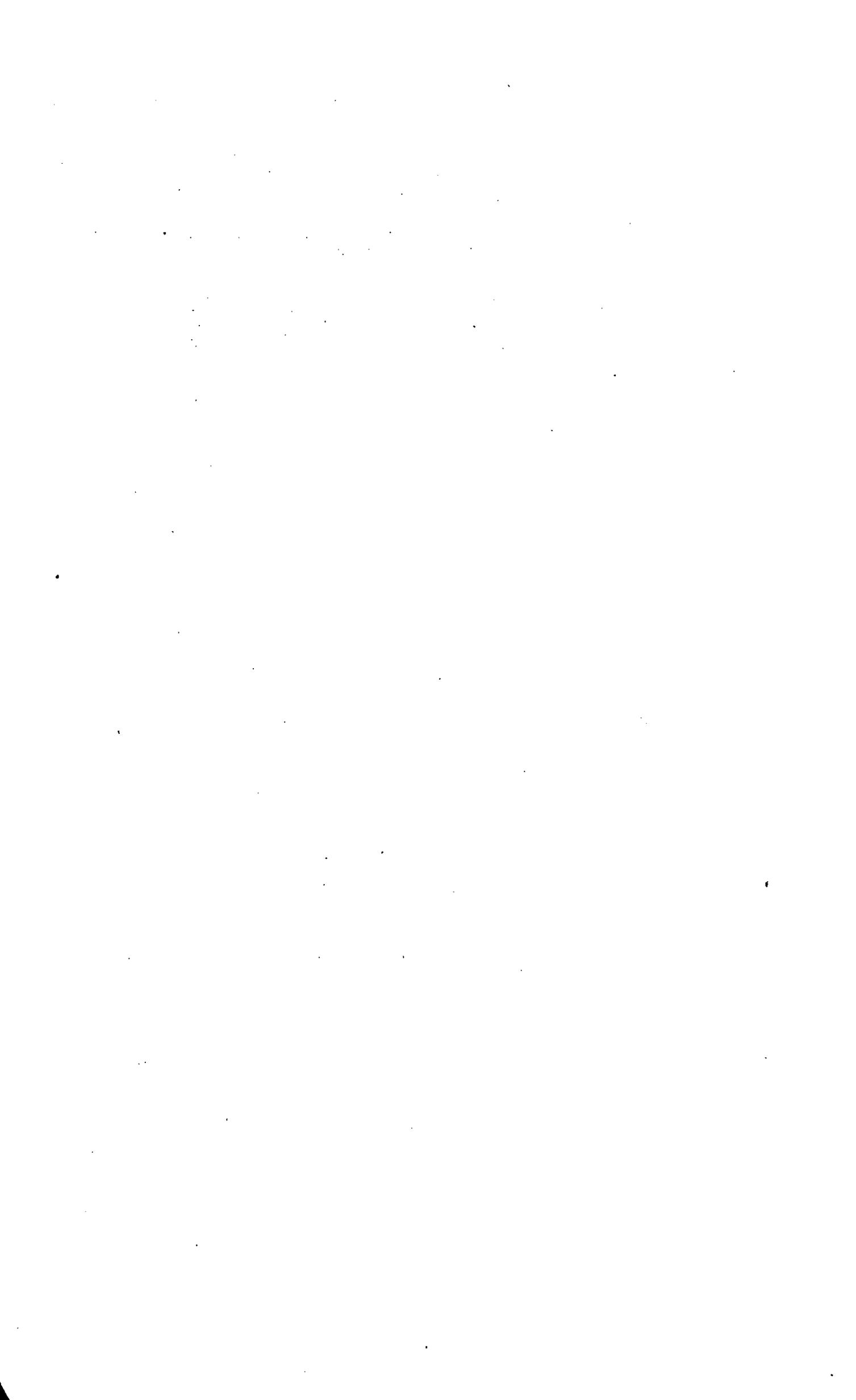
Notice was taken that there was not a quorum present.

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only sixteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Anderson, Mr. Brunner, Mr. Cook, Mr. Cotton, Mr. Dacey, Mr. Dick, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Hawthorne, Mr. Hogue, Mr. Law, Mr. Lee, Mr. Lyne, Mr. McGowen, Mr. Millard, Mr. Norton, and Mr. Willis,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, 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.



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No. 9.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 3 AUGUST, 1899.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Extension of the City Railway :—*Mr. Cohen*, for *Mr. Dugald Thomson*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he give the House information as to whether a western-side city railway, with a station at Wynyard-square, at such a level below the street as will allow approach to the Square by tunnel, without disturbing the foundations of the surrounding buildings, can reach, by a desirable grade, the Dawes Point approach to a North Shore Bridge, having a floor 180 feet above high-water mark ?

Mr. Lec answered,—To carry a line through Wynyard-square at such a distance below the ground as not to interfere with the foundations of buildings, all of which have basements, would involve a grade of 1 in 25·3, which I need not say would be a most undesirable one ; but a grade of 1 in 35 can be obtained, which would, however, interfere with the foundations of several buildings, necessitating resumption.

- (2.) Extension of the City Railway to Circular Quay :—*Mr. Cohen*, for *Mr. Dugald Thomson*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that over 12,000,000 passengers land and embark at the Circular Quay in a year ?
 (2.) Is he aware that the traffic is rapidly growing, and is likely to assume gigantic proportions in the future ?
 (3.) In view of the desirability of a railway tapping this great centre of traffic, and of the large number of people who now travel between the places served by railway and the harbour suburbs and resorts, will he see that the Quay has railway connection in the proposed city extension ?

Mr. Lee answered,

- (1 and 2.) I am not aware of the exact number of passengers landing and embarking at the Circular Quay in a year, but I am quite alive to the fact that it is a very large and increasing one.
 (3.) Every consideration will be given to the suggestion of the Honorable Member before the scheme now being dealt with is submitted to Parliament.

- (3.) Retiring Allowances to Teachers :—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Attorney-General,—

- (1.) When will the Government give effect to the promise made by him in March last that teachers with service prior to 1880 would receive "favourable treatment" in the computation of their retiring allowances ?
 (2.) Has the Public Service Board in any case since conceded such favourable treatment ?
 (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to alter the law so that teachers with broken service might be credited with their services prior to the break in it ?

Mr. Reid answered,—

- (1.) When legislation can be passed.
 (2.) No. The Public Service Board have no power to make any recommendation which is not in accordance with the law. They have strongly recommended that the law be amended so as to provide that school teachers shall receive the same treatment for superannuation purposes as officers of other Departments.
 (3.) Yes.

(4.)

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- (4.) Inspection of Tea:—Mr. Whiddon asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Referring to the Question asked by Mr. Whiddon, on 30th November, 1898, with reference to the inspection of tea,—
- (1.) Has any officer been appointed for this duty?
 - (2.) Has any tea been detected in passing through the Customs unfit for human consumption; if so, what quantity?
 - (3.) What is the nature of the test?
 - (4.) Is the officer appointed an expert in tea-testing as to its fitness for human consumption?
- Mr. Carruthers answered,—
- (1.) The work of inspection is performed by the examining officer in charge of the Customs laboratory.
 - (2.) Yes; a quantity of tea has been found to be sanded, and unfit for human consumption—about 8,000 lb. This was re-exported.
 - (3.) A chemical test, the standard being that gazetted under the Public Health Act of 1896, under date of 16th December, 1898.
 - (4.) Yes.
- (5.) Record of Treatment of Mineral Ores:—Mr. Hurley asked the Secretary for Mines,—Will he bring in a Bill making it compulsory for all companies who treat mineral ore for the extraction of gold, silver, lead, copper, tin, antimony, zinc, bismuth, and all other metals, no matter by what process, in New South Wales, to keep books, and at the end of each year make a statutory declaration to the correctness of such books, showing the number of tons of ore treated, how treated, description of mine, name (if any), name of owner or occupier, depth of mine, depth of level for each parcel of ore treated; that a copy of such books be supplied to the public by the Mines Department twelve months after each statutory declaration, with a view to enable and encourage investors to take up and work old and abandoned mines?
- Mr Cook answered,—A clause is in the Amending and Consolidating Mining Bill providing what is referred to by the Honorable Member, with the exception of that part of his Question relating to the supply of a copy of the books to the public. This will receive further consideration before the Bill is tabled.
- (6.) Relatives of Members of the Public Service Board:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Attorney-General,—
- (1.) Does not the Public Service Act provide that blood-relatives of members of the Board shall not be appointed to the Service?
 - (2.) Is it not a fact that Mr. Barling is so related to the Deputy Postmaster-General and to Mr. Vernon, lately transferred to the Treasury?
- Mr. Reid answered,—
- (1.) No. Section 34 of the Public Service Act prescribes as follows:—"No person related by blood or marriage to any member of the Board shall, except with the approval of the Governor in writing, be appointed to or promoted in the Public Service while the member of the Board to whom such person is so related shall continue to be a member of such Board: Provided that the Governor may, by notification in the *Gazette*, define the limits or degrees of relationship within which this section shall apply." In regard to the latter part of the section, the Honorable Member will find that the limits or degrees of relationship were defined in the *Government Gazette* of 22nd January, 1897.
 - (2.) Mr. Barling informs me that he is not related to the Deputy Postmaster-General, unless the fact of that officer being the father of the wife of the second cousin of Mr. Barling's wife constitutes relationship. Mr. Lambton, it might be observed, has been in the service of the State since September, 1852, nearly 47 years, and has held his present position since October, 1866. Mr. Vernon, I am informed, is a brother-in-law of Mr. Barling. This gentleman was transferred in January, 1897, from the Railway Department, where he had been an officer since February, 1869, to the position of Accountant in the Treasury, at a salary of £750 per annum, his salary in the Railway Department being £725 per annum, and all the requirements of the section above referred to were observed in his case. The Minute of the Public Service Board, dated 19th January, 1897, recommending his appointment, concludes with the following paragraph:—"With a view to compliance with the provisions of section 34 of the Public Service Act of 1895, the Board report that Mr. Vernon is related by marriage to a member of the Board, being Mr. Barling's brother-in-law."
- (7.) Leave of Absence to Officers of the Public Works Department:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Attorney-General,—
- (1.) What officers of the Public Works Department have applied to the Public Service Board for three months or more leave of absence?
 - (2.) What applications have been granted, and for what reasons?
 - (3.) What is the length of service of these officers on the permanent staff?
 - (4.) Are the grounds for granting such leave as strong as those upon which similar leave, applied for by those retrenched or retired, was refused by the Public Service Board; and if so, what are they?
- Mr. Reid answered,—A return, giving the information asked for by the Honorable Member, will be prepared and laid upon the Table of the House if moved for in the usual way. It may be added, that applications for leave of absence are not made to the Public Service Board, but to the Head of the Department to which the applicant belongs.
- (8.) Government Architect's Department:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Attorney-General,—
- (1.) Was the Government Architect's Department reorganised during the absence of Mr. Vernon in England; and, if so, why?
 - (2.) Was Mr. Davis, Engineer for Sewerage Construction, appointed Acting Government Architect during Mr. Vernon's absence, when there were assistant architects in the Department qualified to act?

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(3.) What architectural experience has Mr. Davis; what diplomas does he hold; also, what are his engineering qualifications?

(4.) Was the Government Architect consulted with reference to the proposed changes prior to his departure for England; and, if so, was his advice acted on, and in what manner?

Mr. Reid answered,—The changes in the Government Architect's Department referred to were made at the instance of the Permanent Head of the Department, viz., Mr. Hickson. The information required to answer the Question by the Honorable Member is too long to be given in the shape of replies to Questions. Perhaps the Honorable Member will move for the papers if he thinks it desirable to do so.

(9.) Publication of Betting Advertisements:—Mr. Willis, for Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is the law with reference to the publication in New South Wales newspapers of advertisements referring to betting now being enforced; and if not, why not?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—I am informed by the Inspector General of Police that the proprietors of newspapers in Sydney and elsewhere have been cautioned, by direction of the Attorney-General, with regard to the advertisements referred to; since which, as far as he is aware, no advertisement has appeared of a character to warrant a prosecution.

(10.) Accidents with Lifts:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the number of serious accidents frequently occurring in connection with lifts attached to large offices and buildings in the city, has any action been taken by the Government to prevent the occurrence of such accidents by Regulation or otherwise?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—It will be necessary to introduce a measure to deal with this subject, and the matter shall have early attention.

(11.) Fire-escapes:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—What steps (if any) have the Government taken in regard to making better provision in the shape of fire-escapes in cases of fires in connection with large hotel buildings in the city?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—Reports have been obtained from the Fire Brigades Board, and the Agent-General has been asked to furnish copies of the Regulations of the London County Council upon the subject, with a view to further action.

2. TERRACE-STREET CLOSING BILL:—Mr. E. M. Clark presented a Petition from Tom Burton Dibbs and Edward Ainsworth Gaden, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to close and abolish Terrace-street, leading from Flagstaff View Street, North Sydney, to and bounded by lands of Tom Burton Dibbs and Edward Ainsworth Gaden (as trustees), and to vest the said Terrace-street in the said Tom Burton Dibbs and Edward Ainsworth Gaden (as such trustees).

And Mr. Clark having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, the *North Shore and Manly Times*, and the *North Sydney Recorder* newspapers, containing the notices required by the 396th Standing Order,—
Petition received.

3. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Gormly, as Chairman, brought up the First Report from the Printing Committee.

4. LAND TAX (CONTRIBUTION) BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Carruthers, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

BEAUCHAMP,

Governor.

Message No. 14.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend section 12 of the "Land and Income Tax Assessment Act of 1895."

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Sydney, 3rd August, 1899.

5. DENTISTS BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Dr. Graham moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Dentists Bill, which was introduced in the Assembly during a previous Session, but was interrupted before its completion by the close of that 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, 3rd October.

6. SEAMEN ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Smith 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 Seamen Act of 1898.

Question put and passed.

7. ILLAWARRA HARBOUR AND LAND CORPORATION ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend and extend the Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation Act of 1890, and the 'Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation Act Amendment Act of 1895,'*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 3rd August, 1899.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Bruncker, read a first time.

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

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8. AUSTRALASIAN FEDERATION:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Reid, “That this House agrees to the following Address to the Queen, praying for the establishment of the Commonwealth of Australia, and authorises Mr. Speaker to sign such Address on behalf of the Legislative Assembly, and present it to His Excellency the Governor for transmission to Her Majesty:—

“To the Queen’s Most Excellent Majesty.

“MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,—

“We, your Majesty’s loyal subjects, the Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, in Parliament assembled, approach your Majesty with assurances of loyal attachment to your Throne and Person.

“We humbly desire to lay before your Majesty:—

“1. That, pursuant to legislation passed by the Parliaments of New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, Tasmania, and Western Australia, a Convention of Representatives of the Colonies named met and framed a Draft Federal Constitution, during the years 1897 and 1898.

“2. That in the beginning of the present year the Prime Ministers of the Colonies named, and the Prime Minister of Queensland, in Conference assembled, amended the said Draft Federal Constitution in certain respects.

“3. That subsequently Federal Enabling Acts were passed by the Parliaments of New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, and Tasmania, and those Acts provided for the submission of the Federal Constitution, drafted and amended as aforesaid, to the electors of New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, and Tasmania, for acceptance or rejection.

“4. That the electors of New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, and Tasmania have accepted the said Constitution as amended. The vote of the people of Queensland will be taken on the 2nd September next.

“5. That the Federal Enabling Act of New South Wales, which was passed during the month of April last, provided as follows:—

“If two Colonies, in addition to New South Wales, accept the Constitution, both Houses of Parliament may adopt Addresses to the Queen, praying that the Constitution may be passed into law by the Imperial Parliament upon receipt of similar Addresses from the Parliaments of two such Colonies; and the Addresses so adopted shall be forthwith transmitted to the Queen, with a certified copy of the Constitution.’

“6. In pursuance of those powers, we, your Majesty’s most dutiful and loyal subjects, pray that upon the transmission to your Majesty of an Address from the Legislative Council of New South Wales to the same effect, and of similar Addresses from the Parliaments of two or more of the other Colonies, namely, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania, and Western Australia, your Majesty may be pleased to cause the accompanying Constitution to be submitted to the Imperial Parliament for the establishment of an Australian Commonwealth, composed of those Colonies which unite with New South Wales in a similar prayer to your Majesty.

“All which we, the Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, humbly pray your Majesty to take into your gracious and favourable consideration.

“On behalf and in the name of the Legislative Assembly.

“Speaker.”

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Mr. Haynes moved, That the Question be amended by the insertion of the following words, to stand paragraphs 7 and 8:—

“7. That nevertheless we desire, in forwarding this Address to your Majesty, to state that, notwithstanding the large vote in favour of the Bill, over eighty-two thousand of your dutiful and loyal subjects in New South Wales voted against it.

“8. That such vote against the Bill was not a declaration against Federation, but against the adoption of any Constitution which could not be amended by a majority of the Australian people.”

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

Debate continued.

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

Question put and passed.

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

9. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—William John Ferguson, Esquire, came to the Table, and was sworn by the Clerk as a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.
10. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Brunker moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at seven minutes after Eleven o’clock, until Tuesday next 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 EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 8 AUGUST, 1899.

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

APPOINTMENT OF THE RIGHT HONORABLE WILLIAM, EARL BEAUCHAMP, AS GOVERNOR OF THE COLONY:—Mr. Speaker reported that he had presented to the Governor the Address of Congratulation adopted by the House in reply to His Excellency's Message, No. 1, and that His Excellency had been pleased to give the following answer:—

To the Honorable The Speaker,
and Members of the Legislative Assembly.

I receive, with much gratification, your complimentary Address on my appointment as the Representative of Her Most Gracious Majesty in this Colony, and I desire to return you my sincere thanks for the flattering terms in which your congratulations are expressed.

I can assure you that in the faithful and careful discharge of my duties it will be my continued and earnest endeavour to promote the welfare and happiness of this Colony, and to strengthen that loyal attachment to Her Majesty's Crown and Person which distinguishes already the whole population of New South Wales.

BEAUCHAMP,
Governor.

3rd August, 1899.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Occupation Licenses in the Central Division:—Mr. Sawers asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) What is the approximate area of Crown lands within the Central Division held under occupation license?
(2.) What is the estimated area of abandoned Crown lands within the Central Division?

Mr. Young answered,—

(1.) On the 31st December, 1898, the approximate area of Crown lands within the Central Division held under occupation license was 9,609,000 acres; this area includes reserves from sale for water, camping, and travelling stock—as well as roads provided for access or inter-communication.

(2.) The estimated area of abandoned Crown lands within the Central Division on the same date is about 3,000,000 acres.

(2.) Bridge between Sydney and North Sydney:—Mr. Dugald Thomson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Will the Government undertake the construction of a bridge between Sydney and North Sydney?

(2.) If so, when will the necessary authority for reference to the Public Works Committee be sought from Parliament?

(3.) If not, will he select and support that one of the private projects for connection which may most commend itself to his officers, and so assist the large and growing populations of the northern suburbs to obtain the convenience which the Government is not prepared to provide?

Mr. Lee answered,—No decision yet arrived at.

(3.) Commissions of Officers of the Colonial Marine Service:—Mr. Carroll, for Mr. Wright, asked the Attorney-General,—Referring to Mr. Wright's Question on Tuesday, the 1st August, will he make further inquiry into the subject of Commissions of Officers of the Colonial Marine Service mentioned, as Mr. Wright is under the impression that the information supplied to the Minister is incorrect?

Mr. Reid answered,—The information given was obtained from the Regulations, and also from inquiries made to responsible naval officers. Perhaps the Honorable Member will give me more definite information.

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(4.) Dairy Stock Suffering from Tuberculosis:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for *Mr. Haynes*, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) What percentage of dairy or other stock purchased in this Colony for the Richmond Experimental Farm has been found suffering from tuberculosis, and been destroyed?
- (2.) What officer is responsible for the selection?

Mr. Cook answered,—

- (1.) In August, 1897, twenty-five head of cattle were purchased for the purpose of maintaining the milk supply at the Hawkesbury Agricultural College during the winter. They were selected from the best breeders on the South Coast. The tuberculin test had not at this time been used by the Department; the cattle were guaranteed non-tuberculous by the sellers, and had no visible signs of the disease at the time of purchase. Soon after they arrived at the College they were subjected to the test, and three of the cows proved to be tuberculous and were destroyed. None of the other cattle reacted to the first test—which is now applied regularly every six months to all cattle on the College Farm. Subsequently, however, six other of these cattle were found to be tuberculous and destroyed; but it is not improbable that they contracted the disease after date of purchase.
- (2.) *Mr. O'Callaghan*.

(5.) Visit of Rifle Team to England:—*Mr. Carroll* asked the Attorney-General,—

- (1.) Has an agreement been arrived at by the Premiers of the Australian Colonies respecting the sending of a rifle team to England during the year 1900?
- (2.) If so, will he state the nature of the agreement, and the amount to be defrayed by each Colony?

Mr. Reid answered,—

- (1.) At the invitation of the Tasmanian Government we agreed to join with the other Colonies in sending a rifle team to England.
- (2.) No details of the scheme have yet been worked out.

(6.) Proposed Terminal Railway Station of Government House Grounds:—*Mr. Rose* asked the Attorney-General,—

- (1.) In view that the office of State Governor will be of a reduced status when Federation is accomplished, what objection would there be to handing over the present Government House grounds for a terminal railway station?
- (2.) If such proposition were carried out, could not facilities be provided for unloading and loading direct from deep-water carriage?

Mr. Lee answered,—This matter is not being overlooked in connection with the projected extension of the railway into the City.

(7.) Mining Accidents:—*Mr. Thomas* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) The number of men employed underground in the silver-mines of the Broken Hill district?
- (2.) The number of fatal accidents amongst the men working underground from 1st January, 1898, to 31st July, 1899?
- (3.) The number of men employed on the surface of the Broken Hill mines?
- (4.) The number of fatal accidents amongst them during the period from 1st January, 1898, to 31st July, 1899?
- (5.) The number of men employed underground in the coal mines of New South Wales?
- (6.) The number of fatal accidents amongst those men during the period from 1st January, 1898, to 31st July, 1899?
- (7.) The number of men employed on the surface in the coal mines of New South Wales?
- (8.) The number of fatal accidents amongst the number during the period from 1st January, 1898, to 31st July, 1899?
- (9.) The number of men employed in gold-mining underground in the Colony of New South Wales?
- (10.) The number of fatal accidents amongst the number during the period from 1st January, 1898, to 31st July, 1899?
- (11.) The number of men employed on the surface in gold-mining in the Colony of New South Wales?
- (12.) The number of fatal accidents amongst the number during the period from 1st January, 1898, to 31st July, 1899?

Mr. Cook answered,—

- (1.) About 3,500.
- (2.) 16.
- (3.) About 2,550.
- (4.) 3.
- (5.) 8,192 in 1898; the information as to the number now employed is not yet available.
- (6.) 7 in 1898, causing the loss of 26 lives; 3 in 1899, causing the loss of 3 lives.
- (7.) 2,066 in 1898; the information as to the number now employed is not yet available.
- (8.) 2 in 1898, causing the loss of 2 lives; none in 1899.
- (9.) On 31st December, 1898, 19,919; it is not possible to distinguish the number working above and below ground.
- (10.) In 1898, 9; 1899, 11.
- (11.) See answer to No. 9.
- (12.) In 1898, 1; 1899, 1.

(8.)

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(8.) Chief Draftsman, Government Architect's Branch:—*Mr. Edden*, for *Mr. Dacey*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What qualifications over and above those possessed by the Assistant Architects of the Works and Education Departments does the Chief Draftsman of the Architect's Branch possess?
- (2.) What practical and field experience has this officer?
- (3.) Before recommending the placing of this officer (Chief Draftsman) over his previously senior officers, did the Public Service Board hold examinations as to the fitness of the various officers in the Service; if not, how is it that an officer with drafting experience only is now placed senior to architects of years practice?
- (4.) What officers of the temporary Service are now called upon to sit for examination; and what is the length of service of these officers?
- (5.) Is it not a fact that some of these officers have already sat for one or more examinations?
- (6.) Why are some officers compelled to sit for examination, when others receive promotion without such examination?

Mr. Lee answered,—The Public Service Board has furnished me with the following replies:—

(1, 2, and 3.) There seems to be some misunderstanding underlying these Questions. On the recommendation of the permanent head of the Public Works Department it was decided, some time ago, to remodel in certain particulars the system which prevailed in the Architect's Branch of that Department. Under the old system the assistant architects were responsible for the plans as well as the superintendence of the works which they were in charge of. It was thought that more economical results would follow if these officers were relieved of a great portion of the office work of drafting, and thus leave them free for their important outside duties. In pursuance of this determination, which was only arrived at after careful consideration, a Chief Draftsman was appointed to take charge of the office work, and *Mr. Oakeshott* was selected for the position. *Mr. Oakeshott* is undeniably one of the most accomplished architectural draftsmen in the Colony; he is an Associate of the Royal Institute of British Architects, and the author of a well-known text-book on architecture. There was no necessity to submit this gentleman to an examination, as he was already on the office staff.

(4, 5, and 6.) The Honorable Member is probably referring to the examinations which are now taking place in connection with the proposed permanent emergency staff, and all temporary officers who seek admission to such are compelled by the terms of the Public Service Act to undergo a competitive examination before they can be appointed. Their admission to the permanent service on any other terms would be illegal. The examination which some of these officers have already had to submit to was one to test their qualification for temporary employment. Examination is not compulsory for temporary employment as it is in the case of permanent appointments, but in many cases the Public Service Board find an examination the readiest way of testing the capabilities of candidates for temporary work. As before explained, it was not necessary for *Mr. Oakeshott* to submit to examination.

(9.) Information by *Mr. Coghlan* on Federal Finance:—*Mr. E. M. Clark* asked the Attorney-General,—

- (1.) Has his attention been drawn to a paragraph in a leading daily paper on the 2nd August stating that the Government of West Australia has decided to ask him to allow *Mr. Coghlan* to go to West Australia for the purpose of educating the people there upon the finances of Federation?
- (2.) In view of the fact that *Mr. Coghlan* was not permitted to give similar information to the people of New South Wales during the late Federal Referendum, and the importance locally of his official duties as a member of the Public Service and Government Statistician, will he refuse a request of the kind from West Australia?

Mr. Reid answered,—The Government have replied to the effect that the request cannot be complied with.

(10.) Remuneration from Government to Members of the Legal Profession:—*Mr. Richards*, for *Mr. Meagher*, asked the Attorney-General,—As the proposed Federal Constitution (section 45, subsection 3) wisely precludes any member of the legal profession sitting in either House from receiving remuneration from the Government for professional services, will he take steps to bring the same salutary principle into operation in this Colony?

Mr. Reid answered,—It has been found to be inadvisable in the public interest to strictly enforce this rule, owing mainly to the fact that so many leaders of the Bar have been and are members of the Legislative Council.

3. MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BROKEN HILL ELECTRIC LIGHTING BILL:—

Mr. Cann presented a Petition from the Municipal District Council of Broken Hill, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to give powers to the Council of the Municipal District of Broken Hill to light the streets and public places of the said Municipal District with the electric light, and to supply electricity within the limits of the said Municipal District, and to levy rates and to make charges in respect of such lighting and supply; and for the purposes aforesaid to acquire land, and the right to use patents, and acquire or construct works and break open streets, remove obstructions, and lay down or erect electric lines; and to borrow money, enter into contracts, sell or lease fittings, and do other matters incidental to such lighting and supply; and to amend the one hundred and thirtieth, one hundred and forty-third, and one hundred and fifty-eighth, and other sections of the Municipalities Act of 1897, so far as may be necessary for the purposes aforesaid; and to impose certain penalties, and otherwise protect the Council from being defrauded, impeded, or harrassed in the exercise of the aforesaid powers; and to make provision for the safety of the public; and to amend the law in other respects.

And *Mr. Cann* having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Daily Telegraph* and *Barrier Miner* newspapers, containing the notices required by the 396th Standing Order,—

Petition received.

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4. NAVIGATION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Carruthers, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

BEAUCHAMP,
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 abolish the Marine Board; to constitute a Department of Navigation and Court of Marine Inquiry; and to define the powers and duties of such Department and Court; to amend the Navigation Acts of 1871–1896 in other respects; and for purposes incidental to or consequent upon those objects.

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5. PAPERS:—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Report of the Postmaster-General for the year 1898, together with Appendices A to E.
(2.) Return to an Order, made on 18th April, 1899,—“Men employed on Telephone Tunnel Works.”
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
6. TERRACE-STREET CLOSING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
(1.) Mr. E. M. Clark moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to close and abolish Terrace-street, leading from Flagstaff View Street, North Sydney, to and bounded by lands of Tom Burton Dibbs and Edward Ainsworth Gaden (as trustees), and to vest the said Terrace-street in the said Tom Burton Dibbs and Edward Ainsworth Gaden (as such trustees).
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Clark having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled “A Bill to close and abolish Terrace-street, leading from Flagstaff View Street, North Sydney, to and bounded by lands of Tom Burton Dibbs and Edward Ainsworth Gaden (as trustees), and to vest the said Terrace-street in the said Tom Burton Dibbs and Edward Ainsworth Gaden (as such trustees),”—read a first time.
7. RAILWAY REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Fegan moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
(1.) The revenue from Railways for the years 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, and 1898.
(2.) The expenditure for the same periods.
Question put and passed.
8. PATENTS LAW AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Laws relating to the granting of Patents.
Question put and passed.
9. INTEREST ON JUDGMENTS AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
(1.) Mr. Garland moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the law with respect to the rate of interest on verdicts and judgments in the Supreme Court.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Garland then presented a Bill, intituled “A Bill to amend the law with respect to the rate of interest on verdicts and judgments in the Supreme Court,”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 3rd October.
10. LIQUOR ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Copeland 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 Liquor Act of 1898 in certain particulars therein set forth.
Question put and passed.
11. SUNDAY TRADING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Copeland 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 law with respect to clubs and co-operative stores; and to regulate and restrict Sunday trading, other than the sale of liquor.
Question put and passed.
12. HOTELS DIMINISHING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Copeland 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 lessen the number of hotels in proportion to the population.
Question put and passed.
13. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation Act further Amendment Bill, postponed until Tuesday, 17th October.
14. PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Cohen 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. Cohen, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
Ordered, that the report be adopted To-morrow.

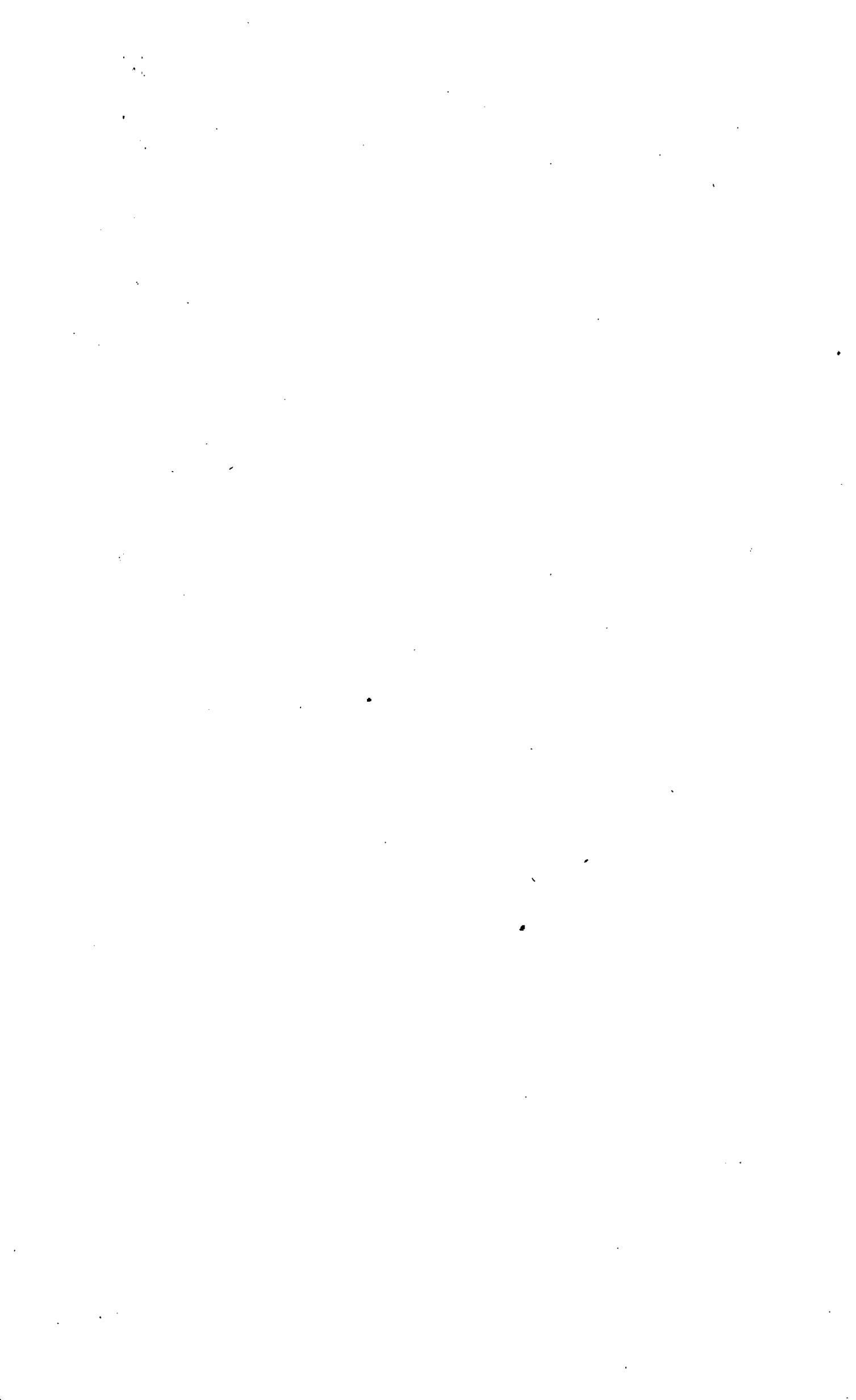
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15. MUNICIPALITIES ACT OF 1897 AMENDING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Fitzpatrick, 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. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to protect the wages of workmen employed by Joint Stock Companies; to provide for the payment of wages in preference to other debts due by Companies; and to amend the Companies Act, the Friendly Societies Act of 1873, and the Joint Stock Companies Arrangement Act of 1892;—postponed until To-morrow.
17. JUVENILE SMOKING SUPPRESSION BILL:—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Dr. Ross, 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 restrict and prohibit the use of tobacco, cigars, and cigarettes by juvenile members of the community.
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 restrict and prohibit the use of tobacco, cigars, and cigarettes by juvenile members of the community.
On motion of Dr. Ross, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
(2.) Dr. Ross then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to restrict and prohibit the use of tobacco, cigars, and cigarettes by juvenile members of the community*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 3rd October.
- The House adjourned, at a quarter-past 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 EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 9 AUGUST, 1899.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) The Printing Committee :—Mr. Wilks asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) On what date was a Printing Committee first appointed by this House?
- (2.) What were the names of the members of such Committee; and who was selected Chairman?
- (3.) On what dates did such Committee meet, and what were the names of the members who attended each meeting?
- (4.) Did such Committee act without payment, the same as other Select Committees of this House?
- (5.) Will he give the same information in regard to the other Committees subsequently appointed for a similar purpose?
- (6.) What is the estimated amount saved by such Committees to the present date?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table a return giving the desired information.

(2.) Applicants for Employment on the Trams:—Mr. Hurley asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In view of the fact that the Railway Authorities have been advertising and inviting applicants to apply for employment on the trams,—

- (1.) Will the Railway Authorities grant a railway pass to applicants who are residents in the country, to enable the country applicant to compete with the applicants who are residents of the metropolis?
- (2.) What is the number of applications in now for positions on the trams?
- (3.) What constitutes an examination?
- (4.) Are the applicants required to present themselves; if not, how are their physical qualifications ascertained?
- (5.) Will country applicants receive the same and equal consideration with the metropolitan applicants?
- (6.) Do the tramway authorities require tram guards for the George-street tram service; if so, about what number?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—I am informed that about 3,000 applications have been received in response to the advertisement for tramway conductors, many of them from country districts. It would be inadvisable to allow free passes to all applicants from the country, and the Commissioners do not intend to grant it. The positions to be filled are vacancies that will be created on the steam lines owing to experienced conductors being drafted from the steam to the electric lines. The applications will be thoroughly scrutinised by a committee, duly appointed by the Commissioners for the purpose, and the most eligible applicants selected for personal examination. In connection with this final examination, passes will be granted to applicants from the country, who may be selected, for the journey to Sydney and return.

(3.) Mint Rates:—Mr. Richards asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is he aware that, according to the respective Mint rates, the charge in Victoria to a miner who brings in a small parcel of gold is 4s., whilst the minimum in New South Wales is 6s.?
- (2.) Is it a fact that in other respects the fees collected on small parcels of gold sent to the Sydney Mint for coining are three times as great as in Melbourne, being represented as 200 per cent. higher than those made at the Melbourne Mint?
- (3.) Is he aware that, in consequence of this reported difference in the respective scales of charges, special inducements are held out for miners to forward New South Wales gold to Victoria?
- (4.) If the representations in these Questions are found to be correct, will he take steps immediately to have a reduced scale of charges brought about, thus offering inducements to miners carrying on operations on a small scale to take small parcels of gold to the Mint?

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Mr. Cook answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Yes, on small parcels.
- (3.) Yes, so far as the mining fields near the Border are concerned, but as a matter of fact very little comparatively is sent there.
- (4.) The matter has already been fully inquired into, and it has been found that to assimilate our Mint charges with those in force in Victoria would mean a loss to the Government of about £5,000 a year. The Victorian Mint deals with a much larger quantity of gold than the Sydney establishment, and can afford to reduce the fees. The fact that the Western Australian gold is now being dealt with by that Colony may affect the Victorian charges.

(4.) Cost of the Bourke Weir:—Mr. Byrne asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What was the estimated cost for the Bourke Weir?
- (2.) What was the total expenditure upon the works?

Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1.) £19,500.
 - (2.) As the work was carried out under two Departments, it will take some little time to compile the information asked. I will, however, get this prepared and lay it on the Table of the House for the information of the Honorable Member.
- (5.) Police Act:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) How long has the present Police Act been in existence?
 - (2.) The number of officers and men employed in the Police Force?
 - (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to take any action by way of amending the Police Act for the better regulation of promotions in the Service, the retirement of old officers, and to meet the requirements of an increasing population; if so, when?

Mr. Bruncker answered,—

- (1.) Since 1862.
 - (2.) Fifty-four officers and 1,934 non-commissioned officers and men.
 - (3.) Promotions are generally recommended by the Inspector-General of Police, who is supposed to have a better knowledge of the qualifications and conduct of officers than has the Minister. With regard to the proposition for increasing the Police Force, provision has been made upon the Estimates for the present year for that increase, in view of the increasing population of the city and suburbs and the demands for police protection.
- (6.) Hare and Rabbit Pest:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) In what way and by what means are the Government endeavouring, during the last few years, to put down the hare and rabbit pest?
 - (2.) Is it expected or intended that settlers and farmers in the interior, besides paying taxes for their suppression, have to undertake to do the work for themselves, in the way of hare-drives, &c.; and do the Government allow them anything for doing so?
 - (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to introduce any Bill during the present Session dealing with this important matter; if so, when?
 - (4.) The number of hares or rabbits sent to Sydney or exported during the last twelve months?

Mr. Cook answered,—

- (1.) Through the various Pastures and Stock Protection Boards appointed under the Act as regards hares. The rabbit pest is dealt with under the Rabbit Act, which is administered by the Department of Lands.
- (2.) If hares are declared to be noxious animals in a district, the Pastures and Stock Protection Act requires every owner of land to make effective provision for and to ensure the destruction of all noxious animals on his land. The Boards from the assessment collected by them, which is supplemented by a grant from the Government, pay a bonus for scalps of hares destroyed to all persons delivering them. Scalps of hares as a result of hare drives are paid for if presented to the Receiver of the Stock and Pastures Board.
- (3.) My honorable colleague, the Secretary for Lands, has this matter under consideration.
- (4.) Estimated number received in Sydney:—Hares, 150,000; rabbits, 100,000. Exported—Hares, 90,000; rabbits, 30,000.

(7.) New Telephones:—Mr. Affleck asked the Postmaster-General,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that during May, June, and July, 485 new telephones have been established?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the last list of telephone numbers in the general list was published on the 17th February last, and the last supplementary list on the 7th March last?
- (3.) If the last supplementary list was published on the 7th March, how are the public to learn the numbers established since the last list?
- (4.) Is it his intention to have a new and complete list published, and when?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) Yes.
 - (3 and 4.) A new list is in the hands of the Government Printer, and will shortly be issued.
- (8.) Fidelity Bond of Public Servants:—Mr. McGowen, for Mr. Macdonald, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What is the total amount deducted annually from salaries of Civil Servants for the purposes of a fidelity bond; and in what manner is such sum disposed of?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—The amount varies annually. £1,788 19s. 2d. was deducted in 1898-9, being premiums at the rate of 3s. per cent. on amount of the Officer's guarantee. These premiums are placed to credit of an account called the Treasury Guarantee Fund, and from which fund claims for sums embezzled are paid to the extent to which the defaulting officer may be guaranteed, on the same principle upon which a fidelity guarantee office would pay.

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(9.) Examination for Promotion in the Public Service:—*Mr. Carroll*, for Mr. Austin Chapman, asked the Attorney-General,—

(1.) Referring to the answers given to Questions Nos. 5 and 37 on the 1st August, relative to examinations for promotion in the Public Service, does the present Attorney-General endorse the opinion of his predecessor that the Public Service Board have legal power to make Regulations denying promotion within and between the lower series of grades to officers who decline to submit themselves to a written examination?

(2.) If so, is he also quite clear that such Regulations are in accordance with the spirit of the Public Service Act?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1.) I beg to refer the Honorable Member to the Regulations alluded to. So far as the late Attorney-General is concerned, his opinion was that those Regulations are not *ultra vires*.

(2.) I think that it is quite within the spirit of the Act to take precautions to secure promotion according to merit.

(10.) Endowment to Municipalities:—Mr. Anderson asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Has he made any provision for granting an endowment to municipalities?

(2.) If so, what amount?

(3.) When will it be available?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—As I purpose laying the Estimates on the Table when making the Financial Statement to-morrow, perhaps the Honorable Member will consent to defer his Question.

(11.) Appropriation Act, 1898-9:—Mr. Cann asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What was the total amount of appropriations undischarged on the 30th June, 1899?

(2.) Have any of those amounts been discharged since that date?

(3.) What are the savings under the Appropriation Act of 1898-99?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

(1.) £136,471 12s. 8d.

(2.) The balance of appropriations unexpended on 30th June, 1899, lapsed in terms of section 22 of the Audit Act of 1898. Any claims incurred prior to 30th June last, and subsequently presented at the Treasury for payment, become a charge on the current year's appropriations, and are so provided for on the Estimates for 1899-1900.

(3.) Answered in No. 1.

(12.) Site for Proposed National Bank:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Attorney-General,—

(1.) Referring to a Question of Mr. E. M. Clark, of 19th August, 1896, did not the Attorney-General state that he would, in view of his proposal to establish a National Bank, consider the advisability of reserving from sale the land at the corner of George-street and Martin-place as a site for such an institution?

(2.) Was the suitability of this site for such an institution considered when it was determined to sell the land; and, if not, will he withdraw the land from sale until it is so considered?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1.) I have no recollection of this.

(2.) No, because the present site of the Savings Bank of New South Wales is sufficiently central for all purposes.

(13.) Lands for Closer Settlement Bill:—*Mr. Carroll*, for Mr. Waddell, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Lands for Closer Settlement Bill during this Session?

Mr. Young answered,—This matter is still under consideration.

(14.) Reserves in the Cowra District:—*Mr. Carroll*, for Mr. Waddell, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he ascertain what reserves in the Cowra District are not required for public purposes, and have them thrown open for settlement as soon as possible?

Mr. Young answered,—Due inquiry will be made; but I may invite the Honorable Member's attention to a circular letter, of the 19th September last, from the Department, in which he, as well as other Honorable Members, were asked to indicate any reserves within their electorates which in their opinion might, without detriment to the public interest, be made available for settlement.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Particulars respecting the Printing Committee.

(2.) Report of the Railway Commissioners on Railways and Tramways for quarter ended 30th June, 1899.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Reid laid upon the Table;—Report on Prisons for the year 1898.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. COAL MINES REGULATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Cook moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend section 47 of the Coal Mines Regulation Act of 1896.

Question put and passed.

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4. MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BROKEN HILL ELECTRIC LIGHTING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
- (1.) Mr. Cann moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to give powers to the Council of the Municipal District of Broken Hill to light the streets and public places of the said Municipal District with the electric light, and to supply electricity within the limits of the said Municipal District; and to levy rates, and to make charges in respect of such lighting and supply; and for the purposes aforesaid to acquire land, and the right to use patents, and acquire or construct works and break open streets, remove obstructions, and lay down or erect electric lines; and to borrow money, enter into contracts, sell or lease fittings, and do other matters incidental to such lighting and supply; and to amend the 130th, 143rd, and 158th, and other sections of the Municipalities Act of 1897, so far as may be necessary for the purposes aforesaid; and to impose certain penalties, and otherwise protect the Council from being defrauded, impeded, or harassed in the exercise of the aforesaid powers, and to make provision for the safety of the public; and to amend the law in other respects.
Question put and passed.
- (2.) Mr. Cann having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of a sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to give powers to the Council of the Municipal District of Broken Hill to light the streets and public places of the said Municipal District with the electric light, and to supply electricity within the limits of the said Municipal District, and to levy rates and to make charges in respect of such lighting and supply; and, for the purposes aforesaid to acquire land, and the right to use patents, and acquire or construct works and break open streets, remove obstructions, and lay down or erect electric lines; and to borrow money, enter into contracts, sell or lease fittings, and do other matters incidental to such lighting and supply; and to amend the 130th, 143rd, and 158th, and other sections of the Municipalities Act of 1897, so far as may be necessary for the purposes aforesaid; and to impose certain penalties, and otherwise protect the Council from being defrauded, impeded, or harassed in the exercise of the aforesaid powers; and to make provision for the safety of the public; and to amend the law in other respects.*"—read a first time.
5. TERRACE-STREET CLOSING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. E. M. Clark moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That Terrace-street Closing Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Young, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Mr. Howarth, Mr. Nobbs, Mr. Carroll, Mr. Hurley, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick, Dr. Ross, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
6. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
- (1.) Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act Amendment Bill, reported; adoption of report;—until To-morrow.
- (2.) Municipalities Act of 1897 Amending Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—until Tuesday, 17th October.
- (3.) Companies Employees Wages Protection Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to protect the wages of workmen employed by Joint Stock Companies; to provide for the payment of wages in preference to other debts due by Companies; and to amend the Companies Act, the Friendly Societies Act of 1873, and the Joint Stock Companies Arrangement Act of 1892;—until Tuesday, 22nd August.
- (4.) Companies Acts Amendment Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—until Tuesday, 22nd August.
- (5.) Seamen Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Seamen Act of 1898;—until Tuesday, 5th September.
7. AUSTRALASIAN FEDERATION:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Reid, "That this House agrees to the following Address to the Queen, praying for the establishment of the Commonwealth of Australia, and authorises Mr. Speaker to sign such Address on behalf of the Legislative Assembly, and present it to His Excellency the Governor for transmission to Her Majesty:—

"To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,—

"We, your Majesty's loyal subjects, the Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, in Parliament assembled, approach your Majesty with assurances of loyal attachment to your Throne and Person.

"We humbly desire to lay before your Majesty:—

"1. That, pursuant to legislation passed by the Parliaments of New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, Tasmania, and Western Australia, a Convention of Representatives of the Colonies named met and framed a Draft Federal Constitution, during the years 1897 and 1898.

"2. That in the beginning of the present year the Prime Ministers of the Colonies named, and the Prime Minister of Queensland, in Conference assembled, amended the said Draft Federal Constitution in certain respects.

"3. That subsequently Federal Enabling Acts were passed by the Parliaments of New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, and Tasmania, and those Acts provided for the submission of the Federal Constitution, drafted and amended as aforesaid, to the electors of New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, and Tasmania, for acceptance or rejection.

"4. That the electors of New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, and Tasmania have accepted the said Constitution as amended. The vote of the people of Queensland will be taken on the 2nd September next.

"5.

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" 5. That the Federal Enabling Act of New South Wales, which was passed during the month of April last, provided as follows:—

" " If two Colonies, in addition to New South Wales, accept the Constitution, both Houses of Parliament may adopt Addresses to the Queen, praying that the Constitution may be passed into law by the Imperial Parliament upon receipt of similar Addresses from the Parliaments of two such Colonies; and the Addresses so adopted shall be forthwith transmitted to the Queen, with a certified copy of the Constitution."

" 6. In pursuance of those powers, we, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, pray that upon the transmission to your Majesty of an Address from the Legislative Council of New South Wales to the same effect, and of similar Addresses from the Parliaments of two or more of the other Colonies, namely, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania, and Western Australia, your Majesty may be pleased to cause the accompanying Constitution to be submitted to the Imperial Parliament for the establishment of an Australian Commonwealth, composed of those Colonies which unite with New South Wales in a similar prayer to your Majesty.

" All which we, the Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, humbly pray your Majesty to take into your gracious and favourable consideration.

" On behalf and in the name of the Legislative Assembly.

" *Speaker.*"

Upon which Mr. Haynes had moved, That the Question be amended by the insertion of the following words, to stand paragraphs 7 and 8:—

" 7. That nevertheless we desire, in forwarding this Address to your Majesty, to state that, notwithstanding the large vote in favour of the Bill, over eighty-two thousand of your dutiful and loyal subjects in New South Wales voted against it.

" 8. That such vote against the Bill was not a declaration against Federation, but against the adoption of any constitution which could not be amended by a majority of the Australian people."

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

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 22.

Mr. McLaughlin,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Holman,
Mr. Cotton,
Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Hughes,
Mr. Law,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Storey,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Leven,
Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. James Thomson,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Pyers,
Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Nicholson.

Tellers,

Mr. Noild,
Mr. Haynes.

Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Barton,
Mr. Quinn,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. See,
Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Dight,
Mr. Gillics,
Mr. Lees,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Goodwin,
Mr. Reymond,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Alexander Campbell,
Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Sawers,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Archibald Campbell,
Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Reid,
Mr. Nobbs,

Noes, 75.

Mr. W. W. Davis,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Affleck,
Mr. Spence,
Mr. Wilks,
Mr. Brunner,
Mr. Meagher,
Mr. Byrne,
Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Ross,
Mr. Thomas Clarke,
Mr. Archer,
Mr. Spruson,
Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Dugald Thomson,
Mr. Rigg,
Mr. Millard,
Mr. Whiddon,
Mr. Wise,
Sir Matthew Harris,
Mr. David Davis,
Mr. McCourt,
Dr. Graham,

Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Terry,
Mr. Howarth,
Mr. Mackay,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. McLean,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Watson,
Mr. Jessep,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Ferris,
Mr. Austin Chapman,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Donaldson

Tellers,

Mr. Moore,
Mr. Molesworth,

And so it passed in the negative.

Original Question then put and passed.

8. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Reid moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

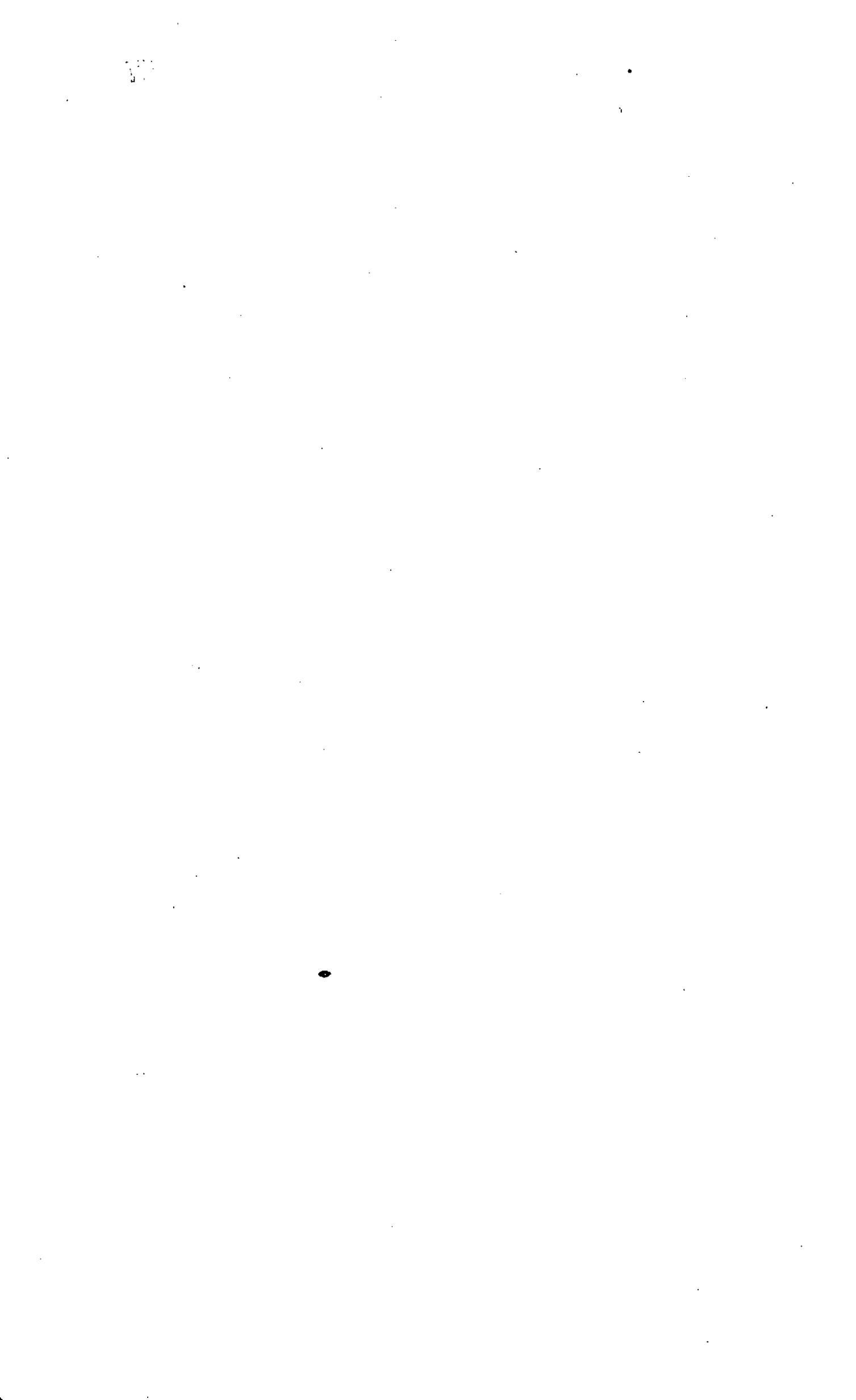
The House adjourned accordingly, at half-past Ten o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

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 EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 10 AUGUST, 1899.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Lieutenant-Colonel Commanding the Scottish Rifles:—*Mr. Carroll*, for Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, asked the Attorney-General,—

- (1.) Was the Lieutenant-Colonel commanding the Scottish Rifles (5th Regiment) recently suspended or arrested by Lieutenant-Colonel Bayly?
- (2.) If so, upon what grounds was this step taken?
- (3.) Has the accused officer been released?
- (4.) If so, upon what grounds?
- (5.) Is this not the second Commanding Officer suspended or arrested by Lieutenant-Colonel Bayly within three months?

Mr. Reid answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2 and 4.) These are matters of confidential correspondence on the part of the Military Department, which I do not feel at liberty to state at the present time.
- (3.) Yes.
- (5.) Yes.

- (2.) Railway Volunteer Rifle Corps:—*Mr. Carroll*, for Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, asked the Attorney-General,—

- (1.) Has the Railway Volunteer Rifle Corps been recently disbanded?
- (2.) Was not the disbanding preceded by a serious dispute between the Officer Commanding the Corps and Lieutenant-Colonel Bayly?
- (3.) Will he lay the correspondence between these officers, and all other papers connected with the disbanding of the Corps, upon the Table of this House?
- (4.) What sum of public money has been expended upon this Corps for capitulation, drill instructors, ammunition, and other charges?

Mr. Reid answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) A dispute, but not connected with disbandment.
- (3.) I do not think this desirable at present.
- (4.) The Honorable Member should move for a return in the usual way.

- (3.) Officers of the National Guard:—*Mr. Carroll*, for Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, asked the Attorney-General,—

- (1.) Have the whole of the officers of the National Guard tendered their resignations to General French?
- (2.) Did these officers resign in consequence of a dispute with Lieutenant-Colonel Bayly or other officer?
- (3.) Will he lay all papers connected with this matter upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Reid answered,—

- (1.) No; but I am informed some such step was contemplated owing to refusal to grant band allowance.
- (2.) Answered by No. 1.
- (3.) I am informed that there are practically no papers. (4.)

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(4.) Lieutenant-Colonel Bayly:—*Mr. Carroll*, for Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, asked the Attorney-General,—

(1.) Is he aware that serious dissatisfaction exists in the unpaid Volunteer Force with reference to the administration of the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Bayly?

(2.) Is he aware that the General Commanding the Defence Force wrote a minute respecting this officer in the following or similar words:—"Lieutenant-Colonel Bayly is undoubtedly a good drill, but a shockingly bad administrator"?

(3.) Is it not a fact that since his appointment last year Lieutenant-Colonel Bayly has had serious quarrels with every, or almost every, Officer Commanding the unpaid Volunteer Regiments or Corps?

(4.) Is it not a fact that these officers have applied to the General-Commanding to be removed from Lieutenant-Colonel Bayly's command, and placed under that of the Chief Staff Officer, as they formerly were?

(5.) Is it not a fact that the application of the Officer Commanding the Australian Horse was granted, and that regiment removed from Lieutenant-Colonel Bayly's control, and reverted to that of the Chief Staff Officer?

(6.) Is Lieutenant-Colonel Bayly the same officer who was Adjutant of the unpaid Volunteer Force which collapsed a few years ago?

(7.) Has this officer, who has been placed in command of several regiments and corps, ever held a commission as the Commanding Officer of a regiment, a corps, or of a company?

(8.) Can any precedent in the British or any other Army be quoted for appointing to the command of a brigade an officer who has never had the command of a regiment, a corps, or a company?

(9.) Will he make inquiry into the unsatisfactory condition of affairs existing in Lieutenant-Colonel Bayly's command, or take steps to place the unpaid Volunteers again under the control of the Chief Staff Officer?

Mr. Reid answered,—With reference to these Questions which bear upon the administration of Lieutenant-Colonel Bayly, I believe changes are in contemplation which may prevent the trouble of going into this matter in the way the Honorable Member wishes me to do.

(5.) Deaths from Consumption in Districts of Wollongong, Kiama, and Shoalhaven:—*Mr. Alexander Campbell* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) How many persons have died of consumption during the five years ending 31st December, 1898, within the districts of Wollongong, Kiama, and Shoalhaven?

(2.) The number of males and females?

(3.) How many of each sex had attained the age of maturity?

(4.) Is the death-rate from the above cause above or under the average rate in Great Britain?

Mr. Brunker answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table a return in answer to this Question.

(6.) Case of Blanche Brewster:—*Mr. Cann*, for Mr. Dacey, asked the Attorney-General,—

(1.) Did one Blanche Brewster bring an action against Senior-constable Josias Dawe, for false imprisonment, on 13th June, 1897, before Mr. Justice Cohen and a jury?

(2.) Did the Judge, in summing up, tell the jury that the evidence showed that the senior-constable had not misused the power vested in him as a constable, but had acted entirely within the law, and was, consequently, justified in making the arrest?

(3.) Did the jury return a verdict for defendant; if so, did that verdict carry costs?

(4.) What costs have been paid, and by whom?

(5.) Will the Government indemnify the senior-constable, in accordance with the usual practice in such cases?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1, 2, 3.) Yes.

(4 and 5.) £51 8s. authorised and paid by the Government, being one-half of the total charges which, it was considered, were unnecessarily heavy—and the senior-constable was not altogether free from blame, as he might have exercised better judgment.

(7.) The Tick Pest:—*Mr. Carroll* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is he aware that a horse arrived in Sydney on the morning of the 5th instant per s.s. "Wodonga" from Brisbane?

(2.) Is he aware that numbers of ticks are to be found in the streets of Brisbane and suburbs?

(3.) In view of the evidence recently given by Mr. Pound to the effect that both horses and sheep may convey the tick, does he propose to take any practical steps to check the introduction of the tick into this Colony?

Mr. Cook answered,—

(1.) Yes; but no horses are allowed to land in this Colony unless they are certified by an Inspector of Stock from the sending colony to be free from tick, and afterwards smeared; and they are again inspected and smeared on their arrival in Sydney.

(2.) I believe ticks have been found in the vicinity of Brisbane.

(3.) All possible precautions have been and are being taken to prevent the introduction of ticks into this Colony.

(8.) Bridge between Sydney and North Shore:—*Mr. Dugald Thomson* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Are the Government considering the question of the construction by the State of a bridge to North Shore; and, failing that, of supporting one or other of the private schemes of connection?

(2.) If so, when will a decision be reached and announced?

(3.) If not, will he promise consideration and prompt decision in justice to the people of the North Shore, and in fairness to the private promoters who have spent money and time on the proposals which have been for some years before Parliament?

(4.) Seeing that the Government have found it necessary to provide work, even if unremunerative, for those needing it, will he recognise the advisability of dealing decisively with proposals which offer extensive and remunerative employment?

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Mr. Lee answered,—I can only promise to give the various schemes for connecting Sydney and North Shore my careful consideration, and at the earliest opportunity submit the whole matter for the decision of the Cabinet.

- (9.) Irrigation Works :—Mr. Byrne asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to proceed with irrigation works or the construction of weirs or dams on the Yanko Creek or Murrumbidgee River, or other creek in that locality, without first submitting the whole of the proposed scheme to this House and to the Public Works Committee?

Mr. Lee answered,—No work will be undertaken that is in contravention of the 13th section of the Public Works Act of 1888.

- (10.) Manufacture of Jams :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that glucose and other injurious adulterations are used extensively in the manufacture of jams?

(2.) Will he see that a matter affecting public health is investigated by some competent officer under the control of the Government, with the view of having such adulterations prohibited, for the protection of the public?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—I am informed glucose is a harmless substance; it is used to adulterate jam, but not extensively. Jam is receiving attention among the many other articles of food which are liable to adulteration, and it will continue to be watched.

- (11.) Workmen's Compensation Bill :—Mr. Hughes asked the Attorney-General,—In view of the alarming increase of accidents to workmen employed on the wharfs and elsewhere, will he introduce a Workmen's Compensation Bill as speedily as possible?

Mr. Reid answered,—I am informed that, so far as can be ascertained, there has not recently been an alarming increase of accidents on the wharfs. With regard to the introduction of a Workmen's Compensation Bill, I find such a Bill, embodying the provisions of recent English legislation, is down for the second reading in the Legislative Council, in charge of the Honorable C. G. Heydon, Q.C. I thoroughly sympathise with this legislation, and may find it the most expeditious plan to forward the Bill in Mr. Heydon's hands in both Houses.

- (12.) Accidents on Wharfs and Ships in Port Jackson :—Mr. Hughes asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House a return of all the accidents which have occurred on the wharfs or on ships in Port Jackson to men engaged in loading or discharging cargo during the current year?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—The information respecting accidents on Government wharfs and ships lying at Government wharfs is already prepared, and laid upon the Table, under an Order of the Legislative Assembly dated 21st September, 1898. Accidents on private wharfs, or on ships lying at private wharfs, or on shipping in the stream, are not reported to the Wharfs Department, and the information in regard to them cannot be supplied.

- (13.) Employment of Men on Telephone Tunnels :—Mr. Hughes asked the Postmaster-General,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House a list of the names of all men employed on the telephone tunnels during the current year, with their residence at the time of engagement, and the name of the person (if any) by whom they were recommended?

Mr. Parkes answered,—Yes; on the next sitting day.

2. PRINTING COMMITTEE :—Mr. Gormly, as Chairman, brought up the Second Report from the Printing Committee.

3. PAPERS :—Mr. Bruncker laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Interim Report of the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the prevalence, &c., of Tuberculosis and other Diseases in Stock.

(2.) Report on Botanic Gardens and Domains, &c., for the year 1898.

(3.) Return respecting Deaths from Consumption in the districts of Wollongong, Kiama, and Shoalhaven, during the five years ended 31st December, 1898.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BROKEN HILL ELECTRIC LIGHTING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Cann moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the Municipal District of Broken Hill Electric Lighting Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Lyne, Mr. McGowen, Mr. Fegan, Mr. Ashton, Mr. E. M. Clark, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Gillies, Mr. Hurley, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

5. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the adoption of the report from the Committee of the Whole on the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act Amendment Bill, postponed until Tuesday, 22nd August.

6. LAND TAX (CONTRIBUTION) BILL :—Mr. Carruthers moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Land Tax (Contribution) Bill, forwarded to the Legislative Council during a previous 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, intitled "An Act to amend section 12 of the "Land and Income Tax Assessment Act of 1895,"—forwarded to the Legislative Council 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 Assembly requests that the said Bill be proceeded with under the Council's Standing Order in that behalf.

Question put and passed.

Message to Legislative Council sent accordingly.

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7. **NAVIGATION (AMENDMENT) BILL:**—Mr. Carruthers moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Navigation (Amendment) Bill, forwarded to the Legislative Council during a previous 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 abolish the Marine Board; to constitute a Department of Navigation and Court of Marine Inquiry, and to define the powers and duties of such Department and Court; to amend the Navigation Acts of 1871–1896 in other respects; and for purposes incidental to or consequent upon those objects,”—forwarded to the Legislative Council 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 Assembly requests that the said Bill be proceeded with under the Council’s Standing Order in that behalf.
Question put and passed.
Message to Legislative Council sent accordingly.
8. **MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS AMENDMENT 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 other matters connected therewith*,”—forwarded to the Legislative Assembly 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 be proceeded with under the Assembly’s Standing Order in that behalf.
Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 10th August, 1899.
JOHN LACKEY,
President.
And the 296th Standing Order of the House permitting of the restoration of the Bill to the stage it had reached at the close of a previous Session,—
Ordered, that the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday next.
9. **COAL MINES REGULATION ACT AMENDMENT 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 amend section 47 of the Coal Mines Regulation Act of 1896.
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 amend section 47 and section 64 of the Coal Mines Regulation Act of 1896.
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 amend section 47 and section 64 of the Coal Mines Regulation Act of 1896*,”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
10. **FRIENDLY SOCIETIES BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Bruncker 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. Bruncker, 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. Bruncker, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Wednesday next.
11. **GREAT COBAR COPPER-MINE RAILWAY BILL:**—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—
MR. SPEAKER,—
The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to enable Richard Read, of Singleton, doctor of medicine, William Longworth, of Lithgow, mine-manager, and Thomas Longworth, of Cobar, mine-manager, their executors, administrators, and assigns, to construct and maintain a line of railway from the mines of the Great Cobar Copper-mining Company (Limited), at Cobar, to communicate with the Great Western Railway, Nyngan to Cobar Branch; and for other purposes connected therewith*,”—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence; accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.
Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 10th August, 1899.
JOHN LACKEY,
President.
Bill, on motion of Mr. Bruncker, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
12. **ADJOURNMENT:**—Mr. Bruncker 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.

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No. 13.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 15 AUGUST, 1899.

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

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:—

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

- (1.) Koorawatha to Grenfell Railway (Amendment) Bill:—

BEAUCHAMP,

Message No. 16.

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 Koorawatha to Grenfell Railway Act, 1898, and the Public Works Act of 1888.

Government House,

Sydney, 28th July, 1899.

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

- (2.) The Rock to Green's Gonyah Railway (Amendment) Bill:—

BEAUCHAMP,

Message No. 17.

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 Rock to Green's Gonyah Railway Act, 1898, and the Public Works Act of 1888.

Government House,

Sydney, 28th July, 1899.

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

- (3.) Byrock to Brewarrina Railway (Amendment) Bill:—

BEAUCHAMP,

Message No. 18.

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 Byrock to Brewarrina Railway Act, 1898, and the Public Works Act of 1888.

Government House,

Sydney, 28th July, 1899.

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

- (2.) The following Message was delivered by Mr. Cook, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

Gold and Mineral Dredging Bill:—

BEAUCHAMP,

Message No. 19.

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 provide for and regulate mining and dredging for gold in the beds of rivers, lakes, and lagoons, under tidal or standing waters, under the ocean contiguous to the coast line, and in, on, and under any land contiguous to any of the aforesaid places; and for purposes consequent on or incidental to the aforesaid objects.

Government House,

Sydney, 10th August, 1899.

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

(3.)

15th August, 1899.

(3.) The following Message was delivered by Mr. Bruncker, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

Fisheries Bill :—

BEAUCHAMP,

Governor.

Message No. 20.

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 remodel the law relating to the Fisheries of New South Wales; to substitute for the Commissioners of Fisheries of New South Wales a single authority; to establish a representative Board of Advice to advise and assist such authority; to repeal the various Acts relating to the fisheries and fishing in tidal and inland waters, and to fishing-nets and other instruments for the capture of fish, the promotion of oyster-culture, and the regulation of oyster-fisheries, and to make better provision in relation thereto; to provide for the leasing in certain cases of Crown lands below high-water mark for the establishment of fisheries; for the leasing for oyster-culture of Crown lands in or abutting on tidal waters; for regulating the weights and dimensions of marketable fishes, including oysters, crayfish, and prawns; for the improvement of the supply of fish to consumers; the promotion and development of the industry of fishing; and for other purposes connected with or incidental to the matters aforesaid.

Government House,

Sydney, 18th July, 1899.

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

(4.) The following Message was delivered by Mr. Hogue, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

Shearers Accommodation Bill :—

BEAUCHAMP,

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 to provide for the proper and sufficient accommodation of shearers.

Government House,

Sydney, 12th August, 1899.

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

2. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Appeals by Public Officers against the Grading of Salaries :—Mr. Carroll asked the Attorney-General,—

(1.) How many appeals have been received by the Public Service Board from officers of various Public Departments against the grading of salaries as gazetted on the 19th May last?

(2.) Will he urge upon the Board the desirability of giving a decision on such appeals with the least possible delay?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1.) One hundred and thirty-nine.

(2.) The Public Service Board are at present actively engaged in considering these appeals.

(2.) Regrading of Salaries by Public Service Board :—Mr. Carroll asked the Attorney-General,—

(1.) Is he aware that, in some cases of recent regrading by the Public Service Board, salaries have been increased by £25, and the allowance for equipment reduced by £50 per year?

(2.) Also, in other cases where salaries have been left intact the equipment allowance has been reduced by £50 per year?

(3.) Is it a fact that equipment allowances of staff surveyors and assistant supervising engineers are actually less than their respective superior officers?

(4.) Is he aware that the staff surveyors and assistant supervising engineers do more outdoor work, employ more horses, and consequently have heavier expenses for equipment than their respective official heads, whose duties necessarily confine them to office work?

(5.) Will he have this anomaly brought under the notice of the Public Service Board, or whoever is responsible?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1 and 2.) I am not quite clear what the Honorable Member refers to. In his first Question he asks whether in some cases salaries have been increased by £25 and the equipment allowances reduced by £50 per annum. It is not evident what connection the first part of the Question has with the second, as increases of salary and allowances for equipment have no relation whatever to each other. It is true that some salaries have been increased by £25 per annum, but, as before stated, this has no connection with the question of the amount of allowances for equipment.

The equipment allowances of Staff Surveyors are practically unaltered by the Regulations recently issued. Probably the fact has been overlooked that the camp allowance of £25, instrument allowance of £25, and equipment allowance of £100, as provided under the new Regulations, make them when added together exactly the same amount as the lump sum, £150, previously allowed to these officers. There are also concessions to Staff Surveyors in the new Regulations which place them on the whole in a better position than they formerly occupied.

(3.) Only one District Surveyor is at present in receipt of an equipment allowance, the amount of same being £150 per annum, out of which he has to pay for all forage consumed. District Surveyors do not get camp or instrument allowances.

(4.) This is admitted, and was taken fully into consideration in framing the new Regulations.

(5.) If the Honorable Member will supply me with examples of the alleged unfairness of the equipment Regulations, I will undertake to bring the matter under the notice of the Board.

(3.)

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- (3.) Slate Quarry in the Mudgee District:—Mr. Richards asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Has a report reached his Department of the discovery of what promises to be a valuable slate quarry in close proximity to Mudgee?
 - (2.) If so, has the opinion of an expert in the Department been given as to the character and value of the slate?
 - (3.) Will he consider the advisableness of offering a reward for the discovery and development of slate or marble deposits in this Colony?
- Mr. Cook answered—
- (1.) No.
 - (2.) If samples are sent to the Department they will be carefully examined and reported upon.
 - (3.) Already there are well-known deposits of slate and marble unworked in various parts of the Colony, and there is no good reason why a reward should be offered for further discoveries.
- (4.) Mining Leases:—Mr. Richards asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) How many leases for mining purposes have been issued during the past quarter; and how many of same are specified as for dredging?
 - (2.) Is he aware that on the Cudgegong River one individual, representing a syndicate, has pegged out five sections of 100 acres, taking up a great many miles of the watercourse?
- Mr. Cook answered,—
- (1.) Two hundred and forty-four leases were issued during the period named; none of these were for dredging.
 - (2.) Seven applications have recently been made for areas of 100 acres each on this watercourse, but they are made by three different applicants; one of these applied for three areas, and the remaining applicants two areas each.
- (5.) Transfer of Tickets on the Cable and Steam Trams:—Mr. Lees asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) In view of the fact that the cable trams cross the steam trams at Elizabeth and King Streets, east and west, will the Railway Commissioners institute a system of transfer tickets to such passengers as wish to transfer towards Railway or Circular Quay, at a rate compatible with the distance of extra journey?
 - (2.) The same as regards the passengers by eastern steam trams that join the main line at Liverpool and Elizabeth Streets, and desire to reach the Railway or any western suburb?
 - (3.) The same as regards the new George-street electric trams?
- Mr. Reid answered,—I am informed by the Railway Commissioners that the necessity for the introduction of transfer tickets largely depends on the future arrangements as to fares. The matter will be considered when the question is being dealt with.
- (6.) Site for a Federal Parliament in New South Wales:—Mr. Price asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- In view of the early consummation of Federation, will he take steps to have an inquiry instituted into the suitability of the various sites in New South Wales which have been suggested for the establishment of the Federal State, so that the information may be available for the Federal Parliament immediately upon its formation?
- Mr. Reid answered,—This is a Federal matter. Any information the Government can prepare that is likely to be of use to the Federal Government will be got ready.
- (7.) Royal Commission on Spread of Tuberculosis:—Mr. Price asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Has a Committee been appointed to inquire into the question of tuberculosis?
 - (2.) Who is the Chairman of such Committee, and what fees will he be entitled to?
 - (3.) Has the Chairman any scientific qualifications for his position; if so, what are his scientific attainments?
 - (4.) Who are the other members of the Commission, and what special qualifications have they?
 - (5.) What will be the probable cost of such Commission, including—(a) members' fees; (b) expenses of witnesses; (c) shorthand and typewriting; (d) clerical expenses; (e) printing and other incidental expenses?
 - (6.) Is he aware that information of a similar nature to that being obtained by the present Commission has been compiled by British and European experts, and that a report on this subject is now available; if so, where is the necessity for incurring the expense entailed in connection with the present Commission?
 - (7.) Will he take steps to relieve the Commission from further labours, with a view to preventing further expenditure?
- Mr. Reid answered,—
- (1.) A Royal Commission, not a Committee, has been appointed to inquire into the prevalence of tuberculosis and tick-fever among animals, and the effect on man of consuming meat and milk of tuberculous animals, or animals affected with tick-fever; and also into the administrative measures which might be taken for the prevention of these and other diseases.
 - (2.) The Honorable Sydney Smith. The question of fees has not yet been settled.
 - (3.) It is not necessary, neither is it usual, that the Chairman of such a Commission should be possessed of scientific attainments. As a case in point, the Chairman of the Imperial Commission on Tuberculosis referred to by the Honorable Member was the Right Honorable Sir Herbert E. Maxwell, Baronet, M.P., of Wigtonshire, Scotland.
 - (4.) Dr. J. Ashburton Thompson, Chief Medical Officer of the Government; Mr. Alexander Bruce, Chief Inspector of Stock; the Honorable George Henry Cox, M.L.C.; and Messrs. Alban Gee, J.P., John James, and George Maiden. Their qualifications consist in their acquaintance with the matters which will be the subject of the inquiry.
 - (5.) No estimate can be given of the cost of the Commission.
 - (6.) Yes; but that only deals with tuberculosis, and gives few practical recommendations for dealing with even that disease which would be at all applicable to these Colonies. Besides, the scope of the local Commission extends to tick fever, pleuro-pneumonia, and other infectious and contagious diseases affecting the stock of this Colony.
 - (7.) No.

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- (8.) Extension of the Electric Tram to Leichhardt:—Mr. Hawthorne asked the Colonial Treasurer,— Will he try and arrange with the Commissioners for Railways to extend the electric tram to Leichhardt simultaneously with the proposed extension to Newtown?
Mr. Reid answered,— This is a matter controlled entirely by the Railway Commissioners, but I will bring the matter before them.
- (9.) Reserves in the Cowra Electorate:—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) Referring to his Answer to Mr. Waddell's Question of Wednesday, 9th August, *re* reserves in Cowra electorate, will he state if the Member for Cowra, Mr. Waddell, has, during the last twelve months, applied by petition and letter to have certain public reserves in that electorate cancelled and thrown open for settlement?
(2.) If so, will he state what reserves, and what has been done in the matter?
Mr. Young answered,— Yes, but only as regards one reserve in that district, *viz.*, forest reserve No. 1,143, parish of Morongla, county of Forbes. The papers were forwarded to the District Surveyor, who reports that the local Surveyor is now in the vicinity of the reserve, and will inspect the land during the present week.
- (10.) Government Competition against private Nurserymen:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—
(1.) In view of the large areas of land and the amount of public money granted for the Agricultural College and Experimental Farms, will he consider the propriety of at once discontinuing the practice of selling nursery stock in competition with private nurserymen, who have to provide, at their own expense, land, labour, tools, taxes, and other outlay in the conduct of their business?
(2.) Will he take steps to confine the work of the College and Farms, as far as possible, to teaching purposes?
(3.) Seeing that it is to the energy, capital, and skill of management that Australia is largely indebted for the wide range of valuable fruits, trees, flowers, and grasses hitherto introduced, will he consider the advisability of strictly limiting Government interference with that industry to a rigid inspection of nursery stock, so that unscrupulous tradesmen shall no longer have it in their power to disseminate diseases throughout orchards of the Colony?
(4.) Does he consider it advisable to continue Government competition against private nurserymen; if so, will he state what steps he proposes to take to protect the Government against litigation incidental to the carrying on of all trading operations?
Mr. Cook answered,—
(1 and 2.) The reason the Department undertook to start small nurseries, was to help the fruit-growing public in obtaining improved varieties of stocks and fruits, and this was not undertaken until after innumerable complaints had been sent to the Department that trees ordered from nurserymen were in many cases untrue to name, often worked on unsuitable stocks, and that trees, after growing from four to six years, and coming into bearing, were found to be not only untrue to name but utterly worthless varieties, and, in consequence, the grower was a heavy loser. Apple growers have been particularly unfortunate in this respect, being supplied by nurserymen with common stocks while under the impression that they were purchasing blight-resisting stocks. There is no intention to interfere with private nurserymen; all the Department desires to do is to raise some stocks of the best varieties of trees.
(3.) It is the purpose of the Department to continue growing small quantities of assorted fruits of the better varieties to raise the quality of fruits grown in this Colony, which is behind the standard attained elsewhere.
(4.) There is no intention of entering into competition with private nurserymen, except to supply growers with a few special varieties, when they cannot be obtained elsewhere of good quality.
3. SUNDAY TRADING BILL:—Mr. Bruncker presented a Petition from W. M. Porter, as Chairman of a meeting of certain members of the Snowdrop Lodge of Independent Order of Good Templars, held in East Maitland, protesting against giving increased facilities for the opening of public-houses on the Sabbath, and praying the House to give the subject of this Petition its favourable consideration.
Petition received.
4. PAPERS:—
Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Proviso to Regulations Nos. 314 to 333, under the Public Service Act of 1895.
(2.) Amended Regulation No. 273 respecting Classification and Increments to Salaries of Post and Telegraph Masters and Assistants, under the Public Service Act of 1895.
(3.) Minute of the Premier upon the Report of the Auditor-General upon the Public Accounts for the year ended 30th June, 1898.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- Mr. Bruncker laid upon the Table,—
(1.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Blayney.
(2.) Return (*in part*) to an Order, made on 21st September, 1898,— “Monthly Returns of Accidents.”
(3.) Report of the Inspector-General of the Insane for the year 1898.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
5. TERRACE-STREET CLOSING BILL:—Mr. E. M. Clark, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and Report this Bill was referred on 9th August, 1899; together with a copy of the Bill as agreed to by the Committee.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Clark then moved, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.
Question put and passed.

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6. ALFRED AUSTIN SAMPSON'S SETTLEMENT LEASE, GUNNEDAH (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Moore moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House all papers relating to the valuation of improvements on Alfred Austin Sampson's settlement lease No. 96-21, Gunnedah.
Question put and passed.
7. PUBLIC HOLIDAYS BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
(1.) Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to fix certain public holidays on Mondays.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Griffith then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to fix certain public holidays on Mondays*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 31st October.
8. LEAVE OF ABSENCE, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. E. M. Clark moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
(1.) The names of officers of the Public Works Department who have applied during 1896, 1897, 1898, and 1899, for three months or more leave of absence.
(2.) What applications have been granted, and for what reasons.
(3.) The length of services of officers on the permanent staff who have applied for such leave.
(4.) The reasons for granting such leave; and if leave had been similarly refused to retrenched or retired officers for similar reasons.
Question put and passed.
9. REAL PROPERTY ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
(1.) Mr. Cohen moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to further amend the Real Property Act.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Cohen then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to further amend the Real Property Act*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 3rd October.
10. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
(1.) Coal and Shale Mines Hours Regulation Bill; second reading;—until Tuesday, 31st October.
(2.) Municipalities (Election) Bill; second reading;—until Tuesday, 19th September.
(3.) Liquor Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Liquor Act of 1898 in certain particulars therein set forth;—until Tuesday, 14th November.
(4.) Sunday Trading Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law with respect to clubs and co-operative stores; and to regulate and restrict Sunday trading, other than the sale of liquor;—until Tuesday, 14th November.
(5.) Hotels Diminishing Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to lessen the number of hotels in proportion to the population;—until Tuesday, 14th November.
(6.) Great Cobar Copper-mine Railway Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—until Tuesday, 31st October.
11. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for The Tweed, Mr. Meagher, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.—"The unwarrantable interference by the Police with the athletic-loving Public in violating the liberty of the subject in regard to boxing exhibitions."
And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—
Mr. Meagher moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
12. CLAIM OF MR. SHERLOCK BARRON, NORTH BOTANY:—Mr. Dacey moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claim of Mr. Sherlock Barron, formerly dairyman, North Botany, for loss sustained through the action of the Board of Health.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Bruncker, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. James Thomson, Mr. Wilks, Mr. Fegan, Mr. Perry, Mr. Pyers, Mr. Carroll, and the Mover.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
13. SUNDAY OBSERVANCE BILL:—Mr. Affleck moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the better observance of the Sunday; for the closing of business places, and prohibiting the sale of goods in those places during certain hours; to amend the Liquor Act, 1898; and for purposes incidental to or consequent on those objects.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

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14. SYDNEY DANCING AND ATHLETIC HALLS REGULATION BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Jessep moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the Municipal Council of Sydney to regulate places used for dancing, music, boxing, and athletic entertainments within the city of Sydney.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Jessep then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable the Municipal Council of Sydney to regulate places used for dancing, music, athletic entertainment or boxing within the city of Sydney*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 19th September.

15. ATHLETIC SPORTS ON SUNDAYS:—Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Towns Police Act, in so far as it prohibits wholesome athletic sports on Sundays.

Debate ensued.

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. Affleck, Mr. Bruncker, Mr. Carroll, Mr. Cook, Mr. Cotton, Mr. Dick, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Fegan, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Arthur Griffith, Mr. Jessep, Mr. Law, Mr. Lee, Mr. Mahony, Mr. Moore, Mr. Neild, Mr. Wilks, and Mr. Young,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at a quarter past Ten o'clock, until To-morrow at Four oclock.

F. W. WEBB,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,

Speaker.

New South Wales.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 16 AUGUST, 1899.

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

PAPER:—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Copy of a Minute of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor and the Executive Council, authorising the transfer of an amount from the Vote "Garden Palace Grounds, Salaries," to supplement the Vote "Botanic Gardens, Salaries." Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Federation:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What has been the cost to the Colony of New South Wales—(a) of the holding in Sydney in 1897 of the Federal Convention; (b) of the Referendum of 1898; (c) of the Referendum of 1899; (d) of printing in connection with the Federal movement since the present Government took the matter up?

(2.) What cost was incurred in the way of fees to delegates, travelling expenses, &c.?

(3.) What is the total cost to date, since 1891, of the Federal movement?

Mr. Reid answered,—The information required will be prepared and laid upon the Table in the form of a return, if moved for in the usual way.

(2.) The Postal Department:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) Is the Postal Department charged for services rendered it by other Departments of State?

(2.) Is the Postal Department credited with the value of services rendered to other Departments of State?

(3.) What is the estimated annual value of such services; and how would the revenue compare with expenditure if such credits as those suggested were allowed?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

(1 and 2.) The value of the services rendered by some other Departments, such as the Government Printing Office, is not directly charged to the Votes under the control of the Postmaster-General, and is not therefore brought into his annual statement of revenue and expenditure, but an estimate of the value of these services, as well as of those performed by the Postal and Electric Telegraph Department for other Departments, is to be found in the last Annual Report.

(3.) The estimated value of the services rendered by other Departments to the Post Office in 1898 (except such as are charged against the Post Office Votes) is £25,120, and of those rendered by the Post Office to other Departments (except such as are credited to the Post Office revenue), £50,000. If the Postal Department were debited with the former and credited with the latter amount, the balance of revenue over expenditure for that year would have been £97,242, thus,—

Revenue	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£	920,047
Estimated value of services rendered to other Departments	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	50,000	
									970,047	
									872,805	
									£	97,242
Expenditure	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	847,685	
Estimated value of services rendered by other Departments	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25,120	
									£	872,805

If the Post Office were also charged with interest on the cost of construction of telegraph and telephone lines (estimated at £39,577), and erection of buildings (£34,685), the excess of revenue over expenditure would be £22,980. (3.)

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- (3.) Leases for Gold-dredging Areas :—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Is he aware that, owing to his action in refusing to grant leases for gold-dredging areas, the development of this great industry is seriously retarded?
 - (2.) Is he aware that there are fifty companies (each requiring two dredges, which would cost £5,000 each to build, resulting in the expenditure of half a million of money among the iron-workers of the Colony, besides providing employment to a great number of miners), eagerly awaiting the issue of leases to enable them to proceed to work?
 - (3.) In view of these facts, will he introduce his amending Gold-mining Bill as early as possible?
- Mr. Cook answered,—
- (1.) The leases have not been refused, but the applications are held in abeyance, pending the passing of legislation on the matter. I hope to be able to introduce the Bill to deal with the question on an early date.
 - (2.) I understand that there is a large amount of capital ready to be invested in this industry, and I intend to lose no time in securing legislation, so that proper titles to the land can be issued.
 - (3.) Yes.
- (4.) Postal Officials Working on Sunday :—Mr. Quinn asked the Postmaster-General,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that he some time ago decided that all Postal officials working on Sunday should be paid for that day?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that all officials so working have been paid accordingly, with the exception of the mail-drivers?
 - (3.) Why has an exception been made in the case of the mail-drivers?
- Mr. Parkes answered,—No. In some cases—country postmasters, mail-drivers, and receiver-clearers, for instance—it is absolutely necessary to attend on Sundays, and the officials, in accepting their appointments, clearly understand this. Mail-drivers' hours on duty, including attendance for about one Sunday a month, and allowing for a day off each fortnight, only average about forty hours a week. Overtime payment is only allowed in cases where Sunday work is not recognised as part of the officials' regular duty.
- (5.) Road from Regent-street to the Cricket Ground :—Mr. Carroll asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Will he consider the advisability of resuming sufficient land for a roadway and footpath from Regent-street, Moore Park, to the Show and Cricket Grounds?
 - (2.) Is he aware that the residents of Bondi, Waverley, Woollahra, Paddington, and the general public would be much benefited by same?
- Mr. Young answered,—The question is under consideration as to the extending of Oatley-road, Moore Park, southward, across the tunnel reserve and old rifle range, thereby providing access to the Association Cricket Ground and the Show Ground.
- (6.) Spread of Texan or Texas Fever :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Will he cause the Royal Commission to ascertain why, since inoculation was commenced in Queensland, Texan or Texas Fever has rapidly spread from Rockhampton to the New South Wales Borders?
 - (2.) Also, why so many cattle died after inoculation on the North Coast of Queensland?
 - (3.) Will the Royal Commission examine the owners of stock in Queensland who have lost their cattle after inoculation; if not, for what reason?
- Mr. Cook answered,—These matters come so obviously within the scope of the Commission that it is inconceivable they will not inquire into them.
- (7.) Officers Promoted under Public Service Regulations :—Mr. Carroll, for Mr. Wise, asked the Attorney-General,—
- (1.) Referring to the reply given to Mr. Wise's Question on the 1st August, No. 10, will he state if it is intended that appeals made to him from decisions by the Public Service Board are to be referred for investigation to some competent person unconnected with the Board or the individual appealing?
 - (2.) If not, what procedure is to be followed?
 - (3.) When will the necessary amendment be made in Regulation No. 20, dealing with "Outside Influence," which his promise to receive appeals renders necessary?
- Mr. Reid answered,—
- (1 and 2.) The Honorable and learned Member must be aware that the Public Service Act, by which the Government as well as the members of the Board are bound, does not provide for any such reference as he indicates. As head of the Government, it is quite within my province, seeing that I have to answer interpellations regarding the Board's action, to ask for the reasons which have led them to arrive at any particular decision. When answering the previous Question referred to by the Honorable Member, I intended to convey that, if any appeal were made to me against the decision of the Board, I would seek from the Board the reasons which had led them to arrive at such decision, and this I am doing in the cases which have already been referred to me. If, in the reply received from the Board, there appears to be anything which requires explanation, I should consult with the Board, who, as before stated, are, I am sure, always willing to reconsider any matter which appears to deserve revision.
 - (3.) The relevancy of this Question is not obvious.
- (8.) Quit Rents on Crown Grants :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) The amount of money received annually by the Government in the shape of quit rents on Crown grants?
 - (2.) The amount now in arrears?
 - (3.) The amount per acre paid as quit rents on Crown grants?
 - (4.) The number of acres and Crown grants upon which such quit rents are paid?

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Mr. Reid answered,—

(1.) The amounts received as quit rent on Crown grants since 1892 are as follows:—

Year.	Amount.	
	£	s. d.
1892	562	2 0
1893	500	16 4
1894	1,353	1 4
1895	766	9 7
1896	487	17 0
1897	188	12 2
1898	269	5 11

(2.) The approximate amount in arrears at 31st December, 1898, was £35,757 Gs. 11d.

(3 and 4.) The information respecting the amount paid per acre, and the number of acres on which quit rent is paid, cannot be ascertained without considerable research, but might possibly be furnished, if so desired, in the form of a return, if moved for in the usual way.

(9.) Universal Postal Union:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Postmaster-General,—Is it his intention to take any steps for bringing into existence the Universal Postal Union, or double postal-card system that is in operation in the United States of America; if so, when?*Mr. Parkes* answered,—Double or Reply Post Cards (the first half for use by the sender, the second for transmission of a reply), transmissible within New South Wales, were introduced in this Colony in January, 1883. The system was extended so as to admit of their exchange with the other Australasian Colonies, the United Kingdom, and all other parts of the world, from the 1st October, 1891—the date the Australasian Colonies entered the Universal Postal Union.(10.) Landslips on the South Coast Railway Line:—*Mr. David Davis* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House,—

(1.) A return showing the number of accidents from landslips, &c., on the South Coast Railway line?

(2.) The dates when such slips occurred?

(3.) The total cost of removing same?

(4.) The cost of damage done to rolling-stock, &c.?

(2.) Will he have the necessary alterations and improvements made, and precautions taken, with a view to preventing further accidents of this kind?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1.) There will be no objection to supply this information if it is moved for in the shape of a return in the usual way.

(2.) With regard to Question 2, I am informed by the Railway Commissioners that the line has constant care, and every reasonable precaution is taken to guard against slips.

(11.) Attendants, &c., in Asylums:—*Mr. E. M. Clark* asked the Attorney-General,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the attendants, &c., in the various Asylums are under the control of the Inspector-General of Insane as far as work is concerned, and under the Public Service Board in regard to salary; or, in other words, is their position clearly defined?

(2.) If sick more than three days is their pay stopped?

(3.) Is it a fact they only receive one Sunday out of every four, and same for public holidays, and in no case receive Saturday afternoons?

(4.) Do they work thirteen hours a day?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1.) Yes; but their position is clearly defined.

(2.) A substitute is paid from the sick attendant's salary, and the balance given to him.

(3.) Yes; but they have other holidays in lieu, amounting to fifty-two days in the year.

(4.) No.

(12.) Sub-boards of the Public Service Board:—*Mr. E. M. Clark* asked the Attorney-General,—

(1.) What are the names and positions held in the Service of officers appointed on the various sub-boards created by the Public Service Board?

(2.) What were the yearly salaries and allowances paid to these officers prior to the appointment of the Public Service Board?

(3.) What were the salaries, allowances, and gratuities paid to these officers for each succeeding year to date; what increases, allowances, and gratuities have been recommended, granted, and refused to each of these officers?

(4.) Were minutes kept of all proceedings of these sub-boards?

(5.) What is the number of hours of attendance of each of these officers as members of the sub-boards; also, what is the extra cost to the State through the appointment of these officers, and what was the effect (if any) on the branches over which they preside?

Mr. Reid answered,—It will be impossible to give this information in the form of Answers to Questions, but if asked for in the shape of a return no objection will be offered to its being supplied.(13.) Government Architect's Branch:—*Mr. E. M. Clark* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What was the cost of administration of the Government Architect's Branch and the cost of public works carried out by this branch for the year previous to the appointment of the Public Service Board?

(2.) What was the amount of extras on contracts for that year?

(3.) What was the cost of administration of the Architect's Branch for the year 1897–1898; and what was the cost of works carried on by this branch for that year; also, what is the amount of extras on contracts, &c., for that year?

Mr. Lee answered,—This information can be prepared in the form of a return if moved for in the usual way.

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- (14.) Public Service Examination:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Attorney-General,—
 (1.) Is it a fact that, in determining whether an officer in the lower series of grades in the Clerical Division is eligible for promotion, marks are allotted him approximately, if not exactly, as follows, viz.:—On the Departmental report as to his zeal and capacity, &c., 30 marks; on the report of a sub-board which interviews him, 30 marks; and on his papers at a written examination, 40 marks?
 (2.) Does he consider it reasonable and just that (say) 30 only out of a possible 100 marks are given on the recommendation of those who alone are in a position to accurately gauge an officer's capacity?
 Mr. Reid answered,—
 (1.) The information given to the Honorable Member is not strictly accurate, the marks being allotted in the following way:—Departmental Estimate of efficiency, 40; Promotion Examiner's estimate, based on inspection of work, 30; written examination, 30. These marks refer to the last test held. What course will be adopted in future has not yet been decided on.
 (2.) This is answered by No. 1.
- (15.) Report by Mr. George Donald respecting Telephone Tunnel Works:—Mr. Fegan, for Mr. Price, asked the Postmaster-General,—
 (1.) Has his attention been directed to a letter signed by Mr. George Donald, which appeared in the *Sydney Daily Telegraph*, in which the following assertion was made, viz.:—"That a report was submitted by Mr. Donald, dated 27th February, 1899, and that such report reflected upon the system of appointment adopted in connection with persons employed in telephone tunnel work."
 (2.) Is it true that Mr. Donald was discharged in consequence of such report having been furnished; if not, why was he discharged?
 (3.) Are the other statements made in the letter correct; if not, will he be good enough to state the true position?
 (4.) Has he any objection to lay the report of Mr. Donald, and the other papers, upon the Table of this House?
 Mr. Parkes answered—
 (1.) Yes, I have seen the letter.
 (2.) No; but, because in the interest of the telephone tunnel work that was being carried out by the Department, I deemed it necessary that another supervising officer should control.
 (3.) The statements in the letter are not correct.
 (4.) There is no objection to laying Mr. Donald's letter upon the Table of the House. There are no other papers.

3 PAPERS:—

Mr. Young laid upon the Table,—Amended Regulations Nos. 50 and 149, under the Crown Lands Acts.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Water By-laws under the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Acts, 1892-1897.

(2.) (a) Report of the completion of the Northern Main Sewer, Balmain North-western Slopes Branch, Callan Park Branch, and Margaret-street Overflow; White's Creek Stormwater Channel, 2nd Division; Pyrmont Branch; Intercepting Sewer. (b) Report of the completion of the Western Suburbs Sewerage, Northern Branch, 1st Division—Marrickville-road Submain; Livingstone-road Submain; Western Suburbs Sewerage, Northern Branch, 2nd Division—Dobroyd Branch, Station-street Branch; Western Suburbs Sewerage—Dobroyd Branch, Canterbury Old Road Submain, and Short-street Submain.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Hogue laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Amended Regulation governing the award of State School Scholarships and Bursaries.

(2.) Report of the Sydney Grammar School for the year 1898.

(3.) Report of the University of Sydney for the year 1898.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Despatch respecting the withdrawal of the Principality of Montenegro from the International Copyright Convention of 1886.

(2.) Papers respecting the appointment of Third Examiner of Titles, Registrar-General's Department.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR 1899-1900, AND STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS FROM VOTE OF ADVANCE TO TREASURER ON ACCOUNT OF SERVICES OF THE YEAR 1898-9:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Carruthers, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

BEAUCHAMP,
 Governor.

Message No. 22.

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 1899-1900, together with a Statement of Payments from the Vote, "Advance to Treasurer, 1898-9," on account of Services for the year 1898-9, submitted for Parliamentary Appropriation in adjustment of the Advance Vote.

Government House,
 Sydney, 9th August, 1899.

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

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5. THE ROCK TO GREEN'S GUNYAH RAILWAY (AMENDMENT) BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend The Rock to Green's Gunyah Railway Act, 1898, and the Public Works Act of 1888.
Question put and passed.
6. WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Fegan moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the time has arrived when a Bill should be introduced, in accordance with the provisions of the Workmen's Compensation Act which has been recently passed by the British Legislature.
Question put and passed.
7. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
(1.) Terrace-street Closing Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until To-morrow.
(2.) Mine at Brindabella, owned by the Bank of North Queensland; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. O'Sullivan,—
“ (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the alleged maladministration in reference to a mine at Brindabella, owned by the Bank of North Queensland.
“ (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Cook, Mr. Carroll, Mr. Fegan, Mr. Quinn, Mr. Howarth, Mr. David Davis, Mr. Haynes, Mr. Hurley, Mr. Dick, and the Mover”;—until Tuesday, 17th October.
8. SHEARERS ACCOMMODATION BILL:—Mr. Hogue moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the proper and sufficient accommodation of shearers.
Question put and passed.
9. KOORAWATHA TO GRENFELL RAILWAY (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Koorawatha to Grenfell Railway Act, 1898, and the Public Works Act of 1888.
Question put and passed.
10. BYROCK TO BREWARRINA RAILWAY (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Byrock to Brewarrina Railway Act, 1898, and the Public Works Act of 1888.
Question put and passed.
11. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Bruncker moved, “That” this Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. McLean moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word “That,” and inserting the words “the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clauses 7 and 19,” instead thereof.
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.
Debate continued.
Question,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.
Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words left out, be so inserted,—put and passed.
Question then,—That the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clauses 7 and 19,—put and passed.
On motion of Mr. Bruncker, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.
12. MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BROKEN HILL ELECTRIC LIGHTING BILL:—Mr. Cann, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and Report this Bill was referred on 10th August, 1899; together with a copy of the Bill as agreed to by the Committee.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Cann then moved, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.
Question put and passed.
13. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.
The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, that the report be *now* received.
The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
(2.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £975, for Executive Council, for the year 1899–1900.
On motion of Mr. Carruthers, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

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14. **WAYS AND MEANS** (*Financial Statement*):—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Carruthers, 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 on Wednesday next.
15. **PAPER**:—Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—Estimates of the Ways and Means of the Government of New South Wales for the year 1899–1900.
Ordered to be printed.
16. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Bruncker moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
The House adjourned accordingly, at three 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. 15.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 17 AUGUST, 1899.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Superannuation Fund :—*Mr. Fegan*, for Mr. Spruson, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) In view of the fact that the Police Superannuation Fund is in an insolvent condition, and necessitated the payment of over £9,000 from the Treasurer's Advance Fund in addition to £12,700—its income from the deductions from Police Salaries and Reward Fund—to pay the claims of the year 1897-8, and that the deductions from salaries provided only £8,210 out of an expenditure of £23,038, is it his intention to propose the long-promised scheme of reorganisation before the Estimates are submitted to the House?
 - (2.) In order to fully inform Members concerning the operation of the existing Police Superannuation scheme, will he cause a return to be prepared showing sources of income, heads of expenditure, and annual credit and debit balances of the Fund since the passing of the Act 16 Vic. No. 33?
- Mr. Brunner answered,—
- (1.) A scheme of reorganisation is in course of construction, and will be available after it has been finally considered.
 - (2.) The Annual Statements of Public Accounts give a detail of the Revenue and Expenditure of the Police Reward and Superannuation Funds from the year 1851.
- (2.) Chief Draftsman, Government Architect's Department :—*Mr. Dacey* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Does the Chief Draftsman, Government Architect's Department, rank senior to the Assistant Architects?
- Mr. Lee answered,—If the Honorable Member means the Principal Assistant Architect, no; if the Assistant Architects, of which there are eight, yes.
- (3.) Tax on Surveyors :—*Mr. Carroll*, for Mr. Perry, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Under what Act is a tax of one guinea per annum levied upon surveyors for licenses to survey under the Real Property Act?
 - (2.) By what authority, and at whose instigation, was such a tax imposed?
 - (3.) What is the amount collected under this tax—(a) for this year; (b) since the imposition of the tax?
 - (4.) To what Fund is the money so collected placed?
- Mr. Young answered,—
- (1 and 2.) Under authority of the Minister, dated 30th November, 1891, an annual license fee of 21s. is charged.
 - (3.) (a) £107 2s.; (b) £954 9s.
 - (4.) Real Property Act License Fees—Suspense Account, Trust Fund.
- (4.) Alignment Plans in Survey Office :—*Mr. Carroll*, for Mr. Perry, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Are alignment plans in the Survey Office open to inspection by the public?
 - (2.) If not, why not?
 - (3.) Are persons inspecting such plans permitted to make notes of the information obtained thereby?
 - (4.) If not, why not?
 - (5.) Under what Act has the Regulation been made by which a fee is charged to licensed surveyors for permission to obtain information from alignment plans?
 - (6.) What is the amount so collected from licensed surveyors—(a) for this year; (b) since the imposition of the fee?
 - (7.) To what Fund is the money so collected placed?

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Mr. Young answered,—

(1 and 2.) Yes.

(3 and 4.) Yes.

(5.) Under practice of the Department, as approved by the Minister, 8th August, 1890, an annual license is issued to surveyors and draftsman to authorise them to take tracings from plans and refer to books of published records, for which a license fee of £1 1s. is payable.

(6.) The total amount of fees received is—(a) £13 13s. for the current year; (b) the amount cannot be stated at present, but will be furnished in form of a return, if moved for in the usual manner.

(7.) To the Consolidated Revenue.

(5.) Road Plans in Survey Office :—*Mr. Carroll*, for *Mr. Perry*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Are road plans in the Survey Office open to inspection by the public?

(2.) If not, why not?

(3.) Are persons inspecting such plans permitted to make notes of the information obtained thereby?

(4.) If not, why not?

Mr. Young answered,—

(1 and 2.) Yes.

(3.) No. If a person desires to take a copy, or note particulars from a plan, he is informed that such copy or notes must be taken by an authorised surveyor or authorised draftsman, duly licensed.

(4.) To ensure the proper usage and protection of the Departmental records.

(6.) Endowment to Municipalities :—*Mr. Cruickshank* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to make provision on the Estimates for an endowment to municipalities?

(2.) If so, to what extent in the pound?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—The Estimates contain provision for the ordinary endowment, under the Act, to municipalities. It is intended to consider the question of a special endowment later on.

(7.) Deviation of Road from Dick's Gully to near Auburn, Vale Creek :—*Mr. Cruickshank* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Will the Government take immediate steps to have the deviation of the road from Dick's Gully to near Auburn Vale Creek, on the Inverell-Boggy Camp road, immediately vested in the Crown, in order to expedite expenditure?

(2.) How long will such action take?

Mr. Lee answered,—This is matter to be decided by the Lands Department. I would, therefore, suggest that the Question be asked of my honorable colleague, the Minister for Lands.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—Report of the Railway Commissioners on Railways and Tramways for the year ended 30th June, 1899.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—Amended By-law in connection with the Tamworth Water Supply.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. GOLD AND MINERAL DREDGING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Cook* moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate mining for gold and other minerals by dredging, pumping, sluicing, or other method, in the beds of rivers and lakes, under tidal or standing waters under the ocean contiguous to the coast-line, and in, on, and under any land contiguous to the aforesaid places; and for purposes consequent on or incidental to those objects.
Question put and passed.

4. GOVERNMENT ARCHITECT'S DEPARTMENT (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. E. M. Clark* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House all papers in connection with the reorganisation of the Government Architect's Department during the absence of *Mr. Vernon* in England, together with the diplomas of *Mr. Davis*, Engineer for Sewerage Construction, the then Acting Government Architect, as an architect or engineer.
Question put and passed.

5. WOMEN'S FRANCHISE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Fegan* moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Women's Franchise Bill, which was introduced in the Assembly during a previous Session, but was interrupted before its completion by the close of that 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 next.

6. AGRICULTURAL LEASES BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) *Mr. Bennett* moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate the leasing of agricultural land.
Question put and passed.

(2.) *Mr. Bennett* then presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to regulate the leasing of Agricultural Land,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 5th September.

7. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Municipal District of Broken Hill Electric Lighting Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*), postponed until Tuesday, 31st October.

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8. KOORAWATHA TO GRENFELL RAILWAY (AMENDMENT) BILL:—
 (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Lee, 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 Koorawatha to Grenfell Railway Act, 1898, and the Public Works Act of 1888.
 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 amend the Koorawatha to Grenfell Railway Act, 1898, and the Public Works Act of 1888.
 On motion of Mr. Lee, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
- (2.) Mr. Lee then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Koorawatha to Grenfell Railway Act, 1898, and the Public Works Act of 1888*,"—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
9. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:—Mr. Perry, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table,—
 (1.) Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, Appendices, and Plans, relating to the proposed Penitentiary and Prison for Females, Randwick.
 (2.) Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, Appendices, and Plans, relating to the proposed Railway from Dubbo to Coonamble.
 Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
10. THE ROCK TO GREEN'S GUNYAH RAILWAY (AMENDMENT) BILL:—
 (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Lee, 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 Rock to Green's Gunyah Railway Act, 1898, and the Public Works Act of 1888.
 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 amend The Rock to Green's Gunyah Railway Act, 1898, and the Public Works Act of 1888.
 On motion of Mr. Lee, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
- (2.) Mr. Lee then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend The Rock to Green's Gunyah Railway Act, 1898, and the Public Works Act of 1888*,"—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
11. BYROCK TO BREWARRINA RAILWAY (AMENDMENT) BILL:—
 (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Lee, 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 Byrock to Brewarrina Railway Act, 1898, and the Public Works Act of 1888.
 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 amend the Byrock to Brewarrina Railway Act, 1898, and the Public Works Act of 1888.
 On motion of Mr. Lee, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
- (2.) Mr. Lee then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Byrock to Brewarrina Railway Act, 1898, and the Public Works Act of 1888*,"—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
12. COAL MINES REGULATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—
 Mr. Cook 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. 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 the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments, and an amended Title.
 On motion of Mr. Cook, the report was adopted.
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Wednesday next.

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13. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill 2^o with a further amendment.

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

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

14. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Brunner moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-eight 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. 16.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 22 AUGUST, 1899.

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

EARLY CLOSING BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Hogue, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

BEAUCHAMP,
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 limit the hours of business in shops; to provide half-holidays for shop assistants; and for purposes consequent on or incidental to the above objects.

Government House,
Sydney, 12th August, 1899.

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

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Public Service Examinations:—*Mr. Carroll*, for Mr. Austin Chapman, asked the Attorney-General,—Referring to Mr. Austin Chapman's previous Questions as to examinations for promotion in the lower series of grades in the Public Service, will he indicate the section of the Public Service Act which, in the opinion of either the present or the late Attorney-General, empowers the Public Service Board to prescribe an examination for promotion within and between the lower series of grades, and to deny all promotion to officers who decline to submit themselves to such examination?

Mr. Reid answered—The Public Service Board is the body entrusted by Statute with the responsibility of recommending appointments and promotion to or in the Service, and have the inherent right to adopt such lawful measures as they think best to enable them to arrive at such conclusions as will enable them to discharge this most important duty.

- (2.) Grading of the Public Service:—*Mr. Gillies*, for Mr. Bennett, asked the Attorney-General,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Professional Staff of the Public Service has recently been graded by a sub-Board?

(2.) Did the sub-Board have a free hand in grading, and was the grading carried out on a basis of the merits of each officer, and not length of service only?

(3.) Is it a fact that the appeals against such grading are being heard by Mr. Barling only (a non-professional man), and not by the full Board, as provided by the Public Service Act?

(4.) Is it a fact that this officer admits that he cannot properly grade the Professional Staff, and recommend increments in salary where due, on account of the low state of the Public Exchequer?

(5.) Will he see that members of the Professional Staff in the lower grades are granted the salaries they are entitled to?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1.) No; the salaries of the staff have been revised by the Public Service Board. It is true that a committee of experts was employed to gather such information as would be valuable to the Board in their work.

(2.) The sub-Board had a free hand in reporting to the Public Service Board.

(3.) It is not a fact, and this was fully explained to the officers who came before Mr. Barling. Each member of the Board takes his own way in getting at the facts of any case that comes up for decision, and Mr. Barling's plan has been to see every professional officer who wishes to put his case verbally before him.

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(4.) It is evident that a very garbled statement has been given to the Honorable Member of what took place at the interviews which the officers of the Professional Staff have had with Mr. Barling. That gentleman states that he informed the officers whom he saw that before he came to any conclusion on the matter of their appeals it would be necessary for him to consult with the sub-heads and heads of Departments under whom they were serving. With regard to the statement as to Mr. Barling being a non-professional man, I might point out that there is probably no one in the Colony who, not being actually a professional man, has had such a large experience on professional matters as that gentleman.

(5.) As it was done in the past, Parliament will, no doubt, give effect to the recommendations of the Public Service Board in this matter.

(3.) Laying of a Pacific Cable :—*Mr. Piddington*, for Mr. Dugald Thomson, asked the Attorney-General,—

(1.) In connection with the negotiations of the Government with other Australasian Colonies, with Canada, and the United Kingdom, for the laying of a Pacific cable, does it approve the project evolved?

(2.) If not, is it to the proposal as a whole exception is taken, or to certain details?

(3.) If to details, what are they; and what is being done to secure adjustment?

(4.) Other Parliaments concerned having already been consulted, when will the opinion of this Parliament be sought?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Answered by No. 1.

(3.) No details arranged yet. At the suggestion of the Imperial Government, steps are being taken to appoint a Board in England, to invite tenders, arrange scheme of management, settle rates, and other preliminaries, with a view to preparing for legislation.

(4.) I have expressly stipulated that any arrangement must be subject to the approval of our Parliament. It seems preferable to wait until a definite scheme can be submitted.

(4.) Working of Colliery in the Illawarra District :—*Mr. Meagher* asked the Secretary for Mines,— Is he aware that there is a colliery in the Illawarra district working on the old style of weighing—that is to say, averaging; if so, what steps does he intend taking to have the Coal Mines Regulation Act complied with, and when?

Mr. Cook answered,—It has been reported that a system of averaging is in force at one of the collieries, and instructions have been given to take action against the management under the 38th clause of the Coal Mines Regulation Act.

(5.) Road from Dick's Gully to near Auburn Vale Creek :—*Mr. Cruickshank* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Will the Government take immediate steps to have the deviation of the road from Dick's Gully to near Auburn Vale Creek, on the Inverell Boggy Camp road, immediately vested in the Crown, in order to expedite expenditure?

(2.) How long will such action take?

Mr. Young answered,—The District Surveyor reports that the surveyor instructed to survey the road deviation has been directed to expedite action and to report when he expects to survey it. On receipt of such report a reply to Question No. 2 will be sent to the Honorable Member.

(6.) Nursery Stock :—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Will he state for the information of the public what are the few special varieties of nursery stock which cannot be obtained of good quality elsewhere than from the Department?

(2.) Where catalogues can be obtained of the same?

(3.) How does he propose to deal with litigation arising from trade transactions?

Mr. Cook answered,—

(1.) There are, probably, no special varieties of nursery stock grown by the Department which are not catalogued by some of the nurserymen. As stated in my reply to the Honorable Member, frequent complaints have been made that trees not true to name, and often worked on unsuitable stocks, are supplied to the public, who suffer loss and hardship through not being able to detect this until some years afterwards.

(2.) No catalogues are issued.

(3.) It is not seen how any litigation can arise out of the action of the Department.

(7.) Growing of Nursery Stock for Orchardists :—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) In carrying out the principle adopted by the Department of Agriculture in the growing of nursery stock for orchardists, will he consider the advisableness of introducing a similar principle by enlisting the services of the Government Architect's Department, so as to protect the owners of houses from having jerry buildings foisted on them instead of good substantial work?

(2.) Will he also see that some steps are taken to prevent persons from being supplied with shoddy clothing, instead of cloth made of the best material?

Mr. Lee answered,—It is not considered necessary to take action in the direction indicated by the Honorable gentleman.

(8.) Imported Glucose :—*Dr. Ross* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Will he state the quantity, or approximate quantity, of glucose that is annually imported into the Colony?

(2.) The quantity (if any) manufactured in the Colony?

(3.) The value of the same?

(4.) In the interest of public health and honest trading, will he see that some steps are taken to prevent such articles or adulterants from being used in the manufacture of beer, jams, &c.?

(5.) Will he see that articles manufactured from glucose (in place of sugar), and sold to the public, bear some distinguishing brand, such as exists in the sale of margarine for butter?

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Mr. Carruthers answered,—

(1.)	Year.	Liquid cwt.	Solid cwt.	Total cwt.
	1894	5,986	1,454	7,440
	1895	7,101	1,543	8,644
	1896	13,342	6,262	19,604
	1897	12,504	4,171	16,675
	1898	20,691	5,336	26,027

(2 and 3.) The Customs authorities are not aware that any glucose is manufactured in the Colony.
 (4 and 5.) No; the use of glucose in manufactures cannot be prohibited, but any illegitimate use which may be made of it is already punishable under the "Public Health Act, 1896" (Part 8).

(9.) Increases of Salaries in the Public Service:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Attorney-General,—

- (1.) Does the Public Service Board intend to increase the salaries of those indoor messengers in the Government Departments who receive a maximum salary of £125 per annum?
- (2.) Will he cause the grade to be increased to £150 per annum?
- (3.) Is it a fact that, according to an article in the *Daily Telegraph*, about 8th July, 1898, he said that these messengers would receive special consideration?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1 and 2.) The maximum of the senior grade is £120, but the messengers in that grade have the right to promotion to a higher grade still, of which the present maximum is £180, as vacancies occur.

(3.) I think if the Honorable Member will read the Regulations that he will see that special consideration has been given to this very useful class of public servants.

(10.) Appointment of Professional Advisory Board by Public Service Board:—Mr. Carroll, for Mr. Wise, asked the Attorney-General,—

- (1.) Has the Public Service Board lately appointed the Engineer-in-Chief for Sewerage Construction a "Professional Advisory Board" to inquire into all recommendations made by the professional heads of the different branches of the Works Department in connection with the grading of professional officers?
- (2.) If so, who is carrying out his professional duties while so employed?
- (3.) Does this officer receive any allowance, bonus, or increase to salary while so employed?
- (4.) What increases and allowances has this officer received since the Public Service Board was appointed?
- (5.) Have any of the appeals made to the Public Service Board by professional officers of the Works Department, in reference to the regrading which took effect from 1st July, 1899, been, in the first instance, submitted to the Advisory Board; if so, why?
- (6.) Has the Engineer-in-Chief for Sewerage been present with the Public Service Board during the hearing of any of the appeals made in connection with the regrading which took effect from 1st July, 1899; if so, for what purpose?
- (7.) Is it a fact that the Public Service Board refers recommendations, made by the professional heads in the Works Department, in connection with grading and salaries of professional officers, to this Advisory Board for report?
- (8.) If so, does not this practice place such Board above the professional heads of the various branches?

Mr. Reid answered,—The Answers to these Questions are so long that I propose presently to lay them upon the Table in the shape of a return.

(11.) Artesian Bores:—Mr. Quinn asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Has his attention been called to the decreasing volume of water from various artesian bores?
- (2.) In view of the importance of this question to the present and future welfare of the artesian water-bearing area, will he take steps to have the best scientific opinion obtained as to the causes of this decrease, and its effect upon the permanence of the water supply derived and derivable from artesian bores?

Mr. Cook answered,—

(1.) Yes, to individual cases; but it is thought that it is attributable to other causes than a general diminution in the volume of artesian water.

(2.) As the work of artesian boring will be transferred at an early date to the Public Works Department, no doubt my honorable colleague will give the matter his attention.

(12.) Lieutenant-Colonel Bayly:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Attorney-General,—

- (1.) Has his attention been called to a paragraph in the *Daily Telegraph* of the 16th instant, alleging that Lieutenant-Colonel Bayly is about to be transferred from the position of Officer Commanding Unpaid Volunteers to that of Deputy Assistant Adjutant-General?
- (2.) Is such statement correct?
- (3.) What is the salary attached to each position?
- (4.) Is it a fact, as insinuated in the said paragraph, that Lieutenant-Colonel Bayly has sought a transfer from his present position?
- (5.) If not, has the change been determined upon in the interests of the Unpaid Volunteers?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) Partially correct.

(3.) The salaries will be assimilated.

(4.) No.

(5.) The change has been made in the general interests of the Defence Forces.

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- (13.) Unemployed Advisory Board :—Mr. Piddington asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) Who are the members of the Unemployed Advisory Board; and upon what date were they appointed?
 - (2.) What fees (if any) are paid, and the amount paid to each member from date of appointment?
 - (3.) Is the Board to be a permanent one; and if not, how long is it anticipated that its existence will be necessary?

Mr. Reid answered,—

Members of the Board.	Date of Appointment.
(1.) The Honorable Sydney Smith (Chairman)	10 May, 1899.
John Kidd, Esq., M.P.	10 " 1899.
Samuel Thomas Whiddon, Esq., M.P.	10 " 1899.
Josiah Thomas, Esq., M.P.	10 " 1899.
The Rev. Thomas Roseby, LL.D.... ..	10 " 1899.
The Venerable Archdeacon Langley	10 " 1899.
The Very Rev. Dean Slattery	10 " 1899.
The Rev. G. D. Buchanan, B.A.	10 " 1899.
The Rev. J. H. L. Zillman, Ph.D.	10 " 1899.
James Watson, Esq.	10 " 1899.
Clement Lewis, Esq., J.P.	10 " 1899.
William Francis Schey, Esq.	10 " 1889.
George Black, Esq.	29 June, 1899.
(2.) None.	
(3.) As long as the Board does good work it will be continued.	

- (14.) Deficiency Debt of the Colony :—Mr. Wood asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What was the total deficiency debt of the Colony on the 30th June, 1895?
- (2.) What was the total deficiency debt of the Colony on the 30th June, 1898, and on the 30th June, 1899, respectively?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

- (1.) Exclusive of Centennial Park or Post Office-street Suspense Accounts, Treasury Bills have been issued in connection with deficiencies under the old system of Accounts existing on and up to 30th June, 1895. The total amount of such deficiencies on 30th June, 1895, was £2,927,584.
- (2.) On 30th June, 1898, as represented by outstanding Treasury (Deficiency) Bills, £2,327,584. On 30th June, 1899, as represented by outstanding Treasury (Deficiency) Bills, £2,177,584.

- (15.) Expenditure from Loans :—Mr. Wood asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What was the total expenditure from Loans during financial years 1892-3, 1893-4, and 1894-5; what was the amount spent in each year; also similar total expenditure for half-year 1895 and years 1895-6, 1896-7, 1897-8, 1898-9; what was the amount spent in each of these years?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—For the year ended 31st December, 1892, £2,973,065; for the year ended 31st December, 1893, £1,915,133; for the year ended 31st December, 1894, £1,465,442; total, £6,353,640. For the half-year ended 30th June, 1895, £521,230; for the year 1895-6, £1,281,323; for the year 1896-7, £1,549,733; for the year 1897-8, £1,573,982; for the year 1898-9, £2,034,608—total, £6,439,646; grand total, £13,314,516. For the year 1897-8, the figures are less than those shown by the General Loan Account (after deducting Repayments) by the amount of £12,054, this sum having been actually paid the previous year out of Revenue, but transferred during 1897-8.

- (16.) Report on Old Age Pensions and State Insurance :—Mr. Edden asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Has any money been paid to any person or persons in connection with the report on Old Age Pensions and State Insurance?
- (2.) If so, to whom; and when was it paid?
- (3.) What is the amount that has been paid?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—On the 19th January, 1899, an advance of £350 was made to Mr. J. C. Neild, M.P., towards the expenses incurred by him in England and the Continent of Europe, in obtaining information essential to the preparation of a report on Old Age Pensions, Charities, and State Insurance.

3. SUNDAY OBSERVANCE BILL :—Mr. Kidd presented a Petition from certain residents in the District of Picton, and the Electorate of Camden, praying that the House will pass into law during the present Session the Sunday Observance Bill.
Petition received.

4. PAPERS :—

Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) (a) By-laws of the Municipal District of Dubbo, under the Nuisances Prevention Act of 1897; (b) By-law of the Municipal District of Dubbo, under the Public Health Act, 1896.
- (2.) Statement showing the average Liabilities and Assets of Banks within the Colony, for the quarter ended 30th June, 1899.
- (3.) Statement of Payments from the Treasurer's Advance Account during July, 1899.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Young laid upon the Table,—Report of the Department of Lands for the year 1898.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—Return (*in part*) to an Order, made on 21st September, 1898,—
"Monthly Returns of Accidents."

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—Return respecting the grading of Professional Officers in the Public Works Department.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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5. LINDFIELD ST. LEONARDS RAILWAY CROSSING BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Carruthers, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

BEAUCHAMP,
Governor.

Message No. 24.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to enable the Railway Commissioners of New South Wales to close certain level-crossings on the railway line between Milson's Point and Hornsby Junction, and to provide ways in substitution therefor; and to declare certain portions of such ways to be public thoroughfares.

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

6. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Dugald Thomson brought up the Third Report from the Printing Committee.
7. AUSTRALASIAN FEDERATION (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
- (1.) The cost to the Colony of New South Wales—(a) of the holding in Sydney in 1897 of the Federal Convention; (b) of the Referendum of 1898; (c) of the Referendum of 1899; (d) of printing in connection with the Federal movement since the present Government took the matter up.
 - (2.) The cost incurred in the way of fees to delegates, travelling expenses, &c.
 - (3.) The total cost to date, since 1891, of the Federal movement.
- Question put and passed.
8. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Terrace-street Closing Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*) postponed until To-morrow.
9. CAPITAL PUNISHMENT ABOLITION BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Haynes moved, without Notice, That it is a case of urgent and pressing necessity that the Notice of Motion for the reintroduction of the Capital Punishment Abolition Bill should be proceeded with this day.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 51.

Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Jessep,
Mr. Meagher,	Mr. Alexander Campbell,
Mr. Leo,	Mr. Dight,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Ross,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Thomas Clarke,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Rigg,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Norton,
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Mackay,	Mr. Spence,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Wilks,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Millard,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Sleath,	Mr. Law,
Mr. Leas,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Cohen,
Dr. Graham,	Mr. Fegan,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Thomas.
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hughes,	
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. O'Sullivan.
Mr. Affleck,	

Noes, 21.

Mr. Wood,
Mr. See,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Sawers,
Mr. Quinn,
Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Pyers,
Mr. Raymond,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Ferris,
Mr. Richards,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Dugald Thomson,
Mr. Byrne,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Burton.

Tellers,

Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Molesworth.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

- (2.) Mr. Haynes then moved, without Notice, That so much of the Standing and Sessional Orders be suspended as would prevent Notice of Motion No. 17 on the Business Paper for this day in the name of Mr. Haynes, in reference to the reintroduction of the Capital Punishment Abolition Bill, being proceeded with at this sitting of the House prior to all other business.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

- (3.) Whereupon Mr. Haynes moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Capital Punishment Abolition Bill, which was introduced into the Assembly during a previous Session, but was interrupted before its completion by the close of that 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.

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10. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Northumberland, Mr. Norton, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.:—“The infringement by the A.J.C. Committee of the Trust and Deed of Grant embodied in the Australian Jockey Club Act of 1873, and of the abuse by the said Committee of its powers to make and enforce “by-laws.”

And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—

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

Debate ensued.

Point of Order:—Mr. Young requested Mr. Speaker's ruling as to whether the Notice was definite, as required by the Standing Order.

Mr. Speaker said that the first part of the Notice was certainly not definite, and the second part was another subject for discussion, which rendered the Notice out of order for another reason.

11. PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the adoption of the report from the Committee of the Whole on this Bill,—

Mr. Cohen moved “That” the report be now adopted.

Mr. Sleath moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word “That,” and inserting the words “the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of the Bill as a whole,” instead thereof.

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.

Debate ensued.

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

Original Question put,—That the report be now adopted.

The House divided.

Ayes, 33.

Mr. Brinker,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Spruson,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Quinn,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Lees,	Mr. Dight,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Spence,
Mr. Sawers,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Henry Chapman,
Mr. Jessep,	Mr. Carroll.
Dr. Graham,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Garland,	
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Piddington.
Mr. See,	

Nces, 29.

Mr. Ferris,	Mr. Law,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Atleck,
Mr. Miller,	Mr. Wilks,
Mr. Pyers,	Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. David Davis,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Ross,
Mr. Sleath,	Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Byrne,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Lync,	Mr. Norton.
Mr. Wood,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. Richards,	Mr. O'Conor,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.
Mr. Meagher,	
Mr. Hughes,	
Mr. Archer,	
Mr. Terry,	
Mr. Holman,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

12. INCLOSED LANDS PROTECTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—

Mr. Dight moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday, 3rd October.

13. SYDNEY CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr.

Jessep moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday, 5th September.

The House adjourned, at Ten 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. 17.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 23 AUGUST, 1899.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) *Railway Freights on Wheat and other Products*:—Mr. Richards asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
Will he consult with the Railway Commissioners, and endeavour to have brought about a reduction in freights for the carriage of wheat and other products of the land from distances exceeding 120 miles beyond the metropolis, and for the more reasonable carriage of fodder stuffs, thus offering to producers inland a better footing in the markets of the metropolis, and so help them to compete more favourably with the market more reasonably available to the water-carried produce of the intercolonial coastal farmers?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—The Railway Commissioners point out that the existing rates for produce are most reasonable, having been very largely reduced since they took office, and they cannot see their way at the present time to reduce them. The rates are much lower than prevail in any of the other Colonies.

(2.) *Waiting-shed at Petersham Station*:—Mr. Richards asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Is the waiting-shed in course of erection at Petersham Station being carried out by day-labour; and, if so, is such supervised by an officer of the Railway Department?
(2.) How long has the work been in progress?
(3.) What will be the cost of the whole work at the completion of same?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

(1.) I am informed that the work referred to is being carried out under the Railway Commissioners by day labour.
(2.) From 19th June.
(3.) Estimated cost, £250.

(3.) *Public Servants*:—Mr. Affleck asked the Attorney-General,—
(1.) Is it a fact that the reform of the Public Service, and appointment of the Public Service Board, was for the purpose of preventing a Civil Servant holding two or more positions, and getting two or more payments for same?
(2.) Is it a fact that this Assembly struck off the fees from the Estimates of certain gentlemen holding the position of Public Tender Board last year; if so, were such fees retained by the Government, or paid to such officers?
(3.) Is it a fact that the Public Service Board has again, in their report this year, recommended the payment to those gentlemen comprising the Tender Board of the fees the Assembly refused last year?
(4.) Is it the intention to again submit such fees in the Estimates this year; if so, why place the duty on the Assembly after such a decided decision last year?
(5.) Will he authorise the Public Service Board to issue, in future reports, the names of the Civil Servants, the positions they hold, and the salaries paid them, as used to be done in the Blue-book of former years?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1.) Although a large number of Civil Servants hold more than one position, only a few officers draw more than one salary; and those very exceptional cases are shown in the Schedule to the Estimates, which is always laid upon the Table of the House.
(2.) It is a fact that fees were struck off the Estimates last year by the House, and in consequence of such action no further fees were paid to these officers.

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- (3.) The Public Service Board in their report for this year make the following remarks on the subject:—"Parliament has seen its way to strike out from the Estimates the allowance which the Board recommended to the members of the Tender Board, but the Board hope that the action of Parliament will not have the effect of dissolving the Tender Board, but that the members, in spite of the fact that their work will be without remuneration, will attend assiduously to the duties, both responsible and extensive, which the positions of members of the Tender Board involve. To this Board, and especially to the Chairman, falls the lot of managing, procuring, and distributing stores aggregating in value some £200,000, and we hope, when the matter is again submitted to Parliament, that the House will look favourably upon the granting of the small allowance of £250 asked for."
- (4.) The Government, at the instance of the Board, think it only fair that Parliament should have an opportunity of again considering this matter in the light of further facts which will be placed before the House.
- (5.) The Honorable Member is perhaps not aware that the Public Service List, giving the information referred to, is issued by the Public Service Board every year. The list for the year ending 30th June, 1899, is nearly ready, and will shortly be issued; and the information contained therein, together with that found in the Schedule to the Estimates, will give all the particulars that the Honorable Member requires.
- (4.) Schedules to the Estimates:—Mr. Affleck asked the Attorney-General,—When will the usual Schedules in connection with the various Departments on the Estimates be laid upon the Table of this House?
Mr. Carruthers answered,—The Schedule to the Estimates is now in course of preparation, and will be laid upon the Table shortly.
- (5.) Proposed Australasian Commonwealth Exhibition:—Mr. Dacey asked the Attorney-General,—
 (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to hold an Australasian Commonwealth Exhibition in connection with the inauguration of the Commonwealth?
 (2.) Seeing the historic events which are associated with the name of Botany Bay, will the Government consider the advisability of erecting a memorial, in the shape of a sea-wall, to mark the advent of Federation?
Mr. Reid answered,—
 (1.) This is dealt with in an Answer to another Question.
 (2.) Perhaps.
- (6.) Municipal Accounts:—Mr. Dacey asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to abolish the present method of auditing municipal accounts, and substituting in lieu thereof a Government Auditor?
Mr. Reid answered:—This cannot be done without an amendment of the Municipalities Act.
- (7.) Trawling Appliances, Nets, &c., used by Mr. Farnell:—Mr. Bennett asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that the extensive trawling appliances, nets, &c., purchased by the Government for the Farnell Trawling Expedition, are at present lying at Cockatoo Island, together with appliances since purchased, rotting, and being destroyed by vermin; if so, will he see that they are either sold or stored in safety?
Mr. Brunker answered,—The gear, which is still stored at Biloela, was taken out and inspected about three weeks ago, and found to be in fair condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted.
- (8.) Meteorological Conditions in New South Wales:—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
 (1.) Will he ascertain from the Government Astronomer if he can account on any scientific grounds for the reason of the present remarkable and unprecedented wet unsettled weather and rainfall from which Sydney and coastal districts have been suffering during the last few months; and why the drought in some parts of the interior is still a source of trouble to settlers and pastoralists?
 (2.) Can he furnish any reasons, meteorological or otherwise, for the existence of such precarious and phenomenal weather?
Mr. Hogue answered,—I will presently lay on the Table of the House such information as I have been able to obtain in answer to these inquiries.
- (9.) Convictions under Public Health Act:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) The number of inspectors that are at present engaged in detecting food and liquor adulterations in the interest and for the protection of public health?
 (2.) In how many cases have such inspectors obtained convictions under the Food and Liquor Adulteration and Public Health Act?
 (3.) What is the nature of such convictions (if any)?
Mr. Carruthers answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table a Memorandum by the Board of Health, giving the desired information.
- (10.) Public Holidays:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—Does the appointment of a public holiday in a district mean the closing of all public buildings, schools, &c.; if not, what is the intention of a public holiday?
Mr. Brunker answered,—Not necessarily all public buildings, but as regards Public Schools the following rules are observed:—" (1.) No school is to be closed on more than one proclaimed holiday within any year without special permission. (2.) When a public holiday is proclaimed for the whole Colony all schools may be closed, but when such holiday is proclaimed for a portion of the Colony only, schools must not (except under proviso No. 1 above) be closed without special authority."

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(11.) Appointment of Female Attendants at Watch-houses:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has an experiment been made of appointing female attendants at watch-houses; and, if so, how long?
- (2.) How many appointments were made, and in what offices?
- (3.) What salary has been allowed to those appointed?
- (4.) Is it intended to extend the appointments to other important police districts?

Mr. Brunker answered,—The following information has been furnished by the Inspector-General of Police:—

- (1.) Yes, from the 12th December, 1898.
- (2.) Four—three at the Central Police Station in Sydney, and one in Newcastle.
- (3.) In Sydney 4s. per diem each, and £20 per annum to the attendant at Newcastle.
- (4.) The system is being tested. It may possibly be found desirable to extend it, but the cost would be considerable.

(12.) Grant to the Art Society and the Society of Artists:—Mr. Arthur Griffith asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a sum of £400 has been placed on the Estimates as a grant to the Art Society, and also a sum of £300 as a grant to the Society of Artists?
- (2.) What is the amount of the annual subscriptions of members of each of these societies?
- (3.) Has he been supplied with the annual reports and balance-sheets, showing what became of the taxpayers' money given last year to these societies?
- (4.) Is it a fact that the taxpaying public who support these institutions are not permitted to view the work they pay for without payment of an entrance fee?
- (5.) Is it his intention to grant public funds to support every half-dozen alleged artists who in the future choose to form themselves into an art society?
- (6.) If not, why not?
- (7.) Will he consider the advisableness of granting the money now received annually by the Art Society and the Society of Artists to a responsible public body—such as the trustees of the Art Gallery—and thus enable that body to conduct art classes under the best possible conditions?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Art Society, £201; Society of Artists, £130.
- (3.) Yes, as regards the Art Society. The Balance-sheet of the Society of Artists will be furnished after the end of their financial year (30th instant).
- (4.) Yes, the vote granted is for the education of young artists, and is not intended to, and does not, cover the expenditure of these societies. The charge made for entrance to exhibitions is necessary for the maintenance of the institutions.
- (5 and 6.) These Questions do not need to be seriously replied to.
- (7.) The suggestion has already received consideration, and will not be lost sight of.

(13.) Proposed Great Exhibition in 1901 at Sydney:—Mr. Meagher asked the Attorney-General,—Will he take immediate steps to initiate a great exhibition in 1901 at Sydney, as a fitting celebration of the foundation of Australian nationality, and as a counterfoil to the anticipated undue advantage of Melbourne possessing the capital for a few years?

Mr. Reid answered,—This very important matter is under the serious consideration of the Government.

(14.) Trustees of the Hurstville Park:—Mr. Haynes asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Has he received a communication from the Hurstville Park Committee, appointed by the ratepayers at a public meeting, recommending the appointment of the Municipal Council as trustees of the Park?
- (2.) Has he adopted the recommendation; and will he say when he will accordingly appoint the trustees?

Mr. Young answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The matter has not as yet been finally decided.

(15.) Exempting Officers from Examination in the Public Service:—Mr. Carroll asked the Attorney-General,—

(1.) Referring to the Answers given to Question 37 on the 1st August last, relative to examination for promotion in the Public Service, will he kindly state the grounds on which a system of examination for promotion has been brought into operation when, as regards certain officers in the Service, viz., those who were in the Service when the Public Service Act came into force, section 43, read in conjunction with section 41 of that Act, exempts them from the necessity of passing any such examination, and when he himself carried an amendment to that section (*vide Hansard*, No. 11 of 1895, page 1834), which he stated was for the express purpose of exempting those officers from examination?

(2.) Does he recognise that if it was right, as he stated when he moved and carried his amendment to section 43, expressly to provide that the officers referred to—most of them family men grown grey in the Service—should be exempted from the necessity of passing an examination for promotion, that it is wrong that that amendment, regarded in the light of his explanation of its intended effect, should have been subsequently disregarded by the Public Service Board, and that the officers in question should now be virtually compelled to submit to such examination, or for ever forego every hope of promotion?

(3.) With regard to that part of his replies to the Questions alluded to, which states that “no officer is compelled to undergo examination,” is it not a fact that, under the Public Service Regulations, it is impossible for any officer in ordinary course to obtain promotion otherwise?

(4.) Does he claim the right to frame Regulations under the Public Service Act in contravention of its provisions, as explained by himself, as regards his amendment to section 43?

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- Mr. Reid answered,—
- (1.) The reply given by me to somewhat similar Questions asked by the Honorable Member for Braidwood yesterday will answer this Question also.
 - (2.) I have endeavoured to explain, in answer to previous Questions of a similar character, that a condition of things now obtains which was not contemplated when the Public Service Act was passed, viz., the provision of a system of increments to Civil Servants under certain conditions which are laid down in Regulations Nos. 254 to 276 under the Public Service Act.
 - (3.) I have already pointed out that the Board have the right to examine officers, to enable them to determine the question as to the right of promotion, and that this matter has received careful consideration.
 - (4.) I claim no such right.
2. **CASE OF MR. SHERLOCK BARRON, NORTH BOTANY** :—Mr. Dacey presented a Petition from Thomas Sherlock Barron, of Botany, praying that he may be represented by counsel, or attorney, or in person, before the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the claim of Mr. Sherlock Barron, formerly dairyman, North Botany, for loss sustained through the action of the Board of Health.
- Petition received.
Ordered to be referred to the Select Committee.
3. **SUNDAY OBSERVANCE BILL** :—Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick presented a Petition from certain residents of the District of Junee, and the Electorate of Murrumbidgee, praying that the House will pass into law during the present Session the Sunday Observance Bill.
- Petition received.
4. **GOLD AND MINERAL DREDGING BILL** :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Cook, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

BEAUCHAMP,
Governor.

Message No. 25.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to provide for and regulate mining for gold and other minerals by dredging, pumping, sluicing, or other method, in the beds of rivers and lakes, under tidal or standing waters, under the ocean contiguous to the coast line, and in, on, and under any land contiguous to the aforesaid places; and for purposes consequent on or incidental to those objects.

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

5. **PAPERS** :—
- Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—Return respecting Convictions under the Public Health Act.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- Mr. Brunner laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) By-law of the Municipal District of Gulgong.
 - (2.) Return (*in part*) to an Order, made on 21st September, 1898,—“Monthly Returns of ‘Accidents’—July, 1899.”
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- Mr. Hogue laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Amended By-laws of St. Paul’s College, University of Sydney.
 - (2.) Report by the Government Astronomer respecting the present wet weather.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
6. **PRIVILEGE** (*Seat of J. C. Neild, Esquire*) :—Mr. Edden moved, “That” the seat of J. C. Neild, Esquire, Member for Paddington, has become and is hereby declared to be vacant, by reason of his acceptance of an office of profit under the Crown, within the spirit and meaning of the Constitution Act.
- Debate ensued.
- Mr. Waddell moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word “That” and inserting the words “the question whether Mr. Neild has accepted an office of profit under the Crown, within the spirit and meaning of the Constitution Act, be referred ‘to’ the ‘Committee of Elections and Qualifications for consideration and report,’ instead thereof.
- Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.
- Debate continued.
- Point of Order* :—Mr. Levien submitted that the proposed amendment was out of order, as being outside the power vested in the Committee of Elections and Qualifications by section 127 of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act.
- Debate ensued.
- Mr. Speaker ruled that under the section of the Act referred to, it was quite competent for the House to refer this matter to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.
- Question put,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 15.		Noes, 71.	
Mr. McFarlane,	Dr. Graham,	Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Mahony,
Mr. See,	Mr. Spruson,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Whiddon,
Mr. Miller,	Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Storey,
Mr. Watkins,	Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Norton,	Mr. Rigg,
Mr. Sleath,	Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Quinn,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Hughes,	Sir Matthew Harris,
Mr. O'Conor,	Mr. Levien,	Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Richards,	Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Affleck,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,
Mr. James Thomson,	Mr. Cruickshank,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Archer,
Mr. Price,	Mr. Lee,	Mr. Law,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Ross,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Raymond,	Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Wood,
Mr. Edden.	Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Byrne,	Mr. Garland,
<i>Tellers,</i>	Mr. Hurley,	Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Morgan,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Rose,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Fegan.	Mr. Carroll,	Mr. Lees,	Mr. Wilson,
	Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. T. H. Griffith,	Mr. Dacey,
	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Terry,	Mr. Gillies,
	Mr. Ferris,	Mr. David Davis,	Mr. Jessep.
	Mr. Barton,	Mr. Cann,	<i>Tellers,</i>
	Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. Phillips,	Mr. Molesworth
	Mr. Young,	Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. McLean.
	Mr. Bennett,	Mr. E. M. Clark,	
	Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Spence,	
	Mr. Meagher,	Mr. Ashton,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words left out be so inserted.

Mr. Norton moved,—That the proposed amendment be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "to" and inserting the words "a Select Committee for consideration and report. (2) That such Committee consist of Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Wright, Mr. Dight, Mr. Mackay, Mr. Lees, Mr. Garland, Mr. Sawers, Mr. Rigg, Mr. Wilks, and the Mover"—instead thereof.

Debate continued.

Proposed amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Mr. Garland moved, That the proposed amendment be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "to" and inserting the words "a Select Committee for consideration and report. (2) That such Committee consist of Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Wright, Mr. Dight, Mr. Mackay, Mr. Lees, Mr. Sawers, Mr. Rigg, Mr. Wilks, and the Mover" instead thereof.

Question put,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed amendment.

The House divided.

Ayes, 34.		Noes, 46.	
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Archer,	Mr. Spruson,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. E. M. Clark,	Dr. Ross,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Levien,	Mr. Law,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,	Mr. See,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Ashton,	Mr. Cruickshank,	Mr. Byrne,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Holman,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Moore,	Mr. Edden,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Jessep,	Mr. Morgan.	Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. McCourt,	<i>Tellers,</i>	Mr. Hurley,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Dr. Graham,	Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. Molesworth.	Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Young,		Mr. Richards,	Mr. James Thomson,
Mr. Waddell,		Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Spence,
Mr. Affleck,		Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. David Davis,
Mr. T. H. Griffith,		Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Sleath,
Mr. Rose,		Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Anderson,		Mr. Carroll,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Cohen,		Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Price,
Mr. McLean,		Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Wood,
Sir Matthew Harris,		Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Ross.
Mr. Whiddon,		Mr. Haynes,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Mahony,		Mr. Norton,	Mr. Ferris,
Mr. Meagher,		Mr. Quinn,	Mr. Watkins.
Mr. Storey,		Mr. O'Conor,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words left out of the proposed amendment be so inserted,—put and passed.

Question,—That the words (as amended) proposed to be inserted in the original Question be so inserted,—put and passed.

Question then,—(1) That the Question whether Mr. Neild has accepted an office of profit under the Crown, within the spirit and meaning of the Constitution Act, be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report. (2) That such Committee consist of Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Wright, Mr. Dight, Mr. Mackay, Mr. Lees, Mr. Sawers, Mr. Rigg, Mr. Wilks, and the Mover,—put and passed.

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7. **PRIVILEGE** (*Seat of J. O. Neild, Esquire*):—Mr. Levien (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the case of Mr. J. C. Neild have power to sit during the sittings of the House, or any adjournment thereof.
Question put and passed.
8. **MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—
- (1.) **Common Law Procedure Bill**:—
MR. SPEAKER,—
The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to the process, practice, and mode of pleading at law in the Supreme Court,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.
Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd August, 1899. JOHN LACKEY,
President.
Bill, on motion of Mr. Brunner, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
- (2.) **Adulteration of Liquors Bill**:—
MR. SPEAKER,—
The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate certain Acts relating to the adulteration of Liquors,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.
Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd August, 1899. JOHN LACKEY,
President.
Bill, on motion of Mr. Brunner, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
9. **PAPER**:—Mr. Cook laid upon the Table,—Report on Agriculture for the year 1898.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
10. **CROWN LANDS (AMENDMENT) BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law relating to the sale and leasing, disposal, and management of Crown lands; to provide for the determination of the capital value of land under conditional purchase, conditional lease, homestead selection or settlement lease, and for regulating payments in respect of such land on the basis of such value; and for the reappraisal of the rents of conditional leases; to provide for the enclosure of roads and watercourses; to amend the law relating to local Land Boards and to references to the Land Appeal Court; and in certain respects to amend the Crown Lands Acts.
Question put and passed.
- And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—
- THURSDAY, 24 AUGUST, 1899, A.M.
11. **COAL MINES REGULATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL** (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Cook, read a third time, and passed.
Mr. Cook then moved, that the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend section 47 in respect to Rule 40, and section 64 of the Coal Mines Regulation Act of 1896.*"
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 section 47 in respect to Rule 40 and section 64 of the Coal Mines Regulation Act of 1896,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 24th August, 1899, a.m.
12. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the day postponed:—
(1.) Capital Punishment Abolition Bill; second reading;—until Tuesday, 28th November.
(2.) Coal-lumpers Baskets Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to fix the size and regulate the weight of baskets used in discharging coal-ships,—until Tuesday, 19th September.
(2.) Sunday Observance Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the better observance of the Sunday; for the closing of business places, and prohibiting the sale of goods in those places during certain hours; to amend the Liquor Act, 1898; and for purposes incidental to or consequent on those objects;—until Tuesday, 17th October.
(4.) Women's Franchise Bill; second reading;—until Tuesday, 28th November.
13. **EARLY CLOSING BILL**:—Mr. Hogue moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Early Closing Bill, which was introduced in the Assembly during a previous Session but was interrupted before its completion by the close of that 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 third time To-morrow.

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14. LUNDFIELD ST. LEONARDS RAILWAY CROSSING BILL:—*Mr. Brunker*, for *Mr. Carruthers*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to enable the Railway Commissioners of New South Wales to close certain level-crossings on the railway line between Milson's Point and Hornsby Junction, and to provide ways in substitution therefor; and to declare certain portions of such ways to be public thoroughfares.
Question put and passed.
15. TREASURY INDEMNITY BILL:—*Mr. Brunker*, for *Mr. Carruthers*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing 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 Accounts of the Colonial Treasurer in the Banks keeping such Accounts.
Question put and passed.
16. ADJOURNMENT:—*Mr. Brunker* moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty 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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No. 18.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 24 AUGUST, 1899.

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

CROWN LANDS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Young, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

BEAUCHAMP,
Governor.

Message No. 26.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the law relating to the sale and leasing, disposal, and management of Crown lands; to provide for the determination of the capital value of land under conditional purchase, conditional lease, homestead selection or settlement lease, and for regulating payments in respect of such land on the basis of such value; and for the reappraisal of the rents of conditional leases; to provide for the enclosure of roads and watercourses; to amend the law relating to local Land Boards and to references to the Land Appeal Court; and in certain respects to amend the Crown Lands Acts.

Government House,
Sydney, 23rd August, 1899.

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

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Sailors' Boarding-houses in Newcastle:—Mr. Smith asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it a fact that several keepers of sailors' boarding-houses in Newcastle have been proceeded against by the police, and punished for illegally persuading seamen to desert from their vessels whilst in the port of Newcastle?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—Yes. No fewer than seventeen prosecutions have been instituted by the police at Newcastle, for breaches of the Seamen's Acts, within the last twelve months,—a considerable percentage of which have been for persuading seamen to desert.

(2.) Crimping by Proprietors of Sailors' Boarding-houses:—Mr. Smith asked the Colonial Treasurer,—(1.) Is he aware that the practice of crimping is carried on in Port Jackson by some proprietors of sailors' boarding-houses and their agents, in some cases with the connivance of shipmasters, and in many instances without such connivance?

(2.) Will he give instructions to the responsible officers to use their best endeavours to stamp out the illegal interference with sailors visiting our port by taking similar action to that which he has adopted in the port of Newcastle?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

(1.) I am not aware of the practice being carried out at this port.

(2.) Should such be reported, steps will be taken immediately to prosecute the offenders.

(3.) Use of Glucose in manufacture of Jams and Jellies:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—(1.) Has his attention been directed to a paragraph in the Sydney *Daily Telegraph*, of the 23rd August, respecting the use of glucose in the manufacture of jams and jellies, and the use of rapeseed and tomatoes in the manufacture of raspberry jam?

(2.) Will he consider the propriety of establishing jam factories as well as nurseries at the orchards of the Department, to ensure that the public are not defrauded, and that the health of the public is not endangered by the sale of spurious and adulterated jams in place of jams purporting to be composed of fruit and sugar?

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- Mr. Cook answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) Jam-making and canning factories on a small scale have already been started at the Wagga Wagga Experimental Farm and the Hawkesbury Agricultural College for the instruction of the students. I am pleased to say the jams made at these places are of excellent quality and are absolutely pure.
- (4.) Mr. Davis, Public Works Department:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When was Mr. Davis, Engineer for Sewerage Construction, first employed in the Public Works Department; and in what capacity?
- Mr. Lee answered,—On the 27th August, 1883, as a temporary Surveyor and Draftsman in the Sewerage Construction Branch.
- (5.) Wages to Men employed on Moree-Inverell Railway Line:—Mr. Spence asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What is the scale of wages paid to the men employed on the Moree-Inverell railway line?
 - (2.) What scale of wages is to be paid to workmen on the Byrock-Brewarrina line?
- Mr. Lee answered,—
- (1.) Blacksmiths, 9s.; labourers, 7s. and 6s.; carpenters, 8s.; linker-in, 8s.; spikers, 8s.; man with horse and dray, 10s.
 - (2.) I propose paying the same rates on the Byrock to Brewarrina line.
- (6.) Telephone Communication between the Central Office and the Western Suburbs:—Dr. Ross asked the Postmaster-General,—
- (1.) Has it been brought to his knowledge that telephone communication between the central office and the western suburbs is very inadequate; that during some hours of each day subscribers can get nothing more for their subscription than the polite assurance of "engaged"?
 - (2.) If so, when does he think he will be able to supply a remedy for this long-felt grievance?
- Mr. Parkes answered,—
- (1.) It has been pointed out that additional trunk lines are required for the western suburbs and elsewhere, but owing to the large increase in the telephone connections the accommodation on the switch-board will not admit of any further trunk connections being made just at present.
 - (2.) The new switch-board which was provided for eighteen months ago, and which should have been completed six months ago, has been delayed owing to the failure of the contractors to carry out their contract. The new board is now being erected by another contractor, and it is expected that in about three months the difficulties will be obviated.
- (7.) Condition of Lifts in the City:—Mr. Haynes asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) Is he aware that in numerous cases the lifts used in the city are in such a condition as to gravely imperil the lives of the increasing numbers of persons using them?
 - (2.) Will he make immediate inquiries, and see whether it is not expedient to at once appoint a competent engineer to inspect and report on the condition of lifts?
- Mr. Hogue answered,—
- (1.) The lifts in buildings supervised by the Department under the Factories Act are safe and can be used without danger. Over lifts in warehouses, offices, and stores, some of which are understood to be unenclosed, and thus dangerous, the Department has no control.
 - (2.) The suggestion will receive consideration.
- (8.) Case of Warder John Blanchard:—Mr. Haynes, for Mr. Holman, asked the Attorney-General,—Whether there is any objection on his part to lay upon the Table all papers connected with the dismissal of Warder John Blanchard from the Gaol Service in October, 1897?
- Mr. Brunner answered,—I do not think that any useful purpose would be served by laying upon the Table copies of these papers, which are rather voluminous; but there would be no objection to their being seen by the Honorable Member at the Department of Justice, if he so desire.
- (9.) Public Holiday at North Sydney, on 13th proximo:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) Has he refused to grant the Public Schools of North Sydney a holiday on the occasion of the North Shore Unity Friendly Societies' picnic on the 13th September, which date has been proclaimed a public holiday in the district?
 - (2.) In view of the fact that this holiday has been established for some years in the district, will he make inquiries as to the average attendance on previous holidays, with a view to reconsider the question of closing schools in the district this year?
- Mr. Hogue answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) In previous years the schools have been closed by the teachers without permission, and in violation of regulation. Last year they were cautioned against the irregularity. I have already pointed out to the Honorable Member by letter that parents will not in any way be prevented from attending the Friendly Societies' Demonstration on account of the schools remaining open, as there is nothing to hinder them from keeping their children from school if they so desire.
3. SUNDAY OBSERVANCE BILL:—Mr. David Davis presented a Petition from certain residents in the District of Berry and the Electorate of The Shoalhaven, praying that the House will pass into law during the present Session the Sunday Observance Bill.
Petition received.
4. PAPERS:—
- Mr. Brunner laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Proviso to Regulation No. 37, under the Public Service Act of 1895.
 - (2.) Report of Public Service Board in reference to the appointment of Resident Surgeon and Dispenser at Trial Bay Prison.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Schedule of Savings on Appropriations for the year 1898-9.
- (2.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land for Grade improvements between Harden and Murrumburrah.
- (3.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land for Storage, Dulwich Hill Tramway, Marrickville.

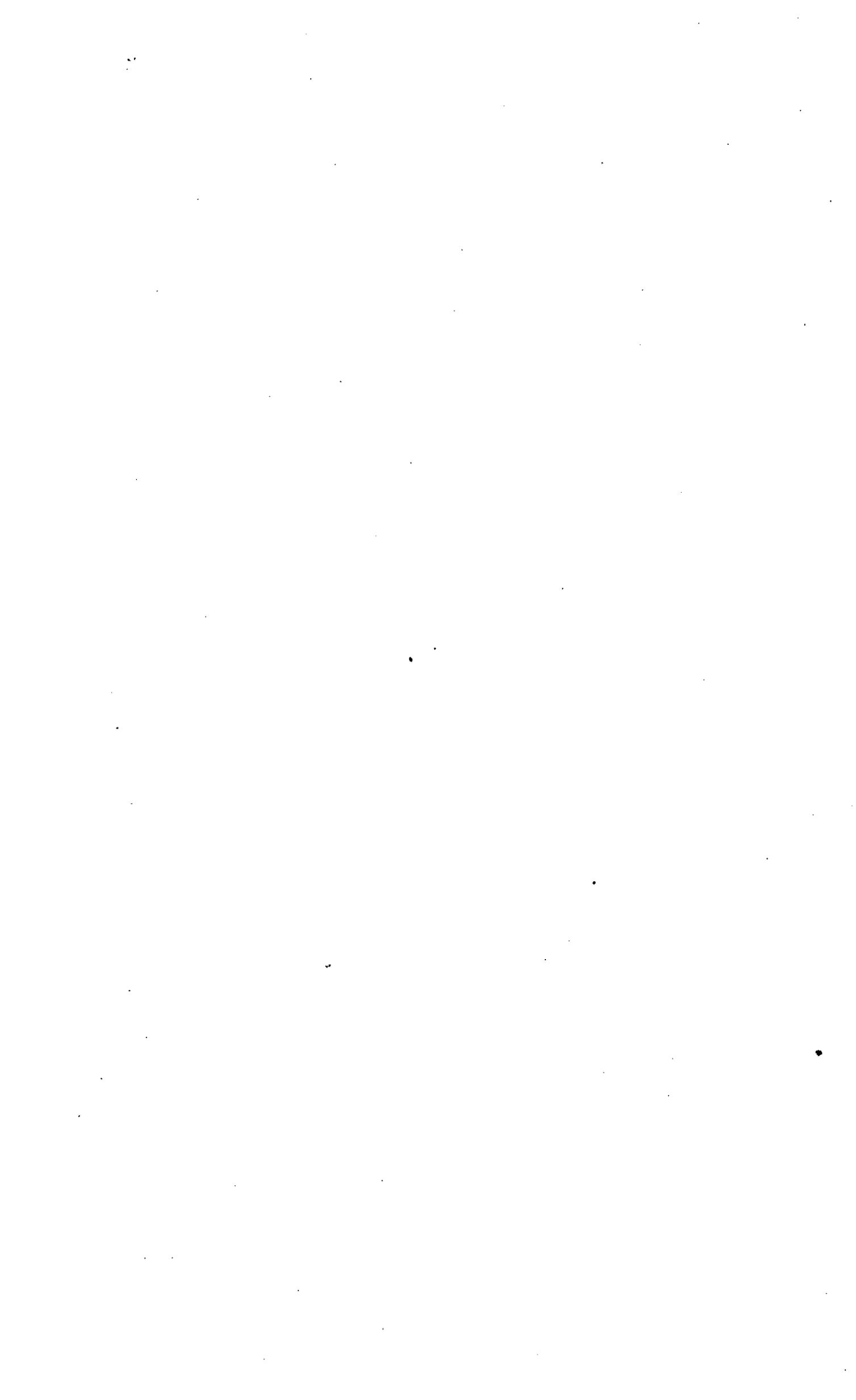
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. PRINTING COMMITTEE :—Mr. Nobbs brought up the Fourth Report from the Printing Committee.
6. MARITIME ACCIDENTS FUND BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Hughes moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide a fund for the benefit of persons injured by accidents on wharfs and ships, and the relations of persons killed or injured, by such accidents, and for purposes incidental to or consequent upon those objects.
Question put and passed.
7. MR. J. T. McILPATRICK'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE AT LISMORE (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Meagher moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House all letters, minutes, reports, diagrams, documents, and all other papers connected with or relating to C.P. 74-3,662, Lismore, of J. T. McIlpatrick, in regard to land resumed for road purposes.
Question put and passed.
8. SUB-BOARDS CREATED BY THE PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. E. M. Clark moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
 - (1.) The names and positions in the Service of officers appointed on the various sub-boards created by the Public Service Board.
 - (2.) The yearly salaries and allowances paid to these officers prior to the appointment of the Public Service Board.
 - (3.) The salaries, allowances, and gratuities paid to these officers for each succeeding year to date; also the increases, allowances, and gratuities recommended, granted, or refused to these officers.
 - (4.) Copies of minutes of proceedings of the sub-boards.
 - (5.) The number of hours of attendance of each officer as members of sub-boards; also, the extra cost to the State through the appointment of these officers, and the effect (if any) on the branches over which they preside.
 Question put and passed.
9. JUSTICES (FINES) 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 make better provision for the payment and recovery of moneys adjudged by Justices of the Peace to be paid, and with regard to imprisonment awarded by such Justices,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.
Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 24th August, 1899.
JOHN LACKEY,
President.
Bill, on motion of Mr. Brunker, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
10. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Sydney-Lang Division, Mr. Hughes, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.—
"The action of the Government in retaining J. Garland, Esq., a Member of this House, to appear for the Crown in the Equity Court on 15th February, 1899, in the case of Attorney-General v. French and Thompson."
And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—
Mr. Hughes moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
11. PRIVILEGE (*Seat of J. C. Neild, Esquire*) :—Mr. Neild (*by comment*) moved, without Notice, That leave be granted to the Honorable Member for Paddington, Mr. Neild, to appear and be heard in person, or by attorney, or counsel before the Select Committee on "Privilege—(*Seat of J. C. Neild, Esquire*)."
Question put and passed.
12. MINING LAWS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL :—Mr. Cook moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Mining on Private Lands Act of 1894, the Mining Laws Amendment Act of 1896, and the Mining Act of 1889.
Question put and passed.
13. MINERS ACCIDENT RELIEF BILL :—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 provide a fund for the benefit of persons injured by mining accidents, and the relations of persons killed or injured by such accidents; and for purposes incidental to or consequent upon those objects.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.

The House adjourned, at Eleven 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. 19.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 29 AUGUST, 1899.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Chief Draftsman, Government Architect's Branch:—Mr. Dacey asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Regarding Mr. Dacey's Question No. 8, of the 8th August, 1899, which has not been answered by the Board, now that it is officially stated that the Chief Draftsman ranks senior to the Assistant Architects,—

(1.) What qualifications over and above those possessed by the Assistant Architects of the Works and Education Departments, viz., Messrs. Wigram, Brindley, Drew, and Cook, does the Chief Draftsman possess?

(2.) What practical and field experience has this officer?

(3.) As it appears that a Chief Draftsman was appointed to relieve the Assistant Architects of a great part of official work of drafting, to enable them to attend to the important outside duties, on what grounds is the Chief Draftsman now ranked senior to the Assistant Architects (previously his seniors), when it is admitted that the aim of reorganisation was to relieve the Assistant Architects of the less important work of drafting in favour of that of outside supervision?

(4.) As the Board has previously admitted its inability to gauge the qualifications of the professional officers of the Service, on whose recommendation was the Chief Draftsman placed over the heads of his seniors?

(5.) Were the provisions of the Public Service Act relating to promotions, &c., complied with; if so, in what manner?

(6.) Was it designed, on the reorganisation of the Government Architect's Branch, that the Chief Draftsmanship should rank senior Assistant Architect; if so, were the grounds on seniority and fitness of the Assistant Architects in the Service considered; if so, in what manner?

(7.) What are the qualifications required by the Board for the grade of Assistant Architect?

(8.) Is it not on record that the number of Assistant Architects was, prior to reorganisation, considered excessive, and reduced accordingly; if so, what are the reasons for again increasing the number to eight?

(9.) Since the removal of the supervision of drafting from the Assistant Architects, what effect has it had on the cost of work—are the extras on contracts more or less; if so, to what amount?

(10.) Is it not on record that officers have been appointed on the Permanent Staff without examination; if so, why are officers of many years of service compelled to sit for examination to make them receive similar consideration?

(11.) Will he lay upon the Table a list of officers called upon to sit for examination, and the length of service of these officers?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) There is no comparison between the Chief Draftsman and Mr. Wigram, as the latter is not connected with the Government Architect's Department. With regard to the other officers named, Mr. Oakshott was considered to have the most suitable qualifications for the particular position.

(2.) The Chief Draftsman is not a field officer; his duty is exclusively confined to the office.

(3.) The Chief Draftsman has to deal with the plans for the whole Department. The question of the relative seniority of the officers named is made the subject of an appeal which is now being carefully considered by the Public Service Board. If the Honorable Member will have the goodness to refer to Question No. 8, of the 8th August, he will see that I did not say that one of the objects of the reorganisation of the Government Architect's Department was to relieve the Assistant Architects of the "less important" work of drafting. What I said was that it was thought more economical results would follow if these officers (the Assistant Architects) were relieved of a great portion of the "office work" of drafting. I said nothing about such work not being of a "less important" character. A moment's consideration will show that the work of drafting is one of great importance. (4.)

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- (4.) The Board has not admitted any such inability. The Honorable Member probably refers to the statement which has been made, and which is no doubt true, that the Board, before coming to a determination on these technical matters, consults the professional heads of the Departments. The papers which have been called for on this subject will show exactly the reasons which led to the appointment of the Chief Draftsman.
- (5.) Yes; inasmuch as the officer appointed was considered to be the most fitted for the position to be filled, and section 42 of the Public Service Act provides that "fitness" shall mean special qualifications and aptitude for the discharge of the duties of the office to be filled.
- (6.) Yes; but the whole question is being reconsidered, as intimated in reply to Question 3.
- (7.) The qualifications required are that they shall be "competent architects."
- (8.) Practically no alteration has been made other than a change of title as regards two officers, and this was done on the recommendation of Mr. Vernon, the Government Architect.
- (9.) The cost of works has not been prejudiced in any way by the Departmental alterations.
- (10.) The Honorable Member is, perhaps, referring to appointments which have been made under section 30 of the Public Service Act. The reason why examination is not required in these cases is laid down in the section.
- (11.) To answer this question a very lengthy return will be necessary, as it would include some hundreds of officers; but if the Honorable Member considers it necessary to move for the Return in the usual way, I have no doubt the Right Honorable the Premier will offer no objection to its being supplied. It is right, however, to point out that, in regard to officers already in the Service, they only sit for examination if they are candidates for promotion to the higher grades. The matter is entirely optional with them.
- (2.) Mr. Creagh, P.M. at Grafton:—Mr. Dacey asked the Attorney-General,—
- (1.) Is it the practice for magistrates to inquire into the truth of a criminal libel preferred before them, or to hear any other justification?
- (2.) If publication be proved, is the practice to commit?
- (3.) Did Mr. Creagh, P.M. at Grafton, as reported in the local press, in a recent libel case at Grafton, allow the defence to be entered into, notwithstanding authorities to the contrary were cited?
- (4.) After allowing the defence to be entered into, did he refuse to allow evidence in reply to be given?
- (5.) Does Mr. Creagh make a return of all fees to the Colonial Treasurer received by him in accordance with Regulation 75 of the Public Service Act; if so, what amount has been received from him through the Clerk of Petty Sessions at Grafton since his appointment as P.M. at Grafton in 1896?
- (6.) Is it a fact that the Department of Audit is now inquiring into this matter?
- Mr. Reid answered,—
- (1 and 2.) Inasmuch as these questions really involve matters of law, they are not such as should be answered by a Minister; but I may observe that the practice depends upon the nature of the charge preferred before the Magistrate. In the case alluded to, the charge was that of maliciously publishing a defamatory libel, knowing the same to be false.
- (3 and 4.) I am informed that, after argument, evidence was allowed to be given for the defence. Evidence in reply was not considered necessary, as the Bench had decided that accused should be committed for trial, and the attorney for the prosecution did not press his application.
- (5.) No Police Magistrate makes a return of fees to the Colonial Treasurer. If any fees are received, they are paid to the Clerk of Petty Sessions. The returns of the Clerks of Petty Sessions do not show the names of the persons from whom they received them.
- (6.) A general inquiry is being made by the Department of Audit as to the fees received by Police Magistrates and others.
- (3.) Seamen Employed in the Dredge Service:—Mr. Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that seamen employed in the Dredge Service, and who hold mates' certificates of competency, are unable to qualify for certificates of a higher grade owing to the existing Regulations governing the granting of such certificates?
- (2.) Is he aware that the operation of the Regulation referred to will necessitate the employment of persons from outside the Dredge Service to fill vacancies that may occur for the positions of masters or mates?
- (3.) Will he make such alterations as will enable Public Servants in the Dredge Service holding mates' certificates or coastal mates' certificates to qualify for the immediate higher grades in the Dredge Service?
- Mr. Lee answered,—If the Honorable Member refers to the Dredge Service Regulations, there is no such prohibition as implied; if the Regulations referred to are those of the Marine Board, I beg to refer the Honorable Member to my honorable colleague the Colonial Treasurer.
- (4.) Deepening of Woolloomooloo Bay:—Mr. Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the crews of the Government dredges now engaged deepening Woolloomooloo Bay are required to work several hours overtime each day?
- (2.) If so, will he make such arrangements as will absorb the unemployed competent workers to carry on the extra dredging operations now being performed in Sydney and Newcastle Harbours, and discontinue the practice of working overtime?
- Mr. Lee answered,—From Monday to Friday of last week the crew of the dredge "Sydney" worked overtime at the rate of three hours per day in order that some urgent dredging should be expedited. Since the latter date the overtime has been discontinued.
2. SUNDAY OBSERVANCE BILL:—Mr. Affleck presented a Petition from certain residents of Hurstville, in the Electorate of St. George, praying that the House will pass into law during the present Session the Sunday Observance Bill.
- Petition received.

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3. LISMORE MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES BILL:—Mr. Ewing presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of Lismore, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to alter the limits and boundaries of the Municipal District of Lismore.
And Mr. Ewing having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Australian Star* and *Northern Star* and *Richmond and Tweed Rivers Advocate* newspapers, containing the notices required by the 396th Standing Order,—
Petition received.
4. PAPER:—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table,—Notification including Sutherland amongst the City and Suburban Telegraph Offices.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
5. GOVERNMENT ARCHITECT'S DEPARTMENT (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. E. M. Clark moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
(1.) The cost of administration of the Government Architect's Department, and the cost of public works carried out by this branch for the year previous to the appointment of the Public Service Board.
(2.) The amount of extras on contracts for that year.
(3.) The cost of administration of the Government Architect's Department for the year 1897-98, and of works carried on by this branch for that year; also the amount of extras on contracts for that year.
Question put and passed.
6. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Terrace-street Closing Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*) postponed until To-morrow.
The House adjourned, at fourteen minutes before Five o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 30 AUGUST, 1899.

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

POSTPONEMENTS :—

- (1.) The Notices of Motions, Nos. 1 and 2, of Government Business, postponed until Wednesday next.
 (2.) The Orders of the Day, Nos. 1 to 36, of Government Business, postponed until Wednesday next.
2. PRIVILEGE (*Seat of J. C. Neild, Esquire*) :—Mr. Wright, 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 August, 1899, together with Appendix.
 Mr. Edden moved, That the report be now read.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 53.

Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Wilks,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Afleck,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Jessep,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Lees,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Holman,
Mr. Rose,	Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Mcagher,	Mr. Hughes,
Mr. Cruickshank,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. James Thomson,	Mr. Law,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Sawers,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,
Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Ross,	Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Archer,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Thomas Clarke,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Rigg,	Mr. Howarth,
Sir Matthew Harris,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Young,
Mr. Watkins,	
Mr. Spence,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. E. M. Clark,	Mr. Sleath.
Mr. W. W. Davis,	

Noes, 46.

Mr. FitzGerald,	Mr. Norton,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. T. H. Griffith,
Mr. See,	Mr. Dight,
Mr. Austin Chapman,	Mr. Byrne,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Spruson,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Lync,	Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Ferris,	Mr. David Davis,
Mr. Richards,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Quinn,
Mr. Hurley,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Dacey,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Whiddon,
Mr. Carroll,	Mr. Molesworth.
Mr. O'Connor,	
Mr. Mackay,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Wood,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. O'Sullivan.
Mr. Gillies,	
Mr. Haynes,	
Mr. Lee,	
Mr. Parkes,	
Mr. Carruthers,	
Mr. Gormly,	
Mr. Hogue,	
Mr. Cook,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The report was then read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. POSTPONEMENTS :—The Orders of the Day, Nos. 1 to 6, of General Business, postponed (*by consent*) until Tuesday next.

30th August, 1899.

4. VOTE OF CENSURE:—Mr. Lyne moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the present Government does not possess the confidence of this House.

(2.) That the foregoing resolution be conveyed by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Debate ensued.

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

Question put and passed.

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

5. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Reid moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at 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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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 31 AUGUST, 1899.

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

PRINTING COMMITTEE :—Mr. Gormly, as Chairman, brought up the Fifth Report from the Printing Committee.

2. VOTE OF CENSURE :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Lyne,—

“ (1.) That the present Government does not possess the confidence of this ‘House.’ ”

“ (2.) That the foregoing resolution be conveyed by Address to His Excellency the Governor.”

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Mr. Fegan moved, That the Question be amended by inserting after the word “House” the words “and deserves censure for having made payments of public money to Mr. J. C. Neild, Member for Paddington, without asking Parliament, and contrary to the assurance given by the Right Honorable the Premier.”

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

Debate continued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER, 1899, A.M.

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

Question put and passed.

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

The House adjourned, at fourteen 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 EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER, 1899.

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

ESTATE OF THE LATE S. M. SWIFT, OF PETERSHAM:—Mr. Garland presented a Petition from John McDonald, of Mungie Bundie, near Moree, praying that he may be represented by counsel, or attorney, or in person, before the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the alleged evasion of Probate duty by the Executors in the Estate of the late S. M. Swift, of Petersham.

Petition received.

Ordered to be referred to the Select Committee.

2. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

(1.) City and North Sydney Connection Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until To-morrow.

(2.) North Shore Bridge Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until To-morrow.

(3.) Sydney Corporation Act Amendment Bill (*Council Bill*); resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Jessop, "That this Bill be now read a second time";—until Tuesday, 3rd October.

(4.) Companies Act Amendment Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—until To-morrow.

3. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:—Mr. Reid made a statement in relation to a newspaper paragraph in which Mr. Barton was represented as having reflected upon the integrity of the Government. Mr. Barton also addressed the House.

4. VOTE OF CENSURE:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Lyne,—

"(1.) That the present Government does not possess the confidence of this 'House.'

"(2.) That the foregoing resolution be conveyed by Address to His Excellency the Governor."

Upon which Mr. Fegan had moved, That the Question be amended by inserting after the word "House" the words "'and' deserves censure for having made payments of public money to Mr. J. C. Neild, Member for Paddington, without asking Parliament, and contrary to the assurance given by the Right Honorable the Premier."

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

Mr. Wilks moved, That the proposed amendment be amended by leaving out all the words after the first word "and" and inserting the words "this House proposes to deal with the advance made to the Honorable Member for Paddington, Mr. J. C. Neild, and the Constitution Acts relating thereto, after this Motion of Censure is disposed of, whether in the affirmative or negative,"—instead thereof.

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

Points

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5th September, 1899.

Points of Order :—The Honorable Member for Ashfield, Mr. Wise, and the Honorable Member for West Macquarie, Mr. Crick, having submitted Points of Order stating that Mr. Wilks' proposed amendment was irregular,—

Mr. Speaker intimated his intention of ruling thereupon to-morrow.

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

Question put and passed.

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

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

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

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

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FOURTH SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER, 1899.

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

POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until To-morrow:—

- (1.) City and North Sydney Connection Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
- (2.) North Shore Bridge Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
- (3.) Companies Acts Amendment Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading.

2. VOTE OF CENSURE:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Lyne,—

“(1.) That the present Government does not possess the confidence of this ‘House.’”

“(2.) That the foregoing resolution be conveyed by Address to His Excellency the Governor.”

Upon which Mr. Fegan had moved, That the Question be amended by inserting after the word “House” the words “and” deserves censure for having made payments of public money to “Mr. J. C. Neild, Member for Paddington, without asking Parliament, and contrary to the “assurance given by the Right Honorable the Premier.”

In which proposed amendment Mr. Wilks had moved to leave out all the words after the first word “and” and insert the words “this House proposes to deal with the advance made to the “Honorable Member for Paddington, Mr. J. C. Neild, and the Constitution Acts relating thereto, “after this Motion of Censure is disposed of whether in the affirmative or negative,”—instead thereof.

And the Question being again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed amendment,—

Points of Order:—The following Points of Order were submitted yesterday:—

- (1.) By the Honorable Member for Ashfield, Mr. Wise,—He stated that the cardinal rule about amendments was that they must be relevant to the motion or amendment in respect to which they were moved; and he submitted that the amendment of the Honorable Member for Balmain North, Mr. Wilks, was not relevant to the amendment proposed by the Honorable Member for Wickham, Mr. Fegan.
- (2.) By the Honorable Member for West Macquarie, Mr. Crick,—He pointed out that every amendment must be relevant to the original motion, and if an amendment be proposed to an amendment, it must be of such a character that, if carried, it would be relevant to the original motion. Mr. Wilks’ amendment would not meet this requirement, nor was it intelligible and consistent with the original resolution, as it should be. He also pointed out that the amendment proposed by Mr. Wilks would, if carried, supersede the whole of Mr. Fegan’s amendment, instead of amending it, thus conflicting with the rule which required that no amendment to a proposed amendment could be moved if it proposed to leave out all the words of such proposed amendment.

Mr. Speaker, referring to the foregoing Points of Order, said that he had had an opportunity of consulting authorities, one of which had been established in this House since he had held the office of Speaker; he alluded to the motion for a Vote of Censure on the Dibbs Government, on 29th September, 1892. He was convinced that the proposed amendment upon the amendment, in this case, was in order for the same reason that a similar amendment was allowed on that occasion. It was absolutely relevant to the proposed amendment of the

Honorable

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Honorable Member for Wickham, and was not an amendment in substitution of that amendment, as the word "and" was retained. He relied upon the procedure of this House in the case referred to, the circumstances being almost identical with those which have arisen now. Looking at the whole matter, he saw nothing that would lead him to any other conclusion than that there was nothing irregular in this case.

The House then resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER, 1899, A.M.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

The House adjourned, at ten 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.

New South Wales.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER, 1899.

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

ESTATE OF THE LATE S. M. SWIFT, OF PETERSHAM:—Mr. Hughes (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Select Committee on "Estate of the late S. M. Swift, of Petersham," have leave to sit during the adjournment of the House To-morrow.
Question put and passed.

2. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Tuesday next:—
(1.) City and North Sydney Connection Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
(2.) North Shore Bridge Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
(3.) Companies Acts Amendment Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading.
(4.) Capertee Tramway Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading.

3. VOTE OF CENSURE:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Lyne,—
" (1.) That the present Government does not possess the confidence of this 'House.'
" (2.) That the foregoing resolution be conveyed by Address to His Excellency the Governor."

Upon which Mr. Fegan had moved, That the Question be amended by inserting after the word "House" the words "'and' deserves censure for having made payments of public money to "Mr. J. C. Neild, Member for Paddington, without asking Parliament, and contrary to the "assurance given by the Right Honorable the Premier."

In which proposed amendment Mr. Wilks had moved to leave out all the words after the first word "and" and insert the words "this House proposes to deal with the advance made to the "Honorable Member for Paddington, Mr. J. C. Neild, and the Constitution Acts relating thereto, "after this Motion of Censure is disposed of whether in the affirmative or negative,"—instead thereof.

And the Question being again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed amendment,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Question put,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed amendment.

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7th September, 1899.

The House divided,

Ayes, 78.

Mr. Dacey,	Mr. James Thomson,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Copeland,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Ross,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. See,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. McLaughlin,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Mackay,
Mr. Rose,	Mr. Norton,
Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Quinn,
Mr. Sleath,	Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Law,
Mr. Raymond,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Sawers,
Mr. Pyers,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Spruson,	Mr. Wise,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. FitzGerald,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Barton,
Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Dight,
Mr. Goodwin,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Richards,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Price,	Mr. Alexander Campbell,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Gornly,
Mr. Cotton,	Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Spence,	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,
Mr. E. M. Clark,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Henry Chapman,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. David Davis,	Mr. Wood.
Mr. Nicholson,	
Mr. Edden,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Macdonald,	Mr. Holman,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Austin Chapman.

Noes, 40.

Mr. Hogue,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Lees,	Mr. Wilks.
Mr. Carruthers,	
Mr. Cook,	
Mr. Young,	
Mr. Hawthorne,	
Mr. Reid,	
Mr. Lec,	
Mr. Garland,	
Mr. McCourt,	
Mr. Howarth,	
Mr. Anderson,	
Mr. Archibald Campbell,	
Mr. Molesworth,	
Mr. Parkes,	
Mr. Meagher,	
Mr. Affleck,	
Mr. Nobbs,	
Mr. Jessep,	
Sir Matthew Harris,	
Mr. Archer,	
Mr. Phillips,	
Mr. Morgan,	
Mr. Ferris,	
Mr. Rigg,	
Mr. McLean,	
Mr. Thomas Clarke,	
Mr. Mahony,	
Mr. Whiddon,	
Mr. T. H. Griffith,	
Mr. Dugald Thomson,	
Mr. Storey,	
Dr. Graham,	
Mr. Millard,	
Mr. Byrne,	
Mr. Ewing,	
Mr. Cohen.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER, 1899, A.M.

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

Ayes, 78.

Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Watkins,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Ross,
Mr. See,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. McLaughlin,	Mr. James Thomson,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Rose,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. David Davis,
Mr. Sleath,	Mr. Law,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Sawers,
Mr. Raymond,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Wise,
Mr. Pyers,	Mr. FitzGerald,
Mr. Spruson,	Mr. Barton,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Dight,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Gornly,
Mr. Goodwin,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Alexander Campbell,
Mr. Richards,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Austin Chapman,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Wood,
Mr. Cotton,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Spence,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. E. M. Clark,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Henry Chapman,	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Ashton,	Mr. Carroll.
Mr. Quinn,	
Mr. Cruickshank,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Norton,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Mackay,	Mr. Price.

Noes, 40.

Mr. Hogue,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Jessep,
Mr. Lees,	Mr. Wilks.
Mr. Moore,	
Mr. Cook,	
Mr. Young,	
Mr. Hawthorne,	
Mr. Carruthers,	
Mr. Reid,	
Mr. Lee,	
Mr. Garland,	
Mr. McCourt,	
Mr. Howarth,	
Mr. Anderson,	
Mr. Archibald Campbell,	
Mr. Molesworth,	
Mr. Parkes,	
Mr. Meagher,	
Mr. Affleck,	
Mr. Nobbs,	
Sir Matthew Harris,	
Mr. Archer,	
Mr. Phillips,	
Mr. Morgan,	
Mr. Ferris,	
Mr. Rigg,	
Mr. McLean,	
Mr. Thomas Clarke,	
Mr. Mahony,	
Mr. Whiddon,	
Mr. T. H. Griffith,	
Mr. Dugald Thomson,	
Dr. Graham,	
Mr. Cohen,	
Mr. Ewing,	
Mr. Byrne,	
Mr. Millard,	
Mr. Storey.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

7 September, 1899.

Question then put,—

(1.) That the present Government does not possess the confidence of this House, and deserves censure for having made payments of public money to Mr. J. C. Neild, Member for Paddington, without asking Parliament, and contrary to the assurance given by the Right Honorable the Premier.

(2.) That the foregoing resolution be conveyed by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
The House divided.

Ayes, 75.

Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Hurley,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Ross,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. James Thomson,
Mr. Sec,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. McLaughlin,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Rose,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Hughes,	Mr. David Davis,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Law,
Mr. Steath,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Sawers,
Mr. Raymond,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Wise,
Mr. Pyers,	Mr. FitzGerald,
Mr. Spruson,	Mr. Barton,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Dight,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Goodwin,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Richards,	Mr. Alexander Campbell,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Austin Chapman,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. J. O. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Cotton,	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Spence,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. E. M. Clark,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Henry Chapman,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Price,	Mr. Wood.
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	
Mr. Quinn,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cruickshank,	Mr. Holman,
Mr. Norton,	Mr. Waddell.
Mr. Mackay,	

Noes, 41.

Mr. Neild,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hegue,	
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Lees,	Mr. Phillips.
Mr. Moore,	
Mr. Cook,	
Mr. Young,	
Mr. Hawthorne,	
Mr. Carruthers,	
Mr. Reid,	
Mr. Lee,	
Mr. Garland,	
Mr. Affleck,	
Mr. Nobbs,	
Mr. Jessop,	
Sir Matthew Harris,	
Mr. Archer,	
Mr. Wilke,	
Mr. McCourt,	
Mr. Howarth,	
Mr. Anderson,	
Mr. Archibald Campbell,	
Mr. Molesworth,	
Mr. Parkes,	
Mr. Mcagher,	
Mr. Ferris,	
Mr. Rigg,	
Mr. McLean,	
Mr. Thomas Clarke,	
Mr. Mahony,	
Mr. Whiddon,	
Mr. T. H. Griffith,	
Mr. Dugald Thomson,	
Mr. Storey,	
Dr. Graham,	
Mr. Millard,	
Mr. Byrne,	
Mr. Ewing,	
Mr. Cohen.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

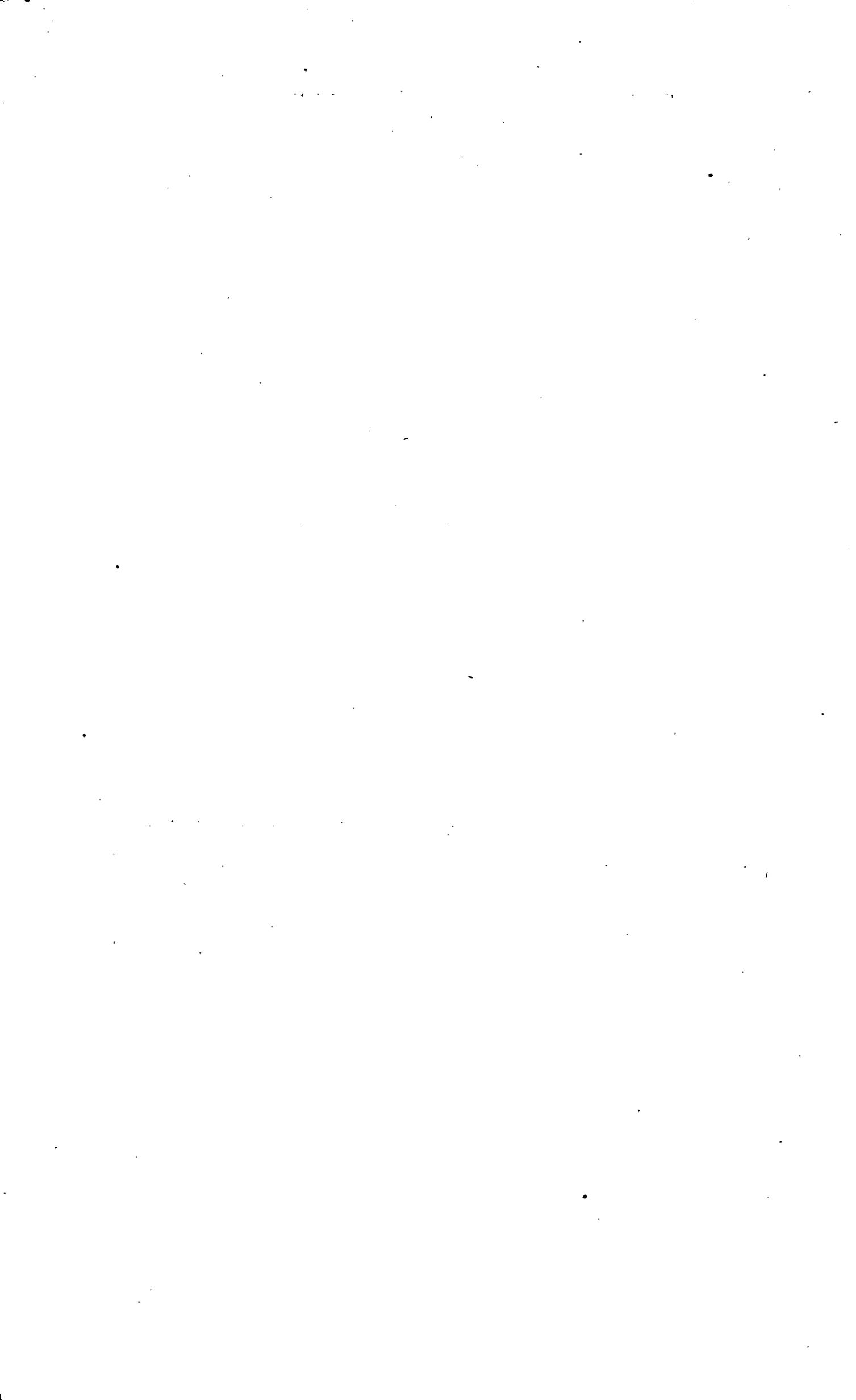
4. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Reid moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

F. W. WEBB,
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 25.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER, 1899.

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

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:—Mr. Reid stated that, in consequence of the vote arrived at in this House on Thursday last, he deemed it his duty to tender certain advice to His Excellency the Governor, which His Excellency did not accept, and under those circumstances he tendered to him the resignation of Ministers, and announced that they should hold office only until their successors were appointed. He understood that Mr. Lyne had been requested to undertake the formation of an Administration, and, at that honorable gentleman's personal request, he moved,—That this House do now adjourn.
Question put and passed.

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

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

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 26

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER, 1899.

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. Reid, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

BEAUCHAMP,
Governor.

Message No. 27.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act the Governor recommends to the consideration of the Legislative Assembly that provision be made for defraying the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the months of September and October, or following month, of the financial year ending 30th June, 1900.

*Government House,
Sydney, 13th September, 1899.*

Ordered to be referred to the Committee of Supply.

2. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:—Mr. Reid stated that he had been requested by the honorable gentleman at present engaged in forming an Administration, Mr. Lyne, to state to the House that his task will be completed to-morrow. He had asked him to move the adjournment of the House until then. In the meantime he had undertaken, on behalf of the honorable gentleman, to ask the House for Supply, and, in accordance with that undertaking, he had presented a Message to Mr. Speaker from His Excellency the Governor, on behalf of his honorable colleague, Mr. Carruthers. He intended also to give notice of a motion suspending the Standing Orders, to admit of the Supply Bill being passed through the whole of its stages at one sitting. He wished Honorable Members to understand that he should certainly not proceed with Supply unless the House had been made acquainted with the names of the new Ministers. He then moved,—That this House do now adjourn.
Question put and passed.

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

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

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 27.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER, 1899.

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

NEW ADMINISTRATION:—Mr. Lyne referred to the statement which had already been made to the House by the Right Honorable Member for King Division, Mr. Reid, that his Ministry had resigned their offices, and that he, Mr. Lyne, had been sent for by His Excellency the Governor to form a New Administration, and announced that he had completed the formation of his Ministry. He had been sworn in as Prime Minister and Vice-President of the Executive Council, and, after Supply had been granted, would take the position of Colonial Treasurer. His colleagues consisted of,—

Mr. John See, Colonial Secretary.
 Mr. Bernhard Ringrose Wisc, Q.C., Attorney-General.
 Mr. Thomas Henry Hassall, Secretary for Lands.
 Mr. Edward William O'Sullivan, Secretary for Public Works.
 Mr. John Lionel Fegan, Secretary for Mines.
 Mr. John Perry, Minister of Public Instruction.
 Mr. William Herbert Wood, Minister of Justice.
 Mr. William Patrick Crick, Postmaster-General.

He also informed the House that Mr. James Alexander Kenneth Mackay would be appointed to the Legislative Council as Vice-President of the Executive Council, he, Mr. Lyne, having taken that position temporarily for the purpose of asking the House for Supply.

2. VACANT SEATS:—Mr. Lyne moved,—

- (1.) That the Seat of John See, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the office of Colonial Secretary since his Election and Return to serve in this House as Member for the Electoral District of Grafton.
Question put and passed.
- (2.) That the Seat of Bernhard Ringrose Wisc, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the office of Attorney-General since his Election and Return to serve in this House as Member for the Electoral District of Ashfield.
Question put and passed.
- (3.) That the Seat of Thomas Henry Hassall, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the office of Secretary for Lands since his Election and Return to serve in this House as Member for the Electoral District of Moree.
Question put and passed.
- (4.) That the Seat of Edward William O'Sullivan, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the office of Secretary for Public Works since his Election and Return to serve in this House as Member for the Electoral District of Queanbeyan.
Question put and passed.
- (5.) That the Seat of John Perry, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the office of Minister of Public Instruction since his Election and Return to serve in this House as Member for the Electoral District of Ballina.
Question put and passed.
- (6.) That the Seat of William Herbert Wood, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the office of Minister of Justice since his Election and Return to serve in this House as Member for the Electoral District of Eden-Bombala.
Question put and passed.
- (7.) That the Seat of William Patrick Crick, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the office of Postmaster-General since his Election and Return to serve in this House as Member for the Electoral District of West Macquarie.
Question put and passed.

14th September, 1899.

3. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**:—Mr. Lyne (*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 apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1899-1900," through all its stages in one day, and would also preclude the resolutions of the Committees of Supply and of Ways and Means respectively, whereon the Bill is proposed to be founded, being received on the same day on which they were come to by the said Committees respectively.
Question put and passed.

4. **SUPPLY**:—The Order of the Day having been read, on motion of Mr. Lyne, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

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

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

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

(3.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £1,024,000, to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony during the months of September and October, or following month of the financial year ending 30th June, 1900, to be expended at the rates which have been sanctioned for the financial year ended 30th June, 1899, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1899-1900.

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

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

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, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Services of the financial year 1899-1900, the sum of £1,024,000 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

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

6. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL**:—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Lyne, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 3), to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1899-1900.

(2.) Mr. Lyne 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 1899-1900*,"—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. 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 now read a third time.

(4.) 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 apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1899-1900*."

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 1899-1900*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 14th September, 1899.

7. **SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Lyne (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn until Tuesday, 17th October next.
Question put and passed.

8. **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 1899-1900*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 14th September, 1899.

JOHN LACKEY,

President.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Lyne moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-eight minutes after Ten o'clock, until Tuesday, 17th October next, at Four o'clock.

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No. 28.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 17 OCTOBER, 1899.

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

WRITS OF ELECTION:—Mr. Speaker informed the House,—

- (1.) That in accordance with the direction of the 55th section of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893, and upon resolutions passed by this House, he had issued Writs for the election of Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly in the room of the undermentioned gentlemen, whose seats had been declared vacant by reason of their acceptance of office, viz. :—

John See, Esquire—Member for Grafton.
 Bernhard Ringrose Wise, Esquire—Member for Ashfield.
 Thomas Henry Hassall, Esquire—Member for Moree.
 Edward William O'Sullivan, Esquire—Member for Queanbeyan.
 John Perry, Esquire—Member for Ballina.
 William Herbert Wood, Esquire—Member for Eden-Bombala.
 William Patrick Crick, Esquire—Member for West Macquarie.

- (2.) That during the late adjournment, for a longer period than seven days, he had received from the Colonial Secretary a copy of the Supplementary *Government Gazette* notifying the acceptance by William John Lyne, Esquire, and John Lionel Fegan, Esquire, of the offices of Colonial Treasurer and Secretary for Mines, respectively; and that, in accordance with the provisions contained in the 55th Section of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893, he had issued Writs for the election of Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly in the room of the said gentlemen; and also in the room of James Alexander Kenneth Mackay, Esquire, Member for Boorowa, who had resigned his seat.

- (3.) That the said Writs had been duly returned to him, with certificates endorsed thereon by the several Returning Officers of the election of the following gentlemen to serve as Members for the Electoral Districts mentioned in connection with their names :—

The Honorable William John Lyne, Esquire—for The Hume.
 The Honorable John See, Esquire—for Grafton.
 The Honorable Bernhard Ringrose Wise, Esquire, Q.C.—for Ashfield.
 The Honorable Thomas Henry Hassall, Esquire—for Moree.
 The Honorable Edward William O'Sullivan, Esquire—for Queanbeyan.
 The Honorable John Lionel Fegan, Esquire—for Wickham.
 The Honorable John Perry, Esquire—for Ballina.
 The Honorable William Herbert Wood, Esquire—for Eden-Bombala.
 The Honorable William Patrick Crick, Esquire—for West Macquarie.
 Niel Rasmus Wilson Nielsen, Esquire—for Boorowa.

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

The Honorable William John Lyne, Esquire—for The Hume.
 The Honorable John See, Esquire—for Grafton.
 The Honorable Bernhard Ringrose Wise, Esquire, Q.C.—for Ashfield.
 The Honorable Thomas Henry Hassall, Esquire—for Moree.
 The Honorable Edward William O'Sullivan, Esquire—for Queanbeyan.
 The Honorable John Perry, Esquire—for Ballina.
 The Honorable William Herbert Wood, Esquire—for Eden-Bombala.
 The Honorable William Patrick Crick, Esquire—for West Macquarie.
 The Honorable John Lionel Fegan, Esquire—for Wickham.
 Niel Rasmus Wilson Nielsen, Esquire—for Boorowa.

(3.)

17th October, 1899.

3. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 2):—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Lyne, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

BEAUCHAMP,
Governor.

Message No. 28.

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 1899–1900*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 16th September, 1899.

4. 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 Henry Clarke, Esquire, to be a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, of which the following is a copy:—

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

"PURSUANT to the power in that behalf vested in me, as Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of
"New South Wales, by the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893, I do hereby
"appoint—

"Henry Clarke, Esquire,

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

"Given under my Hand, at the Legislative Assembly Chamber, Macquarie-street, Sydney, this
"seventeenth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and
"ninety-nine.

"J. P. ABBOTT,
"Speaker."

5. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:—Mr. Lyne informed the House that the Government hoped to be able during the present Session, which he wished to be a short one, to deal with some important measures, to which he referred in detail, as well as the Estimates of Expenditure. The Financial Statement would be made on an early date, and the Government hoped the House would be able to have a recess at Christmas of two or three months. He would to-night deal, as a matter of urgency, with the question of sending troops to the Transvaal. Mr. Reid also addressed the House.

6. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Hospitals for Insane controlled by Public Service Board:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) To what extent are the nurses, attendants, gardeners, carters, and gatekeepers in the various Hospitals for the Insane controlled by the Public Service Board?

(2.) To what extent are they controlled by the Inspector-General of Insane?

(3.) What are their hours when performing day duty in summer and winter time?

(4.) What are the hours of those who have to perform night duty in summer and winter time?

(5.) Will he see that steps are taken to have them placed on a similar footing to the Police Forces, viz., eight hours a day?

(6.) Is it a fact that the food served to them is very inferior, and at times they receive no vegetables for months?

(7.) Is it a fact that they are obliged to take supper at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, and get nothing more till 7 o'clock next morning?

(8.) Will he see that steps are taken to allow them to board themselves?

(9.) Is it a fact that the single men attendants are charged £12 a year for their room, which is situated next to where the patients are located, and very often at nights are obliged to get up and attend them when actually off duty?

(10.) Will he see that steps are taken to have the £12 a year taken off when they have to sleep in such an unsuitable place?

(11.) Why is it that the attendants are charged £15 a year for their rations when they only cost £9?

Mr. See answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table a return giving the desired information.

- (2.) George-street Electric Tram:—Mr. Whiddon asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) In view of the prospect of the electric tram being opened for traffic in George-street at an early date, and the danger likely to occur to life and limb in connection with the vehicular traffic in that street, especially in the narrower sections, is it his intention to take any steps to minimise the possibility of accident under the changed conditions?

(2.) Has his attention been called to the official report recently issued by the Transit Commission on the subject of the unsatisfactory condition of street traffic generally?

(3.) Is it his intention to take any steps to cope with this urgent and increasing difficulty?

Mr. See answered,—The attention of the Metropolitan Transit Commissioners has been directed to this matter, and they will give attention to it as far as practicable in regard to licensed vehicles.

(3.)

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17th October, 1899.

(3.) Contribution to the Superannuation Fund by Messrs. Barling and Coghlan:—Mr. Levien asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Did Mr. Barling and Mr. Coghlan, two members of the Public Service Board, cease to contribute to the Superannuation Fund when they joined the Public Service Board?

(2.) If so, were their pensions assigned to them in the same manner as to Mr. C. Oliver, Chief Commissioner for Railways, and Mr. A. Oliver, President Land Appeal Court?

(3.) Is it a fact that Messrs. Barling and Coghlan are now contributing to the Fund; and, if so, under what Act?

Mr. Wise answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) No.

(3.) Yes, in the ordinary way, up to the 29th October, 1898. On that date an agreement was entered into by Messrs. Barling and Coghlan with Mr. Reid in reference to this matter. There appears to be no record of this agreement in the Crown Law Office, nor can I ascertain that there is any official knowledge of it in the Treasury. Under this agreement I find that the money paid into the Treasury has been credited to the Superannuation Fund. This agreement is now under the consideration of the Government. The agreement is in these terms.

“ Treasury, No. J. M.—64.

“ 29th October, 1898.

“ In consideration of Messrs. Joseph Barling and T. A. Coghlan having given up their respective positions in the Civil Service of New South Wales, and having accepted positions on the Public Service Board, the Government promise (subject always to the conditions following) to pay to the said Joseph Barling and T. A. Coghlan respectively, on their retirement from the service of the State, a pension equal in amount to that which they would have become entitled to if they had continued in the positions respectively held by them at the time of the passing of the Public Service Act, and had been in receipt of a salary equal to that at present enjoyed by them, or that which they may thereafter receive, and continued to contribute to the Superannuation Account.

“ Provided also that the said pension shall be subject to the annual abatement mentioned in section 55 of the Civil Service Act of 1884.

“ Provided also that the said Joseph Barling and T. A. Coghlan shall pay respectively into the Treasury, month by month, a sum equal in amount to that which they would have had to contribute to the Superannuation Account if they had remained in the said Civil Service, and had been in receipt of a salary equal to that which they receive as members of the Public Service Board.

“ Provided, further, that the Government may in lieu of a pension pay to the said Joseph Barling and T. A. Coghlan, respectively, a lump sum of money to be calculated on the basis of the annuity rates of the Australian Mutual Provident Society in force at the time being.

“ In witness whereof, I have, on behalf of the Government of New South Wales, set my hand herunto, and caused the official seal of the Treasury to be affixed hereto.

“ Dated this twenty-eighth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

“ Signed by the said George Houstoun Reid, } F. KIRKPATRICK, J.P.
“ and sealed in the presence of,—

“ G. H. REID,

“ Premier and Colonial Treasurer.

“ Approved.—J.H.W., 27/10/98.”

(4.) Report of the Public Service Board:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Attorney-General,—Referring to the Annual Report of the Public Service Board, and the statement, on page 1, that the Board had prepared a full statement in reply to the Select Committee of 1897, which would refute the serious allegations against them, when will such statement be laid upon the Table of this House, or placed in the hands of Members?

Mr. Wise answered,—I have asked from the Board a full statement with reference to the cases mentioned. I do not propose to lay it upon the Table, because it would not be fair to some of those whose names are referred to. I shall be happy to show it to any Honorable Member of the House who is interested, and to discuss any of them with him.

(5.) Employment of Chainmen by Public Works Department:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a Regulation of the Department prohibits chainmen, excepting those employed on construction, from working on Saturday?

(2.) What is the salary of chainmen; and upon whose recommendation was this Regulation fixed?

(3.) Will he reconsider this Regulation, with a view to enable these men to work on Saturdays?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) There is no Departmental Regulation, but it has been found necessary in the Sewerage Branch, in order that the surveyors may prepare their field notes and computations connected therewith, that they abstain from working in the field on Saturdays, and the chainmen are not, therefore, required on that day. Occasionally the surveyors are compelled to work in the field on that day, when the chainmen are also employed.

(2.) 7s. per day, town; from 6s. to 7s. 6d. per day in the country, according to the locality. These rates are fixed by the Public Service Board, but if they can be altered by me nothing less than 7s. per day will be paid.

(3.) See Answer to No. 1.

(6.) Valuable Timber on Crown Lands:—Mr. Richards asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Will he take into consideration the advisableness of making stringent provisions for the reservation of valuable Crown timber lands, and for the survey of same, especially in localities where timbers are and promise to be of commercial value in the future?

(2.)

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(2.) Will he, in view of the alienation and destruction of valuable timber in this Colony in the past, make it in future an imperative stipulation that, when any Crown lands are being surveyed for occupation or settlement, it shall be the duty of the surveyors to show on their plans, and report to the Minister, in addition to the class of soil, the tracts covered with live timber, whether the bulk of such timber is mature, semi-mature, or in the sapling stage of growth, and the character of such timbers?

Mr. Hassall answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) This is, to a large extent, already done; but inquiry will be made with the view of ascertaining whether fuller details can be afforded without incurring large expense.

(7.) Mineral Lease, County of Gough, Emmaville:—Mr. Haynes asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) How long has the lease of portion 1,015, parish of Gordon, county of Gough, Emmaville, been in existence?

(2.) Has the lessee during all that time in any way complied with the labour conditions?

(3.) How often have complaints been made *re* labour conditions on this lease?

(4.) Were the reasons given by the lessee for non-work fair and reasonable?

(5.) In investigating these complaints, how often has the Department allowed the lessee a specified time to put on labour?

(6.) Has the lessee again applied for suspension of the labour conditions; if so, what are the intentions of the Department in the matter?

Mr. Fegan answered,—

(1.) Since the 30th January, 1895.

(2.) Yes; and the lessee made a statutory declaration that he had expended the amount per acre required to protect the lease for three years.

(3.) Four complaints have been lodged.

(4.) Answered by No. 2.

(5.) The lessee was warned on three occasions to put on the labour or cancellation would ensue, and it was reported to the Department that the labour was put on.

(6.) No fresh application has been made for suspension, and if made would not be entertained.

(8.) Colonel Bayly:—Mr. Meagher asked the Attorney-General,—Will he allow Colonel Bayly, late commanding the Volunteer Force of the Colony, to give his version of his recent removal from the said Force; failing which, will he allow a neutral committee to investigate and report upon the important matter, in view of the unsatisfactory answer of the Minister for Defence and the letter of the Commandant; the said committee to consist of three Military officers, three Members of Parliament, and three civilians, expert on the matter at issue?

Mr. See answered,—The following Answer has been furnished by the Major-General Commanding the Military Forces:—It is not desirable for matters of Military discipline to be investigated by outside committees.

(9.) Defence Force Reports:—Mr. Meagher asked the Attorney-General,—

(1.) How many annual reports, with their respective dates, of the Defence Force have been laid before Parliament since the appointment of Major-General French as Commandant?

(2.) When will the last year's Defence Force report be laid upon the Table of the House?

(3.) Will it only be laid upon the Table a day or two before the Military Estimates are laid upon the Table, thereby preventing Parliament and the country from considering the present state and discipline of the said Force?

Mr. See answered,—(1.) Two. 1897—24th September; 1898—5th October.

(2 and 3.) Early next month.

(10.) Powder and Small-arms Factory:—Mr. Meagher asked the Attorney-General,—Why no correspondence has been laid before Parliament with regard to the co-partnership or otherwise of this Colony with that of Victoria, or other Colonies, for the establishment of a powder factory and a small-arms factory in or near Melbourne; and if he has contracted with the Victorian Government to support the said factory or factories towards the cost of the same, or for the supply of New South Wales with small arms and ammunition, when a suitable establishment, despite the opinion of the present Commandant, exists at Narrabeen, in this Colony?

Mr. See answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Major-General Commanding the Military Forces:—I have no knowledge of any such co-partnership. I know of no contract of this nature. A powder factory at Narrabeen would be a useless incumbrance to the Government, as it apparently is to the speculators who for years have been endeavouring to foist it on the public.

(11.) Disease in Cattle in the Moruya District:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Has Mr. Robertson, Government Veterinary Surgeon, taken any steps in the direction of investigating *re* the character of a disease which has broken out amongst cattle in the Moruya district?

(2.) At what determination has he arrived?

(3.) Has the disease been confined to dairy cattle, or has it affected cattle generally?

Mr. Fegan answered,—

(1.) On 2nd September Mr. Veterinary-surgeon Stewart visited Moruya to inquire into and furnish a full report in connection with the disease referred to.

(2.) He is of the opinion that the disease which is locally known as "ricketts," or "recketty," is attributable to the stock eating the Burrawang plant.

(3.) Affects cattle generally. In view of the importance of Mr. Stewart's report, an extract has been supplied to the Press. The full report will be published in the *Agricultural Gazette* of next issue.

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(12.) Church and School Lands in the Carcoar District:—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Lands,—What areas in connection with the Church and School Lands in the Carcoar district, in cases where applications for conversion has been made, will be available for small settlement, and at what dates respectively?

Mr. Hassall answered,—The lease of an area of 992 acres in the parish of Beaufort will be surrendered on the 31st December next, after which date the land will probably be thrown open to small settlement. Further areas of 5,032 acres, parish of Errol, and 697 acres, parish of Beaufort, will also become so available, at a date to be hereafter determined, of which the Honorable Member will be informed when the same is fixed.

7. SUNDAY OBSERVANCE BILL:—Mr. Reid presented a Petition from certain members and adherents of St. George's Presbyterian Church, Sydney, praying that the House will pass into law during the present Session the Sunday Observance Bill.
Petition received.

8. PAPERS:—Mr. Crick laid upon the Table,—Amended Rates and Regulations under the Electric Telegraph Act.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. See laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Particulars respecting Nurses and Attendants, &c., at Hospitals for the Insane.
 - (2.) Fourth Report of the Royal Commission on Public Charities—Hospitals of the Colony.
 - (3.) Fifth and Final Report of the Royal Commission on Public Charities.
 - (4.) Report of the Board for International Exchanges for the year 1898.
 - (5.) Report on the Coast Hospital, Little Bay, for the year 1898.
 - (6.) By-laws of the Borough of Armidale.
 - (7.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Dungog.
 - (8.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Narromine.
 - (9.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Broken Hill.
 - (10.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Lismore.
 - (11.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Inverell.
 - (12.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Grenfell.
 - (13.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Molong.
 - (14.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Cooma.
 - (15.) Return (*in part*) to an Order, made on 21st September, 1898,—“Monthly Returns of Accidents.”
 - (16.) Return (*in part*) to an Order, made on 21st September, 1898,—“Monthly Returns of Accidents.”
 - (17.) Return respecting legislation in various Colonies dealing with Accidents with Lifts.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Wood laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return to an Address, adopted on 19th July, 1899,—“Convictions against Fruit Vendors and others for Sunday trading.”
 - (2.) Regulation under section 88 of the Liquor Act, 1898.
 - (3.) Rules of the Supreme Court in Probate Jurisdiction.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Fegan laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Regulations under the Vegetation Diseases Act, 1897.
 - (2.) Amended Regulations under the Mining Laws Amendment Act of 1896.
 - (3.) Proclamation respecting the introduction of Sheep from Victoria.
 - (4.) Proclamation restricting and prohibiting for two years, from the 8th August, 1899, the importation of Stock, &c., from certain countries and colonies.
 - (5.) Regulation, under the Imported Stock Acts, respecting the application of the Mallein and Tuberculin Test to horses or cattle intended to be shipped to this Colony, and the duration of quarantine for stock, &c.
 - (6.) Regulations under the Commons Regulation Act, 1893.
 - (7.) Return respecting East Greta Colliery Disaster, November, 1898.
 - (8.) Report of Court of Inquiry in connection with the Newcastle Coal-mining Company's A Pit.
 - (9.) Report of the Stock and Brands Branch of the Department of Mines and Agriculture for the year 1898.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return to an Order, made on 17th August, 1899,—“Government Architect's Department.”
 - (2.) Statement of the Accounts of the South Head Roads Trust for the half-year ended 30th June, 1899.
 - (3.) Report of the completion of portion of the Western Suburbs Sewerage, Main Western Branch, 1st Division, Canterbury Branch; Main Northern Branch.
 - (4.) Additional Metropolitan Sewerage By-law, Double Bay Low-level Sewerage Works.
 - (5.) By-laws regulating the Picton Water Supply.
 - (6.) Return (*in part*) to an Order, made on 21st September, 1898,—“Monthly Returns of Accidents.”
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- (7.) Return (*in part*) to an Order, made on 21st September, 1898,—“Monthly Returns of Accidents.”
- (8.) Return to an Order, made on 15th August, 1899,—“Leave of Absence, Public Works Department.”
- (9.) Report of the completion of Sydney Sewerage; Northern Division, connecting Sewer between Liverpool and Great Barcom Streets; Comber-street Branch; Rushcutter's Bay Sewer, connecting Overflow Sewer with Sewer between Liverpool and Comber Streets.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
9. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day of General Business postponed :—
- (1.) Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation Act further Amendment Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—until Thursday next.
- (2.) Sunday Observance Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the better observance of the Sunday; for the closing of business places, and prohibiting the sale of goods in those places during certain hours; to amend the Liquor Act, 1898; and for purposes incidental to or consequent on those objects;—until Tuesday, 14th November.
- (3.) Dentists Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—until Tuesday, 12th December.
- (4.) Juvenile Smoking Suppression Bill; second reading;—until Tuesday, 14th November.
- (5.) Inclosed Lands Protection Act Amendment Bill;—resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Dight, “That this Bill be now read a second time”;—until Tuesday, 28th November.
- (6.) Sydney Corporation Act Amendment Bill (*Council Bill*); resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Jessep, “That this Bill be now read a second time”;—until Tuesday, 31st October.
- (7.) Saywell's Tramway and Electric Lighting Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until Tuesday, 12th December.
- (8.) Sydney Dancing and Athletic Halls Regulation Bill; second reading;—until Tuesday, 28th November.
- (9.) Coal-lumpers Baskets Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to fix the size and regulate the weight of baskets used in discharging coal-ships;—until Tuesday, 31st October.
- (10.) City and North Sydney Connection Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until Thursday next.
- (11.) North Shore Bridge Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until To-morrow.
- (12.) Companies Acts Amendment Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—until Thursday next.
- (13.) Capertee Tramway Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—until Thursday next.
- (14.) Seamen Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Seamen Act of 1898;—until Tuesday, 28th November.
- (15.) Terrace-street Closing Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until Thursday next.
- (16.) Companies Employees Wages Protection Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to protect the wages of workmen employed by Joint Stock Companies; to provide for the payment of wages in preference to other debts due by Companies; and to amend the Companies Act, the Friendly Societies Act of 1873, and the Joint Stock Companies Arrangement Act of 1892;—until Tuesday, 14th November.
10. **CROWN LANDS (AMENDMENT) BILL** :—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in this Bill, on motion of Mr. Lyne, discharged.
11. **EARLY CLOSING BILL** :—The Order of the Day for the third reading of this Bill, on motion of Mr. Lyne, discharged.
Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.
12. **EARLY CLOSING BILL (No. 2)** :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Lyne, and read by Mr. Speaker :—
- BEAUCHAMP, *Message No. 29.*
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 an Act for the early closing of shops, and to regulate the hours of employment in shops.
- Government House,*
Sydney, 17th October, 1899.
- Ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.
13. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS** :—
- (1.) Mr. Lyne moved, without Notice, That it is a matter of urgent and pressing necessity that the House should forthwith consider the expediency of equipping and despatching a Military Force for service with the Imperial Army in the Transvaal.
Question put.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 75.

Mr. Hassall,
Mr. See,
Mr. Wise,
Mr. Meagher,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Slcath,
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,
Mr. McCourt,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Jessop,
Mr. W. W. Davis,
Dr. Graham,
Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Raymond,
Mr. Wilks,
Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Price,

Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Dight,
Mr. Sutor,
Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Sawers,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. McLean,
Mr. Storey,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Ferris,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. David Davis,
Mr. Ewing,
Mr. T. H. Griffith,
Mr. Gornly,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Cruickshank,

Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Rigg,
Mr. Quinn,
Mr. Archer,
Mr. Whiddon,
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Terry,
Mr. Millard,
Mr. Thomas Clarke,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Henry Chapman,
Mr. O'Conor,
Mr. Austin Chapman,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Lees,
Mr. Thomas Brown,
Sir Matthew Harris,
Mr. Richards,
Mr. Reid.

Tellers,

Mr. Affleck,
Mr. Neild.

Noes, 10.

Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. James Thomson,
Mr. Norton,
Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Holman,
Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Nicholson.

Tellers,

Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Thomas.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

(2.) Mr. Lyne then moved, without Notice, That so much of the Standing and Sessional Orders be suspended as would preclude the consideration and passing, without Notice, of a resolution respecting the expediency of equipping and despatching a Military Force for service with the Imperial Army in the Transvaal.
Question put and passed.

14. **MILITARY FORCE FOR SERVICE IN SOUTH AFRICA:**—Mr. Lyne moved, That this House is of opinion that New South Wales should equip and despatch a Military Force for service with the Imperial Army in South Africa.

Debate ensued.

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

Question put and passed.

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

15. **ADJOURNMENT:**—Mr. Lyne moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at four 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.

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FOURTH SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 18 OCTOBER, 1899.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Meteorological Conditions in New South Wales:—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Has his attention been directed to a letter in the *Daily Telegraph* of the 25th August, from one Chas. Brown, of Rushcutter's Bay, in reference to the weather report that was laid upon the Table of the House last week in reply to a series of Questions by Dr. Ross, anent the late unusual and unprecedented unsettled weather and rainfall that has occurred in Sydney and coastal districts during the last three months?

(2.) Will he, after reading Mr. Brown's letter questioning the accuracy of the weather returns furnished by the Government Astronomer, state if he is still of the same opinion that the Colony in and around Sydney and coastal districts has not been visited by any unusual or unprecedented amount of rainfall?

(3.) Will he, for the information of the public, obtain from the Government Astronomer a return showing when and where in previous years the same unsettled weather and amount of rainfall occurred within the same limited period of three months, and the same number of wet days in the same months of June, July, and August?

Mr. Perry answered,—I will presently lay this information upon the Table of the House in the form of a return.

- (2.) Appointment of Trustees of the Hurstville Park:—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick*, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has he any objection to the appointment of the Hurstville Council as trustees of the Hurstville Park, as advised by a recent public meeting of the townspeople?

Mr. Hassall answered,—I have no objection.

- (3.) Inspector and Examiner of Schools:—Mr. Affleck asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) What are the position and duties of Inspector and Examiner of Schools?

(2.) What are the position and duties of District Inspector of Schools?

(3.) What are the position and duties of Inspector of Schools?

Mr. Perry answered,—

(1.) An Examiner is an Inspector, who is also a member of the Board for the examination of teachers, pupil teachers, &c.

(2.) A District Inspector has supervision over Inspectors in his own district in addition to carrying out the duties prescribed in Regulations 96 to 100 under the Public Instruction Act.

(3.) See Regulations 96 to 100 inclusive under the Public Instruction Act.

- (4.) Proposed Railway from Jerilderie to Deniliquin:—Mr. Chanter asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has he yet considered the application made for the construction of a line of railway from Jerilderie to Deniliquin?

(2.) Will he state if it is his intention to submit this proposal to Parliament for its approval?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—I have not yet had time to thoroughly consider this proposal, but it will receive my best attention, together with a number of similar requests.

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- (5.) Local Government Bill :—Mr. Chanter asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Will the Government introduce a comprehensive Local Government Bill during the present Session?
 - (2.) If not, when?
 - (3.) Will the Government undertake to deal with this measure before altering the present constitution of the present Parliament by reducing its numbers?
- Mr. Lyne answered,—
- (1 and 2.) If such measure is introduced it will only be for consideration next Session. It is not possible to deal with it before Christmas.
 - (3.) It is impossible to say at present.
- (6.) Amendment of the Fire Brigades Act :—Mr. Chanter asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Has his attention been directed to the urgent necessity for an amending Fire Brigades Act?
 - (2.) Will he introduce an amending Bill during the present Session?
- Mr. See answered,—Yes, and the matter will receive consideration.
- (7.) Exchange of Land at Larras Lake, near Molong :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Has any further action been taken to grant to Mr. Jas. Lee, of Larras Lake, Molong District, an exchange of a barren waterless piece of land, about 200 acres, for a more valuable water reserve of never-failing supply of water, with about a mile frontage to the Molong Creek and Bell River; if so, has any decision yet been arrived at in the matter?
 - (2.) In the interest of *bona-fide* settlement, will he, in the above case, see that the interest of the general public is not sacrificed in order to conciliate a spirit of land monopoly, seeing that the Larras Lake Estate already consists of something like 40,000 to 50,000 acres of freehold?
- Mr. Hassall answered,—The exchange has received Ministerial approval; but before sending the papers on to the Executive Council I am giving the matter my careful consideration; but I am doubtful whether the decision already given can be reversed, even if expedient.
- (8.) Crown Lands in Districts of Bathurst and Parkes :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Are there any vacant Crown lands available and open for selection at the present time in the districts of Bathurst and Parkes; if so, the area of the same?
 - (2.) Will he see that a list of such vacant Crown lands in the above districts is published in the *Government Gazette* at an early date, for the information of the general public and those seeking to make homes for themselves and their families on the waste lands of the Crown?
- Mr. Hassall answered,—
- (1.) Bathurst district :—Available for conditional purchase, 210,926 acres; available for homestead selection, 159 acres; available for settlement lease, 5,201 acres. Parkes district :—Available for conditional purchase, 133,553 acres; available for homestead selection, 927 acres; available for settlement lease, 23,481 acres.
 - (2.) It is not deemed advisable to publish such a list in the *Government Gazette*, as the cost would be out of proportion to the benefit which might be derived from such publication. Intending applicants for land can obtain all the necessary information from local Land Agents, or at the Information Bureau, Sydney.
- (9.) Entrance to the Centennial Park :—Mr. Whiddon asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Will he consider the necessity and public convenience of a large section of the western portion of the city and suburbs of having the entrance to the Centennial Park, at the intersection of Cleveland-street and the Randwick-road, being opened to the public by the erection of suitable gates for vehicles and foot passengers?
 - (2.) In view of the long time that this portion of the park has been closed, will he give immediate consideration to the foregoing request?
- Mr. See answered,—Yes.
- (10.) Meteorological Conditions :—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) In view of the disastrous seasons and meteorologic phenomena from which the Colony of late years has suffered, will he obtain from the Government Astronomer answers to the following Questions to be laid upon the Table of this House for the information of the general public, viz. :—
- (1.) Are there any direct or indirect connection with meteorologic phenomena occurring in these Colonies with similar conditions of weather existing in Europe, *i.e.*, do the seasons alternate from north to south successively, and in the same favourable or unfavourable manner alike in both hemispheres?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that if the summer of Great Britain be hot and dry the following summer in New South Wales and Australia will probably also bring hot and dry weather or undue heat and drought?
 - (3.) If any analogy exists in the weather between the two hemispheres, viz., north and south, will he explain how such meteorologic phenomena arise or occur, if any?
 - (4.) By taking a comparison or contrast with the seasons as they exist in Europe, will it have any effect in enabling a more definite and reliable forecast of weather to be obtained in these Colonies, in place of relying, as at present, on changes that from time to time occur locally, and are recorded in Australia?
 - (5.) Is it not a fact, borne out by long and close observation made by leading experts, that tropical seasons north of the line are usually followed by analogous seasons and similar phases of weather in the southern tropical seasons, *i.e.*, that cold winters in the European temperate zone are invariably followed by cold winters in New South Wales, Victoria, and New Zealand?
 - (6.) Will Mr. Russell and his staff investigate and report on these important matters, with the view of sending out pamphlets instructing farmers and graziers how to forecast the general nature

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nature of ensuing seasons, so that the system of publication of weather forecasts may become of some benefit to producers, as well as to the maritime interests, that are apparently more immediately concerned in these weather forecasts and reports, and which are confined principally within a very limited period, or only a few hours or days to the meteorologic phenomena or changes likely to happen and occur?

(7.) From recent rains, high winds, and meteorologic phenomena occurring in the west and south-west portions of the Colony, what is likely to be the probable weather forecasts during the approaching harvest season; and is the weather forecast likely to be favourable or unfavourable to the farming and grazing interests?

(2.) Will he see that as the subject-matter of these inquiries at the hands of Mr. Russell should prove of wide-world scientific interest, not only to Australia, but also to Europe, &c., that all important meteorologic phenomena in regions likely to precede analogous seasons in our clime should in future be carefully noted, and the public advised thereon by Mr. Russell in his weather forecasts?

(3.) Will the Government recognise the wisdom of urging investigations in this direction for the purpose of utilising more fully observations of natural phenomena, which promises to become a field of deep scientific research likely to prove fruitful of good practical results in the way of ameliorating and lessening the suffering and loss that has arisen of late years in these Colonies owing to unforeseen disastrous droughts?

Mr. Perry answered,—As it will take some time to prepare this information, will the Honorable Member be good enough to move for it in the form of a return.

(11.) Case of Charles Meyer:—Mr. Hawthorne asked the Minister for Justice,—

(1.) Is he aware that Charles Meyer, who was convicted of stealing a watch from his step-brother, and was sentenced by Stipendiary Magistrate Wilshire, at the Glebe court, on the 12th instant, to fourteen days' hard labour in Darlinghurst Gaol, is of weak intellect?

(2.) If on inquiry the above statement be found true, will he at once release the youth from custody?

Mr. Perry answered,—

(1.) On inquiry it has been ascertained that the Visiting Surgeon to the Gaol considers Meyer to be of weak intellect.

(2.) The matter will be fully considered.

(12.) City Railway Extension:—Mr. Cohen asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Does the proposed scheme for the City Railway Extension include the resumption of the Devonshire-street burial grounds?

(2.) If so, will timely notice be given of any proposal for carrying this purpose into effect, so as to enable the relatives and friends of those buried there to make necessary arrangements in anticipation of the resumption of the land?

(3.) Will the Government consider the question of paying the expenses of removing and re-erecting the monuments?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) Yes.

(13.) Surveyors on Railway route, Tenterfield to Casino:—Mr. Lee asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has he withdrawn, or is it his intention to withdraw, the surveyors from the railway route Tenterfield to Casino, before the deviations recommended by Mr. Surveyor Kennedy have been surveyed?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—When this officer has finished his work he will be transferred.

(14.) Entry of Stock from Queensland into N.S.W.:—Mr. Lee asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) What decision has been arrived at regarding the closing of the New South Wales Border against stock from Queensland?

(2.) In the event of the Border being closed, will he allow of sufficient time for stock *en route* from clean districts to reach and cross into this Colony?

Mr. Fegan answered,—

(1.) No decision has yet been arrived at.

(2.) If it be decided to close the Border a reasonable time will be given, but on its expiry no stock will be allowed to cross under any circumstances. I may add, that seeing that the question is one in which the two Colonies are concerned—Queensland and our own—I thought it better to send this question on to my honorable colleague, the Premier, to deal with.

(15.) Transmission of Publications through General Post Office:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Postmaster-General,—In view of the circumstance that a large number of trade and other publications are registered for free transmission through the post as newspapers, will he take steps in the direction of amending the Regulations now in operation, thus making them more rigorous in regard to such matter of registration?

Mr. Crick answered,—As stated by my predecessor, in reply to Questions of the Honorable Member, nothing is allowed to pass free unless it conforms to the definition and conditions prescribed by sections 3 to 6 of the Postage Acts Amendment Act, 56 Victoria No. 31. A more restrictive definition can only be provided for by fresh legislation, and a Bill dealing with the question has already been drafted. I might further state, for the Honorable Member's information, that no doubt the practice to which he refers is being carried on, and that a good deal of matter goes through the Post Office which ought not to do so. As the law stands at present, we cannot stop it. Fresh legislation is needed to enable us to do so, and, if time permits, a Bill will be proceeded with during the present Session.

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(16.) Amendment of the Libel Bill :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Attorney-General,—Will he, this Session, introduce a Bill having for its object the amendment of the law of libel; if not, will he take up the Defamation Bill, passed in the Legislative Council recently?

Mr. Wise answered,—I hope to deal with this matter as early as the business of the House will permit.

(17.) Brands and Private Marks on Sheep :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Attorney-General,—Will he cause to be introduced a Bill, based upon the lines of the Cattle-stealing Prevention Act, but aiming at securing the prevention of sheep-stealing by rendering it compulsory for butchers and purchasers of sheep and of sheepskins to keep a record of brands and private marks appearing thereon?

Mr. Wise answered,—Not this Session; but I will keep the matter under consideration.

(18.) Watchmen at Woolloomooloo Bay :—Mr. Chanter, for Mr. Quinn, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is he aware that watchmen at Woolloomooloo Bay are compelled to work twelve hours per day; if so, will he take steps to reduce such long hours?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Yes. I understand this is the case; but I am having inquiries made as to the hours watchmen are usually employed.

(19.) Civil Service Superannuation Fund :—Mr. David Davis, for Mr. Price, asked the Attorney-General,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the triennial reports in connection with the Civil Service Superannuation Fund have not been furnished as provided for by law?

(2.) Is he aware that reports on the Fund were submitted by Messrs. Teece, Trivett, and Coghlan, and that the last report showed an estimated actuarial deficiency of over £2,000,000; if so, will he be good enough to give a detailed statement of the deficiencies estimated by the gentlemen named?

(3.) Were any steps taken by the late Government to place the Fund on a sound basis, as promised by the Right Honorable G. H. Reid, M.P.; if so, what are the provisions of such measure?

(4.) It is the intention of the Government to furnish this House with a report on the Fund?

(5.) Will he introduce a Bill to place the Fund on a sound actuarial basis?

Mr. Wise answered,—

(1.) There was a report in connection with the Public Service Superannuation Fund furnished in June, 1898. That apparently would be the triennial report. The second period of three years has not yet expired.

(2.) I would ask the Honorable Member to put this Question to me again at a later date.

(3.) I am not aware that any steps were taken by the late Government to carry out the promise of Mr. Reid.

(4.) The condition of the Fund is engaging the attention of the Government, and I have a Bill prepared which will, I hope, place it on a sounder basis.

(20.) Timber Industry :—Mr. David Davis, for Mr. Price, asked the Secretary for Lands,—What steps does he intend to take to relieve the disabilities under which those engaged in the timber industry now labour?

Mr. Hassall answered,—I am at the present time giving the whole matter my best attention, and will introduce a Bill dealing with forests and other cognate matters so soon as the state of the public business will allow.

(21.) Rentals of premises occupied by School Teachers and Postmasters :—Mr. David Davis, for Mr. Price, asked the Attorney-General,—

(1.) Is he aware that the amounts charged as rentals to school teachers and postmasters are, in many instances, in excess of the value of such premises?

(2.) Has a report on this subject been prepared by the Public Service Board; if not, will he have a report prepared upon the subject?

Mr. Wise answered,—There appears to be some misunderstanding in regard to this matter. The valuations placed upon Government premises occupied by the class of officers referred to are mainly required for the purposes of carrying out the provisions of section 61 of the Public Service Act, where the officers occupying them are contributors to the Superannuation Fund. The principle adopted by the Public Service Board is that the emolument of an officer occupying Government premises is fixed at a salary of a certain amount, with residence.

(22.) Australian Agricultural Company's Estate :—Mr. David Davis, for Mr. Price, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has an offer been received by the Government for the purchase of the Australian Agricultural Company's Estate; if so, what are the terms of such offer?

(2.) Has he had an opportunity of looking into the papers as promised?

(3.) Will he prepare a minute upon the subject, and submit same for the consideration of the Cabinet, as promised?

(4.) Has he any objection to place the whole of the papers upon the Table of this House; if so, when?

Mr. Hassall answered,—An offer has been received, and I am now looking through the papers; but as they are of a confidential character I do not think it will be advisable to lay them upon the Table of the House just at present.

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2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Wise laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Amendments to Regulation No. 340, relating to apprentices, Fitzroy Dock Works, under the Public Service Act of 1895.
- (2.) Regulation No. 349, relating to increments to attendants in Public Library—General Division. Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. See laid upon the Table,—Report of the President of the State Children Relief Board for the year ended 5th April, 1899.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Hassall 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, the 41st section of the Act 53 Victoria No. 21, and the 7th section of the Public Trusts Act, 1897.
- (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.
- (3.) Abstract of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the 107th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
- (4.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th and 101st sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
- (5.) Abstract of Crown Lands Reserved from Sale for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 101st, 109th, and 112th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
- (6.) Amended Forms Nos. 8 and 50, under the Crown Lands Acts.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Peter-sham, county of Cumberland, for the widening of Piper-street and a lane, Annandale.
- (2.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Woolmol, county of Inglis, for the supply of water to Tamworth.
- (3.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Peter-sham, county of Cumberland, in connection with the Western Suburbs Drainage Works, Sydney.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Perry laid upon the Table,—Further Report by the Government Astronomer respecting unsettled weather and heavy rainfall in June, July, and August, 1899.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES 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 consolidate and amend the law relating to Friendly Societies, 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 consolidate and amend the law relating to Friendly Societies, and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,**Sydney, 18th October, 1899.*4. TRADE UNION (SUBSCRIPTION RECOVERY) BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

- (1.) Mr. McGowen moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Trades Union Act of 1881.

Question put and passed.

- (2.) Mr. McGowen then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Trade Union Act, 1881,*"—which was read a first time.

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

5. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Ewing moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of Standing Order No. 399, as requires that a private Bill shall be brought in within thirty days from the receipt of the petition, be suspended to admit of the introduction of the Lismore Municipal Boundaries Bill, the petition to introduce which was presented to this House on the 29th August last.

Question put and passed.

6. LISMORE MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

- (1.) Mr. Ewing moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to alter the limits and boundaries of the Municipal District of Lismore.

Question put and passed.

- (2.) Mr. Ewing having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to alter the limits and boundaries of the Municipal District of Lismore,*"—read a first time.

7. LABOUR UNIONS EMPLOYEES PROTECTION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

- (1.) Mr. Edden moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the protection of employees as members of labour unions.

Question put and passed.

- (2.) Mr. Edden then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill for the protection of employees as members of Labour Unions,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 12th December.

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8. PUBLIC HOSPITALS (VOTING) BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
 (1.) Mr. FitzGerald moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Public Hospitals Act, 1898.
 Question put and passed.
 (2.) Mr. FitzGerald then presented a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the Public Hospitals Act, 1898*,"—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 12th December.
9. PUBLIC SCHOOL AT MARSFIELD (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Terry moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House all papers in connection with the establishment of a Public School at Marsfield from the time that the North-west Ryde Progress Association came into existence.
 Question put and passed.
10. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the third reading of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act Amendment Bill postponed until To-morrow.
11. MILITARY FORCE FOR SERVICE IN SOUTH AFRICA:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Lyne, "That this 'House' is of opinion that New South Wales should equip and despatch a Military Force for service with the Imperial Army in South Africa."
 And the Question being again proposed,—
 The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
 Mr. Copeland moved, That the Question be amended by inserting after the word "House" the words "desires to express its continued and unbounded loyalty to Her Gracious Majesty the Queen, and, while regretting the necessity for the war now in progress in South Africa, desires to express its fullest concurrence in the policy pursued by the Imperial Government with a view to securing the social and political rights of free men, for all British subjects, whose lawful occupations have made them residents of Boer territory and"
 Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted.
 Debate continued.
 Mr. Barton moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
 Question put and passed.
 Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.
12. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Lyne moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
 The House adjourned accordingly, at seventeen minutes before Twelve 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 EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 19 OCTOBER, 1899.

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

TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES :—Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 28, appointed,—

Samuel Wilkinson Moore, Esquire, and
William Henry Wilks, Esquire,

to act as Temporary Chairmen of Committees during the present Session.

2. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Tipstiffs of the Courts :—Mr. Affleck asked the Attorney-General,—

- (1.) How many tipstiffs are there employed ?
- (2.) Which Judges have such ?
- (3.) What salaries do the tipstiffs receive ?
- (4.) What is the average number of days in the year they are really employed ?

Mr. Wise answered,—

- (1.) Seven.
- (2.) The Chief Justice and each of the Supreme Court Judges.
- (3.) The tipstaff to the Chief Justice receives £175 per annum, and each of the others £150 a year.
- (4.) They are employed daily.

(2.) Free Telephones to Residences of Public Servants and Members of Parliament :—Mr. Affleck asked the Postmaster-General,—

- (1.) Are there any persons in the Public Service, who have money voted to them on the Estimates, with telephones attached to their private residences free ; if so, what are their names, and what is the total sum paid them per annum ?
- (2.) Why have such these concessions granted to them ?
- (3.) Are there any Members of this House with telephones attached to their residences without paying for same ; if so, who are they, and why are they granted this concession ?

Mr. Crick answered,—

- (1 and 2.) The Answers to these Questions will involve a considerable amount of research, and I will ask the Honorable Member to move for the information in the shape of a return.
- (3.) I have given instructions, that any Member of the Government whose residence was not connected by telephone should have his residence connected. The cost will be a charge against the Department. Beyond this I know of no Member of the House who has the free use of the telephones. If the telephones to which I refer are not paid for they will be used only until such time as an accident occurs.

(3.) Cost of Camps held by the 1st Australian Horse :—Mr. Wright asked the Colonial Secretary,—
What has been the total cost to the Government of the various local camps held by the 1st Australian Horse during the past twelve months ?

Mr. See answered,—This information will be prepared and laid upon the Table of the House early next week.

(4.) Connection of Sydney with North Sydney :—Mr. McLean asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will an opportunity be afforded by the Government during this Session, in Government time, to deal with private measures in regard to the connection of Sydney and North Sydney ?

Mr. Lyne answered—If possible this opportunity will be given.

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(5.) Certificates of Exemption Issued by Public School Teachers:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is it a custom for Public School teachers to issue certificates of exemptions to children obtaining a certain standard of proficiency?

(2.) Are these certificates issued to children without reference to parents; and, if so, will he take steps that in future such certificates shall be issued only with the approval of the parents?

Mr. Perry answered,—

(1.) No. The exemption certificates are issued by the Inspectors.

(2.) In accordance with clause 35 of the Public Instruction Act, certificates must issue in all cases where the children are educated up to the standard.

(6.) Extension of the City Railway with North Shore Line:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In considering the question of the City Railway Extension, will he also take into his consideration the question of a connection for railway purposes for the extension of the North Shore line at Milson's Point to the city terminus?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Yes, this is a question that cannot be lost sight of.

(7.) Ocean-street and North Shore Cable Lines:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What is the present length of the Ocean-street cable line, and the amount of the fare charged?

(2.) What is the length of the North Shore cable line from Milson's Point to Ernest-street, and the amount of fare charged?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) I am informed that the length of the Ocean-street cable line is 2 miles 31 chains, and the fare charged is 2d.

(2.) The North Shore cable line runs from Milson's Point to Ridge-street—distance, 1 mile 32 chains—and the fare is 2d. The fare on the section (Electric) Ridge-street to Ernest-street—69 chains—is 1d.

(8.) Proposed Emergency Staff for the Public Service:—Mr. Haynes asked the Attorney-General,—

(1.) Referring to the Emergency Staff which it is proposed to create in connection with the Public Service, were applications for positions on this staff invited from persons outside the Service?

(2.) Do the lower grades of the Public Service not contain fifteen suitable men to compose such staff?

(3.) Was a knowledge of mercantile book-keeping an essential qualification for all candidates for positions on the Emergency Staff?

(4.) Will the successful candidates have to keep such books as are kept in a merchant's office or a Government office?

Mr. Wise answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) There seems to be some misconception in connection with this matter. The Board, in order to meet the constant demands of the Departments for clerical assistance of an emergent character, have been compelled to resort to the, in some respects, unsatisfactory method of appointing temporary clerks. After much consideration the Board came to the conclusion that it would be better to substitute for this method a permanent staff which would be available for the kind of service indicated. To have appointed junior clerks to these positions would not have met the difficulty, as experienced men were required—men who could at once take up the responsible work which, in many cases, had to be performed. To have taken officers who were capable of this work from the Departments would only have had the effect of crippling the Departments instead of helping them, hence the necessity of seeking persons elsewhere. It is a fact, however, that several juniors have passed the examination most successfully, and they, of course, will get positions on this staff, which, although called an "Emergency Staff," is really a permanent one, because they will always be required in one Department or another.

(3.) It was desirable that all the candidates should have a practical knowledge of the principles of book-keeping, as such work will often be required of them.

(4.) Government book-keeping will be required, but in order to be a good book-keeper a knowledge of the principles of book-keeping is necessary. In some of the Departments it is absolutely necessary that the officers should have a knowledge of commercial book-keeping, such, for instance, as the Bankruptcy, Probate, Equity, and Income Tax Offices.

To this reply, which is furnished by the Public Service Board, I must add that, in my opinion, the Public Service Act does not contain provisions to meet the difficulties which are occasioned by the necessity for such services as are referred to in the Board's reply, and an amendment of the law will be required.

(9.) Chinese Gambling-shops:—Mr. Haynes asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Will he ask the Inspector-General of Police for an explanation of the continued existence of many Chinese gambling-shops operating day and night in George-street North and in other parts of the city?

(2.) Will he ascertain from that official if the police are aware of the existence of such gambling centres, and if they have reported to him their inability to cope with the evil?

Mr. See answered,—The Police Superintendent of the Metropolitan District reports that there are a considerable number of Chinese dwellings in which games of fan-tan and pak-ab-pu are played, but so cautiously as to render it difficult to obtain the legal evidence necessary to prove a breach of the Betting Houses Suppression Act. There have been prosecutions, but with no satisfactory result.

(10.) Accommodation for Shearers:—Mr. Spence asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Is he aware of the urgent need for improved accommodation being provided for those employed in connection with shearing; and will he, at an early date, bring in a Bill dealing with the matter?

Mr. Perry answered,—The matter will receive early consideration.

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- (11.) Duties of Electoral Registrar and District Registrar by Postmasters:—Mr. Jessep asked the Attorney-General,—
- (1.) Is he aware that the additional duties of Electoral Registrar and Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages have in several instances been relegated by the Public Service Board to Postmasters without additional pay for such services?
 - (2.) Does the discharge of such additional duties materially interfere with the efficient maintenance of the postal service?
 - (3.) Will he take the necessary steps to alter such arrangements?
- Mr. Wise answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2 and 3.) In any case where this is shown the arrangement will, of course, be discontinued.
3. SUNDAY OBSERVANCE BILL:—Mr. Barton presented a Petition from certain residents of the Hastings and Macleay Electorate, praying that the House will pass into law during the present Session the Sunday Observance Bill.
Petition received.
4. STANFORD COAL-MINE RAILWAY BILL:—Mr. Gillies presented a Petition from Henry Trenchard, of Sydney, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable Samuel Clift, of East Maitland, in the Colony of New South Wales, Henry John Adams, of Oxford Downs, in the Colony of Queensland, and Henry Trenchard, of Sydney, in the said Colony of New South Wales, to construct a railway from the Heddon and Stanford Greta Coal-mines to a line constructed by the East Greta Coal-mining Company (Limited), under the provisions of the Silkstone Coal-mine Railway Act of 1889 and the Silkstone Coal-mine Railway Act Amending Act of 1892.
And Mr. Gillies having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Maitland Daily Mercury*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 396th Standing Order,—
Petition received.
5. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Gormly, as Chairman, brought up the Sixth Report from the Printing Committee.
6. LISMORE MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Ewing moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That the Lismore Municipal Boundaries Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. See, Mr. Pyers, Mr. Meagher, Mr. Millard, Mr. Rigg, Mr. Lee, Mr. Henry Clarke, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Mr. Edden, and the Mover.
- Question put and passed.
7. ACCIDENTS IN LOADING, DISCHARGING, AND COALING VESSELS IN SYDNEY HARBOUR (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Spruson moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return particularising the accidents, and the ascertained causes and results of same, which have occurred in the loading, discharging, and coaling of vessels in Sydney Harbour since 1st January, 1895.
Question put and passed.
8. CRIMES BILL:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill, on motion of Mr. Wise, discharged.
Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.
9. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
- (1.) Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation Act further Amendment Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—until Thursday next.
 - (2.) City and North Sydney Connection Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until Thursday next.
 - (3.) Companies Acts Amendment Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—until Thursday next.
 - (4.) Terrace-street Closing Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until Wednesday next.
 - (5.) Sydney and North Sydney Bridge and Tramway Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until Wednesday next.
10. EARLY CLOSING BILL (No. 2):—Mr. Lyne moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill for the early closing of shops, and to regulate the hours of employment in shops.
Question put and passed.
11. MILITARY FORCE FOR SERVICE IN SOUTH AFRICA:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Lyne, "That this 'House' is of opinion "that New South Wales should equip and despatch a Military Force for service with the Imperial "Army in South Africa."
Upon which Mr. Copeland had moved, That the Question be amended by inserting after the word "House," the words "desires to express its continued and unbounded loyalty to Her Gracious Majesty the Queen, and, while regretting the necessity for the war now in progress in South Africa, desires to express its 'fullest concurrence in the policy pursued by the Imperial Government with a view to securing' the social and political rights of free men, for all British subjects, "whose lawful occupations have made them residents of Boer territory, and"
And the Question being again proposed,—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted,—
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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Mr. Sawers moved, That the proposed amendment be amended by leaving out the words, "fullest concurrence in the policy pursued by the Imperial Government, with a view to securing" and inserting the words, "sympathy with Her Majesty's Government in the difficulties that have arisen through their endeavours to secure" instead thereof.

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

Debate continued.

Mr. Lyne having replied, and Mr. Reid rising to address the House,—

Point of Order.—Mr. Crick submitted that the Mover having replied, the debate was closed.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the Question had not been fully put by him, as prescribed in page 296 of the 10th edition of *May*, but Mr. Reid could only speak to the amendment.

Debate continued.

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

Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words left out be so inserted in the proposed amendment,—put and passed.

Question,—That the words, as amended, proposed to be inserted in the original Question be so inserted,—put and passed.

Question then put,—That this House desires to express its continued and unbounded loyalty to Her Gracious Majesty the Queen, and, while regretting the necessity for the war now in progress in South Africa, desires to express its sympathy with Her Majesty's Government in the difficulties that have arisen through their endeavours to secure the social and political rights of free men for all British subjects whose lawful occupations have made them residents of Boer territory, and is of opinion that New South Wales should equip and despatch a Military Force for service with the Imperial Army in South Africa.

The House divided.

Ayes, 78.

Noes, 10.

Mr. Wood,	Mr. Levien,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Dight,	Mr. Bruncker,
Mr. See,	Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Rigg,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Neild,	Mr. Law,
Mr. Jessep,	Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Sawers,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Quinn,	Mr. Whiddon,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Thomas Clarke,
Mr. Wise,	Mr. Henry Chapman,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. Willis,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Moore,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Kidd,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Rose,	Mr. W. W. Davis,	Mr. Cook,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. T. H. Griffith,	Dr. Graham,
Mr. Spence,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Wilks,	Mr. Storey,
Mr. Richards,	Mr. Millard,	Mr. Carroll,
Mr. David Davis,	Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Spruson,	Mr. Barton,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Ferris,	
Mr. Mcagher,	Mr. Wright,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Sleath,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Gormly,	Mr. McLean.
Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Terry,	

Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Hofman,
Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. James Thomson,
Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Watkins.

Tellers,

Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Miller.

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.) Macleay River Harbour Works Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of Harbour Works at Macleay River,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 18th October, 1899.*

JOHN LACKBY,
President.

(2.) Manning River Harbour Works Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of Harbour Works at Manning River,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 18th October, 1899.*

JOHN LACKBY,
President.

(3.)

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(3.) Hastings River Harbour Works Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of Harbour Works at Hastings River*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 18th October, 1899.*

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

(4.) Nambucca River Harbour Works Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of Harbour Works at Nambucca River*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly, without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 18th October, 1899.*

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

13. MILITARY CONTINGENT BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Lyne, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

BEAUCHAMP,
Governor.

Message No. 30.

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 an Act for the government and discipline of a Military Force for service in South Africa, and to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a certain sum for the raising, transport, payment, maintenance, and equipment of the said force, and the purchase and transport of other materials and equipments.

*Government House,
Sydney, 17th October, 1899.*

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

14. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Lyne moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-six minutes before Eight 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. 31.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 24 OCTOBER, 1899.

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.) Macleay River Harbour Works Bill:—

BEAUCHAMP,

Governor.

Message No. 31.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of Harbour Works at Macleay River*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 24th October, 1899.

- (2.) Manning River Harbour Works Bill:—

BEAUCHAMP,

Governor.

Message No. 32.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of Harbour Works at Manning River*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 24th October, 1899.

- (3.) Hastings River Harbour Works Bill:—

BEAUCHAMP,

Governor.

Message No. 33.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of Harbour Works at Hastings River*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 24th October, 1899.

- (4.) Nambucca River Harbour Works Bill:—

BEAUCHAMP,

Governor.

Message No. 34.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of Harbour Works at Nambucca River*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 24th October, 1899.

24th October, 1899.

2. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Mining on Private Lands :—Mr. Moore asked the Secretary for Mines,—When does he propose to introduce the Bill to extend the provisions of the Mining on Private Lands Act to other minerals besides those to which the Act now applies?

Mr. Fegan answered,—It is my intention to introduce this Bill immediately the state of Public business will permit.

(2.) Mining Laws :—Mr. Moore asked the Secretary for Mines,—When does he intend to introduce the Bill to amend the Mining Laws?

Mr. Fegan answered,—The consolidation and amendment of the Mining laws is a most important and intricate piece of legislation ; but if the state of the public business will admit during the present Session, it is my intention to introduce a Bill dealing with the whole question.

(3.) Compilers of Historical Records :—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) How many persons are employed in compiling the Historical Records ; who are they ; what is the remuneration paid to each ?

(2.) Are any of the said persons employed otherwise in the Public Service ; if so, in what position, and what salaries do they receive for such ?

Mr. Sec answered,—Two ; F. M. Bladen, Librarian of the Lending Branch of the Public Library, who receives £400 a year for the combined duties ; also James Bonwick, who is engaged in London and paid according to the work performed—average rate of pay £52 to £54 per month.

(4.) The Public Service :—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What was the total number of Civil Servants, temporary and permanent, in the Public Service of the Colony in the year 1895 ?

(2.) How many of these, in each case, were employed in the Colonial Secretary's, Attorney-General's, Treasury, Works, Lands, Education and Labour, Mines and Agriculture, Justice, and Post Office Departments ?

(3.) The total cost in salaries and other moneys paid to those employed in the above enumerated Departments in that year ?

(4.) Similar information to the above for the year ending 30th June, 1899 ?

Mr. Wood answered,—If the Honorable Member will move for a return in the usual way, this information will be supplied.

(5.) Survey Fee paid by unsuccessful Applicants for Lands :—Mr. Richards asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he consider the advisability of making such arrangements that in future unsuccessful *bona-fide* applicants for lands shall not be penalised by having to suffer the loss of survey fee, which amount, as now, has to be prepaid ?

Mr. Hassall answered,—Where *bona fide* applications are not granted the survey fee is, as a general rule, refunded ; but if the Honorable Member will specify any case of individual hardship in this respect I will cause inquiry to be made.

(6.) Survey Staff, Orange District Lands Branch :—Mr. Richards asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has the Department been made acquainted with the fact that the survey staff in connection with the Orange District Lands Branch is insufficient, and that in consequence much inconvenience and delay are caused in the Mudjee portion of the district, owing to the survey in cases of school lands, roads, and reserves being carried out by an officer resident at Orange ?

Mr. Hassall answered,—No ; but I will have inquiries made.

(7.) Mining Lease at Mount Wingen :—Mr. Carroll, for Mr. Price, asked the Secretary for Mines,—Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of this House copies of all papers, reports of interviews, and all other papers in connection with the mining lease at Mount Wingen ?

Mr. Fegan answered,—No ; I have given instructions for the papers to be got ready.

(8.) Royal Commission on Tick-fever, Tuberculosis, &c. :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it intended to continue the services of the Royal Commission now sitting, and appointed by the late Minister for Mines, to inquire into and report on tick-fever, tuberculosis, &c. ?

(2.) Has any practical good arisen from the inquiry held by the Royal Commission up to the present time ?

(3.) Will he see that steps are taken to have this Board, or Commission, abolished, and the country saved the expenditure of public money ?

(4.) What is the amount of expenditure that has been incurred by this Board in the shape of fees, travelling expenses, &c., up to the present date ?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1, 2, and 3.) The period within which the Royal Commission referred to must submit their report will terminate on 30th November next ; and unless some very good reason is shown for an extension of time, no extension beyond that date will be granted.

(4.) An amount of £332 15s. has been paid from the "Advance to Treasurer, 1899-1900," pending Parliamentary sanction, viz. :—

	£	s.	d.
Advance for expenses of Commission, exclusive of fees	300	0	0
Half rent of office, at 54, Bridge-street, Lady Young Terrace, at £3 10s. per week—12th June to 30th September, 1899	27	5	0
Office-cleaner, at £1 per week (half cost)—12th June to 28th August, 1899	5	10	0
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	£332	15	0

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- (9.) The Paris Exhibition :—Mr. David Davis asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Has he considered the advisability of having an exhibit of New South Wales wool, wood, minerals, &c., at the Paris Exhibition?
 - (2.) If not, will he do so at once?
 - (3.) Is he aware that the Exhibition opens about the middle of next year?
- Mr. Lyne answered,—This matter has not yet been considered by the Cabinet.
- (10.) Hours of Labour at certain Mines :—Mr. Spence asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Has his attention been called to the fact that certain mining companies are forcing engine-drivers to work eight and a half hours per day, and are encroaching on the eight-hours' custom by making miners work eight and a half hours also?
 - (2.) Will he take steps to amend the Mining Act on similar lines to the law in Victoria, making eight hours per shift the legal limit per day, and forty-eight hours the limit per week, for all miners and engine-drivers?
- Mr. Fegan answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) Yes, as soon as opportunity offers. I may add that I recognise the importance of the Question the Honorable Member has asked, and I will make it a matter for the Cabinet when I get an opportunity.
- (11.) Penny Postage System :—Mr. Moore asked the Postmaster-General,—Will he consider the desirability of giving early effect to the following resolution, passed by the Legislative Assembly on 11th August, 1896, viz., “That, in the opinion of this House, the existing 13-mile radius penny-postage system is inequitable in its operation, benefiting certain districts only, and the same should be abolished in favour of an uniform penny postage rate throughout the Colony”?
- Mr. Crick answered,—I would ask the Honorable Member to postpone this Question for a week. So far as I have been able to look into the matter, it would involve a loss of revenue to the extent of £60,000 per annum.
3. LISMORE MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES BILL :—Mr. Ewing, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 19th October, 1899; together with Appendix and a copy of the Bill as agreed to by the Committee.
- Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Ewing then moved, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.
- Question put and passed.
4. PAPERS :—
- Mr. See laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Second Interim Report of the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the prevalence, &c., of Tuberculosis and other Diseases in Stock.
 - (2.) Report of the National Park Trustees from 1st January, 1898, to 30th June, 1899.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- Mr. Hassall laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 25th July, 1899,—“Claims of “Mrs. Guilfoyle, widow of the late Forester at Moama.”
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, for the purpose of constructing trucking yards at Narrabri.
 - (2.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, for the purpose of erecting a Station-master's residence at Branxton.
 - (3.) Statement showing the average Liabilities and Assets of Public Companies within the Colony for quarter ended 30th June, 1899.
 - (4.) Report of the Public Service Board in connection with the appointment of Mr. Thomas Bowhill, F.R.C.V.S., as Third Resident Veterinary Surgeon.
 - (5.) Return to an Order, made on 8th August, 1899,—“Railway Revenue and Expenditure.”
 - (6.) Statement of Payments made from the Treasurer's Advance Account for August, 1899.
 - (7.) Statement of Payments made from the Treasurer's Advance Account for September, 1899.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
5. STANFORD COAL-MINE RAILWAY BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—
- (1.) Mr. Gillies moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable Samuel Clift, of East Maitland, in the Colony of New South Wales, Henry John Adams, of Oxford Downs, in the Colony of Queensland, and Henry Trenchard, of Sydney, in the said Colony of New South Wales, to construct a railway from the Heddon and Stanford Greta Coal-mines to a line constructed by the East Greta Coal-mining Company (Limited), under the provisions of the Silkstone Coal-mine Railway Act of 1889 and the Silkstone Coal-mine Railway Act Amending Act of 1892.
- Question put and passed.
- (2.) Mr. Gillies having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled “A Bill to enable Samuel Clift, of East Maitland, in the Colony of New South Wales, Henry John Adams, of Oxford Downs, in the Colony of Queensland, and Henry Trenchard, of Sydney, in the said Colony of New South Wales, to construct a railway from the Heddon and Stanford Greta Coal-mines to a line constructed by the East Greta Coal-mining Company (Limited), under the provisions of the Silkstone Coal-mine Railway Act of 1889 and the Silkstone Coal-mine Railway Act Amending Act of 1892,”—read a first time.

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6. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the North Shore Bridge Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) postponed until To-morrow.
7. **MINE AT BRINDABELLA, OWNED BY THE BANK OF NORTH QUEENSLAND**:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. O'Sullivan,—
 “(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the alleged maladministration in reference to a mine at Brindabella, owned by the Bank of North Queensland.
 “(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Cook, Mr. Carroll, Mr. Fegan, Mr. Quinn, Mr. Howarth, Mr. David Davis, Mr. Haynes, Mr. Hurley, Mr. Dick, and the Mover,”—
 being called by Mr. Speaker, under Standing Order No. 132,—
 Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That the Order of the Day be discharged.
 Question put and passed.
8. **REAL PROPERTY ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL**:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill, on motion of Mr. Cohen, discharged.
 Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.
9. **VOTE OF CREDIT**:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Lyne, and read by Mr. Speaker:—
 BEAUCHAMP, *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 that provision be made for defraying the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of November or following month of the financial year ending 30th June, 1900, and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan.
Government House,
Sydney, 24th October, 1899.
 Ordered to be referred to the Committee of Supply.
10. **HUNTER RIVER FLOOD MITIGATION**:—Mr. Bruncker moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That the official reports of several qualified professional experts, recommending the excavation and removal of Green Rocks as an essential element in connection with the Hunter River Flood Mitigation Scheme, demand the immediate attention of the Government.
 (2.) In view of the clearly-expressed and decided opinions embodied in the reports referred to, respecting the effectual and permanent benefits that will result from the completion of this section of the proposed scheme, this House urges upon the Government the pressing necessity for “immediately” giving effect to the recommendations at its command.
 Debate ensued.
 Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word “immediately,” and adding the words “referring the proposed scheme to the Public Works Committee,”—instead thereof.
Point of Order,—Mr. Moore submitted that the amendment violated the spirit, if not the letter, of section 13 of the Public Works Act.
 Debate ensued.
 Mr. Speaker did not consider the objection tenable, as even if the amendment were carried it could not affect the provisions of the Public Works Act being fully carried out.
 Debate continued.
 Proposed amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
 Original motion, by leave, withdrawn.
11. **TAMWORTH SHOW GROUND BILL**:—
 (1.) *Suspension of Standing Orders*:—Mr. Sawers (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, that the 396th Standing Order be suspended to admit of the presentation of a Petition for the introduction of a Bill to authorise the sale of certain lands held for the use and general purposes of the Liverpool Plains Pastoral, Agricultural, and Horticultural Association, and the purchase of other lands in lieu of the same, for the use of the said Association, and to authorise the mortgaging of the lands so purchased, and to provide for the removal and appointment of trustees of certain of the said lands—the period of three months within which the Petition is required to be presented having expired.
 Question put and passed.
 (2.) Mr. Sawers then presented a Petition from H. Stoddart and Thomas M. Newman, Trustees of the Liverpool Plains Pastoral, Agricultural, and Horticultural Association, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the sale of certain lands held for the use and general purposes of the Liverpool Plains Pastoral, Agricultural, and Horticultural Association, and the purchase of other lands in lieu of the same, for the use of the said Association, and to authorise the mortgaging of the lands so purchased, and to provide for the removal and appointment of trustees of certain of the said lands.
 And Mr. Sawers having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and the *Tamworth News*, newspapers containing the notices required by the 396th Standing Order,—
 Petition received.
12. **CLAIM OF JOHN BRENNAN AGAINST ROADS DEPARTMENT**:—Mr. Pyers moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Report from the Select Committee on “Claim of John Brennan against Roads Department,” brought up on 16th December, 1898, be now adopted.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.

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13. EXPENDITURE FROM REVENUE AND LOAN ACCOUNTS:—Mr. Chanter proceeding to move,—
- (1.) That inasmuch as New South Wales is, in proportion to population, according to the estimates of its Official Statistician, the richest country in the world, and as it also has no burden of war debt, and no heavy or Military expenditure, it should pay all the ordinary expenses of Government out of taxation, as poorer countries do.
 - (2.) That the land revenue, being a species of special endowment arising from the peculiar circumstances of a new country, should be entirely set apart for the construction of public works.
 - (3.) That borrowing, except for the purpose of renewal of old Loans, should be entirely abolished.
 - (4.) That, if the Legislature is not prepared to abolish borrowing, Loan moneys should be used only for the construction of railways, telegraphs, telephones, and such water and sewerage works as will yield direct revenue to the Treasury, but all works not productive of direct revenue to the Treasury, such as gaols, lock-ups, bridges, roads, schools, crockery for Jenolan accommodation-house, fortifications, breakwaters, dredging works, river improvements, repairs to public buildings, &c., &c., should be chargeable to revenue.
 - (5.) That there be established a separate Public Works Fund, into which all land revenue shall be paid, and to which all works shall be charged, it having been found that the principle of mixing up works and ordinary expenditure leads to confusion. The Treasurer who pays most of his expenses out of revenue is ejected for being an extravagant person who spends too much, while the one who puts most of his works expenditure into Loans poses as an economist who keeps down the public outgoings.
 - (6.) That the foregoing resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
- Point of Order*:—Mr. Cook asked the Speaker to rule this motion out of order as being irregular in the form in which it was placed upon the Notice Paper.
- Debate ensued.
- Mr. Speaker, with some hesitation, ruled the motion out of order, as some of the several resolutions contained therein seemed to be inconsistent with each other.
14. CLAIMS OF MRS. GUILFOYLE, WIDOW OF THE LATE FORESTER AT MOAMA:—Mr. Chanter moved, pursuant to *amended Notice*,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Mrs. Guilfoyle, widow of the late Mr. Guilfoyle, Forester, of Moama, who died in the service, for a gratuity or allowance.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Hassall, Mr. Carroll, Mr. McLean, Mr. Byrne, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Hurley, Mr. Wilks, Mr. Gormly, and the Mover.
- Debate ensued.
- Mr. Ferris moved, That the following words be added, to stand as paragraph (3.):—"That the Return to Order on this subject, laid upon the Table of this House on the 24th October, 1899, be referred to such Committee."
- Debate continued.
- Question, That the words proposed to be added be so added,—put and passed.
- Question then,—
- "(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Mrs. Guilfoyle, widow of the late Mr. Guilfoyle, Forester, of Moama, who died in the service, for a gratuity or allowance.
 - "(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Hassall, Mr. Carroll, Mr. McLean, Mr. Byrne, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Hurley, Mr. Wilks, Mr. Gormly, and the Mover.
 - "(3.) That the Return to Order on this subject, laid upon the Table of this House on the 24th October, 1899, be referred to such Committee,"—put and passed.
15. FIRE INSURANCE POLICIES BILL:—
- (1.) Mr. Meagher moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend and declare the law relating to policies of fire insurances and to the right and liabilities thereunder to *bona fide* assignees and mortgagees.
- Question put and passed.
- (2.) Mr. Meagher then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend and declare the law relating to Policies of Fire Insurance and to the right and liabilities thereunder of bona fide assignees and mortgagees*,"—which was read a first time.
- Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 31st October.
16. TRUCK BILL:—Mr. Cook moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, 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 paid in goods, or otherwise than in money; and to regulate the service of legal process.
- Debate ensued.
- Question put and passed.
17. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Lyne moved, That this House do now adjourn.
- Debate ensued.
- Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
18. GOVERNMENT COAL-MINES:—Mr. Edden moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should take practical steps to give effect to the resolution passed on the 22nd of November, 1898, to the effect that, "In the opinion of this House, the time has arrived when the Government should take steps to secure coal-mines sufficient to supply their own requirements."
- Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
- Debate ensued.
- Question, That this Debate be now adjourned, 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*.
- Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday, 12th December. (19.)

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19. MINISTERIAL ELECTION BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Hogue moved, pursuant to notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Constitution Act Amendment Act of 1884.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Hogue then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Constitution Act Amendment Act of 1884*,"—which was read a first time.

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

20. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Lyne moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

RICHARD A. ARNOLD,
for Clerk of Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 32.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 25 OCTOBER, 1899.

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:—

BEAUCHAMP,

Message No. 36.

Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly that provision be made for defraying the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of November, or following month, of the financial year ending 30th June, 1900, for the raising, transport, payment, maintenance, and equipment of the New South Wales Military Contingent for service in South Africa, and the purchase and transport of stores, munitions, victuals, horses, forage, and equipments of any description whatsoever, or for any purpose in connection with the said Contingent, and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan.

Government House,

Sydney, 25th October, 1899.

Ordered to be referred to the Committee of Supply.

2. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—

(1.) *Maturity of Warrant reported*:—Mr. Speaker reported that his Warrant, laid upon the Table on the 17th October, 1899, appointing Henry Clarke, Esquire, to be a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, not having been disapproved by the Assembly in the course of the three next sitting days on which the Assembly met for the despatch of business, had now taken effect; and intimated that it was therefore open to Mr. Clarke to be sworn at the Table by the Clerk, in accordance with the 125th section of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893.

(2.) *Member sworn*:—Henry Clarke, Esquire, came to the Table, and was sworn by the Clerk as a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

3. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) *Public Roads and Reserves*:—Mr. Chanter asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he in the future, in all cases where it is intended to close and alienate any public roads, or revoke any public reserves, or any portion of them, cause detailed particulars and tracings to be exhibited at the Post Office nearest the land, for the information of the public, as well as sent to the Land District Office?

Mr. Hassall answered,—This matter will receive consideration, but it is thought that the public benefit to be derived from such action would not be commensurate with the increased cost which would be incurred in the preparation of additional tracings, notices, and letters, necessarily involving considerable delay in dealing with these classes of cases.

(2.) *Sale of Country Land near Wanganella Township*:—Mr. Chanter asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has he received a communication from J. M. Chanter, M.P., protesting against the sale of country land near Wanganella township by public auction on the 27th instant and other dates?

(2.) Will he withdraw this land from auction sale, and make it available for homestead or other form of selection or lease?

Mr. Hassall answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The land embraces isolated blocks of areas ranging from 98½ acres to 523½ acres, fit only for grazing. Portions 15 and 49 of 160 acres each in the parish of Dulverton, advertised for sale by auction on the 27th instant, will be postponed till the 17th proximo, as receipt of an application to absorb by exchange all the scattered blocks on Wanganella is anticipated.

(3.)

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(3.) Goulburn to Crookwell Railway:—Mr. Affleck asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What is the date of the report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works on the Goulburn to Crookwell railway?
- (2.) The same with regard to the routes of the same railway *via* Yarra and *via* Breadalbane?
- (3.) What is the estimated cost per mile for the line from Goulburn to Crookwell?
- (4.) The same regarding the two opposition routes *via* Yarra and *via* Breadalbane?
- (5.) What is the mileage length of the route from Goulburn to Crookwell?
- (6.) The same with regard to each of the other two routes?
- (7.) What is the approximated cost, including resumptions, station buildings, and other necessary matters, to complete the line?
- (8.) The same with regard to each of the other two routes *via* Yarra and *via* Breadalbane to Crookwell?
- (9.) Will he so alter his resolution as to give the House the right to consider and decide on the extension to Crookwell by all the three routes?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

- (1.) 19th December, 1889.
- (2.) There are no Parliamentary reports on these proposals?
- (3.) £4,332 16s. 4d.
- (4.) No recent estimate has been made.
- (5.) Thirty-five miles 53 chains.
- (6.) Yarra to Crookwell, 26½ miles; Breadalbane to Crookwell, 24½ miles.
- (7.) The Answer to No. 3 includes all cost, except that of resumption, which has not been estimated.
- (8.) No estimate has been made.
- (9.) The Act does not permit this; and, therefore, the request cannot be complied with.

(4.) Proposed Model Farm at Berry:—Mr. Dight asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Government have decided to establish an experimental or model farm on leased land at Berry, on the South Coast?
- (2.) If so, is it their intention to do the same in other districts?
- (3.) What is the area of such land, the annual rent paid for it, and the length of the lease under which it is held?

Mr. Fegan answered,—The Government has no intention of establishing an experimental or model farm at Berry; but has leased at that place a farm to run the imported cattle upon, recently stationed at Kirkham. The area of the land is 176½ acres, and has been secured for a term of five years, with right of renewal for another five years, at a rental of £1 per acre per annum.

(5.) Manning of Subsidised Mail Steamers to New Hebrides, Lord Howe and Norfolk Islands:—

Mr. Smith asked the Postmaster-General,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that steamers carrying mails to the New Hebrides, Lord Howe and Norfolk Islands, and subsidised by the Government, are manned on deck by South Sea Islanders?
- (2.) If so, will he endeavour to secure the employment of Australians on all steamers subsidised by the Government?

Mr. Fegan answered,—A contract for this service was taken by the Lands Department. Perhaps the Honorable Member will repeat his Question when my honorable colleague, the Postmaster-General, is present.

(6.) Tank for Deniliquin and Conargo Road:—Mr. Chanter asked the Secretary for Mines,—In reference to the construction of a tank on the road from Deniliquin to Conargo, long since approved by the Department, will he state when the work will be proceeded with?

Mr. Fegan answered,—The contract for this work was let to Emry Brothers, of Deniliquin, and the bond was signed on the 3rd instant. If not already started, the work should be put in hand at once.

(7.) Thinning of Forest in Murray District:—Mr. Chanter asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is he aware that there is a considerable area of forest in the Murray district which requires to be thinned-out, in order to allow the young trees to properly develop?
- (2.) Will he proceed with this work, and provide useful employment in the present for the unemployed, and a splendid asset for the State in the near future?

Mr. Hassall answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The Vote for the improvement of forests is almost exhausted, and until funds are made available by Parliament no fresh work of this description can be proceeded with.

(8.) Drill-sheds for Volunteers—Resumption of Phillip Park:—Mr. Copeland asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is he aware that some two years ago a sum of money was voted for the purpose of erecting drill-sheds for the Volunteers as soon as a site could be obtained by the Government, but that up to the present time they have failed in providing such site?
- (2.) Is he aware that the 5th Regiment (Scottish Rifles), the 6th Regiment (Australian Rifles), the 8th Regiment (Irish Rifles), and the National Guard are all seriously inconvenienced for want of such shed, as it frequently happens that on wet nights it is impossible to have drill, and the men either waste their time or do not attend at all?
- (3.) Will he take the necessary steps to resume that portion of Phillip Park between the path through the park and the Blind Institute, which is never used for any purpose except as a receptacle for broken bottles and jam-tins?

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Mr. Hassall answered:—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) No.
- (3.) No application for this land has yet been made by the Military authorities, although applications for other portions of this park and of Cook Park have been refused. A report will, however, be obtained; when the matter will receive further consideration.

(9.) Hours of Labour of Lithographic Printing Branch Staff, Lands Department:—Mr. McGowen asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the staff of the Lithographic Printing Branch of the Lands Department have recently had nine and one quarter hours a week added to their working hours?
- (2.) Seeing that the hours of this staff have always been regulated by those worked by the other officials in the Lands Department, and that the Public Service Board when regrading the Department some three years ago did not extend the hours of the Lithographic Printing Staff, what has occasioned the increase in the hours of labour?
- (3.) Has the work in this branch increased to such an extent that the staff have to work the extra hours to cope with it?
- (4.) Is it intended to continue these hours; and, if so, will the staff receive extra pay?

Mr. Hassall answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2 and 3.) The Public Service Board in July last decided that the lithographic printers employed in the Lands Department should be brought into line with those employed in the Government Printing Office.
- (4.) Yes; several of the staff have recently received increases. In the case of the others, the rates of pay compare favourably with those paid in the Government Printing Office and private establishments.

(10.) Officers of Lower Series of Grades, Public Service:—Mr. Haynes asked the Attorney-General,—

- (1.) Have any officers of the lower series of grades, who declined to submit themselves to be tested for promotion in February last, when invited, to do so, been subsequently recommended for increase of salary or promotion?
- (2.) If yes, will he kindly state their names and the amount of increase recommended in each case?

Mr. Wise answered,—There appears to be one case of the kind indicated by the Honorable Member, viz., that of Mr. Layton, the secretary of the National Art Gallery. On the urgent representation of the trustees of the Gallery, which was concurred in by the Minister for Public Instruction, a recommendation has been made by the Public Service Board that, subject to the approval of Parliament, the salary of this officer be increased from £200 to £250 per annum as from the 1st July last. When the matter came before the Public Service Board, they saw that the case was one which might very properly come within the exemption provided for by No. 268 of the Regulations under the Public Service Act, Mr. Layton's duties not being exclusively of a clerical nature, he being practically the manager of the Art Gallery. It might be added that Mr. Layton is a gentleman of considerable attainments in Art matters. In connection with the operation of the increment regulations for the last financial year, several officers in receipt of £110 per annum were in the first instance invited to submit themselves to a test for further promotion. The Board, however, decided that examination in their case was not necessary, as the salary of £110 was not the maximum of a grade, and they were accordingly dealt with in the usual way on the Departmental certificates.

(11.) Liabilities Accruing to Financial Year, 1898-99:—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Treasurer,—If not anticipating his Financial Statement, will he have any objection to stating the amount of liabilities accruing to the financial year of 1898-99 which has been debited or carried forward to the present financial year, in violation of the cash-basis system?

Mr. See answered,—I would suggest this Question should remain over until after the Financial Statement has been delivered.

(12.) Flood Relief Proposals, Richmond River:—Mr. Ewing asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Can he inform the House when he will be in a position to submit the flood relief proposals on the Richmond River to the Public Works Committee?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—This work is not quite ready, but will be submitted shortly.

(13.) Bailiff on premises of Mr. McSweeney, "Hope and Anchor Hotel":—Mr. Hughes asked the Minister of Justice,—On whose behalf, and upon what warrant or authority, was the person claiming to be a bailiff, and to be acting for Messrs. Tooth & Co., lately upon the premises occupied by Mr. McSweeney, "Hope and Anchor Hotel," Druitt and Kent Streets?

Mr. Wood answered,—From inquiries made, I understand that the bailiff (John Fitzgerald) was upon the premises alluded to under the authority of a bill of sale given by A. E. Watson to Messrs. Tooth & Co., Limited.

4. SUNDAY OBSERVANCE BILL:—Mr. Dugald Thomson presented a Petition from certain residents of Mosman and the Electorate of Warringah, praying that the House will pass into law during the present Session the Sunday Observance Bill.
Petition received.

5. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:—Mr. Dick, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table,—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, Appendices, and Plan relating to the proposed Railway from Grenfell to Wyalong.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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6. TAMWORTH SHOW-GROUND BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
 (1.) Mr. Sawers moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorise the sale of certain lands held for the use and general purposes of the Liverpool Plains Pastoral, Agricultural, and Horticultural Association, and the purchase of other lands in lieu of the same, for the use of the said Association, and to authorise the mortgaging of the lands so purchased, and to provide for the removal and appointment of trustees of certain of the said lands.
 Question put and passed.
 (2.) Mr. Sawers having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled “A Bill to authorise the sale of certain lands held for the use and general purposes of the Liverpool Plains Pastoral, Agricultural, and Horticultural Association, and the purchase of other lands in lieu of the same, for the use of the said Association, and to authorise the mortgaging of the lands so purchased, and to provide for the removal and appointment of trustees of certain of the said lands,”—read a first time.
7. STANFORD COAL-MINE RAILWAY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Gillies moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That the Stanford Coal-mine Railway Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. O’Sullivan, Mr. Watkins, Mr. David Davis, Mr. Meagher, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Dight, Mr. Gormly, Mr. Wilks, and the Mover.
 Question put and passed.
8. GOVERNMENT DOCKING ESTABLISHMENT, BILOELA (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Law moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House the report of the sub-committee, consisting of Messrs. Pollock, Cruickshank, and Portus, of the Public Service Board, upon the working of the Government docking establishment at Biloeia.
 Question put and passed.
9. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
 (1.) Terraco-street Closing Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until Wednesday next.
 (2.) Sydney and North Sydney Bridge and Tramway Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until to-morrow.
 (3.) North Shore Bridge Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until to-morrow.
 (4.) Ministerial Election Bill; second reading;—until To-morrow.
10. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:—*Mr. See*, for Mr. Lyne, 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 1899–1900, 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.
 Question put and passed.
11. PUBLIC SERVICE (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Wise moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Public Service Act of 1895, and to provide for certain gratuities and superannuation and retirement allowances to Public Servants.
 Question put and passed.
12. SMALL DEBTS RECOVERY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Wise moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put.
 The House divided.
- | Ayes, 40. | | Noes, 6. | |
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| Mr. Perry, | Mr. Suttor, | Mr. Ross, | Mr. Norton, |
| Mr. Meagher, | Mr. Reid, | Mr. Donaldson, | Mr. Miller, |
| Mr. Cruickshank, | Mr. McCourt, | Mr. Smith, | Mr. James Thomson, |
| Mr. Wise, | Mr. Rigg, | Mr. Dugald Thomson, | Mr. Edden. |
| Mr. See, | Mr. Nelson, | Mr. Nielsen, | <i>Tellers,</i> |
| Mr. Crick, | Mr. Fegan, | Mr. Austin Chapman, | Mr. Sleath, |
| Mr. Gillies, | Mr. Jessep, | Mr. Kidd, | Mr. Moore. |
| Mr. O’Sullivan, | Mr. Spruson, | Mr. Affleck, | |
| Mr. W. W. Davis, | Mr. Quinn, | Mr. Nicholson, | |
| Mr. Brunker, | Mr. Richards, | Mr. Terry. | |
| Mr. McGowen, | Mr. Carroll, | <i>Tellers,</i> | |
| Mr. Bennett, | Mr. Hassall, | Mr. Law, | |
| Mr. Thomas Brown, | Mr. Alexander Campbell, | Mr. O’Conor. | |
| Mr. Spence, | Mr. Sawers, | | |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Wise, 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 at a later hour of the day.

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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,—

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

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

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

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

(4.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £810,500, being £512,000, to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony during the month of November or following month of the financial year ending 30th June, 1900, to be expended at the rates which have been sanctioned for the financial year ended 30th June, 1899, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1899–1900.

For Services of the year 1899–1900, £30,000, towards the raising, transport, payment, maintenance, and equipment of the New South Wales Military Contingent for service in South Africa, and the purchase and transport of stores, munitions, victuals, horses, forage, and equipments of any description whatsoever, or for any purpose in connection with the said Contingent.

And in anticipation of Loans,—

For Railways, £120,000, being £40,000 towards purchase of new rolling stock to meet additional traffic and equipment of new lines; £40,000 towards additions to railway lines, stations, buildings, workshops, and for other purposes; and £40,000 towards the improvement of grades and curves, further sum. For tramways—£51,000, being £40,000 towards the conversion of the Western system of tram lines to electric, and for rolling stock; £10,000 towards amount required to put the Tarrawingee Tramway in working order, and making necessary improvements; and £1,000, cost of extension of the Tarrawingee Tramway to Racecourse and Sidings connected therewith, &c. For Public Works, £93,000, being £37,500 for Railway Construction Branch, Cootamundra Railway—towards completion of payment of verdict and costs in McSharry Arbitration Case; and £55,500 for Port Kembla Harbour Scheme—towards purchase of land and improvements thereon required for the carrying out of the works approved by Parliament; and for Lands—£4,500, for thinning out and otherwise improving Forest Reserves—further sum.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(4) *Resolved*,—That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Services of the financial year 1899–1900, the sum of £810,500 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.

15. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 3):—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. See, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 4), to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1899–1900, 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 1899–1900, 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 the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

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

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

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

Mr. See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1899–1900, 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 1899–1900, and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan*,”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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16. PUBLIC SERVICE (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Wise, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

BEAUCHAMP,
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 amend the Public Service Act of 1895, and to provide for certain gratuities and superannuation and retirement allowances to Public Servants.

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

17. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. See moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
for Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

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1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unavoidably absent, and read a letter from him stating that the all-night sitting had quite knocked him up, and asking the indulgence of the House for his absence.

Whereupon the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker, pursuant to the 22nd Standing Order of the House.

2. QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) The Public Service :—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What was the total number of Civil Servants, temporary and permanent, in the Public Service of the Colony in the year 1895?

(2.) How many of these, in each case, were employed in the Colonial Secretary's, Attorney-General's, Treasury, Works, Lands, Education and Labour, Mines and Agriculture, Justice, and Post Office Departments?

(3.) The total cost in salaries and other moneys paid to those employed in the above enumerated Departments in that year?

(4.) Similar information to the above for the year ending 30th June, 1899?

Mr. Wise answered,—I am afraid it would be very difficult to get this information for the Honorable Member except at a very lengthened period. I endeavoured to get the same information for myself about eight weeks ago, and the Public Service Board informed me that it would take many weeks to prepare it, as it would be necessary to send round and search for records in all the public departments and then tabulate them. I will make further inquiry about the matter, and any information I can get I will put at the disposal of the Honorable Member and the House.

- (2.) Crown Expenses in the Mercadool Land Case :—Mr. Affleck asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) What is the cost, up to date, to the Crown in payment of fees to barristers, to solicitors, and expenses to witnesses, each separately, in connection with the Mercadool land case?

(2.) If possible, the above information to show cost at the Land Board, at the Land Court, and at the Supreme Court respectively?

Mr. Hassall answered,—This information can only be furnished in the form of a return, which should be moved for in the usual manner.

- (3.) Mr. James Bonwick, Compiler of Historical Records :—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Having reference to the reply given to Question 3 on Tuesday, 24th October, who appointed Mr. James Bonwick, of London, in connection with the Historical Records; and what is the date of his appointment, and for how long?

(2.) Has he received the sum of £52 to £54 per month since his appointment; and what is the total sum paid him to date?

(3.) What really are the duties of Mr. Bonwick; how many hours per day does he devote to the duties, and how many days per week?

(4.) What is the total sum paid, and total sum voted, for the collection of these Records from start till now?

(5.)

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(10.) Road, Nundle to Quirindi, *via* Wallabadah :—*Mr. Carroll*, for *Mr. Levien*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) When will the matter of the Nundle to Quirindi, *via* Wallabadah, Road be settled; and what is the cause of delay?

(2.) Considering the importance of this road, and the great length of time it has been under consideration, will he expedite the opening of this road?

Mr. Hassall answered,—It was found necessary to refer the matter of compensation a second time to the Local Land Board for consideration and provisional appraisalment, which has resulted in negotiation with the principal claimant, with a reasonable expectation that an agreement will be arrived at in a few days which will allow of the requisite land for the road being at once resumed at small cost to the public.

(11.) Pensions of Retired Officers of the Public Service :—*Mr. Carroll*, for *Mr. Levien*, asked the Attorney-General,—

(1.) Referring to the agreement made by the late Premier with Messrs. Barling and Coghlan, of the Public Service Board, whereby it was sought to give those gentlemen the right to commute their pensions for lump sums, is it a fact that numerous applications have been made by retired officers, *Mr. W. O. Hopkins*, late Controller-General of Stores, among the number, to be allowed to commute their pensions, and that the Public Service Board when referred to have invariably recommended that such applications should be refused?

(2.) If so, will he consider the advisability of resubmitting such applications to the Public Service Board for fresh recommendations?

Mr. Wise answered,—Messrs. Barling and Coghlan do not claim any lump sum, nor do they desire it; neither does the bond give them any right to such a settlement of their claim, but permits the Government, at its option, to pay a lump sum.

(12.) Shark Island :—*Mr. Chanter*, for *Mr. Copeland*, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is he aware that some six or seven years ago a Board of Trustees was appointed for the purpose of making the harbour islands, including Shark Island, available for public recreation, but that owing to the latter island being still used by his Department as a quarantine station for dogs, the public have been debarred from the use of it?

(2.) Will he take steps to remove this quarantine station to Bradley's Head, Goat Island, Fort Denison, or some other place, thereby enabling the trustees to give effect to their trust by making this island a pleasure resort, and probably a bathing-place for the people, instead of a home for imported dogs?

Mr. Fegan answered,—

(1.) Yes; but this quarantine is not maintained solely for dogs; it is used also for horses, cattle, and other descriptions of stock, the same as Bradley's Head. It is not considered advisable to place the freshly arrived stock with those which have been for some time in quarantine.

(2.) It is very necessary that an island should be retained for the quarantining of imported or infected stock, as it is essential that when disease is discovered among any of these they should be in a quarantine, from which there would be no risk of infection spreading. For this reason, as well as that stated in reply to Question No. 1, Bradley's Head would be unsuitable for a second quarantine, and Fort Denison, owing to its circumscribed area, would also be quite unsuitable. Goat Island, it is believed, would answer all purposes as a quarantine if it can be obtained for that purpose, and I shall have inquiries instituted in the matter. I may say, however, that there will be considerable expense involved in any removal, and this will have to be considered.

(13.) Fish caught at the Mouth of Bondi Sewer :—*Mr. Meagher* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Will he take steps to prevent fish caught at the mouth of the Bondi sewer being sold to the public?

(2.) Will he ascertain from the Health Authorities if the consumption of fish fed on the flood of purulence from the sewer of a large city is prejudicial to health?

(3.) If not, will he take steps to prevent vendors of such fish imposing on the public by representing such fish as caught in the usual healthy habitats?

Mr. See answered,—

(1 and 3.) I am not aware of any law compelling fish-sellers to reveal the origin of their wares, and, if any such law existed, it would evidently be extremely difficult to secure its observance.

(2.) There is no reason for excluding free-swimming fish which have been caught in the neighbourhood of an outfall sewer from consumption by man. The case is similar to that of vegetables grown on a sewage farm.

(14.) Establishment of an Agricultural College in Richmond-Tweed Districts :—*Mr. Meagher* asked the Secretary for Mines,—In view of the rising importance of the dairying industry in the Richmond-Tweed districts, and the large number of small settlers who find it inconvenient, if not impossible on the ground of expense, to give their sons a training at institutions a long distance away as the Hawkesbury Agricultural College, will he take into consideration the establishment of a branch of such institution at a populous centre, such as Lismore, or establish a permanent system of technical instruction for young farmers in the science of milk and cream testing?

Mr. Fegan answered,—Plans are now being prepared, and it is intended to erect, as soon as possible, the necessary buildings at the Wollongbar Experimental Farm, near Lismore, in order that students may be taken there for instruction in dairying and other farming work.

(15.) Railway Fares for Public School Teachers :—*Mr. Sawers* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is it a fact that Public School teachers could at one time travel on Government railways during certain holidays at reduced rates?

(2.) Does the practice now prevail?

(3.) If not, will the Government endeavour to arrange with the Railway Commissioners for some concession to Public School teachers?

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Mr. Perry answered,—

(1.) Yes; it is understood that, on one occasion, this concession was made.

(2.) No.

(3.) The Commissioners have declined to give teachers any special consideration in the matter of railway fares.

(16.) Classification of Boys on "Sobraon" and in Carpenterian Reformatory :—*Mr. Watson*, for *Mr. Hughes*, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is it his intention to carry out the recommendations of the late Superintendent, Captain Neitenstein, and Captain Mason, the present officer in charge of the "Sobraon," as to the urgent need of classification of the boys upon the "Sobraon" and in the Carpenterian Reformatory?

(2.) If so, will he introduce the necessary amending Bill at an early date?

Mr. Perry answered,—The whole question is now receiving consideration.

(17.) Manning of Subsidised Mail Steamers to New Hebrides, Lord Howe and Norfolk Islands :—*Mr. Watson*, for *Mr. Smith*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that steamers carrying mails to the New Hebrides, Lord Howe and Norfolk Islands, and subsidised by the Government, are manned on deck by South Sea Islanders?

(2.) If so, will he endeavour to secure the employment of Australians on all steamers subsidised by the Government?

Mr. Hassall answered,—

(1.) I am not aware.

(2.) It is doubtful whether any such arrangement would be possible, as I understand that when the present mail contracts with the Peninsular and Oriental and Orient Companies were under consideration the Imperial Government would not agree to a clause being introduced therein prohibiting the employment of coloured labour, though some of the Australian Colonies endeavoured to have such a clause inserted in the contracts.

3. PAPERS :—

Mr. Fegan laid upon the Table,—Return respecting a Mineral Lease at Mount Wingen, held by *Mr. E. S. Marks*.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report of the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board, from 1st July, 1898, to 30th June, 1899.

(2.) Report of the completion of the Waverley and Bondi Eastern Slopes Intercepting Sewer.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Crick laid upon the Table,—

Amended Regulation relative to the limit of time for conversations by Telephone.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. See laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Statement of Public Accounts at the close of business on the evening of the 14th September, 1899.

(2.) Report of Railway Commissioners on Railways and Tramways for quarter ended 30th September, 1899.

(3.) Report of the Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board for the year 1898

(4.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Quirindi.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Wise laid upon the Table,—

Public Service List for the year 1899.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. CLAIM OF MR. SHERLOCK BARRON, NORTH BOTANY :—*Mr. Dacey* (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That *Mr. See*, *Mr. Anderson*, and *Mr. Nielsen* be added to the Select Committee now sitting on "Claim of *Mr. Sherlock Barron*, North Botany."

Question put and passed.

5. PRINTING COMMITTEE :—*Mr. Gornly*, as Chairman, brought up the Seventh Report from the Printing Committee.

6. TAMWORTH SHOW-GROUND BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. Sawers* moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the Tamworth Show-ground Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.

(2.) That such Committee consist of *Mr. Hassall*, *Mr. Affleck*, *Mr. Dight*, *Mr. Donaldson*, *Mr. Arthur Griffith*, *Mr. Millard*, *Mr. Suttor*, *Mr. Waddell*, *Mr. Wilks*, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

7. MINING ACT AMENDMENT (RIGHT OF AUDIENCE) BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. Austin Chapman* moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Mining Act of 1874 by giving right of audience in Wardens Courts and Mining Appeal Courts to agents.

Question put and passed.

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8. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
- (1.) Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act Amendment Bill; third reading;—until Tuesday next.
 - (2.) Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation Act further Amendment Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—until Thursday next.
 - (3.) City and North Sydney Connection Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until Thursday next.
 - (4.) Companies Acts Amendment Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—until Thursday next.
 - (5.) Sydney and North Sydney Bridge and Tramway Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until Thursday next.
 - (6.) Agricultural Leases Bill; second reading;—until Tuesday next.

9. **MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR** :—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. O'Sullivan, and read by Mr. Deputy-Speaker :—

- (1.) Goulburn to Crookwell Railway Bill :—

BEAUCHAMP,
Governor.

Message No. 38.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Goulburn to Crookwell, provided that, before commencing the said work, certain land required is contracted to be conveyed to the Crown, or an indemnity is given for the cost of resuming the same; to amend the provisions of the Public Works Act of 1888, so far as they relate to the duty of the Constructing Authority to make and maintain fences along the said line of railway; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads, and for other purposes.

Government House,
Sydney, 26th October, 1899.

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

- (2.) Dubbo to Coonamble Railway Bill :—

BEAUCHAMP,
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 a line of railway from Dubbo to Coonamble; to amend the provisions of the Public Works Act of 1888, so far as they relate to the duty of the Constructing Authority to make and maintain fences along the said line of railway; to authorise the construction of the said line on certain public roads; and for other purposes.

Government House,
Sydney, 26th October, 1899.

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

10. **EARLY-CLOSING BILL (No. 2)** :—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Perry, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill for the early closing of shops, and to regulate the hours of employment in shops.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Moore, Temporary Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Moore, That the report be *now* received.

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill for the early closing of shops, and to regulate the hours of employment in shops.

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

- (2.) Mr. Perry then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill for the early closing of shops, and to regulate the hours of employment in shops*,"—which was read a first time.

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

11. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 3)** :—Mr. Deputy-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 1899–1900, and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 26th October, 1899.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

12. **PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS** :—

- (1) *Railway from Goulburn to Crookwell* :—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, "That" it is expedient that a line of railway from Goulburn to Crookwell, as referred by the Legislative Assembly to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out, subject to the modifications recommended by the said Committee

Mr.

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Mr. Affleck moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the first word "That" and inserting the words "the report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works be remitted, for their further consideration and report, to the said Committee, for the purpose of reporting now on the routes from Goulburn *via* Yarra and Breadalbane to "Crookwell,"—instead thereof.

Debate ensued.

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question, put—and Division called for,—but there not being Tellers on the part of the *Noes*, no Division could be had, and Mr. Deputy-Speaker declared the Question to have been resolved in the *affirmative*.

Original Question put and passed.

(2.) *Railway from Dubbo to Coonamble*.—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient that a line of railway from Dubbo to Coonamble, as referred by the Legislative Assembly to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out.
Question put and passed.

(3.) *Railway from Gundagai to Tumut*.—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report on the expediency of constructing a line of railway from Gundagai to Tumut.
Question put and passed.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
for Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Deputy-Speaker.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 31 OCTOBER, 1899.

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

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 3):—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Lyne, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

BEAUCHAMP,
Governor

Message No. 40.

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 1899-1900; 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 numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 28th October, 1899.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Penny Postage:—Mr. Moore asked the Postmaster-General,—Will he consider the desirability of giving early effect to the following resolution, passed by the Legislative Assembly on 11th August, 1896, viz., "That, in the opinion of this House, the existing 13-mile radius penny postage system is inequitable in its operation, benefiting certain districts only, and the same should be abolished in favour of a uniform penny postage rate throughout the Colony"?

Mr. Crick answered,—I will give this matter further consideration, but in view of the large loss of revenue, amounting to about £60,000, as far as I am able to see, I am not favourable to carrying out the Honorable Member's desire.

(2.) Increase of Salary, Taxation Office:—Mr. Watson, for Mr. Hughes, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is he aware that a certain officer in the Income Branch of the Taxation Office has recently had his salary increased from £250 to £275?

(2.) Is he aware that this officer was the only one recommended by the First Commissioner for an increase, although several other officers had applied to have their cases reconsidered?

(3.) What special qualifications does this officer possess to qualify him for this further increase?

(4.) What are his present duties; and are they more important than those of other officers in the same office who receive over £100 per annum less in salary?

(5.) Is he aware that a sub-committee was appointed by the Public Service Board, and held an inquiry some twelve months ago into the respective qualifications of the officers of the Land and Income Tax Department, with a view to their being graded?

(6.) Has he seen the report of the said Committee; and will he have it laid upon the Table of the House?

(7.) Is it intended to grant increases to several other officers in the Taxation Office; and, if so, when?

(8.) When is it intended to have the officers who are employed in the Taxation Offices permanently appointed?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) The salary of Mr. A. Macdougall, who is probably the officer referred to, was increased, as stated, from the 1st July, 1898.

(2.) Mr. Macdougall was not the only officer whose salary the First Commissioner of Taxation recommended should be increased. The cases of a number of other officers were considered at the same time, and the salaries of several besides Mr. Macdougall were increased.

(3.)

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- (3.) The Chief Commissioner of Taxation reports as follows:—"The qualification of the general knowledge of the office work and his past efficient service, having acted for a period of seven months as Chief Assessor and Senior Clerk in charge of the Income-tax Branch."
- (4.) Mr. Macdougall's duties are those of Second Officer in charge of the Income-tax Branch. He assists the Chief Assessor in the necessary supervision, interviews the public, checks the accuracy of all refunds, together with other work. His duties are much more important than those of officers receiving £100 per annum less in salary.
- (5 and 6.) I am informed that a sub-committee was appointed by the Public Service Board to obtain, for their information, evidence regarding the qualifications of the various officers employed in the Land and Income Tax Department. The Board, however, before determining the salaries of the persons employed in the Taxation Office personally inspected the Department, and investigated the character of the work performed by each officer.
- (7.) There is not at present any proposal before the Public Service Board for increasing the salaries of the officers of the Taxation Department.
- (8.) This Question was dealt with on page 2 of the Report of the Public Service Board for last year, which report was laid upon the Table of the House on the 3rd August last. By reference thereto it will be seen that the officers of the Taxation Department cannot be permanently appointed pending the passing of legislation on the subject.
- (3.) Supply of Pymont Stone by Mr. Robert Sanders:—Mr. Nielsen asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Has Mr. Robert Sanders a contract to supply the Government with Pymont stone; if so, at what price?
- (2.) What is the difference in the cost of working stone from Purgatory Quarry as against the cost of working the stone from Half-way Quarry?
- (3.) What number of cubic feet of stone is supplied from each of these quarries?
- (4.) What number of tools are sharpened daily for the Government at Pymont, and at what cost per dozen?
- (5.) Is he aware that the sanitary arrangements at Hell-hole Quarry are very unsatisfactory?
- (6.) Will he cause the shed where the masons work to be properly ventilated?
- Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—
- (1.) Yes. The contract price is 1s. 6d. per foot, which includes all sawing necessary, together with the use of cranes, overhead travellers, and covered shed to work in; also delivery from quarry to shed, and after working from shed to building.
- (2.) The cost of working Purgatory exceeds that of Half-way Quarry by about one-third.
- (3.) The actual number of cubic feet used from each quarry will be very difficult to give, but it is estimated that one-third of the stone used at the Custom House is from Purgatory, two-thirds being from Half-way Quarry.
- (4.) About 70 dozen, at 5d. per dozen.
- (5.) No complaints have been received up to the present time, but it has now been ascertained that the arrangements referred to are open to considerable improvement.
- (6.) The shed in question is open upon two sides and a portion of the third. Certain of the masons have complained of the want of further ventilation, and others of there being too much air.
- (4.) Alfred Austin Sampson's Settlement Lease, Gunnedah:—Mr. Moore asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will he lay upon the Table of this House the papers moved for by Mr. Moore, on 15th August last, in reference to Alfred Austin Sampson's settlement lease, Gunnedah?
- Mr. Hassall answered,—In a fortnight.
- (5.) Reserves for Public Recreation in the County of Cumberland:—Mr. Affleck, for Mr. Dugald Thomson, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) The total area of reserves for public recreation in each of the electorates within the county of Cumberland?
- (2.) The sum granted in each of such electorates out of the Parks Vote during the last financial year?
- Mr. Hassall answered,—This information can only be furnished in the form of a return, which should be moved for in the usual manner.
3. MILITARY CONTINGENT BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Lyne, and read by Mr. Speaker:—
- BEAUCHAMP, Message No. 41.
Governor.
- In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill for the government and discipline of a Military Contingent for service in South Africa.
- Government House,
Sydney, 31st October, 1899.
- Ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.
4. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. O'Sullivan, and read by Mr. Speaker:—
- (1.) Tweed River Harbour Works Bill:—
- BEAUCHAMP, Message No. 42.
Governor.
- In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to sanction the carrying out of Harbour Works at the Tweed River.
- Government House,
Sydney, 31st October, 1899.
- Ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill. (2.)

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(2.) Bellinger River Harbour Works Bill:—

BEAUCHAMP,
Governor.

Message No. 43.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to sanction the carrying out of Harbour Works at the Bellinger River.

Government House,
Sydney, 31st October, 1899.

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

(3.) Dubbo to Coonamble Railway Bill:—

BEAUCHAMP,
Governor.

Message No. 44.

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 Dubbo to Coonamble, provided that before commencing the said work certain land required is contracted to be conveyed to the Crown, or an indemnity is given for the cost of resuming the same; to amend the provisions of the Public Works Act of 1888, so far as they relate to the duty of the Constructing Authority to make and maintain fences along the said line of railway; to authorise the construction of the said line on certain public roads; and for other purposes.

Government House,
Sydney, 31st October, 1899.

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

5. APPOINTMENT OF MR. JAMES BONWICK—HISTORICAL RECORDS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Afleck moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—

(1.) Who appointed Mr. James Bonwick, in London, to the position he now holds, and how long he has held the same.

(2.) Whether he has been receiving from £52 to £54 per month since his appointment.

(3.) What his duties really are; what number of hours he is employed per day, and how many days per week.

(4.) The total number of paying subscribers to the Historical Records.

(5.) The total sum voted in connection with the Historical Records, and the amount expended.

Question put and passed.

6. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

(1.) North Shore Bridge Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until Thursday next.

(2.) Ministerial Election Bill; second reading;—until Tuesday, 28th November.

(3.) Trade Union (Subscription Recovery) Bill; second reading;—until Tuesday, 14th November.

(4.) Municipalities Act of 1897 Amending Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—until Tuesday, 28th November.

7. PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Cohen moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Lees,	Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Lync,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Wise,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Edden,
Dr. Graham,	Mr. Archer,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Ferris,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Spruson,	Mr. Terry.
Mr. Rigg,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Miller,	
Mr. Moore,	Mr. David Davis,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Meagher.

Noes, 22.

Mr. McCourt,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Carroll,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. James Thomson,	Mr. Henry Clarke.
Mr. Bennett,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Copeland,	
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Law,
Mr. Afleck,	Mr. Austin Chapman.
Mr. Wood,	
Mr. Nielsen,	
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. E. M. Clark,	
Mr. Macdonald,	
Mr. Thomas,	
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	
Mr. Hassall,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Mr. Cohen then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the law respecting Cruelty to Animals*."

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the law respecting Cruelty to Animals*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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Sydney, 31st October, 1899.

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8. BANK HOLIDAYS AMENDMENT BILL (*changed from*) PUBLIC HOLIDAYS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, That this Bill be now read a second time: Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided,

Ayes, 34.

Mr. Lyne,	Mr. James Thomson,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Spence,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Hughes,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Sutor,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Quinn,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Meagher,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Ferris,	Mr. Law,
Mr. Spruson,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Watson,	Mr. Austin Chapman,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Cook.
Mr. Barnes,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Holman.
Mr. Nielsen,	

Noes, 23.

Mr. Reid,	Mr. Afleck,
Dr. Graham,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Dick.
Mr. Hogue,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Jessep,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Cann.
Mr. Cohen,	
Mr. McCourt,	
Mr. Hawthorne,	
Mr. Carroll,	
Mr. Millard,	
Mr. Nobbs,	
Mr. Whiddon,	
Mr. Garland,	
Mr. Alexander Campbell,	
Mr. Archer,	
Mr. Henry Clarke,	
Mr. Wilson,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

9. COAL MINES REGULATION ACT AMENDING BILL (*changed from*) COAL AND SHALE MINES HOURS REGULATION 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.

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

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

10. GREAT COBAN COPPER-MINE RAILWAY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Dr. Graham moved, "That" this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Watson moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That," and inserting the words "the Bill be referred to a Select Committee of the House for consideration and report.

"(2.) That such Committee consist of Dr. Graham, Mr. See, Mr. Reid, Mr. Thomas, Mr. W. W. Davis, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Ashton, Mr. Kidd, Mr. Cohen, and the Mover"—instead thereof.

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

Debate continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Lees,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Rigg,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Brunker,
Dr. Graham,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Quinn,	Mr. Wise,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Archer,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Crick,
Mr. Meagher,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Jessep,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Cotton.
Mr. Cann,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Spruson,	Mr. Spence,
Mr. Millard,	Mr. Garland.
Mr. Pfers,	

Noes, 15.

Mr. Ferguson,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Watkins,	Mr. Austin Chapman.
Mr. Ferris,	
Mr. Thomas,	
Mr. E. M. Clark,	
Mr. David Davis,	
Mr. Henry Chapman,	
Mr. Macdonald,	
Mr. James Thomson,	
Mr. Smith,	
Mr. Watson,	
Mr. Nielsen.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Dr. Graham, 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 Dr. Graham, the report was adopted.

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

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11. MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BROKEN HILL, ELECTRIC LIGHTING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Cann moved, "That" this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. E. M. Clark moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That," and inserting the words "the Bill be again referred to a Select Committee for further consideration and report."
" (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Crick, Mr. Spruson, Mr. McGowen, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Ashton, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Gillies, Mr. Hurley, Mr. Cann, and the Mover.
" (3.) That the Report from the Select Committee on this Bill, brought up on 16th August, 1899, "be referred to this Committee,"—instead thereof
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.
Debate continued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 26.			Noes, 5.
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Spence,	Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Carroll,	Mr. Millard,	Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Ferris,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Jessep,	Mr. Law,	Mr. Archer.
Dr. Graham,	Mr. Bassall,	Mr. Macdonald.	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Lees,	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. Spruson.
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Austin Chapman,	Mr. Arthur Griffith.	
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Edden,		
Mr. Thomas,	Mr. James Thomson,		
Mr. Smith,	Mr. Watson,		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Bill read a second time.

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

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

Ordered, that the report be adopted To-morrow.

12. SYDNEY CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Jessep, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—

And the Question being put, and passed,—

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Jessep, 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 the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

13. COAL-LUMPERS BASKETS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Smith, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to fix the size and regulate the weight of baskets used in discharging coal-ships.

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 fix the size and regulate the weight of baskets used in discharging coal-ships.

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

14. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Lyne moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

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

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 35.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 1 NOVEMBER, 1899.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Stock-route from Deniliquin to Swan Hill, *via* Tullah and Jogar:—*Mr. Kidd*, for *Mr. Chanter*, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Did he receive a letter, dated 19th June, 1899, signed E. and J. Naughton, complaining that they had been prevented by the owners of Murray Downs Station from travelling their sheep along a recognised road which had been used for the past forty years?
- (2.) Was a reply given to the letter to the effect that the road having been in use for so many years the public were fully entitled to use it for travelling stock?
- (3.) Has the road known as the stock route from Deniliquin to Swan Hill, *via* Tullah, Norrong, and Jogar, been at any time gazetted as a stock route; if so, when?
- (4.) If not already gazetted, will he take immediate steps to have such done, and the route clearly defined as used in the past?

Mr. Perry answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The Stock Inspector was informed that travelling stock were entitled to use any road dedicated, proclaimed, or used by the public for three years.
- (3.) No.
- (4.) The Lands Department will be asked to gazette the road as a travelling stock reserve, and to define those portions not already defined.

- (2.) Examinations for Promotion in the Public Service:—*Mr. Carroll*, for *Mr. Austin Chapman* asked the Attorney-General,—

- (1.) Is he correctly reported by the *Daily Telegraph*, of 23rd September last, as having stated—while referring to the question of examinations for promotion in the Public Service—that the Public Service Board “are compelled to pass men through those examinations by the Act of “Parliament itself”?
- (2.) Will he consider the question as to whether there is any obligation upon the Public Service Board to prescribe examinations for promotion excepting in the case of promotions from the lower series of grades to the higher series of grades, and communicate his decision to the House?
- (3.) Have any examinations for promotion from the lower series of grades to the higher series of grades yet been held?
- (4.) Is it the fact that the examinations for promotion held so far have been merely for promotions within and between the lower series of grades?

Mr. Wise answered,—

- (1.) By the Public Service Act of 1895 all officers who entered the service subsequently to the passing of the Act are required to pass an examination for promotion from the lower to the higher grades of the Clerical and Professional Divisions.
- (2.) There is no such obligation.
- (3.) No.
- (4.) The examinations held so far have been for promotion within and between the lower series of grades in connection with the regulations providing for increments.

- (3.) Financial Statements:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he see that steps are taken to have the Financial Statements made by the respective Colonial Treasurers from the year 1881 up to the end of 1899 published in one volume for the information of the public, as was done for the years 1855 and 1881?

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Mr. Lyne answered,—In 1893 the preparation and printing of 500 copies of the 61 Financial Statements, from 1855 to 1892, cost £659 10s. 11d., and Ways and Means £898 8s. 3d. additional. In the present instance, to print 500 copies of the Financial Statements, and Ways and Means from April, 1892, to date, would run into 2,587 pages, and cost £988 9s. 10d., covering 31 Statements. A limited number of copies of each Statement, in pamphlet form, is in stock, and they are very seldom inquired for. In view of these facts, it would hardly be advisable to incur the large expense which the Honorable Member's proposal would entail.

- (4.) Treatise on Geology by the Rev. Father Curran:—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Is it intended to take any steps to have the valuable treatise lately published by Rev. Father Curran, on Geology, made a standard class-book in our higher Public Schools, in the interest and development of a knowledge of the mineral wealth of the Colony?

Mr. Perry answered,—Copies of this work have already been issued to certain Public Schools where it was thought they would be of service.

- (5.) Tuberculosis or other Diseases amongst Stock:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—
(1.) Will he have inquiry made as to whether there are particular districts in the Colony from their climatic or geological formation that have a tendency to the development of tuberculosis or other diseases amongst stock?
(2.) Will he furnish a list of such districts or localities, if any, where tuberculosis or other diseases pertaining to stock exist, and the nature and character of such diseases?

Mr. Perry answered,—This is a matter which more closely affects the Board of Health, who administer the law dealing with tuberculosis, but I will cause inquiry to be made in the direction suggested by the Honorable Member.

- (6.) Prospect Water Supply:—Mr. Law asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it a fact that the joints in the main duplicate pipe lines, at Prospect, for the City of Sydney Water Supply and Sewerage Board, are of such a defective character as will necessitate a large additional expenditure on the part of the Government?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—The joints are not defective, but the lead washers used under bolt-heads and nuts were found unsuitable, and are being removed and replaced with hemp grummetts. To relieve the joints from undue strain at times when the pipes are empty some extra expansion joints are being inserted, but the whole cost of the pipe when complete will be some £16,000 less than the first pipe, notwithstanding the fact that steel is now so very much dearer.

2. EARLY CLOSING BILL (No. 2):—Mr. Reid presented a Petition from Demetrio A. Comino, of Oxford-street, Sydney, restaurant keeper, representing that the Early Closing Bill (No. 2) affects persons keeping restaurants, fish and oyster shops, in the city of Sydney, and praying that Petitioner may be granted leave to appear by counsel, before the Bar of the House, at such time as may appear expedient, and so to be heard upon the said Bill, and upon special interests of Petitioner and other persons carrying on similar business affected thereby.
Petition received.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Wise laid upon the Table,—Regulation respecting sick leave in exceptional cases, under the Public Service Act of 1895.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Hassall laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Abstract of Cancellations and Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the 107th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
(2.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th and 101st sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
(3.) Abstract of Crown Lands Reserved from Sale for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 101st, 109th, and 112th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
(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.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Eaton, county of Clarence, for the erection of a Ferryman's Residence at Whiteman's.
(2.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Meehan, county of Cook, for the construction of a Punt Slip near Portland Ferry, Colo River.
(3.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Middlehope, county of Durham, for the erection of a Caretaker's Cottage, and widening approach to Dunmore Bridge, Paterson River.
(4.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, parish of Lowry, county of Bathurst, for the construction of a Dam on Queen Charlotte's Vale Creek.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Perry laid upon the Table,—Report of the Government Labour Bureau for the year ended 30th June, 1899.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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4. TAMWORTH SHOW-GROUND BILL:—Mr. Sawers, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and Report this Bill was referred on 26th October, 1899; together with a copy of the Bill as agreed to by the Committee.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Sawers then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday next.
Question put and passed.
5. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
(1.) Coal Mines Regulation Act Amending Bill; third reading;—until Tuesday next.
(2.) Great Cobar Copper-mine Railway Bill (*Council Bill*); third reading;—until To-morrow.
(3.) Terrace-street Closing Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until Wednesday next.
(4.) Agricultural Leases Bill; second reading;—until Tuesday, 12th December.
6. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:—Mr. Lyne said that he desired to consult the House as to the necessity for increased time for the transaction of the public business, and stated the intention of the Government to ask the House to give him from eight o'clock on Tuesday evenings for Government Business.
7. MILITARY CONTINGENT BILL:—*Mr. Lyne*, for Mr. See, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill for the government and discipline of a Military Contingent for service in South Africa.
Question put and passed.
8. EARLY CLOSING BILL (No. 2):—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Lyne moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 2 NOVEMBER, 1899, A.M.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thomas, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

9. COAL-LUMPERS BASKETS BILL:—Mr. Smith, pursuant to leave granted on Wednesday, 1st November, 1899, a.m., presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to fix the size and regulate the weight of baskets used in discharging coal-ships*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 12th December.
10. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Lyne moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty 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.

Acto South Wales.

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FOURTH SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 2 NOVEMBER, 1899.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Dr. Cobb, Department of Agriculture:—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Is Dr. Cobb in the service of the Department of Agriculture; and, if so, what duties is he performing at present?
 - (2.) Is Dr. Cobb travelling in America on behalf of the Department; and, if so, what travelling expenses and salary does he receive?
 - (3.) Has Dr. Cobb sent any reports to the Department since his departure; and, if so, what is the nature of the reports?

Mr. Wood answered,—

- (1.) Yes; he is to make himself acquainted with and furnish reports in regard to any matters affecting or likely to be of benefit to the producing interests of the Colony, and is to visit and report upon the various scientific systems of agricultural education in operation in the United States, England, France, and Germany, and the lines followed in regard to experimental work in those countries. He is also to study and report upon wheat-growing in the principal centres of the States.
 - (2.) Yes, on half salary. While making any special visits to provide matter for his reports to the Department, his actual travelling expenses are to be paid.
 - (3.) Yes; reports on the gipsy moth, cattle-dipping in Texas, and the new American car-sprinkler. He is now preparing a general and comprehensive report on all he has done.
- (2.) Sale of the Gloucester Estate by the A. A. Company:—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it a fact that the offer of the A. A. Company to sell their Gloucester Estate, at 10s. per acre, expires on the 6th instant; if so, will he take steps to have the offer extended, if possible, to a convenient date that will enable the Cabinet and Parliament to deal with it?

Mr. Hassall answered,—I understand the time expires to-morrow. Owing, however, to the pressure of urgent public business, the matter has not yet been dealt with. Any proposal for extension of time must emanate from the Company.

- (3.) Post and Telegraph Offices at Merewether, Newcastle:—Mr. Carroll, for Mr. Edden, asked the Postmaster-General,—
- (1.) Has it been decided to erect new post and telegraph offices at Merewether, Newcastle?
 - (2.) If so, when is the work likely to be proceeded with?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) So soon as funds, as asked for, are voted on 1899-1900 Estimates (Minor Town Vote).
- (4.) Resting Accommodation for Warders in Gaols:—Mr. Carroll, for Mr. Quinn, asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Have the stools formerly furnished in the gaols, for warders to rest on when fatigued, been removed?
 - (2.) In consequence of this, have warders to be chiefly on their feet for from eight to ten hours without a rest?
 - (3.) Will he restore the stools of which the warders have been deprived?

Mr. Wood answered,—The Comptroller-General of Prisons has informed me as follows:—

- (1.) No. Some stools were removed upwards of three years ago, on account of the manner in which the privilege of allowing seats was abused. No recent action has been taken.
- (2.) No.
- (3.) Answered by No. 1.

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(5.) Site for Federal Capital near Albury:—*Mr. Affleck*, for *Mr. Austin Chapman*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Has he noticed a report in the *Daily Telegraph* of 30th October, stating that *Mr. Oliver*, Federal Capital Commissioner, had instructions from the Government to inspect a site about 30 miles from Albury?

(2.) Is this statement true?

(3.) Will he inform the House why this site has been specially selected by the Government for report?

Mr. Lyne answered,—*Mr. Commissioner Oliver* has no instructions as to what sites are to be inspected.

(6.) Tuberculin Cure for Cattle Suffering from Tuberculosis:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is it true, as reported in the Press, that a certain form of tuberculin has been discovered possessed of a curative effect on tubercular cattle, or cattle suffering from tuberculosis?

(2.) Where was the tuberculin procured; and by whom was the cure (if any) discovered or manufactured?

(3.) Did any veterinary surgeon make a trial of the test; if so, by whom was it made?

(4.) What is the name of the veterinary surgeon making the *post-mortem* examination?

(5.) Has the tuberculin cure been submitted to any competent authority; if so, with what result?

(6.) Will the authorities permit scientific and practical gentlemen to examine and test the facts as to the efficacy of the cure?

Mr. Wood answered,—I am unable to give a categorical answer to the Questions asked by the Honorable Member, as the circumstances to which he alludes are connected with certain investigations now being conducted at the instance of the Royal Commission on Diseases in Stock which, in the furtherance of these investigations, recently visited the Hawkesbury Agricultural College to see the effect on several cattle which had been subjected to the tuberculin test. The *post mortem* examinations were made by *Mr. Stewart Pottie*, M.R.C.V.S., Lecturer on Veterinary Science at the College, and their result will be given in the report to be furnished by the Commission on Tuberculosis. The questions to which that examination has given rise, and to which the Honorable Member alludes, will also, no doubt, be dealt with in the report of the Commission.

(7.) Proposed International Exhibition, in 1901:—*Mr. Law* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he name a definite day upon which *Mr. Law* can move his motion, standing on the Business Paper, in reference to the holding of an International Exhibition in the year 1901?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I hope to enable *Mr. Law* to move this motion on Wednesday next; but I must be allowed to say also that, if I lose business hours by motions of adjournment, I shall have to occupy the time with Government business.

(8.) Distribution of Martini-Metford Rifles to Rifle Corps:—*Mr. Gormly* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Have Martini-Metford rifles been issued to rifle corps; and, if not, is it intended to distribute such rifles?

(2.) What are the prices charged to members of rifle corps for ammunition?

Mr. Wise answered,—

(1.) A few Martini-Enfield rifles have been issued to rifle clubs for practice. It is not intended to distribute these rifles generally to rifle clubs at present, as there are not sufficient for the Volunteers.

(2.) Martini ammunition, 7s. 6d. per 100; .303 ammunition, 10s. per 100.

(9.) Resumption of Land at Port Kembla:—*Mr. Dick* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Did the Crown Law Officers advise him or his predecessor that he had no legal warrant to proceed with the resumption of land at Port Kembla in connection with the proposed harbour?

(2.) If so, will he lay a copy of the opinion upon the Table of the House?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—At present I must decline to give any opinion on that subject.

(10.) Railway Fares for Police during their Holidays:—*Mr. W. W. Davis* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Has he taken into consideration the justice of arranging that the police will be permitted to travel at excursion railway rates during their periods of holidays, which concession they otherwise cannot obtain?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I am at present in communication with the Railway Commissioners upon this matter. I saw the representative of the Commissioners to-day, and they raise the objection, and raise it very strongly, that it would be giving a special concession to one section of the community in contravention of the Railways Act. I will make further inquiries, to see if it is not possible to do something in the direction the Honorable Member wishes.

2. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—*Mr. Gormly*, as Chairman, brought up the Eighth Report from the Printing Committee.

3. ORDER OF BUSINESS ON TUESDAYS (*Sessional Order—Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Lyne* moved, pursuant to Notice, That, during the remainder of the present Session, unless otherwise ordered, General Business shall take precedence of Government Business on Tuesdays until 8 o'clock p.m., after which hour Government Business only shall be proceeded with.

Question put.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 51.

Mr. Miller,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Sleath,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Bruncker,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Richards,
Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Pycers,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Nobbs,

Mr. Byrne,
Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Goodwin,
Mr. McLean,
Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Watson,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Mcagher,
Mr. Price,
Mr. Law,

Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Terry,
Mr. W. W. Davis,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. Dick.
Tellers,
Mr. Quinn,
Mr. Gurland.

Noes, 3.

Mr. Copeland.
Tellers,
Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Affleck.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

4. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Tumut, Mr. Donaldson, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.—“The removal of Thomas Arragon from Kenmore Asylum for Insane to Rookwood Asylum, and his subsequent violent death.”

And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

5. GOULBURN TO CROOKWELL RAILWAY BILL:—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its 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 Goulburn to Crookwell, provided that before commencing the said work certain land required is contracted to be conveyed to the Crown, or an indemnity is given for the cost of resuming the same; to amend the provisions of the Public Works Act of 1888, so far as they relate to the duty of the Constructing Authority to make and maintain fences along the said line of railway; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; and for other purposes.

Question put and passed.

6. DUBBO TO COONAMBLE RAILWAY BILL:—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its 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 Dubbo to Coonamble, provided that before commencing the said work certain land required is contracted to be conveyed to the Crown, or an indemnity is given for the cost of resuming the same; to amend the provisions of the Public Works Act of 1888, so far as they relate to the duty of the Constructing Authority to make and maintain fences along the said line of railway; to authorise the construction of the said line on certain public roads; and for other purposes.

Question put and passed.

7. TWEED RIVER HARBOUR WORKS BILL:—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the carrying out of Harbour Works at the Tweed River.

Question put and passed.

8. BELLINGER RIVER HARBOUR WORKS BILL:—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the carrying out of Harbour Works at the Bellinger River.

Question put and passed.

9. MILITARY CONTINGENT BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Wise, 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 government and discipline of a Military Contingent for service in South Africa.

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 for the government and discipline of a Military Contingent for service in South Africa.

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

(2.) Mr. Wise then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill for the government and discipline of a Military Contingent for service in South Africa*,”—which was read a first time.

Ordered that the Bill be printed, and (*with the unanimous concurrence of the House*) now read a second time.

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- (3.) Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Wise, 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 at a later hour of the day.
10. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Tuesday next :—
(1.) Public Service (Amendment) Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Public Service Act of 1895, and to provide for certain gratuities and superannuation and retirement allowances to public servants.
(2.) Gold and Mineral Dredging Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate mining for gold and other minerals by dredging, pumping, sluicing, or other method, in the beds of rivers and lakes, under tidal or standing waters under the ocean contiguous to the coast-line, and in, on, and under any land contiguous to the aforesaid places ; and for purposes consequent on or incidental to those objects.
(3.) Miners Accident Relief Bill ; further consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide a fund for the benefit of persons injured by mining accidents, and the relations of persons killed or injured by such accidents ; and for purposes incidental to or consequent upon those objects.
(4.) Mining Laws Further Amendment Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Mining on Private Lands Act of 1894, the Mining Laws Amendment Act of 1896, and the Mining Act of 1889.
(5.) Shearers Accommodation Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the proper and sufficient accommodation of shearers.
(6.) Koorawatha to Grenfell Railway (Amendment) Bill ; second reading.
(7.) The Rock to Green's Gonyah Railway (Amendment) Bill ; second reading.
(8.) Byrock to Brewarrina Railway (Amendment) Bill ; second reading.
(9.) Medical Practitioners Amendment Bill (*Council Bill*) ; second reading.
11. **SMALL DEBTS RECOVERY BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Wise, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
12. **MATRIMONIAL CAUSES BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Wise moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Wise, 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 on Tuesday next.
13. **MARRIAGE BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Wise moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Wise, 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 on Tuesday next.
14. **PRINTING BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Wise moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Wise, 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 on Tuesday next.
15. **POSTPONEMENT** :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Wharfage and Tonnage Rates Bill (*Council Bill*) postponed until Tuesday next.
16. **REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, DEATHS, AND MARRIAGES BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Wise moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Wise, 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 on Tuesday next.

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17. **LANDLORD AND TENANT BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Wise moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Wise, 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 on Tuesday next.
18. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Infants Custody and Settlements Bill (*Council Bill*) postponed until Tuesday next.
19. **PATENTS BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Wise moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Wise, 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 on Tuesday next.
20. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Justices (Fines) Bill (*Council Bill*) postponed until Tuesday next.
21. **PUBLIC VEHICLES BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Wise moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Wise, 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 on Tuesday next.
22. **STAGE-CARRIAGES BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Wise moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Wise, 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 on Tuesday next.
23. **BOOK PURCHASERS PROTECTION BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Wise moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Wise, 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 on Tuesday next.
24. **FELONS APPREHENSION BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Wise moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Wise, 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 on Tuesday next.
25. **PRISONS BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Wise moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Wise, 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 on Tuesday next.
26. **FACTORS BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Wise moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Wise, 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 on Tuesday next.

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27. **POLICE REGULATION BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Wise moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Wise, 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 on Tuesday next.
28. **POSTPONEMENT:**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Companies Bill (*Council Bill*) postponed until Tuesday next.
29. **COMMON LAW PROCEDURE BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Wise moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Wise, 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 on Tuesday next.
30. **ADULTERATION OF LIQUORS BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Wise moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Wise, 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 on Tuesday next.
31. **POSTPONEMENTS:**—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Tuesday next:—
(1.) Lindfield St. Leonards Railway Crossing Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to enable the Railway Commissioners of New South Wales to close certain level-crossings on the railway line between Milson's Point and Hornsby Junction, and to provide ways in substitution therefor; and to declare certain portions of such ways to be public thoroughfares.
(2.) Treasury Indemnity Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing 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 Accounts of the Colonial Treasurer in the Banks keeping such Accounts.
(3.) Supply; resumption of the Committee.
(4.) Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
32. **MILITARY CONTINGENT 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 for the government and discipline of a Military Contingent for service in South Africa.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the following Message:—
MR. PRESIDENT,—
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act for the government and discipline of a Military Contingent for service in South Africa,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 2nd November, 1899.*
33. **GREAT COBAR COPPER-MINE RAILWAY BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Bruncker moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Bruncker, *passed*.
Mr. Bruncker then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to enable Richard Read, of Singleton, doctor of medicine, William Longworth, of Lithgow, mine-manager, and Thomas Longworth, of Cobar, mine-manager, their executors, administrators, and assigns, to construct and maintain a line of railway from the mines of the Great Cobar Copper-mining Company (Limited), at Cobar, to communicate with the Great Western Railway, Nyngan to Cobar branch; and for other purposes connected therewith.*"
Question put and passed.

Ordered,

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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 enable Richard Read, of Singleton, doctor of medicine, William Longworth, of Lithgow, mine-manager, and Thomas Longworth, of Cobar, mine-manager, their executors, administrators, and assigns, to construct and maintain a line of railway from the mines of the Great Cobar Copper-mining Company (Limited), at Cobar, to communicate with the Great Western Railway, Nyngan to Cobar branch; and for other purposes connected therewith,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 2nd November, 1899.*

GREAT COBAR COPPER-MINE RAILWAY BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 2nd November, 1899.

F. W. WEBB,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

Page 3. *After* clause 3 *insert* the following new clause:—

4. (1.) It shall be lawful for the Governor, by proclamation in the *Government Gazette*, to dedicate any portion of land occupied or used by or in connection with the said railway as a public road in order to allow public traffic across the said railway, and thereupon the said land and road shall be open to such traffic. Governor may proclaim public roads across railway.

(2.) If the road shall cross the railway on a level the provisions of subsection (4) of section 3 of this Act shall, on the expiration of six weeks from the publication of the proclamation, have effect with respect to the aforesaid road.

(3.) If the road shall not cross the railway on a level, and the Secretary for Lands is of opinion that for the purposes of traffic along the road it is necessary that the railway should be carried by a bridge over the road; or that the road shall be carried by a bridge over the said railway, and the said Secretary in either of the cases by writing under his hand notifies to the promoters that he requires a bridge to be erected as aforesaid, then the promoters shall within six months after the notification has been made by the said Secretary erect the bridge subject to and in accordance with such of the provisions of preceding sections as are in the circumstances applicable.

(4.) If the promoters do not within the period limited as aforesaid erect any bridge as required by the Secretary for Lands, it shall be lawful for the said Secretary on behalf of Her Majesty to erect the bridge and recover the cost of the same from the promoters.

(5.) For the purpose of erecting any bridge as aforesaid, the said Secretary may, by his officers and servants, enter upon any land of the promoters, and may stop or divert any traffic along the railway of the promoters, and shall not be liable for any loss or damage thereby caused to the promoters or to any person whomsoever.

Page 4, clause 4, line 3. *After* "promoters" *insert* "with the approval of the Railway Commissioners."

Page 4, clause 6. *Omit* subsection (1).

Page 4, clause 6. *After* subsection (2) *insert* the following new sub-section:—"The production of the *Government Gazette* containing a copy of the By-laws as approved by the Attorney-General, shall be sufficient evidence of such By-laws in all proceedings under the same."

Page 5, clause 9, line 14. *Omit* "Public."

Page 5, clause 9, line 14. *After* "Lands" *insert* "for Public Purposes"

Page 5, clause 9, line 15. *Add* at end of clause "and the Acts amending the same; provided that in no case shall the amount of purchase money exceed the cost of constructing the work"

Page 5, clause 10, lines 16 to 20. *Omit* "Unless the railway hereby authorised shall be completed and brought into use within two years from the passing of this Act, or within such extended time as the Governor and Executive Council may allow, the rights and privileges hereby conferred on the promoters shall cease."

Examined,—

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Chairman of Committees.

34. BANK HOLIDAYS AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put and passed.

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

Mr. Griffith then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to fix certain Public Holidays on Mondays.*"

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 fix certain Public Holidays on Mondays,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 2nd November, 1899.*

35. MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BROKEN HILL ELECTRIC LIGHTING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the adoption of the report from the Committee of the Whole,—Mr. Cann moved, That the report be now adopted.

Question put and passed.

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

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36. ILLAWARRA HARBOUR AND LAND CORPORATION ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Parkes moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 35.	
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Affleck,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Garland,
Mr. Austin Chapman,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Hurley,	Mr. Law,
Mr. Pyers,	Mr. Goodwin,
Mr. Nelson,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Archer,	Mr. Hogue.
Mr. Barnes,	
Mr. Brunker,	Tellers.
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Byrne,	Mr. Molesworth.
Mr. Copeland,	

Noes, 15.	
Mr. Cook,	
Mr. Wilks,	
Mr. Carroll,	
Mr. O'Conor,	
Mr. Spruson,	
Mr. Dick,	
Mr. Ross,	
Mr. Nielsen,	
Mr. McGowen,	
Mr. Cann,	
Mr. Quinn,	
Mr. Macdonald,	
Mr. Terry,	

Tellers,

Mr. Spence,
Mr. Watson.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

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

37. CITY AND NORTH SYDNEY CONNECTION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Parkes moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put,—That this Debate be now adjourned.

The House divided.

Ayes, 22.	
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Wise,	Mr. Pyers,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Parkes.
Mr. Hogue,	Tellers,
Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. O'Conor.
Mr. Quinn,	
Mr. Moore,	
Mr. Ashton,	
Mr. Terry,	
Mr. Richards,	
Mr. Goodwin,	
Mr. Archer,	

Noes, 27.	
Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. Austin Chapman,
Mr. Spence,	Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Sleath,	Mr. Spruson,
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Law.
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Tellers,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Watson,	Mr. Macdonald.
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Affleck,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Original Question again proposed.

Debate continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 7.	
Mr. McLean,	
Mr. Pyers,	
Mr. Molesworth,	
Mr. Affleck,	
Mr. Wise,	
Tellers.	
Mr. Quinn,	
Mr. Garland.	

Noes, 31.	
Mr. Hurley,	
Mr. Hogue,	
Mr. Cook,	
Mr. McGowen,	
Mr. Spence,	
Mr. Gillies,	
Mr. Bennett,	
Mr. Brunker,	
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Ferguson,	
Mr. Copeland,	
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	

Noes, 31.	
Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Smith,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Wilks,
Mr. Spruson,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Law,	Mr. Wilson.
Mr. Austin Chapman,	Tellers,
Mr. Watson,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Carroll.
Mr. Nelson,	
Mr. O'Conor,	
Mr. Nicholson,	
Mr. Cann,	

And so it passed in the negative.

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

Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.

38. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Wise moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty 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. 37.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 7 NOVEMBER, 1899.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Supply of Ammunition and War Stores :—*Mr. Carroll*, for *Mr. Quinn*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) In view of probable difficulties between Great Britain and European Powers, will he assure this House that the ammunition for large and small arms, and war stores generally, are sufficient for any contingency that may arise?

(2.) If he cannot give this assurance, will he take immediate steps to increase the stock in hand, in order that New South Wales may be able to defend itself in case of emergency?

Mr. See answered,—There is a sufficiency of ammunition for all requirements.

- (2.) Drill-sheds for Volunteers :—*Mr. Thomas*, for *Mr. Copeland*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Reverting to the Question asked by *Mr. Copeland* on Wednesday, 25th October, with respect to "Drill-sheds for Volunteers," as follows—"Is he aware that some two years ago a sum of money was voted for the purpose of erecting drill-sheds for the Volunteers as soon as a site could be obtained by the Government, but that up to the present time they have failed in providing such site?"—to which Question the Minister answered, "No"—will he be good enough to make further inquiries into the matter, with a view to ascertaining whether a sum of £11,240 was not voted under the Loan Estimates for 1897, to be paid out of the Consolidated Revenue in thirty years by means of an Annual Sinking Fund, "to provide drill-halls and buildings with equipments in connection with defence works, Volunteers, and others," and whether a portion of this vote has not already been expended in erecting local drill-sheds for some of the country Volunteers?

(2.) Is there any Departmental or other reason that he is aware of that the metropolitan Volunteers should be less favourably treated in this respect than the country Volunteers?

(3.) As this question of "site" has been standing over for such a long period, to the great inconvenience of the Volunteers, will he, if possible, treat it as an urgent matter, and endeavour to have a location decided on in consultation with his honorable colleague the Minister for Defence?

Mr. Hassall answered,—The Loan Vote (thirty years Sinking Fund) included an item of £5,000 for drill-halls for country districts, and an item of £2,000 for drill-halls in Sydney. The item of £5,000 for country drill-halls has been expended, sites having been acquired. Out of the item of £2,000 for drill-halls in Sydney, a sum of £765 was expended on a drill-hall at Victoria Barracks for the Metropolitan troops, and the balance of £1,235 has been retained to erect a drill-hall on any suitable site which can be obtained. The Military Department has tried for the following sites :—(1) Temporary sites in the Domain, near the Technological Museum; (2) site in Government Architect's old premises, Chancery Square; (3) site in Phillip Park, at the corner of Woolloomooloo-street and Boomerang-street; (4) site in Cook Park, at the corner of Boomerang-street and College-street; (5) site east of the Domain Gates, opposite St. Mary's Cathedral; (6) site corner of Bridge and Phillip Streets. The Lands Department were also invited to suggest a site. The matter will receive attention.

- (3.) Control of the Vehicular Traffic of the City of Sydney :—*Mr. Nobbs*, for *Mr. Whiddon*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Referring to the Question asked by *Mr. Archer*, Member for Burwood, relative to the vehicular traffic in George-street in anticipation of the opening of the electric tram, is he aware that the following resolution of the House was carried on 30th August, 1898 :—"That, in the
" opinion

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"opinion of this House, it is expedient that the Government should bring in a Bill for the purpose of abolishing or materially altering the constitution of the Transit Commission, with the view to the better control of the vehicular traffic of the city of Sydney; also for the more satisfactory working, in the interests of those who at present are subject to the rules and regulations, of the Commission as now constituted"?

(2.) In view of the foregoing, would he consider the urgent need of, at an early date, introducing legislation which will alter the existing evil?

Mr. Lyne answered,—This matter will receive attention.

(4.) Report by Messrs. Taylor and Brierly on the Public Accounts:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. Whiddon, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Were Messrs. J. C. Taylor and A. J. Brierly recently employed to make a report on the Public Accounts?

(2.) Were they instructed to make an investigation as to the state of the accounts, or merely to certify to the balances shown in the Treasury books, on the date that the present Treasurer assumed office?

(3.) How many days were these gentlemen employed at the Treasury in making their investigation?

(4.) What were the dates of their appointment and report?

(5.) What amount was paid to each gentleman for his services?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) Yes, in accordance with the usual practice on change of Government.

(2.) They were appointed for the purpose of verifying the balances, securities, bank balances, &c., shown by the Treasury books, but they in no way make an investigation as to the state of the accounts.

(3.) One day.

(4.) Mr. Taylor was nominated on the 13th September, and accepted the nomination the following day. Mr. Brierly was nominated on the 15th September, and his acceptance was notified on the same day. Date of report, 19th September, 1899.

(5.) Five guineas each.

(5.) Distance from Sydney to Wilcannia, *via* Parkes and *via* Cobar:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What is the estimated distance from Sydney to Menindie and Wilcannia, *via* Parkes and Condobolin, by the proposed route of railway?

(2.) The same information with regard to the distance from Sydney to Wilcannia *via* Cobar?

(3.) What will be the extra distance and cost of haulage of the two lines of railway?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) Sydney to Menindie, *via* Condobolin, 618 miles; Sydney to Wilcannia, *via* Condobolin, 597 miles.

(2.) Sydney to Wilcannia, *via* Cobar, 624 miles.

(3.) I am not clear what is meant by "the extra distance." The cost of haulage will be a matter for the Railway Commissioners to deal with.

(6.) Employees in Freezing Rooms and Stores:—*Mr. Gillies*, for Mr. Quinn, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Are the freezing rooms and stores in the city subject to the provisions of the Workshops and Factories Act?

(2.) If so, will he apply that Act to such places, in the interest of those employed?

Mr. Perry answered,—The Act applies to such places if in connection therewith goods are prepared for trade or sale, or packed for transit.

(7.) Despatch of Troops to the Transvaal:—*Mr. Thomas* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he place upon the Table of this House copies of all communications which have passed between the Right Honorable Joseph Chamberlain, Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, and the past and present Governments of New South Wales *re* the sending of troops to the Transvaal?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Copies of all communications in the matter referred to, other than those of a confidential nature, will be laid upon the Table of this House shortly.

2. EARLY CLOSING BILL (No. 2):—*Mr. Lees* presented a Petition from certain storekeepers of Penrith, praying that the town of Penrith may be brought under the provisions of the Early Closing Bill (No. 2).

Petition received.

3. STANFORD COAL-MINE RAILWAY BILL:—*Mr. Gillies*, 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 October, 1899; together with Appendix and a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Gillies then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday next.

Question put and passed.

4. DOMESTIC SERVANTS REGULATION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) *Mr. Affleck* moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate the hiring and employment of female general domestic servants, and the hours of work of such servants.

Question put and passed.

(2.) *Mr. Affleck* then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to regulate the hiring and employment of female general domestic servants, and the hours of work of such servants*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 23th November.

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5. RESERVES FOR PARKS AND PUBLIC RECREATION, COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND (*Formal Motion*):—
Mr. Dugald Thomson moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
(1.) The total area of reserves for parks and public recreation in each municipality in the county of Cumberland.
(2.) The sum granted in each of such municipalities out of the Parks' Vote during the last financial year.
Question put and passed.
6. COAL MINES REGULATION ACT AMENDING 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 regulate the hours of labour in coal and shale mines in the Colony of New South Wales.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the following Message:—
MR. PRESIDENT,—
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to regulate the hours of labour in coal and shale mines in the Colony of New South Wales,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 7th November, 1899.*
7. ILLAWARRA HARBOUR AND LAND CORPORATION ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT 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 amend and extend the Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation Act of 1890, and the Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation Act Amendment Act of 1895.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with the following Message:—
MR. PRESIDENT,—
The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend and extend the Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation Act of 1890, and the Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation Act Amendment Act of 1895,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 7th November, 1899.*
8. SMALL DEBTS RECOVERY 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 consolidate the Acts relating to the Recovery of Small Debts in Courts of Petty Sessions.*"
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 consolidate the Acts relating to the Recovery of Small Debts in Courts of Petty Sessions,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 7th November, 1899.*
9. PAPERS:—
Mr. See laid upon the Table,—
(1.) By-laws of the Sydney Hospital.
(2.) Statement showing the defeated candidates whose deposits have been refunded, and the ground for such refund, under the Electoral Act of 1880.
(3.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Nyngan.
(4.) Return (*in part*) to an Order, made on 21st September, 1898,—"*Monthly Returns of Accidents.*"
(5.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Moss Vale.
(6.) Plan showing Tick Quarantine Boundaries and Inspection Fence, Queensland (to accompany second interim Report of the Royal Commission on Tuberculosis), laid upon the Table on the 24th October, 1899.
(7.) Regulations under the Volunteer Force Regulation Act of 1867.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
10. SUSPENSION OF A SESSIONAL ORDER:—Mr. Lyne (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Sessional Order, adopted on the 2nd November, 1899, providing that Government Business only shall be taken after 8 o'clock p.m. on Tuesdays, be suspended for this day only, to allow of the consideration and determination of the Notice of Motion (No. 9 on the Business Paper for this day) in connection with the holding of a great International Exhibition, and of the Order of the Day (No. 4) for the further consideration in Committee of the Sydney Corporation Act Amendment Bill.
Debate ensued.
Question put.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 48.		Noes, 13.	
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Ross,	Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Garland,
Mr. See,	Mr. W. W. Davis,	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Wilks,
Mr. Wise,	Mr. James Thomson,	Mr. Molesworth,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Hurley,	Mr. Quinn,	Mr. Terry,	Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Watson,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Moore,	Mr. Carroll,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Price,	Mr. Eddon,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,
Mr. Spruson,	Mr. Jessep,	Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Macdonald.	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,		Mr. Ashton.
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Carruthers,	<i>Tellers,</i>	
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Lees,	Mr. Henry Chapman,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Pyers,	Mr. Affleck,	Mr. Waddell.	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Kidd,		Mr. Sawers.
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Nobbs,		
Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Spence,		
Mr. Richards,	Mr. Law,		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

11. ALFRED AUSTIN SAMPSON'S SETTLEMENT LEASE, GUNNEDAH:—Mr. Moore moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the matter of Alfred Austin Sampson's settlement lease No. 96-21, Gunnedah, his appeals against the valuations of improvements on same, and all other proceedings in connection therewith.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Hassall, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Ashton, Mr. Sawers, Mr. Watson, Mr. Cruickshank, Mr. Goodwin, Mr. Whiddon, Mr. Spence, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

12. CASE OF THOMAS BUCKLEY—PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:—Mr. E. M. Clark moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the case of Thomas Buckley, dismissed from the Public Works Department.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Hayes, Mr. McGowen, Mr. Spruson, Mr. Holman, Mr. McFarlane, Mr. Waddell, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Norton, and the Mover.

(3.) That the Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence of Select Committees of 1896, 1897, and 1898 respectively, together with all papers referred thereto, be referred to such Committee.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

13. PUBLIC DEFENDER:—Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the interests of justice demand that a Public Defender should be appointed, with legal and police machinery at his command, for the purpose of defence, similar to that which the Crown Prosecutor can command for the purpose of prosecution.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

Ayes, 19.	Noes, 41.
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Quinn,	Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Garland,
Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Watson,	Mr. Wilks,
Mr. James Thomson,	Mr. Jessep,
Mr. Price,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Smith,	Mr. See,
Mr. Law,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Richards,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Pyers,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Eddon,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Carroll,	Mr. Wise,
Mr. Macdonald.	Mr. Mahony,
<i>Tellers,</i>	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Ross.	Mr. Phillips,
	Mr. Byrne,
	Mr. Cohen,
	Mr. Spruson,
	Mr. Rose,
	Mr. Sawers,
	Mr. Piddington,
	Mr. Hassall,
	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,
	Mr. Affleck,
	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
	Mr. Perry,
	Mr. Thomas Clarke,
	Mr. Nicholson,
	Mr. Barnes,
	Mr. Moore,
	Mr. Goodwin,
	Mr. Wood,
	Mr. Henry Chapman,
	Mr. Terry.
	<i>Tellers,</i>
	Mr. W. W. Davis,
	Mr. Meagher.

And so it passed in the negative.

14. CASE OF WILLIAM CRESWELL:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick 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 William Creswell, at present an inmate of the Parramatta Lunatic Asylum.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Dacey, Mr. Meagher, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Wilks, Mr. Waddell, Mr. E. M. Clark, Mr. O'Connor, and the Mover.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 48.			Noes, 11.
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Moore,	Mr. Edden,	Mr. Molesworth,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. W. W. Davis,	Mr. Law,	Mr. Bruncker,
Mr. Goodwin,	Mr. Cann,	Mr. Wright,	Mr. Garland,
Mr. See,	Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Wilks,	Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Lees,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Watson,	Mr. Byrne,	Mr. Quinn,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. James Thomson,	Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Spruson,
Mr. Meagher,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Henry Chapman,	Mr. Sawers,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Alleck,	Mr. Thomas Clarke,	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick.
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Smith,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Jessep,	Mr. Richards,	Mr. Millard,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Pyers,	Mr. Hurley,	Mr. Ross.	Mr. Mahony.
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Kidd,	<i>Tellers,</i>	
Mr. Rose,	Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Price,	
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Carroll,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.	
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Nicholson,		
Mr. Phillips,	Mr. Nielsen,		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

15. INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION, SYDNEY:—Mr. Law moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable "that" a great International Exhibition should be held in the vicinity of Sydney early in the year 1901, in order to display the marvellous mineral, agricultural, pastoral, and other resources of New South Wales in such a manner as will signalise to the world that she is in the van of Australian progress, and that Sydney is the capital and commercial London of Australia.

Mr. Thomas moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "that" and inserting the words "the Government of New South Wales should at once communicate with the Governments of Queensland, Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia, West Australia, and New Zealand, with the view of holding in the year 1901 an International Exhibition. Should the other Governments of Australia decline to take part, then the Government of New South Wales on its own responsibility should hold such an Exhibition,"—instead thereof.

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

Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 42.			Noes, 9.
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Spence,	Mr. Byrne,	Mr. Archer,
Mr. Meagher,	Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Wise,	Mr. Bruncker,	Mr. Henry Chapman,	Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Reid,	Mr. Rose,	Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Wilks,	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Cohen,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Law,	Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Lees,	Mr. Nicholson.
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Alleck,	Mr. Sleath,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Richards,	Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. Quinn,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Hogue.	Mr. Thomas.
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Cann,	<i>Tellers,</i>	
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Sawers,	Mr. Carroll,	
Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Garland.	
Mr. Spruson,	Mr. Mahony,		
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Phillips,		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question then put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 11.		Noes, 41.	
Mr. Meagher,	Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Sawers,
Mr. Archer,	Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Cann,	Mr. Alleck,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Spruson,	Mr. Richards,	Mr. Rose,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Smith,	Mr. Miller,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,
Mr. Henry Chapman,	Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Sleath,
Mr. Lees,	Mr. Bruncker,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Byrne,	Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Spence.	Mr. Perry,	Mr. Phillips,	Mr. Ferguson.
<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Dacey,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Quinn,
Mr. Law.	Mr. Wise,	Mr. Reid,	Mr. Mahony.
	Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Edden,	
	Mr. Wilks,	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,	
	Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Copeland,	

And so it passed in the negative.

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16. **SIDNEY CORPORATION ACT 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 Mr. Piddington, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with amendments and an amended Title.
On motion of Mr. Jessep, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
17. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Business postponed until To-morrow :—
(1.) Notices of Motions of Government Business, Nos. 1 to 11.
(2.) Orders of the Day of Government Business, Nos. 2 to 16.
18. **GOLD AND MINERAL DREDGING BILL** :—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Fegan, 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 mining for gold and other minerals by dredging, pumping, sluicing, or other method, in the beds of rivers and lakes, under tidal or standing waters under the ocean contiguous to the coast-line, and in, on, and under any land contiguous to the aforesaid places; and for purposes consequent on or incidental to those 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 regulate mining for gold and other minerals by dredging, pumping, sluicing, or other method, in the beds of rivers and lakes, under tidal or standing waters under the ocean contiguous to the coast-line, and in, on, and under any land contiguous to the aforesaid places; and for purposes consequent on or incidental to those objects.
On motion of Mr. Fegan, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
(2.) Mr. Fegan then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to regulate mining for gold and other minerals by dredging, pumping, sluicing, or other method, in the beds of rivers and lakes, under tidal or standing waters under the ocean contiguous to the coast-line, and in, on, and under any land contiguous to the aforesaid places; and for purposes consequent on or incidental to those objects,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
19. **MINERS ACCIDENT RELIEF BILL** :—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Fegan, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide a fund for the benefit of persons injured by mining accidents, and the relations of persons killed or injured by such accidents; and for purposes incidental to or consequent upon those 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 provide a fund for the benefit of persons injured by mining accidents, and the relations of persons killed or injured by such accidents; and for purposes incidental to or consequent upon those objects.
On motion of Mr. Fegan, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
(2.) Mr. Fegan then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide a fund for the benefit of persons injured by mining accidents, and the relations of persons killed or injured by such accidents; and for purposes incidental to or consequent upon those objects,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
20. **POSTPONEMENT** :—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of the Early Closing Bill (No. 2) postponed until To-morrow.
21. **GOULBURN TO CROOKWELL RAILWAY BILL** :—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on the motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, 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 Goulburn to Crookwell, provided that before commencing the said work certain land required is contracted to be conveyed to the Crown, or an indemnity is given for the cost of resuming the same; to amend the provisions of the Public Works Act of 1888, so far as they relate to the duty of the Constructing Authority to make and maintain fences along the said line of railway; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; and for other purposes.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, 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 Goulburn to Crookwell, provided that before commencing the said work certain land required is contracted to be conveyed to the Crown, or an indemnity is given for the cost of resuming the same; to amend the provisions of the Public Works Act of 1888, so far as they relate to the duty of the Constructing Authority to make and maintain fences along the said line of railway; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; and for other purposes.
On motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
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- (2.) Mr. O'Sullivan then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Goulburn to Crookwell, provided that before commencing the said work certain land required is contracted to be conveyed to the Crown, or an indemnity is given for the cost of resuming the same; to amend the provisions of the Public Works Act of 1888, so far as they relate to the duty of the Constructing Authority to make and maintain fences along the said line of railway; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; and for other purposes,*"—which was read a first time.

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

22. DUBBO TO COONAMBLE RAILWAY BILL:—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, 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 Dubbo to Coonamble, provided that before commencing the said work certain land required is contracted to be conveyed to the Crown, or an indemnity is given for the cost of resuming the same; to amend the provisions of the Public Works Act of 1888, so far as they relate to the duty of the Constructing Authority to make and maintain fences along the said line of railway; to authorise the construction of the said line on certain public roads; and for other purposes.

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, 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 Dubbo to Coonamble, provided that before commencing the said work certain land required is contracted to be conveyed to the Crown, or an indemnity is given for the cost of resuming the same; to amend the provisions of the Public Works Act of 1888, so far as they relate to the duty of the Constructing Authority to make and maintain fences along the said line of railway; to authorise the construction of the said line on certain public roads; and for other purposes.

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

- (2.) Mr. O'Sullivan then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Dubbo to Coonamble, provided that before commencing the said work certain land required is contracted to be conveyed to the Crown, or an indemnity is given for the cost of resuming the same; to amend the provisions of the Public Works Act of 1888, so far as they relate to the duty of the Constructing Authority to make and maintain fences along the said line of railway; to authorise the construction of the said line on certain public roads; and for other purposes,*"—which was read a first time.

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

23. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until To-morrow:—

- (1.) Tweed River Harbour Works Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the carrying out of Harbour Works at the Tweed River.
 (2.) Bellinger River Harbour Works Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the carrying out of Harbour Works at the Bellinger River.
 (3.) Public Service (Amendment) Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Public Service Act of 1895, and to provide for certain gratuities and superannuation and retirement allowances to Public Servants.

24. MINING LAWS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL:—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Fegan, 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 Mining on Private Lands Act of 1894, the Mining Laws Amendment Act of 1896, and the Mining Act of 1889.

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 amend the Mining on Private Lands Act of 1894, the Mining Laws Amendment Act of 1896, and the Mining Act of 1889.

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

- (2.) Mr. Fegan then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Mining on Private Lands Act of 1894, the Mining Laws Amendment Act of 1896, and the Mining Act of 1889,*"—which was read a first time.

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

25. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Lyne moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at fourteen minutes after Eight 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

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FOURTH SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 8 NOVEMBER, 1899.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Fees to Members of Parliament for Services rendered to the Government:—Mr. Carruthers asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Does he intend to bring in a Bill to render it illegal for any Member of either House of Parliament to accept fees for services rendered to the Government as counsel, commissioner, or otherwise; if so, when?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Instructions have been issued not to employ Members of either House of Parliament and pay them, either as counsel, commissioner, or otherwise.

- (2.) Interest on Unpaid Judgments in Supreme and other Courts:—Mr. Carruthers asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will the Government bring in a Bill to reduce the present high rate of interest (8 per cent.) chargeable upon unpaid judgments in the Supreme and other Courts?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Yes, as soon as public business will permit.

- (3.) Employment of Mr. Bromfield:—Mr. Barnes asked the Colonial Secretary,—Was a Mr. Bromfield employed in connection with the Statistician's Department; and, if so, in what capacity, at what remuneration, and by whose authority?

Mr. See answered,—I hope to be able to give the Honorable Member the fullest information early next week.

- (4.) Case of Eaton v. Giles, North Sydney Police Court:—*Mr. Carroll*, for Mr. E. M. Clark, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Were proceedings instituted by Charles Eaton against Albert Giles, on Monday, 6th November, at the North Sydney Police Court, for illegally removing furniture?

(2.) Did Mr. Wilshire, Stipendiary Magistrate, dismiss the charge; and, if so, upon what grounds?

(3.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House at once the depositions and other papers in the case?

Mr. Wood answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes. I am not aware of the reason.

(3.) I shall have no objection to lay the papers upon the Table if they be moved for in the usual way.

- (5.) St. Leonards to Milson's Point Railway Extension:—*Mr. Carroll*, for Mr. E. M. Clark, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What has been the total cost of construction, including land resumptions, to the 30th June last, of that portion of the North Shore railway known as the St. Leonards to Milson's Point Extension?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I am informed that the total cost of construction, including land resumptions, of the St. Leonards to Milson's Point Extension was £377,522 on the 30th June last.

- (6.) Employment of Margaret Kelly by Mr. Granville, at Nowra:—*Mr. Carroll*, for Mr. E. M. Clark, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a young girl named Margaret Kelly has been apprenticed from the Parramatta Industrial School to an employer named Granville, at Nowra?

(2.) Has the address of this girl been furnished by the Department to Mr. E. M. Clark, M.P.; and have instructions been given to her employer that he should not communicate, or allow her to communicate with her parents or any other person on her behalf; if not, will he inquire why Mr. Granville has declined to communicate on the subject of this girl?

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Mr. Perry answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) Yes. No instructions have been given to her employer prohibiting communication. If the girl does not choose to correspond with her father and step-mother, it is not the province of the Department to compel her to do so, nor can the employer be compelled to communicate with them.
- (7.) Bridge to connect Sydney with North Sydney :—*Mr. Carroll*, for Mr. E. M. Clark, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Has the Engineer for Railway Construction, in evidence he has given before the various Select Committees on the North Shore connections, advocated the extension of the Northern Railway into the city by means of a bridge from McMahon's Point to Dawes Point?
 - (2.) Did the late Sir John Fowler (at the request of the late Sir Henry Parkes), or any other eminent engineers, prepare plans of a bridge connection between Sydney and North Shore, and select as the most suitable site the points known as Dawes Point and Milson's Point?
 - (3.) Did the late Mr. Eddy, Chief Railway Commissioner, in his evidence before a Royal Commission on the subject, state that if it was at any time necessary to connect the North Shore line with the city it should be by tunnel?
 - (4.) In view of these and other conflicting opinions, and the urgency of this connection being made at once, both for railway, vehicular, tram, and pedestrian traffic, will he take steps to secure the advice of some competent and independent authority to report upon the subject, with due consideration to the City Railway Extension?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

- (1.) The Engineer-in-Chief for Railway Construction has advocated no extension; he merely said that if a bridge connection had to be made the proper route is from Dawes Point to McMahon's Point.
- (2.) I gather from a minute of the late Mr. Whitton, dated 22nd June, 1888, that Sir John Fowler furnished Sir Henry Parkes with a design for a bridge.
- (3.) I am not aware.
- (4.) This will receive my best consideration, and, after I have received all the depositions that desire to interview me on the matter, I hope to be able to make known the Government's intention on the subject.

- (8.) Employment of man named Beattie as Inspector of Timber at Pymont Bridge :—*Mr. E. M. Clark* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has he given instructions that union men should have preference for all work in his Department?
- (2.) Is it a fact that a non-union man named Beattie has been transferred from Fitzroy Dock as inspector of timber at Pymont Bridge?
- (3.) Is it a fact that a non-union man named Bussell has been similarly appointed as inspector of punts?
- (4.) What has been the length of these men's services; and is it a fact that union men of longer service have been overlooked in this appointment?
- (5.) Will he take steps that union men of long service shall receive preference over non-union men?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

- (1.) My minute was issued to protect trade unionists, and was to the effect that men should not be excluded from work because they were union men.
- (2.) Beattie has not been transferred from the Dock, or appointed an inspector, but on one occasion his services were availed of to pass timber for the Pymont Bridge. His pay has not been increased.
- (3.) No; but a man named Bussell, who is, I understand, a trade unionist, has looked after the building of punts on various occasions.
- (4.) Beattie has been employed on and off since August, 1893. Bussell has been similarly employed since September, 1891. These men were selected for special duty, because they were the most suitable men for the work required of them.
- (5.) So long as men are engaged on their merits, and are not refused because they belong to a union, I see no necessity for interfering.

- (9.) Case of Ricketson and another *v.* Cook :—*Mr. Affleck* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Has he been made aware of the decision of the Full Court as to the case of Ricketson and another *v.* Cook?
- (2.) Under the circumstances, what is the intention of the Government as to providing for such cases in the future?
- (3.) What is the probable cost to the Crown of the case above referred to?

Mr. Fegan answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2 and 3.) The cases referred to being *sub judice*, the information desired cannot at present be supplied.

- (10.) Vineyards destroyed under the Vine Diseases Act of 1893 :—*Mr. Carroll*, for Mr. Dacey, asked the Secretary for Mines,—How many vineyards have been destroyed under the Vine Diseases Act of 1893, together with the areas, owners' names, and amount of compensation given in each case?

Mr. Fegan answered,—A return, giving the information referred to, will be prepared at the earliest possible date, and laid upon the Table of the House.

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- (11.) Workmen engaged in the Telegraph Construction Branch:—Mr. Spence asked the Postmaster-General,—For what reasons were the workmen engaged in the Telegraph Construction Branch refused the half-holiday on Friday last, on the occasion of the departure of the Contingent for South Africa?
- Mr. Wood answered,—I am not aware of any application having been made by the workmen engaged in the Telegraph Construction Branch to be allowed off duty on Friday last. It is not usual to allow them half-holidays on such occasions.
- (12.) South Head Signal Station Telephone Line:—Mr. Spruson asked the Postmaster-General,—
- (1.) The number of telephone subscribers who pay special fees for sending messages over the South Head Signal Station telephone line?
 - (2.) The revenue obtained annually by way of special fees charged for sending messages over this line?
- Mr. Wood answered,—
- (1.) Fifty-six subscribers.
 - (2.) £28 per annum.
2. PROPOSED RAILWAY, TEMORA TO WYALONG:—Mr. Barnes presented a Petition from certain residents of Cootamundra, Young, and Wyalong, praying that the House will consider the matter of again referring to the Public Works Committee for inquiry and report the proposal of the Temora to Wyalong Railway.
Petition received.
3. EARLY CLOSING BILL (No. 2):—Mr. Reid presented a Petition from certain small shop-keepers of the City of Sydney and the adjacent Municipalities, praying that the House will amend the Early Closing Bill (No. 2) in such a manner that shop assistants may be relieved without resorting to the drastic and arbitrary proposals of compulsory closing.
At the request of Mr. E. M. Clark, the Petition was read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker.
Petition received.
4. PAPERS:—
- Mr. Hassall 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 section 105 of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, and section 7 of the Public Trusts Act, 1897.
 - (2.) Return to an Order, made on 15th August, 1899,—“Alfred Austin Sampson’s Settlement ‘Lease, Gunnedah.’”
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- Mr. O’Sullivan laid upon the Table,—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, of the Board of Inquiry appointed to inquire into the construction of the George and Harris Streets Electric Tramway.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
5. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Gornly, as Chairman, brought up the Ninth Report from the Printing Committee.
6. MATRIMONIAL CAUSES 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 consolidate the Acts relating to Divorce and Matrimonial Causes.*”
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 consolidate the Acts relating to Divorce and Matrimonial Causes,*”—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.
- Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 8th November, 1899.*
7. MARRIAGE 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 consolidate the Acts relating to Marriage.*”
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 consolidate the Acts relating to Marriage,*”—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.
- Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 8th November, 1899.*
8. PRINTING 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 consolidate the Acts for preventing the printing and publishing of books and papers by persons not known.*”
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 consolidate the Acts for preventing the printing and publishing of books and papers by persons not known,*”—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.
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9. REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, DEATHS, AND MARRIAGES 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 consolidate the Acts relating to the Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages.*”
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 consolidate the Acts relating to the Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages,*”—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
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10. LANDLORD AND TENANT 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 consolidate the statutes relating to the Law of Landlord and Tenant.*”
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 consolidate the statutes relating to the Law of Landlord and Tenant,*”—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
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11. PATENTS 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 consolidate the Acts relating to Letters Patent.*”
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 consolidate the Acts relating to Letters Patent,*”—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
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12. POLICE REGULATION 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 consolidate the statute law relating to the Regulation of the Police Force.*”
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 consolidate the statute law relating to the Regulation of the Police Force,*”—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 8th November, 1899.*
13. COMMON LAW PROCEDURE 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 consolidate the enactments relating to the process, practice, and mode of pleading at law in the Supreme Court.*”
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 consolidate the enactments relating to the process, practice, and mode of pleading at law in the Supreme Court,*”—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
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14. ADULTERATION OF LIQUORS 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 consolidate certain Acts relating to the adulteration of Liquors.*”
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 consolidate certain Acts relating to the adulteration of Liquors,*”—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
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15. MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BROKEN HILL ELECTRIC LIGHTING 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 give powers to the Council of the Municipal District of Broken Hill to light the streets and public places of the said Municipal District with the electric light, and to supply electricity within the limits of the said Municipal District, and to levy rates and to make charges in respect of such lighting and supply; and for the purposes aforesaid to acquire land, and the right to use patents, and acquire or construct works and break open streets, remove obstructions, and lay down or erect electric lines; and to borrow money, enter into contracts, sell or lease fittings, and do other matters incidental to such lighting and supply; and to amend the one hundred and thirtieth, one hundred and forty-third, and one hundred and fifty-eighth, and other sections of the Municipalities Act of 1897, so far as may be necessary for the purposes aforesaid; and to impose certain penalties, and otherwise protect the Council from being defrauded, impeded, or harassed in the exercise of the aforesaid powers; and to make provision for the safety of the public; and to amend the law in other respects.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to give powers to the Council of the Municipal District of Broken Hill to light the streets and public places of the said Municipal District with the electric light, and to supply electricity within the limits of the said Municipal District, and to levy rates and to make charges in respect of such lighting and supply; and for the purposes aforesaid to acquire land, and the right to use patents, and acquire or construct works and break open streets, remove obstructions, and lay down or erect electric lines; and to borrow money, enter into contracts, sell or lease fittings, and do other matters incidental to such lighting and supply; and to amend the one hundred and thirtieth, one hundred and forty-third, and one hundred and fifty-eighth, and other sections of the Municipalities Act of 1897, so far as may be necessary for the purposes aforesaid; and to impose certain penalties, and otherwise protect the Council from being defrauded, impeded, or harassed in the exercise of the aforesaid powers; and to make provision for the safety of the public; and to amend the law in other respects,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 8th November, 1899.*

16. TWEED RIVER HARBOUR WORKS BILL:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in this Bill discharged, on motion of Mr. O'Sullivan.
17. BELLINGER RIVER HARBOUR WORKS BILL:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in this Bill discharged, on motion of Mr. O'Sullivan.
18. GRENFELL TO WYALONG RAILWAY BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. O'Sullivan, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 45.

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 Grenfell to Wyalong, provided that before commencing the said work certain land required is contracted to be conveyed to the Crown, or an indemnity is given for the cost of resuming the same; to amend the provisions of the Public Works Act of 1888, so far as they relate to the duty of the Constructing Authority to make and maintain fences along the said line of railway; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; and for other purposes.

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

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

- (1.) Friendly Societies 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 Friendly Societies, and for other purposes,*"—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.

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JOHN LACKEY,
President.

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 8th November, 1899.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, title. Omit "consolidate and"

Page 1, clause 1, line 7. After "Governor" insert "subject to the provisions of the Public Service Act of 1895"

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- Page 1, clause 1. *After* subsection (2) *insert* the following new subsection:—"Any actuary to be appointed under this Act shall be a Fellow of the Institute of Actuaries of Great Britain and Ireland or a Fellow of the Faculty of Actuaries in Scotland"
- Page 3, clause 6. *After* subsection (a) *insert* the following new subsection:—"Medical attendance for and the dispensing of medicines to the members, their husbands, wives, children, fathers, mothers, brothers or sisters, nephews or nieces, or wards being orphans."
- Page 3, clause 6, lines 21 to 26. *Omit* "Provided that neither a society which contracts with any person for the assurance of an annuity exceeding fifty pounds per annum, or of a gross sum exceeding two hundred pounds, nor a society the majority of whose members consists of persons employed in the same establishment, shop, factory, or Government institution, shall be registered under this Act."
- Page 7, clause 23, line 13. *After* "provide" *insert* "which auditors shall have access to all the books, papers, deeds, documents, and accounts of the society or branch, and shall examine the general statement of the receipts and expenditure, funds, and effects of the society or branch, and verify the same with the accounts and vouchers relating thereto, and by examining the securities held by the society or branch, and shall either sign the same as found by them to be correct, duly vouched and in accordance with the law, or specially report to the society or branch in what respects they find it incorrect, unvouched or not in accordance with law, and shall accompany such report by a balance-sheet signed by them giving a correct statement of the financial position of the society or branch and of each of its funds."
- Page 7, clause 23, lines 14 and 15. *Omit* "have access to all the books and accounts of the society or branch and shall" *insert* "also"
- Page 7, clause 24. *After* subsection (a) *insert* the following new subsection:—"Show a return containing a list of the members of such society or branch, together with the age of each, and the periods of sickness, deaths, and other contingencies in respect of which benefits are given by the society or branch experienced by the society or branch during the year ending the thirty-first of December then last, specifying the members in respect of whom such sickness, deaths, or contingencies have been experienced, and such other information as the Registrar with the approval of the Governor may from time to time prescribe, and"
- Page 8, clause 27, line 28. *After* "Governor" *insert* "subject to the provisions of the Public Service Act of 1895"
- Page 8, clause 27, lines 28 and 29. *Omit* "any public officers to be"
- Page 8, clause 27, line 29. *Omit* "other than those"
- Page 8, clause 28, line 34. *After* "under" *insert* "subsection two of"
- Page 9, clause 31, line 43. *Omit* "heirs"
- Page 12, clause 40. *Omit* subsections (c) and (d) *insert* the following new subsection:—"Upon mortgage of any unencumbered land in the Colony of New South Wales of an estate in fee simple to an amount not exceeding two-thirds of the value of such land."
- Page 12, clause 41, line 19. *Omit* "in accordance with the rules of such society"
- Page 12, clause 41, line 20. *Omit* "or other assurance of real property," *insert* "of land"
- Page 12, clause 41, line 23. *After* "shall" *insert* "without re-conveyance or re-surrender"
- Page 12, clause 41, line 25. *Omit* "without re-conveyance or re-surrender" *insert* "to the uses and upon the trusts to or upon which the equity of redemption at the date of such receipt stood limited"
- Pages 12 and 13, clause 43. *Omit* clause 43 *insert* the following new clause:—
 "A registered society, or, with the consent of the central body, any branch of a society may (if the rules of the society so provide) for the purpose of holding the meetings and transacting the business of such society or branch, hold, purchase or take on lease in the names of the trustees for the time being of such society or branch any land, and may build upon the same and sell, exchange, mortgage, or lease such land and buildings, or any part thereof, with power to alter and pull down buildings and again rebuild thereon, and no purchaser, assignee, mortgagee, or tenant shall be bound to inquire as to the authority for any sale, exchange, mortgage, or lease by the trustees, and the receipt of the trustees shall be a discharge for all moneys arising from or in connection with such sale, exchange, mortgage, or lease."
- Page 15, clause 50, subsections (3.) and (4.) *Omit* subsections (3.) and (4.)
- Page 15, clause 51, line 23. *After* "evidence" *insert* "supported by statutory declaration."
- Page 15, clause 51. *After* subsection (1.) *insert* the following new subsection:—"If any such member is illegitimate the trustees may pay the sum of money which that member might have nominated to or among the persons who, in the opinion of a majority of them, would have been entitled thereto if that member had been legitimate, or if there are no such persons the society or branch shall deal with the money as the Governor may direct."
- Page 15, clause 51, line 26. *After* "kin" *insert* "or other such person as aforesaid."
- Page 19, clause 65, line 23. *After* "the" *omit* remainder of clause *insert* "commencement of this Act."
- Page 30, clause 91, lines 27 and 28. *Omit* "for a period of twelve months from the commencement of this Act."

Examined,—

A. 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.

(2.)

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(2.) Military Contingent Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act for the government and discipline of a Military Contingent for service in South Africa*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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JOHN LACKEY,
President.

(3.) Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the law respecting Cruelty to Animals*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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JOHN LACKEY,
President.

20. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Lyne moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House at its rising this day do adjourn until Tuesday next.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

21. EARLY CLOSING BILL (No. 2):—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker took the Chair; and Mr. Moore, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

22. GREAT COBAR COPPER-MINE RAILWAY 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 Richard Read, of Singleton, doctor of medicine, William Longworth, of Lithgow, mine-manager, and Thomas Longworth, of Cobar, mine-manager, their executors, administrators, and assigns, to construct and maintain a line of railway from the mines of the Great Cobar Copper-mining Company (Limited), at Cobar, to communicate with the Great Western Railway, Nyngan to Cobar Branch; and for other purposes connected therewith*."

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JOHN LACKEY,
President.

23. POSTPONEMENTS:—The remaining Orders of the Day of Government Business postponed until Tuesday next.

24. SYDNEY CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Jessep moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put and passed.

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

Mr. Jessep then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Sydney Corporation Act of 1879 by providing for the election of the Mayor, and for the triennial retirement and election of Aldermen*."

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to amend the Sydney Corporation Act of 1879, by providing for the election of the Mayor, and for the triennial retirement and election of Aldermen*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, including an amendment in the Title, in which amendments the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

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SYDNEY CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 8th November, 1899.

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

Page 1, Title. Omit "triennial" insert "biennial"

Page 2, clause 4, lines 8 to 15. Omit "ninth day of December in each year the Aldermen shall assemble at the Town Hall for the purpose of electing a Mayor of the City for the forthcoming year. The Mayor shall be a fit person elected from the Aldermen or persons qualified to be such. The Mayor shall enter into office on the first day of January next following his election, and shall hold office until the thirty-first day of December following, and shall be eligible for re-election if still qualified" insert "first day"

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“ day of December in each year the citizens shall elect one of their number to be Mayor
 “ of the city for the following year. The Mayor shall enter into office on the first day
 “ of January next following the election, and shall hold office until the thirty-first day
 “ of December following, and shall be eligible for re-election if still qualified. The
 “ provisions and qualifications contained in the Sydney Corporation Act of 1879, relating
 “ to the nomination and election of auditors, shall be applicable to the nomination and
 “ election of Mayor.”

Page 2, clause 6, line 20. Omit “three” insert “two”

Page 2, clause 7, line 26. Omit “third” insert “second”

Page 2, clause 7, line 27. After “clerk” insert “or other citizen as the Council may appoint.”

Examined,—

WILLIAM McCOURT,
 Chairman of Committees.

25. TAMWORTH SHOW-GROUND BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Sawers moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Question put and passed.
 Bill read a second time.
 On motion of Mr. Sawers, Mr. Deputy-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. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Moore, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

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

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

26. TERRACE-STREET CLOSING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. E. M. Clark 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. Clark, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
 Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Moore, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.
 On motion of Mr. Clark, the report was adopted.
 Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

The House adjourned, at ten minutes after Twelve 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. 39.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 14 NOVEMBER, 1899.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Inspection of Milk:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Has the Public Health Board at any time undertaken (for the better protection of public health and the prevention and spread of consumption) to examine, bacteriologically or microscopically, samples of milk in daily use and consumption in Sydney and suburbs, for the presence of tubercle bacilli in the milk supply; if so, in how many cases have such examinations taken place, and the number of samples infected with tubercle bacilli?

(2.) Will he obtain from the Board of Health a statement as to the percentage (if any) of tuberculosis or tubercle bacilli contained or discovered in samples of milk so examined and inspected?

(3.) Will he also obtain from the Board of Health a statement as to the percentage of preservatives, as boric acid, salicylic acid, &c., contained in the milk supply now in daily use and consumption in Sydney and suburbs?

(4.) The probable or approximate milk supply, in gallons, consumed in Sydney and suburbs daily?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1 and 2.) An investigation of the nature referred to is in progress. Samples of the massed milks of three large suppliers, and samples of the milk retailed by the owners of eleven small herds have been examined; no tubercle bacilli were found in them. In other individual cases to which the state of the herd being milked directed attention, tubercle bacilli have been found in the milk of particular cows; these animals have been destroyed. Both of these lines of inquiry will be followed up; the examinations occupy a great deal of time, and it will be long before any general statement which can be relied upon can be made concerning this important matter.

(3.) Preservatives, when used, are used almost altogether in the summer months; they are rarely used by cow-keepers who live in the three or four municipalities which regularly gather samples and transmit them to the Health Department for analysis. The percentage hitherto detected has been very small, but not harmless; and if it should be found that the practice is persisted in, after warning, the matter will be made a subject of prosecution for adulteration.

(4.) The probable or approximate dairy milk supply to Sydney is not known.

- (2.) Overcrowding of Ferry Steamers:—Mr. Gillies, for Mr. Spruson, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is he aware that several harbour steamers were dangerously overcrowded on the occasion of the departure of the s.s. "Aberdeen" on 3rd November?

(2.) Whose duty is it to prevent overcrowding of harbour steamers?

(3.) Are designs for harbour steamers reviewed by any Government officer (if yes, by whom), with a view to keeping the load within safe limits, having regard to the fact that such vessels are repeatedly overcrowded both on seats and floors, particularly on upper decks, and are brought into the ocean roll between the Heads?

(4.) Is it a fact that passenger certificates are given to ferry steamers on the measurement of seating accommodation (not floor space) provided, and not on the basis of their stability and safe-carrying capacity?

(5.) Will he ascertain from the responsible officer (if any) if the steamers "Edina," "Brighton," "Bald Rock," and "Lady Hampden" were in a safe condition on the occasion above referred to, and state whether the reply is given as an opinion on sight or is based on calculations made on ascertained data?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The following replies have been received from the Marine Board:—

(1.) Several harbour steamers were alleged to have been overcrowded, but on inquiry being made, these allegations were not borne out. The fact is that on occasions of the sort all the passengers resort to the upper part of the vessels, and make them appear to have more people on board than they really have.

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- (2.) The owners and masters of the vessels, the Police, and officers of the Marine Board.
- (3.) The designs of harbour steamers are invariably referred to the officers of the Marine Board. These gentlemen, together with the owners, pay particular attention to the safety and suitability of the vessels for the passenger service in which they are intended.
- (4.) Seating accommodation cannot be provided for all the passengers, but more stringent measures are taken in New South Wales than the Board of Trade rules provide. The stability of our steamers is unquestionable for the number they are licensed to carry. The matter of the safety of the passengers need not therefore be questioned, though their comfort may sometimes be interfered with.
- (5.) The passengers were counted into the "Brighton," and she did not have nearly her full number. The passengers in the other vessels do not appear to have been counted. All these vessels referred to would perhaps appear to be overcrowded, but they showed no signs of being unsafe, though the masters somewhat recklessly followed the "Aberdeen" further into the rough water than they are authorised by the Regulations. The reports obtained from the Police also state that the steamers were not overcrowded.
- (3.) Duplicate Pipe-line, Prospect Water Supply:—Mr. Law asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Referring to the following Question, asked on Wednesday, 1st November, viz.:—"Is it a fact that the joints in the main duplicate pipe lines, at Prospect, for the City of Sydney Water Supply and Sewerage Board are of such a defective character as will necessitate a large additional expenditure on the part of the Government?" And Mr. O'Sullivan's answer,—"The joints are not defective, but the lead washers used under bolt-heads and nuts were found unsuitable, and are being removed and replaced with hemp grummetts. To relieve the joints from undue strain at times when the pipes are empty some extra expansion joints are being inserted, but the whole cost of the pipe when complete will be some £16,000 less than the first pipe, notwithstanding the fact that steel is now so very much dearer."
- (1.) Will he state the extra cost to be entailed by the removal of lead washers used under bolt-heads and nuts, and the replacing of same?
- (2.) What will be the cost entailed for extra expansion joints?
- (3.) Who is responsible for such additional expenditure?
- Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—
- (1.) About £380.
- (2.) £988.
- (3.) The Engineer-in-Chief for Public Works recommended the additional expenditure. As there was no previous experience of work of this class on record, it was considered advisable to omit the expansion joints in the first instance until it could be seen how the joints acted without them. The work is of a special nature and difficult to foresee how it would act under varying circumstances. The whole extra only amounts to 2 per cent. on the cost of the work.
- (4.) Compulsory Retirement of Public Servants:—Mr. Levien asked the the Attorney-General,—
- (1.) How many officers of the Civil Service who occupied positions and received £300 per year or more were compelled, or called upon, to resign by reason of the action of the present Public Service Board?
- (2.) How many have died of those who were compelled, or called upon, to resign since this Board came into existence?
- (3.) How many protested against the action of the Board?
- (4.) How many who made application for compensation, remuneration, or grant from the Superannuation Fund, and who were refused, have since died?
- (5.) How many who applied for relief, as referred to in Question No. 4, have been refused?
- Mr. Wise answered,—The following answers have been supplied by the Public Service Board:—It is not clear to the Public Service Board what information Mr. Levien desires to obtain. The only officers who have been "compelled or called upon to resign by reason of the action of the Board" are those in regard to whom the Board have made recommendations to the Governor and Executive Council that they should be called upon to resign on account of offences under Section 49 of the Public Service Act. If this is the information desired, the number of persons in regard to whom such recommendations have been made can without difficulty be supplied; but the Board are not aware as to whether any, or how many, of such persons may have since died.
2. LEASES IN THE CENTRAL DIVISION:—Mr. Ross presented a Petition from certain settlers, settlement lessees, and others resident in the Land District of Walgett, representing that the leases of the pastoral holdings in the Central Division having terminated, it only requires the sanction of Parliament to insure the speedy taking up and occupation of such areas; and praying the House to cause such steps to be taken as will render these pastoral holdings available for close settlement. Petition received.
3. PAPERS:—Mr. Wood laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Despatch respecting the withdrawal of the Principality of Montenegro from the International Copyright Convention of 1886.
- (2.) Despatch respecting the extension of operation, of Orders in Council for giving effect to International Copyright Convention, to the Empire of Japan.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
4. TAMWORTH SHOW GROUND BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Sawers, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Sawers then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to authorise the sale of certain lands held for the use and general purposes of the Liverpool Plains Pastoral, Agricultural, and Horticultural Association, and the purchase of other lands in lieu of the same, for the use of the said Association, and to authorise the mortgaging of the lands so purchased, and to provide for the removal and appointment of trustees of certain of the said lands.*"
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 authorise the sale of certain lands held for the use and general purposes of the Liverpool Plains Pastoral, Agricultural, and Horticultural Association, and the purchase of other lands in lieu of the same, for the use of the said Association, and to authorise the mortgaging of the lands so purchased, and to provide for the removal and appointment of trustees of certain of the said lands.*"—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. TERRACE-STREET CLOSING BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. E. M. Clark, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Clark then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to close and abolish Terrace-street leading from Flagstaff View street, North Sydney, to and bounded by lands of Tom Burton Dibbs and Edward Ainsworth Gaden (as trustees), and to vest the said Terrace-street in the said Tom Burton Dibbs and Edward Ainsworth Gaden (as such trustees).*"

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 close and abolish Terrace-street leading from Flagstaff View street, North Sydney, to and bounded by lands of Tom Burton Dibbs and Edward Ainsworth Gaden (as trustees), and to vest the said Terrace-street in the said Tom Burton Dibbs and Edward Ainsworth Gaden (as such trustees).*"—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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6. PROPOSED NEW STANDING ORDER (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Copeland moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Standing Orders Committee to consider the expediency of adopting the following new Standing Order, with a view to expediting the introduction of Bills:—131 (B.) Any Member desirous of introducing a Public Bill which shall have been read over and endorsed by not less than ten Members of the Assembly, may, without motion or debate, lay a copy thereof on the Table of the House, when such Bill shall be printed and circulated amongst Members; but in all other respects such Bill shall be dealt with in accordance with Chapter 25 of the Standing Orders.
Question put and passed.
7. MUNICIPALITIES ENABLING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. J. C. J. Fitzpatrick moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable municipalities to levy rates and raise revenue at their option upon either the unimproved value of properties within their boundaries or upon the capital value of such properties.
Question put and passed.
8. PUBLIC VEHICLES 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 consolidate the Acts for the Regulation of Public Vehicles in the City and Police District of Sydney.*"
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 consolidate the Acts for the Regulation of Public Vehicles in the City and Police District of Sydney.*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.
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9. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Juvenile Smoking Suppression Bill postponed until Tuesday, 12th December.
10. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for The Tweed, Mr. Meagher, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.—"The unwarrantable payment, without the consent of Parliament, of a sum of £302 6s. 8d. for legal expenses incurred by Sergeant McKee."
And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—
Mr. Meagher moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Point of Order:—Mr. Copeland drew attention to the fact that the item which the Honorable Member, Mr. Meagher, proposed to discuss was included in the Estimates now before the House, the consideration of which in Committee of Supply was on the Business Paper for to-day.

Mr. Speaker said that when there was an Order of the Day for Supply, and a matter therein was proposed to be dealt with upon a motion for the adjournment of the House under the 49th Standing Order, that motion should not be discussed. This decision was perfectly consistent with a ruling which he had given on 3rd September, 1896, and on other occasions.

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11. LIQUOR ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Copeland 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 the Liquor Act of 1898 in certain particulars therein set forth.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 49.

Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Dight,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. David Davis,	Mr. Watkins,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Spence,
Mr. Quinn,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Thomas Clarke,
Mr. Meagher,	Mr. James Thomson,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Byrne,	Mr. Afleck,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Barnes,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Pyers,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Levien,	Mr. Rigg,
Mr. Macdonald,	Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Phillips.
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Nicholson,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Raymond,	Mr. Law,	
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Ross,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Waddell,	
Mr. Sawers,	Mr. Wright,	
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Cohen,	

Noes, 9.

Mr. Lees,
Mr. Wilks,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Dick.

Tellers,
Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Molesworth.

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 it being Eight o'clock, Government Business only taken, under Sessional Order adopted on the 2nd November, 1899.

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

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

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

Mr. Lyne moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That," and inserting the words "the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of the proviso "to clause 9,"—instead thereof.

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

Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words left out, be so inserted,—put and passed.

Question then,—That the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of the proviso to clause 9,—put and passed.

On motion of Mr. Lyne, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill 2^o with a further amendment.

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

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

13. GOULBURN TO CROOKWELL RAILWAY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, 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. O'Sullivan, the report was adopted.

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

14. DUBBO TO COONAMBLE RAILWAY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

Question put and passed.

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

15. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. See moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at 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.

Act of South Wales.

No. 40.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 15 NOVEMBER, 1899.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Decisions in Case of *Ricketson v. Cook*:—Mr. Cook asked the Secretary for Mines,—Having regard to the recent decisions in the case of *Ricketson v. Cook*, will he take early steps to have the law altered, so as to give the Minister the powers with regard to new gold-fields which he has always been deemed to possess?

Mr. Fegan answered,—The Crown Solicitor is about to appeal to the Privy Council against the decision of the Supreme Court, and it is therefore not desirable to take steps in the direction suggested at present.

(2.) Case of *Zobel v. Croudace*:—Mr. Cook asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Referring to the case of *Zobel v. Croudace*, has he yet arrived at a determination with respect to the issue of a lease?

(2.) If not, when is he likely to do so?

Mr. Fegan answered,—It has been decided to issue a lease, but a question has arisen as to whether, in issuing it, an area round the tunnel and other improvements should be reserved, and this is under consideration.

(3.) Noxious Weeds Bill:—Mr. Affleck asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that all Road Superintendants have received instructions to keep all country roads the whole width free from noxious weeds?

(2.) Is it a fact that it takes nearly the whole of the time of the maintenance men to carry out this work to the neglect of the duty they are put on the roads for, viz., to keep the roads in trafficable order?

(3.) Is it a fact that their chipping up the weeds on the sides of the roads are making splendid seed-beds for the seeds from the noxious weeds on the enclosed land alongside the roads?

(4.) Is it a fact that alongside many of the roads the maintenance men are employed in keeping down the weeds, that the weeds are growing on private or leased lands, only separated from the road by a wire fence?

(5.) In view of these facts, will he bring in a Bill to deal with the destruction of noxious weeds; and if so, when?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1, 2, 3, and 4.) Until the £250,000 proposed to be voted for roads are made available, the maintenance men have been instructed to do the best they can to keep down noxious weeds within reasonable distance of towns. When the sum mentioned is available more comprehensive steps will be taken.

(5.) This is a matter to be dealt with by my honorable colleague the Minister for Mines.

(4.) Government Watchmen on the Wharfs:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that Government watchmen on the wharfs have to work twelve hours per day, and during that time have to keep the wharfs and closets clean, run messages, water the wood blocks, and do other duty?

(2.) Is it a fact that the same men never get a holiday, nor a Sunday, unless they themselves find a man and pay him out of their wages to take their place?

(3.) Is it a fact that these men have to work eighty-four hours per week during the whole year, unless when they act as stated in Question No. 2?

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- (4.) Is it a fact these men are paid £2 per week of eighty-four hours, or 5½d. per hour?
 (5.) Is it a fact the men that work during the day-time in the winter have to have a cold breakfast and dinner, owing to their not being permitted to leave the wharf between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m.?
 (6.) As he has classified workmen, under what class do these watchmen come—first rate, second rate, or what other rate?
 (7.) Do the Government as a body agree to the eight-hours system; if so, will they take immediate steps to have these matters rectified if they really exist?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) It is a fact that watchmen employed in the Public Wharfs Department are on duty twelve hours per day, and may occasionally do a little sweeping and cleaning, but this work on the wharfs is, in general, performed by labourers and carters in the employ of the Government. The watchmen are required to take messages and perform any other occasional duties that may be requisite on the wharf on which they are stationed.
 (2.) No. These men get two weeks' leave, with full pay, annually. Excepting during their annual leave, however, they have to find a substitute if they wish to absent themselves from duty.
 (3.) Yes; though, already stated, they receive two weeks' leave on full pay every year.
 (4.) Yes.
 (5.) Watchmen working in the day-time in winter are not allowed to leave the wharf to go home to breakfast or dinner. They need not necessarily take their meals cold, however, as a stove is provided in their boxes.
 (6.) Watchmen are not classified, as they are in the General Division of the Public Service.
 (7.) This matter will receive my attention at an early date.

- (5.) Decision in Case of Liddell v. Wedlock:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has his attention been drawn to a late decision given by the Supreme Court in the case Liddell v. Wedlock, for selling milk not of the standard fixed by the Board of Health under the Public Health Act; if so, what steps (if any) does he intend to take to support the action of the Board of Health in their endeavour to carry out the principles and provisions of the Public Health Act, and to see that public health and the public are protected against the consumption of milk of an inferior and non-nutritious quality, and contrary to the law that exists in England that prohibits the sale of milk that is not of a fixed standard or specific gravity, tested by the hydrometer or lactometer?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I am aware of the case to which the Honorable Member refers, and await a communication in regard to it from the Board of Health, which will doubtless be made as soon as the report of the Crown Law Officers has been transmitted to it.

- (6.) Importation of Agricultural Implements:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Will he see that some steps are taken to prevent farmers being robbed by having to pay exorbitant prices on agricultural implements imported into the Colony from America by commission agents and syndicates?
 (2.) Is he aware that reapers and binders and other agricultural implements, manufactured in America for about £15 and £20 each, are imported by syndicates and sold in the Colony for double and treble the cost price in America?
 (3.) Will he see that some steps are taken to put down this system?
 (4.) Will he also obtain from leading firms and agricultural implement makers in America, for publication, a price list of agricultural machinery and farming implements, delivered in the Colony from America, for the information of the farming class of the community?
 (5.) Seeing that the Government have undertaken the duty of exportation of fruit, poultry, butter, cheese, hares, rabbits, and other farm produce, will they, on similar lines, undertake to have imported into the Colony a stock of the latest improvements in agricultural implements and machinery at a reasonable price, with cost of freightage and small commission added, for the benefit and protection of farmers?

Mr. Fegan answered,—

- (1.) It is not seen how the Government can take any steps to interfere in trade matters of this kind.
 (2, 3, and 4.) Some time ago information was obtained by the Department as to the cost of agricultural implements in America, and it was ascertained at the same time that the American manufacturers have their agents in this Colony, and will not sell to anyone except through the agents.
 (5.) This matter will receive consideration.

- (7.) Exchange of Land on Buckimbah Run, Molong:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that portions of land, Nos. 20, 21, 61, 81, and 82, on Buckimbah Run, district of Molong, parish of Ganoo, county of Gordon, have been surrendered to the Crown by the lessee (Mr. McCulloch) by way of exchange; if so, when did the exchange take place?
 (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to throw open for selection and settlement by special proclamation those portions of land that the runholder has surrendered; if so, when?
 (3.) Is it a fact that the lessee or station-holder is still making use of the land so surrendered, without paying any rent to the Crown for the same; and will he see that the land is made available for settlement without delay?

Mr. Hassall answered,—

- (1.) Yes, the portions were surrendered on the 14th June, 1899.
 (2.) Steps are now being taken with a view to making the land available for ordinary selection.
 (3.) I am not aware, but inquiry will be made.

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- (8.) Money Voted for Road, Tocumwal to Deniliquin :—Mr. Chanter asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Referring to letter of 15th September, No. 99-8355, addressed to Mr. Hayes, M.P., upon whose report was such letter based?
 - (2.) What amount is voted for current year for road work on mail road, Tocumwal to Deniliquin, *via* Aratula?
 - (3.) What is the location and nature of work on said road?
 - (4.) What is the estimated cost of each work?
- Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—
- (1.) The Road Superintendent, Deniliquin.
 - (2.) £100.
 - (3 and 4.) A report and estimate will be obtained, and upon receipt thereof I will communicate with the Honorable Member.
- (9.) Tenders for new Post Office at Tocumwal :—Mr. Chanter asked the Postmaster-General,—
- (1.) When will tenders be invited for the construction of a new post-office at Tocumwal?
 - (2.) When is the building to be completed?
- Mr. Lyne answered,—Plans have been approved, and tenders will be invited so soon as money has been voted for the work.
- (10.) Water Reserve on Dartbrook Creek, Scone :—Mr. Carroll, for Mr. FitzGerald, asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Is he aware that a watering-place for stock is urgently needed on the Dartbrook Creek at Scone, for residents of Mount Moobi and neighbourhood?
 - (2.) Is he aware that this necessity was pointed out by Mr. FitzGerald to the Department three months ago, and lengthy correspondence ensued with no result?
 - (3.) Will he direct that immediate steps are taken by the Stock Branch to provide a suitable place for watering stock at Dartbrook aforesaid without delay, and before the hot weather sets in?
- Mr. Fegan answered,—
- (1 and 2.) A petition was received from residents of Mount Moobi, pointing out that their source of water supply was the Dartbrook, where the Scone road crosses it, and that the supply was very small. Before anything could be done, however, $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches of rain fell, and further action was considered unnecessary.
 - (3.) A further report will be obtained on the matter, but it is pointed out that in any case private land would have to be resumed, and this will have to be carefully looked into.
- (11.) Proposed Sites for the Federal Capital :—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In view of the commercial importance and general convenience of having the site of the Federal Capital as near as possible to the city of Sydney, will he authorise Mr. Oliver to consult the Chamber of Manufactures and Chamber of Commerce as to their views on the eligibility of the proposed sites?
- Mr. Lyne answered,—I am advised by Mr. Alexander Oliver that any communication which the Chamber of Manufactures or the Chamber of Commerce may see fit to address to him upon the matter he is investigating will receive his careful consideration.
- (12.) Wages of Workmen Employed at Fitzroy Dock :—Mr. Nobbs, for Mr. E. M. Clark, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Are boilermakers, fitters, and labourers employed at Fitzroy Dock paid wages for holidays?
 - (2.) Are shipwrights employed at the Dock not paid for holidays; and, if so, why?
- Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—The payment for holidays to workmen at Fitzroy Dock is made in accordance with the following regulation, published by the Public Service Board on 16th May last:—"337. No workmen paid at a daily rate shall be entitled to pay for any public holiday unless he shall have worked in the continuous employ of the State for a period of at least four weeks immediately prior to such holiday, and return to work on the day succeeding the said holiday; in such case pay for the usual number of working hours shall be allowed, excepting for "Good Friday and Christmas Day, when no pay will be allowed."
- (13.) Lease of Reclamation at Rozelle Bay :—Mr. Nobbs, for Mr. E. M. Clark, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What has been the cost of reclamation at Rozelle Bay?
 - (2.) Has portion of this reclamation been leased to any firm; if so, to whom, at what rental, and for what term?
 - (3.) Were tenders invited for the lease; and, if not, at whose request was it granted?
- Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—
- (1.) £12,144 5s. 1d., including cost of land resumed.
 - (2 and 3.) These Questions should be asked of my honorable colleague the Colonial Treasurer.
- (14.) Return of Lancers from England :—Mr. David Davis asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
- (1.) The names and ages in full of each Lancer returning to this Colony who has undergone a course of military training in England?
 - (2.) The private addresses (in full) and occupation of each man?
 - (3.) Whether married or single?
 - (4.) If married, the number of children?
 - (5.) What sum of money each returning Lancer contributed towards his expenses during the trip to England?
 - (6.) What sum of money was contributed by the Government of this Colony towards the said trip?
 - (7.) What sum of money was contributed by private subscription?
 - (8.) What sum of money was contributed by the Military authorities to assist in defraying the expenses of the Contingent, and in what manner was this raised?
- Mr. See answered,—If a return is moved for the information will be laid upon the Table at the earliest opportunity.

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- (15.) British Interests in the Samoan Group:—Mr. Arthur Griffith asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Has he held any correspondence with the Premier of New Zealand *re* the cession to Germany of British interests in the Samoan Group?
 - (2.) Was he consulted by the British Government before the arrangement was made?
 - (3.) Is he aware that Germany has no interests in Tonga to cede to Great Britain, and that the independence of Tonga is guaranteed by treaty with Great Britain?
 - (4.) Has he any information tending to show that in this transaction the interests of Australia have not been sacrificed as the price of Germany's acquiescence in British aggression in the Transvaal?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) A confidential cable was received by me on the 7th instant.
- (3.) I am not aware what the extent of the German interest has been in Tonga.
- (4.) Confidential cables state that Australia's interests have not been sacrificed in the arrangement made.

- (16.) Casual Hands Employed by the Railway Commissioners:—Mr. Watson asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that casual hands employed by the Railway Commissioners in wool-loading, &c. are paid only 6s. per day of ten hours?
- (2.) Is it a fact that men so employed are docked for time lost through waiting between loadings?
- (3.) If so, will he endeavour to have the conditions liberalised for these casual hands?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I am informed that casual hands are engaged as may be required for the purpose of dealing with wool and other exceptional traffic, and they are paid at 6s. per day, the minimum rate for an adult porter under the conditions of employment. It seldom occurs that the men are engaged for less than half a day, but in exceptional cases where they may be required for two or three hours only they are paid 1s. per hour.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Wise laid upon the Table,—Correspondence between the Attorney-General and Mr. T. A. Coghlan with regard to the offices held by the latter under Government.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Papers in connection with the return to the Colony of a portion of the New South Wales Lancers sent Home for training at Aldershot.
- (2.) Report of the Railway Commissioners respecting the proposed Railway from Dubbo to Coonamble.
- (3.) Regulations respecting the Sanitary Area of White Cliffs, under the Public Health Act, 1896.
- (4.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, for water supply at Ganmain, on the Junee to Hay railway line.
- (5.) Statement showing the average Liabilities and Assets of Banks within the Colony for quarter ended 30th September, 1899.
- (6.) Notification respecting special rates on French Government Telegrams to certain places.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Perry laid upon the Table,—By-laws of the Free Public Library, East Maitland.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. WELLINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH LANDS BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

- (1.) Mr. Hassall moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to cancel the appropriation of certain land in the town of Wellington; to divest the Minister of Public Instruction of his estate in the said land; to dedicate the said land as a site for a Presbyterian Church and Manse, and to authorise certain dealings with the same.
Question put and passed.

- (2.) Mr. Hassall then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to cancel the appropriation of certain land in the town of Wellington; to divest the Minister of Public Instruction of his estate in the said land; to dedicate the said land as a site for a Presbyterian Church and Manse, and to authorise certain dealings with the same,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

4. MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF INVERELL REDUCED AREA BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

- (1.) Mr. See moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to reduce the area of the Municipal District of Inverell.
Question put and passed.

- (2.) Mr. See then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to reduce the area of the Municipal District of Inverell,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

5. STAGE CARRIAGES 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 consolidate the Acts relating to Stage-carriages.*"

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 consolidate the Acts relating to Stage-carriages,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

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6. **BOOK PURCHASERS PROTECTION 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 consolidate the enactments relating to the protection of the purchasers of certain books.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with the following Message :—
MR. PRESIDENT,—
The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to the protection of the purchasers of certain books,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.
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7. **FELONS APPREHENSION 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 "*A Bill to consolidate the Statutes relating to the apprehension of Felons.*"
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 consolidate the Statutes relating to the apprehension of Felons,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.
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8. **PRISONS 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 consolidate the Acts relating to the regulation and control of prisons and the custody of prisoners.*"
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 consolidate the Acts relating to the regulation and control of prisons and the custody of prisoners,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.
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9. **FACTORS 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 consolidate the enactments relating to advances made to agents intrusted with Goods.*"
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 consolidate the enactments relating to advances made to agents intrusted with Goods,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.
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Sydney, 15th November, 1899.
10. **CASE OF EATON v. GILES** (*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 all papers and depositions in the case of *Eaton v. Giles*, heard at the North Sydney Police Court, on 6th November, 1899, before Mr. Wilshire, S.M.
Question put and passed.
11. **INDECENT ADVERTISEMENTS BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—
(1.) Dr. Graham moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to suppress indecent advertisements.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Dr. Graham then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to suppress Indecent Advertisements,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
12. **LICENSING OF PUBLIC GATES, DENILQUIN DISTRICT** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Chanter moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Return to Order, "*Licensing of Public Gates, Deniliquin District,*" laid upon the Table of this House on the 6th of December, 1898, be again referred to the Printing Committee.
Question put and passed.
13. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
(1.) Sunday Observance Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the better observance of the Sunday; for the closing of business places, and prohibiting the sale of goods in those places during certain hours; to amend the Liquor Act, 1898; and for purposes incidental to or consequent on those objects;—until To-morrow.
(2.) Stanford Coal-mine Railway Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until To-morrow.
(3.) Liquor Act Amendment Bill; further consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Liquor Act of 1898 in certain particulars therein set forth;—until Tuesday, 23rd January.

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14. **EARLY CLOSING BILL (No. 2)**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, "That" this Bill be now read a third time.
Mr. Lyne moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That," and inserting the words "the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of the proviso to subsection 1 of clause 1, and clause 20, to consider a new clause to follow clause 21, to reconsider clauses 17 and 18, for the purpose of filling blanks therein, and to reconsider Schedules 2 and 3,"—instead thereof.
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.
Debate ensued.
Question,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words left out be so inserted.
Mr. Ashton moved, That the proposed amendment be amended by adding the words "and clause 8."
Question,—That the words proposed to be added be so added,—put and passed.
Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words left out of the original Question be so inserted,—put and passed.
Question then,—That the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of the proviso to subsection 1 of clause 1, and clause 20, to consider a new clause to follow clause 21, to reconsider clauses 17 and 18, for the purpose of filling blanks therein, to reconsider Schedules 2 and 3, and clause 8,—put and passed.
On motion of Mr. Lyne, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill 3^o with further amendments.
On motion of Mr. Lyne (after Debate), the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
15. **GOULBURN TO CROOKWELL RAILWAY BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Perry moved, "That" this Bill be now read a third time.
Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That," and inserting the words "the Bill be recommitted to add a proviso to clause 1,"—instead thereof.
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.
Debate ensued.
Question,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.
Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words left out be so inserted,—put and passed.
Question then,—That the Bill be recommitted to add a proviso to clause 1,—put and passed.
On motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, 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 an amendment.
On motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
16. **GOLD AND MINERAL DREDGING BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Fegan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Copeland moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.
17. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Lyne moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twelve 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 EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 16 NOVEMBER, 1899.

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

AUSTRALASIAN FEDERATION:—Mr. Speaker reported that he had received, from the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor, a letter, and enclosure, which he read to the House, as follows:—

Sir,

Government House, Sydney, 15th November, 1899.

I have the honor, by direction of His Excellency the Governor, to transmit, for your information, the enclosed copy of a despatch which has been received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the subject of the Address from the Legislative Assembly to Her Majesty the Queen upon the Federal Constitution Bill.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

VICTOR CORKRAN,

Private Secretary.

The Honorable the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.

(Enclosure.)

New South Wales, No. 70.

Downing-street, 12th October, 1899.

My Lord,

I have had much gratification in laying before the Queen the Addresses from the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, praying that a Measure may be introduced into Parliament to pass into law the Federal Constitution of the Australian Commonwealth, and I have the honor to inform you that Her Majesty was pleased to receive the Addresses very graciously.

2. Similar Addresses have been received from the Legislature of Victoria and South Australia, and the matter is now engaging the close attention of Her Majesty's Government.

Governor, The Right Honorable

Earl Beauchamp, K.C.M.G., &c., &c., &c.

I have, &c.,

(Sgd.) J. CHAMBERLAIN.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Removal of Constable Rose from Molong:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) When is the vacancy caused by the removal of Constable Rose from Molong to Bogan Gate likely to be filled up?

(2.) Is he aware that several cases of shop-breaking and fires, &c., have lately occurred at Molong, and that in consequence police protection is badly wanted?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) A constable will be sent at once to fill the vacancy.

(2.) The Superintendent of Police in charge of the district reports that no shop-breaking has been reported; that two small fires occurred recently, the property destroyed being of little value, and that incendiarism is not suspected in either case.

(2.) Lease of Unsold Town Lots, West Molong:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it the intention of the Government to accept the offer made by the Municipal Council of Molong to take an annual lease of all unsold town lots in the town of West Molong (about 200 acres), in order to enable them to deal more effectively with the nuisance of stock straying in the streets to the injury of the town common and commoners; if so, when?

Mr. Hassall answered,—An offer has been made of £10 per annum for use of the unsold town allotments. It is doubtful if the acceptance of this offer will effect the object which appears to be aimed at of compelling owners of stock to use the commons. A more effectual way of attaining the end sought would be to settle people on these lands, and a report is now being obtained with that object in view, and on its receipt the Honorable Member will be further communicated with.

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- (3.) Acquisition of New Guinea by Great Britain:—Mr. Carruthers asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In view of the evident inclination on the part of the Imperial authorities of Great Britain and of Germany to settle in a permanent manner their respective spheres of influence in Polynesian and Australasian waters, will he approach the other Australian Governments with a view of making a joint representation to the Home authorities of the desirability of effecting an arrangement, either by cession of territory elsewhere or by purchase, whereby the whole of New Guinea may become British territory?
- Mr. Lyne answered,—I should have no objection to the course suggested by the Honorable Member, which I consider desirable, but at the present juncture it is undesirable to press the Imperial Government in its relations with Germany.
- (4.) Pensions to Messrs. Barling and Coghlan:—*Mr. Carroll*, for Mr. Levien, asked the Attorney-General,—
- (1.) Referring to Mr. Levien's Question of 26th October, No. 11, will he kindly ascertain and state the circumstances under which the agreement with Messrs. Barling and Coghlan came to be made?
- (2.) Referring to the statement that "Messrs. Barling and Coghlan do not claim any lump sum, "neither do they desire it," will he ascertain and say how provision came to be made in the agreement for granting such concession?
- (3.) Is there any record of Messrs. Barling or Coghlan having pointed out that the concession, for the granting of which provision had been made, was contrary to the law?
- Mr. See* answered,—Messrs. Barling and Coghlan have supplied my honorable colleague, the Attorney-General, with the following information:—
- (1.) Before they accepted positions as members of the Public Service Board they made it a condition that, to avoid any doubt about the question of their pensions, it should be made clear in the terms of their appointments that their rights under the Civil Service Act of 1884 should be left intact. They were informed by Mr. J. L. Campbell, barrister-at-law, who at that time, with the approval of the Premier, was giving the Board legal advice, that they had not lost their rights under the Civil Service Act of 1884 by accepting seats on the Board. Doubts, however, having arisen in the matter, Messrs. Barling and Coghlan thought it only right that the terms under which they accepted their positions should be made more specific, and a bond, with the approval of the Attorney-General, was prepared.
- (2.) The question of the payment of a lump sum was optional on the part of the Government, and not on that of Messrs. Barling and Coghlan, who, as before stated, have no claim for a lump sum nor any desire to be paid in that way.
- (3.) It was pointed out that Messrs. Barling and Coghlan were advised that they had a legal right to go on contributing to the Superannuation Fund, which they have continued to do from the date of their appointment to the Board to the present time.
- (5.) District Surveyors:—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he, in view of the vexatious delays continually occurring where matters are referred to the District Surveyors for report, draw the attention of the Public Service Board to the necessity of affording the District Surveyors more assistance, so that work remitted to them can be done with reasonable expedition?
- Mr. Hassall answered,—I am not aware of any such case of vexatious delay, but if the Honorable Member will specify any matter in which such delay has occurred, I will cause inquiry to be made.
- (6.) Section 38 of the Coal Mines Regulation Act:—Mr. Nicholson asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Has he decided on any course of action with the view of inducing the South Bulli Coal-mining Company to comply with section 38 of the Coal Mines Regulation Act?
- (2.) Are all the other coal-mining companies on the South Coast complying with section 38 of the Coal Mines Regulation Act; if not, why not?
- Mr. Fegan answered,—
- (1.) The Department did take action in this matter, and instituted a prosecution against the manager of the South Bulli Colliery for a breach of the section of the Act named; but the Crown Solicitor notified the Department that the case had failed as there was no evidence of the actual weight of coal gotten. The miners were advised to appoint a second checkweighman to check the weighing of the coal at the bridge, and further action must wait until this has been done.
- (2.) Yes; with the exception of the Metropolitan Colliery, where action is being taken to enforce the law, and the Honorable Member was advised of the action to be taken on the 8th instant.
- (7.) Coal Mines Regulation Act Amendment Bill:—Mr. Nicholson asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Seeing that the Amending Coal Mines Regulation Bill, introduced last Session by Mr. Cook, has been thrown out by the Legislative Council, is it his intention to introduce another Bill to amend General Rule 40?
- (2.) Will he take counsel's opinion on the construction to be placed on General Rule 40, inasmuch as the said rule has never been disputed during the twelve years' administration of the Act in England?
- Mr. Fegan answered,—The practice of the House will not admit of a reintroduction of this measure during the present Session, but I shall have a case stated for the opinion of the Attorney-General on the construction placed upon this rule.
- (8.) Report by Professor Selman on the Technical College:—Mr. Carruthers asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) Is there in the Department a report by Professor Selman on the operations of the Technical College?
- (2.) Has such report been considered and replied to by any officers of the Department?
- (3.) Has any Ministerial decision been arrived at upon consideration of such report and reply?

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Mr. Perry answered,—

- (1.) Both before and since Mr. Selman's removal from the Service numerous letters respecting his position and technical education have been received from him.
- (2.) In cases where the correspondence necessitated such action.
- (3.) All letters have received due consideration by the Minister of the day.

(9.) Adjustment of Fares on the Illawarra Line :—Mr. Carruthers asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is he aware of the inequality of the fares to the watering places of St. George, Illawarra line, on holidays and certain other days, as compared with the fares charged to the National Park, represented by the figures of 8d. to Lady Robinson's Beach, 14 miles return; 1s. 3d. to Sandringham, 22 miles return; and 1s. to the National Park, 36 miles return?
- (2.) Is he aware that the Commissioners are in this way competing with private enterprise, which constructed at great cost a feeder to the Illawarra line from Rockdale Station to Lady Robinson's Beach previous to the opening of the National Park?
- (3.) Will he take steps to bring about an adjustment of fares *pro rata* to the distance run, so as to equalise the fares on the same days as 1s. is charged to the National Park?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I am informed that this matter has already had the attention of the Commissioners, but they could not see their way to adopt proportionate rates as suggested. The rate to the National Park is an exceptional one; at the same time the fares charged either ordinarily or on special occasions to the other places mentioned are looked upon as very reasonable in view of the service rendered.

(10.) Bill dealing with Central Leases :—Mr. Willis asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill dealing with the Central leases falling due; if so, when?
- (2.) Will such Bill (if any) offer any amelioration to the Crown tenants on the western portion of the Central Division who have suffered so severely by the devastation of the drought?

Mr. Hassall answered,—

- (1.) In view of the state of public business, it is unlikely that a Bill for this purpose can be introduced during the present Session.
- (2.) This involves a matter of policy, but any representations made to me on the subject will receive consideration.

(11.) Land Available for Settlement near Narromine, &c. :—Mr. Willis asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is he aware that there is an urgent and legitimate demand for land of an agricultural character in the vicinity of Narromine, Trangie, and Nevertire?
- (2.) If so, will he take steps to have all land available thrown open?
- (3.) Will he have prepared for settlement by surveys, &c., all land of which the leases are expiring about the towns named, so that the people who are waiting for a home may have a chance of obtaining such in these very fine wheat-growing centres?

Mr. Hassall answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2 and 3.) Inquiries are being made, but I may add that an area of 2,168½ acres, in 32 blocks ranging from 40 to 182 acres, close to Trangie railway station, will become available for homestead selection on the 7th proximo.

(12.) Application for Exchange of Land by Messrs. Dalgety and Co. :—Mr. Willis asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that Messrs. Dalgety & Co. are applying for an exchange of certain lands near Walgett for certain other lands not situated in the district of Walgett?
- (2.) Is it a fact that those persons in and about Walgett who might reasonably be expected, in the public interest, to object to such exchange, are invited by the Land officials to put in an appearance at their own expense at a Court to be held at Moree, some 250 miles away?
- (3.) Is it usual to ask the public to help the investigators of such exchange at their own expense to such an extent?
- (4.) If not, will he cause the investigation by the Court to be extended to Walgett, or allow expenses to such persons as may desire to go to Moree to object?

Mr. Hassall answered,—

(1.) An application to surrender land on the Keepit Pastoral Holding in exchange for land, Euroka Holding, has been made by Messrs. Dalgety & Co. This case is now in the hands of the Local Land Board at Tamworth, with a view to inquiry so far as the Keepit lands are concerned, after which an inquiry will be held by the Walgett Land Board with regard to the Euroka lands. At these inquiries any objections will be heard.

- (2.) No.
- (3.) No.
- (4.) See Answer to No. 1.

(13.) Reorganisation of the Government Architect's Branch :—Mr. Dacey asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In reference to Mr. Dacey's Question, No. 1, of 29th August,—

- (1.) Who considered the Chief Draftsman to have most suitable qualifications for the Chief Draftsmanship, Architect's Branch?
- (2.) Are not Messrs. Brindley, Drew, and Cook expert draftsmen and competent architects?
- (3.) Do they not possess a field experience not enjoyed by the Chief Draftsman?
- (4.) Do they advise or instruct the Chief Draftsman in the preparation of plans?
- (5.) Does not the preparation of plans require a thorough knowledge of materials, localities, and market conditions?

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- (6.) Was the Government Architect consulted as to the appointment of the Chief Draftsman over the heads of Assistant Architects?
- (7.) Relative to the seniority of Chief Draftsman, has the appeal referred to been heard and settled; if so, what is the decision of the Board, and on what ground is the decision based?
- (8.) Was the Chief Draftsman appointed to relieve the Assistant Architects of the matter of drafting, so that they might attend to their important outside duties?
- (9.) On what grounds is the Chief Draftsman placed over the heads of his senior officers?
- (10.) Are the officers referred to competent architects; and what was their previous grading?
- (11.) What officers of the Works Department have been appointed under section 30 of the Public Service Act?
- (12.) Who are the professional heads the Board consulted with reference to the grading and reorganisation of the Government Architect's Branch?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

- (1.) While the Government Architect was in England the officer who acted in his place suggested that the present Chief Draftsman should receive the appointment, and the Public Service Board accepted this advice.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) Yes.
- (4.) In common with all Field Officers, they furnish particulars on which plans are prepared.
- (5.) Yes.
- (6.) The Government Architect was away from the Colony on leave at the time the appointment was made.
- (7.) I am informed by the Public Service Board that the appeal has not yet been settled. The Board further informed me that considerable delay has taken place in dealing with the appeals of officers of the Works Department on account of the difficulty of seeing those who are stationed in country districts.
- (8.) Part of the duty of the Chief Draftsman is to supervise the preparation of plans, which work was formerly carried out by the Assistant Architect.
- (9.) The Chief Draftsman was considered to be the best man for the position he occupies.
- (10.) Yes. Their grading has not been altered.
- (11.) E. J. Sievers, Government Land Valuator, salary £800; G. McRae, Principal Assistant Architect, salary £700; A. F. Evans, Quantity Surveyor, salary £300; A. D. Craig, Engineering Assistant, salary, £156. The two latter were successful candidates in the competitive examinations for their respective positions.
- (12.) The Under Secretary for Public Works and the officer who was in charge of the Government Architect's Branch during the absence of the Government Architect in England.
- (14.) Retiring Allowance to Retired Civil Servants:—*Mr. Gillies*, for *Mr. Price*, asked the Attorney-General,—Will he make provision in the amended Public Service Bill for a refund from the Superannuation Account of the 4 per cent. deductions made from those officers' salaries, under the Civil Service Act of 1884, who have been caused to resign their positions by the Public Service Board for what is called "an offence," and have not received a gratuity or retiring allowance of any kind whatsoever?

Mr. See answered,—I see no reason to alter the law in this respect.

- (15.) Men Employed at the Redfern Railway Station:—*Mr. Nicholson* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the men at Redfern Station are working eleven hours on Fridays and Saturdays?
- (2.) Is he aware that they who leave work at 2 p.m. have to come back at 4:30 p.m., and work until 7:15 p.m., and also that some men work from 2 p.m. until 6 p.m., and receive no extra pay?
- (3.) Will he cause inquiries to be made, with a view to have remuneration given to those men?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The men referred to are under the control of the Railway Commissioners, but I will be glad to refer the matter to them.

- (16.) George and Harris Streets Electric Tramway:—*Mr. Wright* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What was the estimated cost of the George and Harris Streets tramway, as passed by this House?
- (2.) What is the estimated cost of the work as altered?
- (3.) Who approved of the alterations of the work as passed by Parliament; and who recommended the alterations?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

- (1.) £130,500.
- (2.) £260,000.
- (3.) This was arranged by the late Minister for Public Works, the Honorable J. H. Young, and the late Chief Railway Commissioner, Mr. Eddy. After Parliament had passed the Bill legalising an expenditure of £130,500, it was thought advisable to enlarge the scheme, so as to take in the whole of the city and suburbs, hence the additional outlay.
- (17.) Special Grant for Shark Island:—*Mr. Copeland* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he consider the advisableness of providing £1,000 on the Estimates as a special grant, to be expended on Shark Island by the trustees of the Harbour Islands, with a view to making this island available to the public, to whom it has been dedicated for several years?
- Mr. Lyne answered,—This large sum cannot be provided at present, as it will take some time to remove and re-erect the present buildings elsewhere. When this is done, a reasonable sum of money will be appropriated for improving the island.

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(18.) The Under Secretary for Public Works:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Does the Under Secretary for Public Works hold an appointment in connection with the Queen Victoria Market arbitration case; if so, what are his hours of attendance on the case, and what are the fees he receives?

(2.) Why is he permitted to accept offices of profit or private practice when such is strictly prohibited to the junior members of the Service?

(3.) Did not this Under Secretary issue a circular forbidding his officers to engage in private practice or offices of profit; if so, how does he accept such an office?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—The following minutes explain how this appointment came to be made:—
 “Referring to the communication the Minister made to me, yesterday, that he was asked to allow me to take up the position of referee in the arbitration case now proceeding between the City Council and the contractors for the Victoria Market Buildings, I have made some inquiries from Mr. McRae, Principal Assistant Architect, who is conducting the case for the Council, as to the nature and length of the work required, and he tells me he thinks there will be very little for the referee to do, as fully 75 per cent. of the claims are in connection with measurement and prices, which are only matters of adjustment; and, further, that the points the referee will have to decide on are mostly as to the reading of various clauses in the Specification and General Conditions. I told him that, of course, I could not, under any circumstances, devote time to the consideration of the case during the day, and that if the matter went on to a question of weeks I would not feel justified in undertaking it at all; he replied that there would not be any difficulty as regards the carrying out of the work in the evenings, and, at the outside, he considers a week will complete the investigation. Later on, I saw Mr. Davis, the arbitrator appointed by the contractor, and he informed me that he and his brother-arbitrator, Mr. Kent, had great difficulty in fixing on some person to take this position; that they did not care to appoint an architect, as it might be said he would favour the architect, nor did they care to appoint a contractor, as it might be said, on the other hand, that he favoured the contractor's side; and, again, that a business man would be objected to as not being familiar with the various conditions of the contract. He, consequently, hoped I would undertake the duties, which he thought would be completed in two or three evenings, so far as I was concerned. Personally, I have no wish one way or the other in this matter, and leave it entirely in the hands of the Minister; if he favours the proposition, the matter will then have to be sent to the Public Service Board for their concurrence. Of course, I need not add that I am not going to undertake this work without a fee.—Robt. Hickson, Under Secretary for Public Works, and Commissioner for Roads. I fully approve of Mr. Hickson acting as referee, and at the time and in the manner he outlines.—C.A.L., 27/6/99. Public Service Board.—R.H., 27/7/99, Under Secretary, Public Works, and Commissioner for Roads. The Public Service Board approve.—J. W. Holliman, Secretary, Public Service Board. The Under Secretary, Department of Public Works, B.C., 3/8/99. Submitted for approval.—R.H., 4/8/99, Under Secretary, Public Works, and Commissioner for Roads. Approved.—C.A.L., 4/8/99.” I am informed by Mr. Hickson, who was referee, that the work, which occupied a much longer period than anticipated, is now finished, that the hours of attendance were from 5 p.m. to 9.30 p.m., and that the fees, which were left entirely in the hands of the two arbitrators, were two hundred guineas for each.

(19.) Public Service Grade Examination:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Attorney-General,—In view of the recent Public Service grade examination having been declared illegal, is it his intention to give special consideration to the cases of those Civil Servants who received good reports from their superior officers, but who failed to pass the examination?

Mr. See answered,—No such declaration has been made.

3. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Nobbs brought up the Tenth Report from the Printing Committee.
4. PAPERS:—Mr. Fegan laid upon the Table,—Return respecting the number of Vineyards destroyed under the Vine Diseases Act of 1893.
 Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. See laid upon the Table,—

(1.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Berry.

(2.) By-laws of the Borough of North Sydney.

(3.) By-law of the Borough of Singleton.

(4.) Return showing losses in sheep caused by native dogs and tame dogs during years 1889 to 1898.

(5.) Return (*in part*) to an Order, made on 21st September, 1898,—“Monthly Returns of Accidents.”

(6.) Return to an Order, made on 22nd August, 1899,—“Australasian Federation.”

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. CASINO MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. See moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to alter the limits and boundaries of the Municipal District of Casino.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. See then presented a Bill, intituled “A Bill to alter the limits and boundaries of the Municipal District of Casino,”—which was read a first time.

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

6. EARLY CLOSING BILL (No. 2) (*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 for the early closing of shops and to regulate the hours of employment in shops.”

Question put and passed.

Ordered,

16th November, 1899.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act for the early closing of shops and to regulate the hours of employment in shops,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 16th November, 1899.*

7. GOULBURN TO CROOKWELL RAILWAY BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. O'Sullivan then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Goulburn to Crookwell, provided that before commencing the said work certain land required is contracted to be conveyed to the Crown, or an indemnity is given for the cost of resuming the same; to amend the provisions of the Public Works Act of 1888, so far as they relate to the duty of the Constructing Authority to make and maintain fences along the said line of railway; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; 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 sanction the construction of a line of railway from Goulburn to Crookwell, provided that before commencing the said work certain land required is contracted to be conveyed to the Crown, or an indemnity is given for the cost of resuming the same; to amend the provisions of the Public Works Act of 1888, so far as they relate to the duty of the Constructing Authority to make and maintain fences along the said line of railway; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
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8. POSTPONEMENTS:—The Notices of Motions of Government Business, Nos. 2 to 13, postponed (*by consent*), to follow after Order of the Day of Government Business, No. 3, for the adjourned Debate on the second reading of the Gold and Mineral Dredging Bill.

9. GOLD AND MINERAL DREDGING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Fegan, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 51.

Mr. Garland,	Mr. Hurley,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. McLaughlin,	Mr. Willis,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Quinn,	Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. Carroll,
Mr. See,	Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Law,	Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Watson,	Dr. Graham,
Mr. Meagher,	Mr. Sleath,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Lees,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Miller,	Mr. Hogue.
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Gillies,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jessep,	Mr. Byrne,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Millard,	Mr. Arthur Griffith.
Mr. Wise,	Mr. Nicholson,	
Mr. Richards,	Mr. Spence,	

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Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick.

Tellers.

Mr. Edden,
Mr. Thomas.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 17. NOVEMBER, 1899, A.M.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thomas, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

10. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Lyne moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at half-past 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.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 21 NOVEMBER, 1899.

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. Lyne, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

(1.) Police Regulation Bill:—

BEAUCHAMP,
Governor.

Message No. 46.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Statute Law relating to the Regulation of the Police Force*,"—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, 20th November, 1899.

(2.) Patents Bill:—

BEAUCHAMP,
Governor.

Message No. 47.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to Letters Patent*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 20th November, 1899.

(3.) Landlord and Tenant Bill:—

BEAUCHAMP,
Governor.

Message No. 48.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Statutes relating to the law of Landlord and Tenant*,"—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, 20th November, 1899.

(4.) Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages Bill:—

BEAUCHAMP,
Governor.

Message No. 49.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to the Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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(5.) Printing Bill:—

BEAUCHAMP,

Governor.

Message No. 50.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Acts for preventing the printing and publishing of books and papers by persons not known*,"—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, 20th November, 1899.

(6.) Marriage Bill:—

BEAUCHAMP,

Governor.

Message No. 51.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to Marriage*,"—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, 20th November, 1899.

(7.) Matrimonial Causes Bill:—

BEAUCHAMP,

Governor.

Message No. 52.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to Divorce and Matrimonial Causes*,"—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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(8.) Adulteration of Liquors Bill:—

BEAUCHAMP,

Governor.

Message No. 53.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate certain Acts relating to the Adulteration of Liquors*,"—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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(9.) Small Debts Recovery Bill:—

BEAUCHAMP,

Governor.

Message No. 54.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to the Recovery of Small Debts in Courts of Petty Sessions*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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(10.) Common Law Procedure Bill:—

BEAUCHAMP,

Governor.

Message No. 55.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to the process, practice, and mode of pleading at law in the Supreme Court*,"—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, 20th November, 1899.

(11.) Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act Amendment Bill:—

BEAUCHAMP,

Governor.

Message No. 56.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the law respecting Cruelty to Animals*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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(12.) Military Contingent Bill:—

BEAUCHAMP,
Governor.

Message No. 57.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act for the government and discipline of a Military Contingent for service in South Africa*,"—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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(13.) Great Cobar Copper-mine Railway Bill:—

BEAUCHAMP,
Governor.

Message No. 58.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable Richard Read, of Singleton, doctor of medicine, William Longworth, of Lithgow, mine manager, and Thomas Longworth, of Cobar, mine manager, their executors, administrators, and assigns, to construct and maintain a line of railway from the mines of the Great Cobar Copper Mining Company (Limited), at Cobar, to communicate with the Great Western Railway, Nyngan to Cobar branch; and for other purposes connected 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 forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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(14.) Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation Act Further Amendment Bill:—

BEAUCHAMP,
Governor.

Message No. 59.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend and extend the Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation Act of 1890, and the Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation Act Amendment Act of 1895*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Proposed New Standing Orders:—Mr. Affleck asked the Postmaster-General,—When is he likely to submit for the approval of Parliament the proposed new Standing Orders, as reported on by the Standing Orders Committee?

Mr. Crick answered,—I will give notice of a motion later in the evening.

(2.) Purchase of the Cyanide Patent:—Mr. Watson, for Mr. Arthur Griffith, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Has the Government under its consideration any proposal for the purchase of the Cyanide Patent from the Australian Gold Recovery Company?

(2.) Is he aware that the High Court of Appeal in Great Britain has held that this patent is bad?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) Second-class Passenger Accommodation on the Molong Line:—Mr. Raymond, for Dr. Ross, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that owing to the increasing traffic on Molong, Parkes, Forbes, and Condobolin, line, second-class passengers on the through carriage on long journeys are often subjected to great hardships for want of lavatory compartments, which are provided on other lines for the convenience of the travelling public on long journeys?

(2.) Will he also see that a compartment in the second-class in the through carriage is set apart for smoking, for the better comfort and protection of lady passengers?

(3.) Will he also see that no one is allowed, except long-distance passengers, to travel in the through carriage, and that the through carriage shall not be rushed at Orange or other intermediate stations, to the inconvenience of other long-distance passengers, when such passengers can travel in carriages attached to the Western Mail train?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) I am informed that lavatory accommodation is available on the trains referred to, although not necessarily attached to the compartments in every case.

(2.) This matter will have the early consideration of the Railway Commissioners.

(3.) Special care is taken at Sydney to limit the through carriage for the branch line passengers, but the through traffic is at times so limited that at intermediate stations main line passengers are put into the branch carriage, so that it should be used to advantage.

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- (4.) Prisoners in Darlinghurst Gaol:—*Mr. Raymond*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) The number of male prisoners at present undergoing imprisonment in Darlinghurst Gaol?
 - (2.) The number allowed, the use of tobacco, and the quantity allowed to each per week?
 - (3.) The percentage of prisoners that are allowed the use of tobacco compared with non-smokers?
 - (4.) From past experience of prison discipline, has he any information to show what effect (if any) the use of tobacco and drink has in creating a tendency to the increase and development of criminality?

Mr. See answered,—The Comptroller-General of Prisons has informed me as follows:—

- (1.) 344, comprising 308 convicted and 36 unconvicted (trial) prisoners.
 - (2.) Eighty convicted prisoners allowed tobacco. Of this number 60 receive 2 ounces, 19 1½ ounce, and 1 1 ounce per week. Sixteen unconvicted prisoners receive tobacco, each 2 ounces per week.
 - (3.) The percentage of convicted prisoner smokers is 25·9 compared with 74·1 non-smokers. The percentage of unconvicted prisoner smokers is 44·4 compared with 55·6 non-smokers. The percentage of prisoners, convicted and unconvicted, that are allowed the use of tobacco is 27·9 compared with 72·1 non-smokers.
 - (4.) No information available.
- (5.) Post Office, Crown-street, Surry Hills:—*Mr. Whiddon* asked the Postmaster-General,—Have any steps been taken to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mrs. Stuckey, late postmistress of the Post Office, Crown-street, Surry Hills; if so, will he kindly state what steps have been taken?
- Mr. Crick* answered,—Yes; *Mr. H. J. Chapman*, at present postmaster at South Grafton, has been appointed.

- (6.) Land available for Settlement between Narrabri and Walgett:—*Mr. Gillies*, for *Mr. Willis*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is he aware of urgent and legitimate demand for land, on a small and closer settlement basis between the towns of Narrabri and Walgett?
 - (2.) Will he take prompt steps to satisfy such demands by preparing for settlement all the leasehold areas that are due or falling due to the Crown, more especially on the good lands of Mercadool, Goangra, and other holdings?

Mr. Hassall answered,—

- (1.) Apparently there is a demand, but I may point out that, since the passing of the Crown Lands Act of 1895, about 600,000 acres have been made available for homestead selection and settlement lease in the Walgett and Narrabri districts, 200,000 acres of which are still available.
 - (2.) The Mercadool and Goangra lands are at present being dealt with in the District Survey Office.
- (7.) Goodooga Post and Telegraph Office:—*Mr. Gillies*, for *Mr. Willis*, asked the Postmaster-General,—
- (1.) Is he aware that the Goodooga Post and Telegraph Office was some months back destroyed by fire?
 - (2.) Have any steps been taken to rebuild suitable offices to meet the requirements of the people in that important Border town?
 - (3.) If not, why not?
- Mr. Crick* answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2 and 3.) It is intended to erect a minor town building similar to that at New Angledool so soon as funds are available. In the meantime suitable temporary premises have been rented on a quarterly tenancy.

- (8.) Opening of Post Offices on Public Holidays:—*Mr. Gillies*, for *Mr. Willis*, asked the Postmaster-General,—
- (1.) Was it by his authority that the Post Offices throughout the city and Colony generally, including the General Post Office, were kept open all day on the last public holiday (9th November?)
 - (2.) Will he consider whether all the demands of the public would be fairly met if the various Post Offices were kept open from (say) 8 to 10·30 a.m., and were closed for the balance of the day?
 - (3.) If so, will he take steps to alter the present arrangement?

Mr. Crick answered,—

- (1.) The holiday arrangements observed on the 9th instant were in accordance with the rules laid down by my predecessor.
- (2 and 3.) I find, on perusal of the papers, that numerous complaints were made, on the occasion of nearly every holiday, of the serious inconvenience caused by closing the Post and Telegraph Offices. To remedy these complaints, the following regulations were made, apparently after the matter had received exhaustive consideration by my predecessor, and for the present, at any rate, I do not see my way to make any change:—"On holidays (other than Christmas Day and Good Friday), under the Bank Holidays Act of 1875, and any other day proclaimed by the Governor as a public holiday throughout New South Wales, the country offices are kept open for the transaction of business as usual, except in the case of those offices where only one official (in addition to a letter-carrier or messenger) is employed, which are open from 9 to 10 a.m., and when they ordinarily close at 8 p.m., from 6 to 8 p.m. Postmasters are directed to allow as many as possible of the staff to be absent during the whole or portion of the day. Those officials who are certified as having been compelled to work in excess of their usual work on public holidays receive compensation in the shape of an extra week's leave a year." I may add that, in order to give effect to the provision for the extra leave, it was necessary to appoint twelve junior operators

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at a total cost of £1,200 a year. I think that in regard to the generally observed holidays, namely, 1st and 26th January, Easter Monday, 24th May, 9th November, and 26th December, the country and suburban offices might, without serious inconvenience, be closed between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. in the case of the larger offices, and at 10 a.m. in the case of the smaller ones. Good Friday and Christmas Day are, of course, observed as Sundays.

(9.) Joint Stock Companies Arrangement Bill:—*Mr. Gillies*, for *Mr. Willis*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to introduce legislation so as to renew the Joint Stock Companies Arrangement Act?

(2.) If so, when?

(3.) If not, why not?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The question of the expediency of taking steps to revive the third section of the Joint Stock Companies Arrangement Act of 1891 is under consideration.

(10.) Salaries of Postal Letter Carriers:—*Mr. E. M. Clark* asked the Attorney-General,—In view of the remarks of His Honor Judge Docker, as recorded in the *Sydney Morning Herald* of 16th instant, in sentencing a Post Office letter-carrier, named *McMahon*, for stealing a letter, to the effect "That a great measure of responsibility in cases like *McMahon's* rested upon those that fixed the salaries of the men, and that the accused, although eleven years in the service, was living on the miserable pittance of £78 per annum, and had undertaken the responsibility of marriage. It was difficult to understand how anyone could expect a person entrusted with valuable property "to keep honest on such a salary,"—will he at once consult with the Public Service Board, with a view to the reorganisation of the salaries of postal letter-carriers placed in a similar position to *McMahon*?

Mr. Crick answered,—The Honorable Member asks whether, in view of the remarks of His Honor Judge Docker, as recorded in the *Sydney Morning Herald* of the 16th instant, in sentencing a Post Office letter-carrier named *McMahon* for stealing a letter, I will consult with the Public Service Board with a view to the reorganisation of the salaries of postal letter-carriers. In regard to this particular case, I have to say that *McMahon* entered the service as a telegraph messenger on the 6th August, 1888, and was promoted to the position of junior letter-carrier at £65 per annum on the 1st August, 1896, his salary being increased to £78 per annum from the 1st July, 1897. There are many other officials of equal or greater length of service receiving only £78 per annum, but if the scheme of annual increments now under the consideration of the Public Service Board be adopted, those who receive them will continue to do so until their salaries reach £120 per annum. I should like to add to this answer that an amendment of the Public Service Act will be required to do justice to those men now in receipt of small salaries. Ministers have no power to increase salaries except upon the recommendation of the Public Service Board. When Honorable Members examine the Estimates they will see what increases have been proposed in the salaries of officers now in receipt of comparatively small remuneration during the first six months' tenure of office of the present Government.

(11.) Construction of Swing in the Long Cove Bridge:—*Mr. Hawthorne* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Will he take steps to have a report prepared as to the cost, &c., of constructing a swing in the Long Cove Bridge, so that vessels of all sizes may be able to go up to the wharfs in the bay at *Leichhardt*, *Drummoyne*, and *Ashfield*?

(2.) Is he aware that the construction of this proposed swing will add some thousands of pounds to the value of the large area of land that has been reclaimed by the Government at Long Cove, and plans of which are now being prepared by the officers of his Department preparatory to the sale of it for business and residential sites?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—A report will be obtained and a communication made thereafter to the Honorable Member.

(12.) The Under Secretary for Public Works:—*Mr. E. M. Clark* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Referring to the appointment of the Under Secretary for Public Works in connection with the *Queen Victoria Markets* arbitration case—

(1.) Why was he permitted to accept an office of profit or private practice when such is strictly prohibited to the junior members of the Service?

(2.) Did not this Under Secretary issue a circular forbidding his officers to engage in private practice or offices of profit; if so, how does he accept such an office?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) I am not in a position to say why the late Minister for Works and the Public Service Board approved of *Mr. Hickson* being appointed to this office.

(2.) The contents of the circular referred to show that it was written by direction of the Minister of the day, and refers to an "unauthorised" work, and, therefore, has no bearing on this particular case, which was authorised, as shown in my previous answer.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table,—Notification of resumption, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, of land for the erection of Police Buildings at *Cowra*.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. See laid upon the Table,—Letter from *Lieut.-Colonel Burns*, Officer Commanding New South Wales Lancer Regiment, replying to remarks made in Parliament on Friday morning, 17th November, 1899.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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4. CROWN LANDS AMENDMENT BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Hassall, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

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Governor.

Message No. 60.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the law relating to the sale and leasing, disposal and management of Crown lands; to provide for the determination of the capital value of land under conditional purchase, conditional lease, homestead selection or settlement lease, and for regulating payments in respect of such land on the basis of such value; and for the reappraisal of the rents of conditional leases; to provide for the enclosure of roads and watercourses; and in certain respects to amend the Crown Lands Acts.

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

5. POSTPONEMENTS:—The Notices of Motions of Government Business, Nos. 1 to 12, postponed (*by consent*), to follow after Order of the Day of Government Business, No. 1, for the further consideration in Committee of the Gold and Mineral Dredging Bill.

6. CASE OF SYDNEY COOPER, AS TO MINING UNDER A ROAD, PARISH OF CLIVE, COUNTY OF GOUGH:—Mr. Cruickshank moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Case of Sydney Cooper, as to Mining under a Road, parish of Clive, county of Gough," brought up on 22nd November, 1898, be now adopted.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

7. GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—

- (1.) Mr. Affleck moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Government Railways Act of 1888, section 27.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 53.

Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Levien,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. See,
Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Watson,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Richards,
Mr. Pyers,
Mr. Alexander Campbell,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Reymond,

Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. Quinn,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Dight,
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,
Mr. James Thomson,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Hughes,
Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Norton,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Spence,
Mr. Law,
Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Sleath,

Mr. Wright,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. David Davis,
Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Terry,
Mr. Jessop,
Mr. Rigg,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Thomas Clarke,
Mr. T. H. Griffith,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Archer,
Mr. Byrne.

Tellers,

Mr. Affleck,
Mr. E. M. Clark.

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Mr. Crick,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Barton,
Mr. Sawers,
Mr. Thomas,
Mr. McCourt.

Tellers,

Mr. Meagher,
Mr. Piddington.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

- (2.) Mr. Affleck then presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to amend the Government Railways Act of 1888, section 27,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 23rd November.

8. CLAIM OF JAMES AND PATRICK GUIHEN, OF KANGAROO VALLEY:—Mr. Alexander Campbell, moved, pursuant to amended Notice,—

- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claim of James and Patrick Guihen, of Kangaroo Valley, against the Government for loss sustained through the action of the Government in disputing their title to certain land at Brogher's Creek, Kangaroo Valley.

- (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Thomas Clarke, Mr. Millard, Mr. E. M. Clark, Mr. Austin Chapman, Mr. Pyers, Mr. Law, Mr. Rose, Mr. Hurley, and the Mover.

- (3.) That the Report from the Select Committee of the Session 1897 be referred to such Committee.
Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

9. CLAIM OF MR. THEOPHILUS STEPHENS—CROWN LAW DEPARTMENT:—Mr. E. M. Clark moved, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claim of Mr. Theophilus Stephens against the Crown Law Department.

- (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Wood, Mr. Lee, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Whiddon, Mr. McGowen, Mr. Richards, Mr. Haynes, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Howarth, and the Mover.

- (3.) That the Report, Minutes of Proceedings, and Evidence of the Select Committee of Session 1896, together with all papers referred thereto, be referred to such Committee.
Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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10. AMENDED LIFE INSURANCE ENCOURAGEMENT BILL :—
 (1.) Mr. Garland moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Life Assurance Encouragement Act of 1862; to further encourage and protect life insurances and other like provident arrangements for insurers and their families.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
 (2.) Mr. Garland then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Life Assurance Encouragement Act of 1862; to further encourage and protect life insurances and other like provident arrangements for insurers and their families,*"—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 28th November.
11. RAILWAY BETWEEN SYDNEY AND BELMORE :—*Mr. Hawthorne*, for Mr. Parkes, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
 (1.) The revenue obtained from the Sydney-Belmore railway for the last two years, inclusive of all fares and freight between Sydney and Belmore and all intermediate stations.
 (2.) The total cost of working the line during that period.
 Question put and passed.
12. CHARGES AGAINST MR. G. P. WEBB, FORMERLY POSTMASTER AT MINMI :—*Mr. Brunker* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House all correspondence, minutes of evidence, reports, and other documents associated with the charges preferred by the Minmi Progress Committee against Mr. G. P. Webb, formerly Postmaster at Minmi; also, a full statement of the evidence taken at the inquiry before Mr. Payten, Stipendiary Magistrate, and all documents covering and including the decision given by the Public Service Board in connection with the case referred to.
 Question put and passed.
13. MINE AT BRINDABELLA, OWNED BY THE BANK OF NORTH QUEENSLAND :—*Mr. Meagher* moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the alleged maladministration in reference to a mine at Brindabella, owned by the Bank of North Queensland.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Fegan, Mr. Carroll, Mr. Cook, Mr. Quinn, Mr. Howarth, Mr. David Davis, Mr. Haynes, Mr. Hurley, Mr. Dick, and the Mover.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
14. ACTION OF MR. CHISHOLM, POLICE MAGISTRATE AT WOLLONGONG, IN THE CASE OF MORGAN v. CLIFT :—*Mr. Holman* moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the action of Mr. Chisholm, Police Magistrate at Wollongong, in connection with the case of Morgan v. Clift.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Wood, Mr. Ashton, Mr. Cook, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Jessep, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. O'Connor, and the Mover.
 Question put and passed.
15. POLICE FORCE OF NEW SOUTH WALES :—*Mr. Norton* moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, a Royal Commission, consisting of not less than five persons, one of whom shall be a Supreme Court Judge, and one a Member of the Legislative Assembly, should be appointed to inquire into and report upon the present condition, organisation, and administration of the Police Force of New South Wales.
 Debate ensued.

And it being Eight o'clock, Government Business only taken, under Sessional Order adopted on the 2nd November, 1899.

16. GOLD AND MINERAL DREDGING BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—*Mr. Speaker* left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 22 NOVEMBER, 1899, A.M.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker took the Chair; and *Mr. Piddington*, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with amendments.

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

Mr. Hassall moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That," and inserting the words "the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of Clauses 2 and 18," instead thereof.

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

Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words left out be so inserted,—put and passed.

Question then,—That the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of Clauses 2 and 18,—put and passed.

On motion of *Mr. Fegan*, *Mr. Deputy-Speaker* left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair, and *Mr. Piddington* reported the Bill 2^o with further amendments.

On motion of *Mr. Fegan*, the report was adopted.

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

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17. POSTPONEMENTS :—The Notices of Motions of Government Business, Nos. 1 to 12, further postponed until To-morrow.

18. PUBLIC SERVICE (AMENDMENT) BILL :—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Wise, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Public Service Act of 1895, and to provide for certain gratuities and superannuation and retirement allowances to Public Servants.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Moore, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

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

Mr. Moore 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 Service Act of 1895, and to provide for certain gratuities and superannuation and retirement allowances to Public Servants.

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

(2.) Mr. Wise then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Public Service Act of 1895, and to provide for certain gratuities and superannuation and retirement allowances to Public Servants*,"—which was read a first time.

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

19. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Lync moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at seven minutes before Five 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 EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 22 NOVEMBER, 1899.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unavoidably absent, and read the following letter from him:—

Dear Mr. Webb, Speaker's Room, Sydney, 22nd November, 1899.
I have such a dreadful attack of neuralgia in one of my eyes that I must ask the House to excuse me from duty for this day. Yours truly,
F. W. Webb, Esq., C.M.G., J. P. ABBOTT.
Legislative Assembly.

Whereupon the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker, pursuant to the 22nd Standing Order of the House.

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Lancers sent to England for Military Training:—Mr. Meagher asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Recognising the arduous training at Aldershot, was any attempt made to select Lancers therefor who were passed as fit by special examination of a Staff Medical Officer; if not, why not?
 - (2.) In view of the fact that well-known capable men have resigned from the regiment at various times, and recognising the necessity of obtaining permanent results from the imparting of knowledge to their respective corps by those so trained in England, was any undertaking obtained that they should remain with their corps for a stated period after their return?
 - (3.) Were any under 18 years of age in the contingent sent to England for training?
 - (4.) If so, who is responsible for allowing such a contravention of clause 38 of the Volunteer Regulations?
 - (5.) The names of the respective Lancer corps from which the men sent for training were selected, and the numbers respectively so selected?
 - (6.) Is it a fact that any member of the Lancer Regiment who was prepared to contribute £20 was permitted to go to England, irrespective of length of service, fitness for active service, or other necessary qualifications, while numbers of the best men, in view of this regulation, remained at home?
 - (7.) Is it a fact that in the last contingent of forty, recently dispatched, that some men were taken who were without military training—practically private citizens—to the exclusion of first-class, well-trained men belonging to the regiment?
 - (8.) Is it a fact that not one single employer requested the Premier to communicate with any Lancer at the Cape to return to employment?
- Mr. See answered,—The Officer Commanding the New South Wales Lancer Regiment has furnished the following Answers through the Major-General Commanding the Military Forces:—
- (1.) Members of the Regiment leaving had been, prior to enrolment, examined and passed by the Regimental Doctor.
 - (2.) It was understood between the Officer Commanding and each man that each member would require to remain in the Regiment for at least two years after his return to the Colony.
 - (3.) Yes. One member was 17 years and 9 months when he left the Colony, but he had the special consent of his parents.
 - (4.) The Officer Commanding the Regiment, in view of the special request, noted in 3. This member signed to go to the front.
 - (5.) Sydney, 10 men; Parramatta, 25, including one officer; West Camden, 11; Berry, 11, including one officer; Maitland, 8, including one officer; Singleton, 16; Casino, 7; Lismore, 17.
 - (6.) Yes. Preference was given to those contributing, seeing that there was no Government assistance whatever to fall back upon.
 - (7.) No.
 - (8.) I am not aware. It should be understood that the expenses of the Lancers sent to England were paid from funds privately subscribed, and that details were therefore settled regimentally.
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- (2.) Central Division Leases :—*Mr. Affleck*, for *Mr. Carruthers*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Has he any objection to making a definite statement as to the policy he intends to pursue in regard to the Central Division leases which have fallen in, which are now falling in, and of which in July, 1900, a considerable number will fall in?
 - (2.) If he cannot now make such statement, will he fix an early date to do so, in view of the uncertainty which must necessarily be injurious, if prolonged, both to intending settlers and to existing leaseholders?
- Mr. Hassall* answered,—
- (1.) As this is a question of policy requiring the careful consideration of the Cabinet, I am not prepared to make any definite statement thereon, but recognising that there is a general demand for land in the Central Division for closer settlement, the subdivision of leaseholds which have already expired, or are about to fall in, and which contain good agricultural land, has not been interfered with, and the land is being made available for settlement.
 - (2.) The intention of the Government will be announced when a determination has been arrived at.
- (3.) *Mr. Taylor*, Government Metallurgist, Clyde Works :—*Mr. Hurley* asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that *Mr. Taylor* has resigned from the position of Government Metallurgist; if yes, has he been a tutor to anyone in the Department who can now take his place, or has the plant had to cease operations?
 - (2.) Does the Government contemplate importing another metallurgist to fill the important position of metallurgist for the Clyde Works?
 - (3.) Has the valuable object lesson, and application of scientific methods in the treatment of mineral ores in bulk, been accomplished at the Government works at Clyde?
 - (4.) Is the Clyde plant now complete as an experimental mechanical proposition?
 - (5.) Has the object for which *Mr. Taylor* was imported been accomplished?
 - (6.) Is there an amalgamating appliance at the Government works at Clyde; if yes, what is the name of it?
 - (7.) Is it a fact that two practical unbiassed experts had been appointed to report, by the late Government, on the Clyde Works?
- Mr. Fegan* answered,—
- (1.) Yes; *Mr. Taylor* had not tutored anyone in the Department; but the Assayer and Analyst has carried on operations since the Government Metallurgist resigned.
 - (2.) Applications for the vacant position have been invited in the Colonies, and the date for receiving same closed on the 13th instant.
 - (3.) I believe so.
 - (4.) It is considered additions should be made, but the settlement of this question must await the appointment of the new metallurgist.
 - (5.) Yes, so far as such could be reasonably expected.
 - (6.) Yes; besides the usual copper-plate table there is a 4-foot Berdan pan.
 - (7.) Yes.
- (4.) Flogging of Prisoners in Bathurst Gaol :—*Mr. Smith*, for *Mr. Holman*, asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Has his attention been called to a paragraph in the *Daily Telegraph* of 9th September, 1899, concerning the flogging of two prisoners at Bathurst Gaol?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that during the week ending upon that day, or the week before, two men were flogged without public trial?
 - (3.) Do the existing regulations permit this?
 - (4.) Do the existing regulations permit flogging for minor offences which, if committed outside the walls of prison, would be punished by fine or imprisonment?
 - (5.) If so, will he take steps to have such regulations altered; and, if legislation is necessary, will he introduce it?
- Mr. Wood* answered,—
- (1.) No.
 - (2.) Two prisoners were flogged in Bathurst Gaol on the 6th September, 1899, one receiving twelve strokes with the cat-o'-nine-tails, and the other (who was a youth) twelve strokes with a fawse. The prisoners were tried on oath before a duly constituted Court, under the Prisons Regulation Act 4 Vic. No. 29, comprising two Justices of the Peace.
 - (3.) Corporal punishment is not provided for by any regulation, but is administered under the provisions of section 13 of the Act 4 Vic. No. 29.
 - (4.) Flogging is only resorted to in gaols in cases where prisoners commit aggravated assaults on prison officials, or when they indulge in very disorderly or outrageous conduct, such as is calculated to produce a mutiny or riot among their fellow-prisoners.
 - (5.) I am not prepared to introduce legislation in the direction suggested.
- (5.) City and Suburban Post Offices :—*Mr. Anderson* asked the Postmaster-General,—
- (1.) What is the amount of revenue derived from the city and the suburban Post Offices respectively during public holidays?
 - (2.) What number of officers are engaged during the holidays; and what hours in each Post Office employed?
 - (3.) Do officers so engaged receive additional pay or holidays, so as to give the officers engaged on such holidays equal privileges to other officers of the Department who are not engaged on the days referred to?
 - (4.) If not, will he see that the officers so engaged will receive time or pay, so as to recompense them for the time engaged, to make them equal to the officers who have the advantage of the holidays referred to?

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Mr. Fegan answered,—

With regard to Questions 1 and 2, the information asked for would involve the preparation of a voluminous return, which would occupy a considerable time, and, moreover, the particulars could not be furnished accurately, as the number of officers engaged, and the hours, vary according to the importance of the office, and the probable amount of business to be done on each particular holiday.

(3 and 4.) My honorable colleague, the Postmaster-General, gave full information on this subject yesterday, in reply to Questions of the Honorable Member for The Barwon. It will be seen from those replies that an extra week's leave is given to those required to work in excess of the former holiday hours, and I understand that the question of limiting the attendance on generally observed holidays will receive consideration in the direction indicated in the last portion of *Mr. Crick's* Answers.

- (6.) The Silverton Tramway:—*Mr. Thomas* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Has he as yet communicated with the Silverton Tramway Company *re* the purchase of their tram-line by the Government?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I have given instructions, and a communication is in course of preparation.

- (7.) Building of Single-ended Ferry Steamers:—*Mr. E. M. Clark* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the building of single-ended ferry steamers is discouraged by the Marine Board?
 - (2.) Has the Annandale Ferry Company lately constructed this kind of ferry steamer; and, if so, what powers (if any) have the Marine Board to interfere with such construction?
 - (3.) Will he take steps either to amend the Navigation Act or to cause the Marine Board to frame a regulation to prevent the building of these kinds of steamers?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Yes; the Marine Board have no legal power to interfere, but they advise ferry companies to build double-ended steamers for the safety of the travelling public.
- (3.) A Navigation Act Amendment Act has already been passed by this House, and is now under consideration in another place.

- (8.) *Mr. Gustave Fischer*, Public Works Department:—*Mr. E. M. Clark* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What is *Mr. Gustave Fischer's* position in the Department?
- (2.) What had he to do with designing or carrying out the work of the George-street tramway?
- (3.) Was he sent to America early in 1897 in connection with this work; and, if so, for what purpose?
- (4.) What was the estimated cost of the machinery at that time, and what has been the present cost?
- (5.) How long was *Mr. Fischer* absent in America, and what amount of expenses was paid to him?
- (6.) Was his time taken up in any other matters besides the supervising of the manufacture of machinery; and, if so, what?
- (7.) What were his special or electrical qualifications for the work?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

- (1.) Principal Assistant Engineer for Tramway Construction.
- (2.) He had charge of the designs and construction of the work under the direction of the Engineer-in-Chief.
- (3.) Yes; to arrange about inspection and some proposed modifications in the design of the engines.
- (4.) No estimate of cost of the machinery at the Power House had been prepared at that time; the cost has, however, been about £65,000.
- (5.) About four and a half months. £138 19s.
- (6.) He made inquiries into recent American practice in the design and construction of electric tramways.
- (7.) *Mr. Fischer* is a trained mechanical engineer, and his knowledge in that branch is what was chiefly required. *Mr. Fischer* is also a member of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, which body admits only fully qualified men to full membership.

- (9.) Sunday Labour on the Byrock to Brewarrina Railway Line:—*Mr. Spence* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the men employed on the Byrock-Brewarrina line have been compelled to work on Sundays?
- (2.) If so, will he take steps to stop the gangers from enforcing unnecessary work on Sunday in future?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

- (1.) Some of the men have been shifting camp on Sundays. That is all the work on that day that I am aware of.
- (2.) Working on Sunday will not be permitted, and I have already refused to allow pay for removal of camps on that day.

- (10.) Holidays to Country Post and Telegraph Masters:—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Postmaster-General,—Will he cause consideration to be given to the question of once more granting country post and telegraph masters the holidays of which they were some time since deprived, thus placing them on the same footing with men in other branches of the Government Service?

Mr. Fegan answered,—I can only refer the Honorable Member to the full replies given by the Postmaster-General yesterday to Questions asked by the Honorable Member for The Barwon. I understand that my honorable colleague intends giving consideration to the question of limiting the attendance on certain generally observed holidays in the direction indicated in the last portion of his replies of yesterday. (11.)

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(11.) The Under Secretary for Public Works:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) At whose request was Mr. Hickson, Under Secretary for Public Works, appointed an arbitrator in connection with the Queen Victoria Markets?

(2.) Was Mr. McRea, Assistant Government Architect, the architect for these buildings, and is Mr. Hickson his departmental head?

(3.) Will he take steps to cancel the approval of the late Minister for Works to the acceptance of the position of arbitrator by the Under Secretary for Public Works?

(4.) Will he also give instructions that the heads of his Department shall not be permitted to engage in private practice or office of profit, as in the case of other officers?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) I understand that the appointment was made at the request of Mr. David Davis, M.P., and Mr. H. C. Kent, who were the arbitrators in the case.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) There is no necessity to do so, as Mr. Hickson's duties ceased when he made his award, which he did early last week.

(4.) I will see that the Public Service Act is not infringed in this respect, and the practice complained of will be stopped.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table,—Report of the Board appointed to inquire into the delay of opening the George and Harris Streets Electric Tramway.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. See laid upon the Table,—Report by the Public Health Department as to the condition of fish caught in the vicinity of the Bondi Sewer.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Wood laid upon the Table,—Return to an Address, adopted on 15th November, 1899,—“Case of Eaton v. Giles.”
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. CROWN LANDS AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Hassall moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law relating to the sale and leasing, disposal and management of Crown lands; to provide for the determination of the capital value of land under conditional purchase, conditional lease, homestead selection or settlement lease, and for regulating payments in respect of such land on the basis of such value; and for the reappraisal of the rents of conditional leases; to provide for the enclosure of roads and watercourses; and in certain respects to amend the Crown Lands Acts.
Question put and passed.

5. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS—*Harbour Works at Bellinger River*—(*Formal Motion*):—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient that the work of constructing Harbour Works at Bellinger River, as referred by the Legislative Assembly to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out.
Question put and passed.

6. GOLD AND MINERAL DREDGING BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*):—on motion of Mr. Fegan, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Fegan then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to regulate mining for gold and other minerals by dredging, pumping, sluicing, or other method, in the beds of rivers and lakes, under tidal or standing waters under the ocean contiguous to the coast-line, and in, on, and under any land contiguous to the aforesaid places; and for purposes consequent on or incidental to those 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 regulate mining for gold and other minerals by dredging, pumping, sluicing, or other method, in the beds of rivers and lakes, under tidal or standing waters under the ocean contiguous to the coast-line, and in, on, and under any land contiguous to the aforesaid places; and for purposes consequent on or incidental to those objects.*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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7. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Fire Insurance Policies Bill postponed until Tuesday, 28th November.

8. FISHER TRUSTS DECLARATORY BILL:—Mr. Deputy-Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to declare the trusts of certain property passing under the will of William Charles Wentworth, late of Vaucluse, near Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, Esquire, deceased, in trust for his daughter Thomasine Coa Fisher, her husband and children.*”—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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Bill, on motion of Mr. Lyne, read a first time.

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

JOHN LACKEY,

President.

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9. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The Notices of Motions of Government Business, Nos. 3 and 4 and 6 to 14, postponed (*by consent*), to follow after the Order of the Day of Government Business, No. 4, for the second reading of the Casino Municipal Boundaries Bill.
10. **FRIENDLY SOCIETIES BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. See, Mr. Deputy-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. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Moore, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had agreed to some, including the amendment in the Title, and disagreed to other of the Council's amendments. On motion of Mr. See, the report was adopted.
11. **MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF INVERELL REDUCED AREA BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, "That" this Bill be now read a second time. Debate ensued. Mr. Piddington moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That" and inserting the words "the Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report." "(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. See, Mr. David Davis, Mr. Moore, Mr. Sleath, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Bruncker, Mr. Carruthers, and the Mover,"—instead thereof. Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question. Debate continued. Proposed amendment, by leave, withdrawn. Mr. David Davis moved, That this Debate be now adjourned. Question put and passed. Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
12. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Casino Municipal Boundaries Bill postponed until Tuesday next.
13. **MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**:—Mr. Deputy-Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—
- (1.) Navigation (Amendment) Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "An Act to abolish the Marine Board; to constitute a Department of Navigation and Court of Marine Inquiry, and to define the powers and duties of such Department and Court; to amend the Navigation Acts of 1871-1896 in other respects; and for purposes incidental to or consequent upon those objects," with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

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Sydney, 22nd November, 1899.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

NAVIGATION (AMENDMENT) BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 22nd November, 1899.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 2, clause 2, line 6. *After* "officer" *insert* "appointed by the Governor"
- Page 2, clause 2, line 9. *Omit* "to be appointed by the Governor"
- Page 2. *After* clause 3 *insert* the following new clause:—
The Governor shall appoint a deputy superintendent for the port of Newcastle. Such Deputy superintendent shall serve without salary, and shall, in the absence of the superintendent, exercise such of the powers and authorities conferred and perform such of the duties imposed by this Act on the superintendent as may be prescribed by the Governor.
- Page 2, clause 4, line 35. *After* "of" *omit* "the" *insert* "any"
- Page 2, clause 4, line 36. *After* "Secretary" *insert* "or duly authorised to act for the Secretary"
- Page 3, clause 5, line 3. *After* "Governor" *insert* "for the purpose"
- Page 3, clause 5, line 7. *Omit* "such Court when constituted hereunder" *insert* "a District Court exercising such jurisdiction"
- Page 3, clause 5, line 8. *Omit* "the" *insert* "a"
- Page 3, clause 7, line 14. *Omit* "the Court" *insert* "Courts"
- Page 3, clause 8, line 16. *Omit* "the Court" *insert* "Courts"
- Page 3, clause 8, line 24. *Omit* "in any matter in which rules so made" *insert* "so far as such rules"
- Page 3, clause 8, line 24. *Omit* "said Judges" *insert* "Presiding Judge"
- Page 3, clause 9, line 26. *Omit* "The" *insert* "A"
- Page 3, clause 9, line 30. *After* "ship" *insert* "on or near the coast of New South Wales or"
- Page 4, clause 9. *Omit* subsection (2)
- Page 4, clause 10, line 26. *Omit* "The" first occurring *insert* "A"
- Page 4, clause 11, line 30. *Omit* "the" second occurring *insert* "A"
- Page 4, clause 12, line 38. *Omit* "the" *insert* "a"
- Page 4, clause 12, line 41. *Omit* "and shall be the decision of the majority of the Court"
- Page 5, clause 13, line 5. *Omit* "the" *insert* "a"
- Page 5, clause 13, line 8. *After* "fails" *insert* "without sufficient cause"
- Page 5, clause 14, line 11. *Omit* "The" *insert* "A"

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Pages 5 and 6, clause 15. *Omit* Clause 15 *insert* the following new clause:—

(1) The assessors who assist in a Court of Marine Inquiry under this Act shall be of nautical, engineering, or other special skill or knowledge, and shall be appointed out of a list of persons for the time being approved for the purpose by the Governor, in such a manner and according to such regulations as may be prescribed by rules made by the Governor with regard thereto.

(2) Where any inquiry involves or appears likely to involve any question as to the cancelling or suspension of the certificate of a master, mate, or engineer, the court shall hold the inquiry with the assistance of not less than two assessors having experience in the merchant service.

(3) The list of persons approved as assessors shall be in force for one year only, but persons whose names are on any such list may be approved for any subsequent list.

(4) The Governor may at any time add or withdraw the name of any person to or from the list.

(5) The Governor may make rules with regard to the appointment and summoning of assessors, and any such rule, while in force, shall have effect as if it were enacted in this Act.

Page 6, clause 16, line 7. *Omit* "the" *insert* "a"

Page 6, clause 16, line 8. *Omit* "that" *insert* "any such"

Page 6, clause 17, line 19. *Omit* "place" *insert* "port"

Page 6, clause 17, line 20. *Omit* "place" *insert* "port"

Page 6, clause 17. At end of clause add the following new subsections:—

This section shall not apply to any ship holding Lloyd's 100 A classification certificate or to any steamship registered in Great Britain and Ireland, which holds a passenger steamers' certificate under the Imperial Merchant Shipping Act of 1894, or any Act amending the same or in substitution thereof.

The Governor may direct that any British or foreign ship trading between any port in New South Wales, and any port not being within Great Britain or Ireland, shall be subject to the provisions of this section.

Page 6, clause 18, lines 24 and 25. *Omit* "of the steamships mentioned in the last preceding section" *insert* "British or foreign steamship carrying or engaged in the trade of conveying passengers from any port or place within the jurisdiction to any port or place in any other part of Her Majesty's dominions"

Page 6, clause 18, line 26. *Omit* "of competency in the prescribed form"

Page 6, clause 19, line 27. *Before* "Every" *insert* "Except in cases provided for in the Navigation Act of 1871 or in the last preceding section"

Page 6, clause 19, line 27. *Omit* "other"

Page 6, clause 19, lines 28 and 29. *Omit* "or upon which there is any machinery or boilers to be used thereon for any purpose whatsoever"

Page 6. *Omit* clause 20, *insert* the following new clauses:—

Section seventy-five of the Principal Act is hereby amended as follows:—

(1) By the insertion in subsection (iv) after the words "coast-trade steamship" of the words "other than as mentioned in the next subsection."

(2) By the insertion before the word "Every" in subsection (v) of the words "Every coast-trade steamship of fifty nominal horse-power or under trading between ports within the jurisdiction, and"

Section eighty-one of the Principal Act is hereby amended by omitting the words—"No foreign-going ship of a tonnage of or above three hundred tons shall go to sea from any port or place within the jurisdiction unless the master, first, and second mates of such ship shall have obtained and possess valid certificates, either of competency or service, appropriate to their several stations in such ship, or of a higher grade, and no such ship of a tonnage under three hundred tons shall so go to sea as aforesaid unless the master and first and only mate of such ship shall possess the like certificates," and substituting the words—"No foreign-going ship shall go to sea from any port or place within the jurisdiction unless the master and first and only mate of such ship shall possess valid certificates, either of competency or of service, appropriate to their several stations in such ship or of a higher grade, or (if such ship carries more than one mate) unless the master and first and second mates of such ship shall possess the like certificates."

(1) Every British or foreign ship (except coast-trade ships under eighty tons register, ships employed solely in fishing, and pleasure yachts, and ships employed exclusively in trading or going from place to place in any river or inland water, the whole or part of which is within the jurisdiction) shall be permanently and conspicuously marked with lines (in this Act called deck-lines) of not less than twelve inches in length and one inch in breadth, painted longitudinally on each side amidships, or as near thereto as is practicable, and indicating the position of each deck which is above water.

(2) The upper edge of each of the deck-lines must be level with the upper side of the deck-plank next the waterway at the place of marking.

(3) The deck-lines must be white or yellow on a dark ground, or black on a light ground.

(4) In this section the expression "amidships" means the middle of the length of the load water-line as measured from the fore side of the stem to the aft side of the stern-post.

(1) The owner of every British or foreign ship proceeding to sea from a port in the Colony (except coast-trade ships under eighty tons register, ships employed solely in fishing, and pleasure yachts) shall, before the time hereinafter in this Act mentioned, mark upon each of her sides amidships within the meaning of the last preceding section, or as near thereto as is practicable, in white or yellow on a dark ground, or in black on a light ground, a circular disc twelve inches in diameter, with an horizontal line eighteen inches in length drawn through its centre.

(2) The centre of this disc shall be placed at such level as may be approved by the superintendent below the deck-line marked under or in accordance with this Act, and shall indicate the maximum load-line in salt water to which it shall be lawful to load the ship.

(3.)

Appointment of assessors. See M.S. Act, 1894, ss. 406, 467, and 479.

Third-class certificates to suffice in certain cases.

Master and mates of foreign-going ship.

Marking of deck-lines. M.S. Act, 1894, s. 437.

Marking of load line. *Ibid.* s. 438.

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(3) The position of the disc shall be fixed in accordance with the tables then in use under the Imperial Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, or any Act amending the same, or in substitution thereof, subject to such allowance as may be made necessary by any difference between the position of the deck-line marked under this Act and the position of the line from which freeboard is measured under the said tables.

If a ship is so loaded as to submerge in salt water the centre of the disc indicating the load-line, the ship shall be deemed to be an unsafe ship with the meaning of the provisions contained in the Navigation Law Amendment Act of 1881, and such submersion shall be a reasonable and probable cause for the detention of the ship.

(1) Where a ship proceeds on any voyage from a port in this Colony for which the owner is required to enter the ship outwards, the disc indicating the load-line shall be marked, before so entering her, or if that is not practicable, as soon afterwards as may be.

(2) The owner of the ship shall, upon entering her outwards, insert in the form of entry a statement in writing of the distance in feet and inches between the centre of this disc and the upper edge of each of the deck-lines which is above that centre, and if default is made in inserting that statement, the ship may be detained.

(3) The master of the ship shall enter a copy of that statement in the agreement with the crew before it is signed by any member of the crew, and a shipping-master shall not proceed with the engagement of the crew until that entry is made.

(4) The master of the ship shall also enter a copy of that statement in the official log-book.

(5) When a ship to which this section applies has been marked with a disc indicating the load-line, she shall be kept so marked until her next return to a port of discharge in the Colony.

(1) Where a coast-trade ship is required to be marked with the disc indicating the load-line, she shall be so marked before the ship proceeds to sea from any port; and the owner shall, also once in twelve months immediately before the ship proceeds to sea, transmit or deliver to the chief officer of Customs of the port of registry of the ship a statement in writing of the distance in feet and inches between the centre of the disc and the upper edge of each of the deck-lines which is above that centre.

(2) The owner, before the ship proceeds to sea after any renewal or alteration of the disc, shall transmit or deliver to the chief officer of Customs of the port of registry of the ship notice in writing of that renewal or alteration, together with such statement in writing as before mentioned of the distance between the centre of the disc and the upper edge of each of the deck-lines.

(3) If default is made in transmitting or delivering any notice or statement under this section, the owner shall for each offence be liable to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds.

(4) When a ship to which this section applies has been marked with a disc indicating the load-line, she shall be kept so marked until notice is given of an alteration.

(1) If—

(a) any owner or master of a British or foreign ship fails without reasonable cause to cause his ship to be marked as by this Act required or to keep her so marked, or allows the ship to be so loaded as to submerge in salt water the centre of the disc indicating the load-line; or

(b) any person conceals, removes, alters, defaces, or obliterates, or suffers any person under his control to conceal, remove, alter, deface, or obliterate any of the said marks, except in the event of the particulars thereby denoted being lawfully altered, or except for the purpose of escaping capture by an enemy—

he shall for each offence be liable to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds.

(2) If any mark required by this Act is in any respect inaccurate, so as to be likely to mislead, the owner of the ship shall for each offence be liable to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds.

(1) The superintendent may approve and certify from time to time the position of any disc indicating the load-line, and any alteration thereof, and may appoint fees to be taken in respect of any such approval or certificate.

(2) The Governor may make regulations to conform so far as possible with the regulations of the Board of Trade—

(a) determining the lines or marks to be used in connection with the disc in order to indicate the maximum load-line under different circumstances and at different seasons, and declaring that the provisions of this Act as to load-lines shall have effect as if any such line were drawn through the centre of the disc; and

(b) as to the mode in which the disc and the lines or marks to be used in connection therewith are to be marked or affixed on the ship, whether by painting, cutting, or otherwise; and

(c) as to the mode of application for, and form of certificates under, this section; and

(d) requiring the entry of those certificates, and other particulars as to the draught of water and freeboard of the ship in the official log-book of the ship or other publication thereof on board the ship, and requiring the delivery of copies of those entries,

and from time to time may by regulations repeal, alter, suspend, or modify any of the said regulations, or may make new regulations in addition thereto, or in substitution therefor, so as to conform so far as possible with the said regulations of the Board of Trade.

(3) All regulations made under this section shall, when published in the *Gazette*, and while in force, have effect as if enacted in this Act, and if any person fails without reasonable cause to comply with any such regulation made with respect to the entry, publication, or delivery of copies of certificates or other particulars as to the draught of water and freeboard of a ship, he shall, for each offence, be liable to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds.

(4) Where, in pursuance of the regulations, any such certificate is required to be delivered, a statement in writing as to the disc and deck-lines of a ship need not be inserted in the form of entry, or transmitted, or delivered to a chief officer of Customs under the provisions hereinbefore contained.

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Provision as to
load-lines of
ships of United
Kingdom and
British colonies.
See *Ibid.* s. 444.

(1) Any load-line fixed and marked and any certificate given in accordance with the Imperial Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, or any Act amending the same or in substitution thereof, shall have the same effect as if it had been fixed, marked, or given in accordance with this Act.

(2) Where the legislature of any British possession by any enactment provides for the fixing, marking, and certifying of load lines on ships registered in that possession, and it appears to the Governor that that enactment is based on the same principles as the provisions of this Act relating to load-lines, and is equally effective for ascertaining and determining the maximum load-lines to which these ships can be safely loaded in salt water, and for giving notice of the load-line to persons interested, the Governor, by proclamation in the *Gazette*, may declare that any load-line fixed and marked, and any certificate given in pursuance of that enactment shall, with respect to ships so registered, have the same effect as if it had been fixed, marked, or given in pursuance of this Act.

Provision as to
foreign ships
with respect to
load-lines.
Ibid. s. 445.

(1) Where the superintendent certifies that the laws and regulations for the time being in force in any foreign country, and relating to overloading and improper loading, are equally effective with the provisions of the Navigation Acts, 1871-1896, and this Act relating thereto, the Governor, by proclamation in the *Gazette*, may direct that on proof of a ship of that country having complied with those laws and regulations, she shall not when in a port of the Colony be liable to detention for non-compliance with the provisions of the Navigation Acts, 1871-1896, or this Act, nor shall there arise any liability to any fine or penalty which would otherwise arise for non-compliance with those provisions.

(2) Provided that this section shall not apply in the case of any foreign country in which it appears to the Governor that corresponding provisions are not extended to British ships.

Page 6, clause 21, line 42. After "be" insert "granted to British subjects and may be."

Page 6, clause 21, line 44. Omit "ports" insert "some port."

Page 7, clause 21, line 1. After "pilot" insert "in the employ of the Government of New South
"Wales"

Page 7, clause 22, line 13. After "pilot" insert "in the employ of the Government of New South
"Wales"

Page 7, clause 22, line 16. After "pounds" insert "Provided that this section shall not apply to
"the removing of a ship from one side of a wharf to the other, or to an immediately
"adjoining wharf, so long as the ship's movements are controlled by her own warps."

Page 7, clause 22. At end of clause add:—

Provided that if any ship is removed more than three times during the same stay in port there shall be chargeable in respect of the fourth and every subsequent such removal one-half only of such dues.

Page 7. After clause 22 insert the following new clause:—

Section two of the Navigation Acts Amendment Act, 1896, is hereby amended by the omission from subsection (b) of the words "or of obtaining coal to be used in the ship on her voyage;" and the words "or after obtaining coal to be used on the ship on her voyage," and by the insertion in subsection (c) after the words "being in distress" of the words "or entering any port or place for
"the purpose of obtaining coal to be used in the ship on her voyage, and for no other purpose."

Page 8, clause 25, line 15. Omit "the" where last occurring insert "a"

Page 8, clause 25. After subsection (1) insert the following new subsection:—

The Governor may appoint any Stipendiary or Police Magistrates to sit as Judges of Courts of Marine Inquiry for the purpose of hearing and determining such appeals, and any one or more of the Stipendiary or Police Magistrates so appointed may so sit, and all the provisions of this Act relating to Judges of a Court of Marine Inquiry shall apply to such Stipendiary or Police Magistrates so sitting.

Page 8, clause 25, line 19. Omit "the" where last occurring insert "a"

Page 9, clauses 28 and 29. Omit clauses 28 and 29 insert the following new clause:—

(1.) "Any surveyor appointed under the Navigation Act of 1871, or any such other person as the Governor may appoint for the purpose, may inspect a ship for the purpose of seeing that she is properly provided with appliances for saving life at sea in conformity with this Act, and shall for that purpose have all the powers of an inspector under the Navigation Acts, 1871-1896.

(2.) If any such surveyor or person finds that any ship is not so provided, he shall give to the master or owner notice in writing, pointing out the deficiency, and also pointing out what, in his opinion, is requisite to remedy the same.

(3.) Every notice so given shall be communicated in such manner as the Governor may direct to the Chief Officer of Customs at any port at which the ship may seek to obtain a clearance or transire, and the ship shall be detained until a certificate under the hand of any such surveyor or person appointed by the Governor as aforesaid is produced, to the effect that the ship is properly provided with appliances for saving life at sea in conformity with this Act."

Page 9, clause 30, line 28. After "shall" omit remainder of clause insert "take effect from the
"date of their publication in the *Gazette*."

"All rules or regulations made under the Act shall forthwith be laid before Parliament, if it be then sitting, and if not, then within thirty days after the commencement of the next Session."

Page 10. After clause 33 insert the following new clause:—

In this Act and in the Navigation Act Amendment Act of 1873, unless the context otherwise requires,—

"British possession" means any part of Her Majesty's dominions, exclusive of the United Kingdom, and where parts of such dominions are under both a central and a local legislature, all parts under the central legislature shall, for the purposes of this definition, be deemed to be one British possession

"legislature," when used with respect to a British possession, means the authority other than the Imperial Parliament or Her Majesty the Queen in Council, competent to make laws for a British possession

"port" includes place

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Any reference to failure to do any act or thing shall include a reference to refusal to do that act or thing.

Page 10, clause 35, line 22. *Omit "1898" insert "1899"*

Page 11, Schedule One, line 5. *After "space" insert "which it is required by this Act to contain"*

Page 11, Schedule One, line 10. *Omit "this Act" insert "the Imperial Merchant Shipping Act, 1894"*

Page 11, Schedule One, line 14. *After "under" insert "the Navigation Acts 1871-1896 and"*
Page 20, Schedule Two. *After General Rule 12 insert—*

"13. The ventilation of Harbour passenger steamers shall at all times be efficient and to the satisfaction of the superintendent"

Page 21, Schedule Three, line 10. *Before "subsection 4" insert "subsection 6 of section 2"*

Page 21, Schedule Three, line 11. *After "6" insert "sections 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16."*

Examined,—

A. H. JACOB,

Chairman of Committees.

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

(2.) Sydney Corporation Act Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having taken into consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated the 8th November, 1899, in reference to the Sydney Corporation Act Amendment Bill,—

Disagrees to the Assembly's amendment in Clause 4,—

1. Because it is opposed to the analogy of all deliberative bodies, and in particular to that afforded by the two Legislative Chambers of this Colony.

2. Because the position of Mayor possesses rather a business and administrative than a political character.

Agrees to the other amendments made by the Legislative Assembly in this Bill.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 22nd November, 1899.

JOHN LACKEY,

President.

Ordered by Mr. Deputy-Speaker, that the Message be taken into consideration in Committee of the Whole on Tuesday next.

14. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS (*Railway from Culcairn to German-ton*):—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report on the expediency of constructing a line of railway from Culcairn to German-ton.
Question put and passed.

15. POSTPONEMENTS:—The remaining Notices of Motions of Government Business further postponed until To-morrow.

16. DUBBO TO COONAMBLE RAILWAY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—
And the Question being again proposed,—
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 23 NOVEMBER, 1899, A.M.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 40.

Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Wilks,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Levien,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Pyers,
Mr. Ross,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Wood,

Mr. O'Conor,
Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Lees,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. Dight,
Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Holman,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. McGowen,

Mr. Law,
Mr. Sec,
Mr. Sleath,
Mr. James Thomson,
Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Henry Chapman,
Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Millard.
Tellers.
Mr. Norton,
Mr. Watson.

Noes, 9.

Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Richards,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Ferris,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Wright.

Tellers,

Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Dick.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Wilks, Temporary-Chairman, reported the Bill with an amendment.

On motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, the report was adopted.

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

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17. BANK HOLIDAYS AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Deputy-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 fix certain Public Holidays on Mondays*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

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Sydney, 22nd November, 1899.*

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

BANK HOLIDAYS AMENDMENT BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 22nd November, 1899.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, clause 1, line 11. *Before "Schedule" insert "fourth"*
 Page 1, clause 1, line 12. *Before "Bank" insert "Banks and"*
 Page 1, clause 1, line 12. *Omit "1875" insert "1898"*
 Page 1, clause 2, line 13. *Before "Bank" insert "Banks and"*
 Page 1, clause 2, line 13. *After "Holidays" insert "Act"*

Examined,—

A. H. JACOB,
Chairman of Committees.

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

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Deputy-Speaker.

New South Wales.

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FOURTH SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 23 NOVEMBER, 1899.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Release of Boys from the Nautical School-ship "Sobraon":—Mr. Hogue asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Has he initiated a new policy with regard to applications for the release of boys detained on the Nautical School-ship "Sobraon"?
- (2.) Is it a fact, as announced recently in the public Press, that he has expressed himself favourable to releasing the sons of respectable parents after a short period of detention on the ship?
- (3.) How many applications for the release of "Sobraon" boys has he received since his acceptance of office?
- (4.) How many of such applications has he granted?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) Yes; provided the conditions are favourable and the boys have conducted themselves well on the ship.
- (3.) Fifty-five.
- (4.) Six.

(2.) Boys detained on the Nautical School-ship "Sobraon":—Mr. Hogue asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) How many boys were there detained under the Industrial Schools Act on Board the Nautical School-ship "Sobraon" on the 14th October last?
- (2.) What was the number on the 16th November instant?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) Three hundred and thirty.
- (2.) Three hundred and twenty-four.

(3.) Crank pins of Engines at the Power-house, Ultimo:—Mr. Nelson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that all of the crank pins of the engines erected at the Power-house, Ultimo, are being filed for the purpose of trying to make them true?
- (2.) If so, is he aware that this class of work cannot be properly done with a file, and will be likely to cause trouble in the future?
- (3.) By whose instructions is this work being done?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

- (1.) The crank pins have been trued up.
- (2.) The work has been carried out satisfactorily, and during the prolonged trials under full load of two engines the pins remained perfectly cool.
- (3.) The truing-up is being carried out by the contractors' erecting engineer, who is responsible for the work.

(4.) The Public Service:—Mr. Spence asked the Attorney-General,—What constitutes seniority in the General Division of the Public Service—salary or length of service?

Mr. See answered,—The Public Service Board have pointed out to me that it is difficult to lay down any general rule as a guide to seniority in the General Division, where the duties are so diverse, but it may be stated that length of service in situations carrying equal salaries, combined with fitness, would determine seniority for purposes of recommendations for promotion.

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(5.) Mr. Davis, Acting Government Architect:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Was Mr. Davis, Engineer for Sewerage Construction, appointed Acting Government Architect during the absence of Mr. Vernon in England; and, if so, for how long?
- (2.) Has Mr. Davis been appointed to any other positions in the Service while performing his duties as Engineer for Sewerage Construction; and, if so, what?
- (3.) What is the salary of this officer; and has his attention to these additional duties thrown any additional work upon the officers under him?
- (4.) In view of the fact that Mr. Davis appears to be able to perform other duties than those of Engineer for Sewerage Construction, will he take steps to reorganise this branch of the Service, so that the officer or officers responsible for the efficient working of same during the absence of Mr. Davis from his duties may receive salaries equal to their responsibilities?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

- (1.) Yes. Mr. Davis was appointed to administer the Government Architect's Branch for five months, but the Principal Assistant Architect was the officer held responsible for the architectural work.
- (2.) No; but in common with other responsible officers of the Department he has acted upon various Boards.
- (3.) £300 per annum. No additional work was thrown upon the officers under him, as he was able, by working after the usual office hours, to conduct the duties required of him in a satisfactory manner.
- (4.) I am satisfied that there is no necessity to reorganise the branch of which Mr. Davis is the head. If the Honorable Member can show reasons why this reorganisation should take place, I will consider the matter.

(6.) Pastoral Leases in the Central Division:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—Pending the settlement of the leases falling due in the Central Division in the middle of next year, will he, for the information of Honorable Members and the public, lay upon the Table a list of the pastoral leases, area in acres, rent, resumed area of each, and amount of license fee on each from 1885 to 1898 inclusive?

Mr. Hassall answered,—This information can only be furnished in the form of a return, which should be moved for in the usual manner.

(7.) Lease of Run, Burra Burra, No. 546:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—When was the run called Burra Burra, No. 546, in the Central Division, first tendered for as a lease; by whom tendered for; when and to whom was the lease granted?

Mr. Hassall answered,—The holding known as Burra Burra, No. 546, Central Division, consists of two blocks, North Burra Burra and South Burra Burra. Tenders for a pastoral lease of these two blocks were invited in the early part of 1865, and on the 25th April of that year the tender of J. Farrand was accepted for a pastoral lease of both blocks.

(8.) Sale of Ice-creams in the Streets:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Has his attention been directed to the leading article appearing in last Thursday's *Daily Telegraph* drawing attention to the "Danger to Public Health," arising from children eating "ice-creams" that are hawked about the streets in the city, and to Dr. Kendall's (the medical officer to the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board) recent report for the quarter ending 30th September, in which it is asserted that in the ice-creams sold in the streets more and worse bacterial bodies and dangerous micro-organisms have been found than are found in concentrated sewage?
- (2.) Will he see that some steps are taken to put down this system of endangering public health, especially of juvenile members of the community?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The Health Department has given some attention to the ice-creams which are hawked about the city, and is not aware that any danger to the public health attaches to them generally; nor that more and worse bacterial bodies and dangerous micro-organisms have been found in them than are found in concentrated sewage.

(9.) Adulterated Foods and Liquors:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he see that some radical and rigid system of inspection and analysis is put in force by the Board of Health to put down the increasing evil that has of late years prevailed in this Colony of disposing to the poorer classes of the community adulterated foods and liquors composed of preservatives, glucose, and other poisonous ingredients dangerous to public health?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Execution of the adulteration part of the Public Health Act is radical and rigid in so far as the Board of Health as the central and supervising authority takes part in it. But as regards local authorities under that Act, on whose execution of the part its efficiency as a safeguard largely depends, they rarely take proceedings under it.

(10.) Land Sale on Coonong Station, near Urana:—Mr. Carroll asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) What lands were put up for auction sale on Coonong Station, near Urana, during 1897, 1898, and up till August, 1899?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the ex-Minister for Lands gave directions that adjoining blocks on such station were not to be put up for sale on the same day?
- (3.) Were such adjoining blocks put up for sale on different dates?
- (4.) Were the combined areas of such adjoining blocks sufficient for homestead selectors or settlement lessees to make a living on?

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Mr. Hassall answered,—

(1.)	Portion.	Parish.	County.	Area.
	50	Colombo	Urana	216 acres.
	126	Coonong	Urana	40 acres.
	127	Coonong	Urana	40 acres.
	128	Coonong	Urana	40 acres.
	129	Coonong	Urana	96 acres.
	45	Kendall	Urana	233 acres.
	48	Kendall	Urana	411 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres.
	1	Watt	Urana	234 acres.
	51	Watt	Urana	41 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres.

(2.) No.

(3.) Seven of these portions were sold on the 24th March, 1897, and the other two portions subsequently, on different dates, in the ordinary course.

(4.) Portions 1 and 51, parish of Watt; 126 to 129, parish of Coonong; and 48, parish of Kendall, adjoin and form an irregularly shaped block, originally reserved for access to water. This land is described as swampy in parts, bleak, and fit for grazing only, rendering it unsuitable for a home-stead selection or settlement lease.

(11.) Appeals by Officers in the Public Service :—Mr. Rose asked the Attorney-General,—

(1.) Is it a fact that, when appeals by officers against gradings of the Public Service Board were made, the head officers of the particular branch in which such appealing officer worked were not allowed to express any opinion as to such officer's merit?

(2.) Is it a fact that opinions or charges were endorsed on such appeals by an officer who had previously done his grading for the Public Service Board, and that the officers appealing were not informed of such opinions or charges, nor given any opportunity of meeting the same?

(3.) If yes, will he see that such officers have an opportunity of having their appeals reopened?

Mr. See answered,—The Public Service Board has supplied my honorable colleague with the following Answers :—

(1.) It is presumed that the Honorable Member refers to appeals which are now pending. The Board make a point of consulting the heads of all the Branches.

(2.) The Public Service Board are not quite certain as to what the Honorable Member refers. No charge against any officer would be dealt with except in open court, in accordance with the form prescribed in the Public Service Act. With regard to the grading, the Board are careful to take the opinion of the head of the particular service to which the appellant is attached, together with the evidence of any investigating sub-Board; but before any decision is arrived at the Public Service Board personally hear the appeals whenever it is possible for the officer to appear before them, and come to their own independent judgment on the case, as the result of their personal investigation.

(3.) The appeals have not yet been closed, in consequence, as pointed out in reply to a Question asked a few days ago, of the delay in giving country officers the opportunity of appearing in person before the Board. The Board are always ready to reconsider any case when it can be shown that all the facts have not been before them.

2. LAND TAX BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Lyne, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

BEAUCHAMP,
*Governor.**Message No. 61.*

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 collection of the Land Tax for 1899.

Government House,
Sydney, 21st November, 1899.

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

3. CLAIM OF MR. SHERLOCK BARRON, NORTH BOTANY :—Mr. Dacey, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 15th August, 1899.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. CLAIMS OF MRS. GUILFOYLE, WIDOW OF THE LATE FORESTER AT MOAMA :—Mr. Chanter, 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 October, 1899.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. VOTE OF CREDIT :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Lyne, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

BEAUCHAMP,
*Governor.**Message No. 62.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly that provision be made for defraying the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of December or following month of the financial year ending 30th June, 1900.

Government House,
Sydney, 22nd November, 1899.

Ordered to be referred to the Committee of Supply.

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6. PRINTING COMMITTEE :—Mr. Gormly, as Chairman, brought up the Eleventh Report from the Printing Committee.

7. PAPERS :—Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table,—Minutes respecting the granting of sick-leave to H. R. Carleton, Esq., Principal Assistant Engineer, Harbours and Rivers, Department of Public Works.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Sec laid upon the Table,—

(1.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Taree.

(2.) Report of the Commissioners of Fisheries for the year 1898.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—By-laws of the Municipal District of Bankstown, under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1897.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

8. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES BILL :—Mr. Sec moved, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 8th November, 1899, requesting its concurrence in certain amendments made by the Council in the Friendly Societies Bill,—

Agrees to the amendment in the Title.

Agrees to the amendment in clause 1, subsection (1).

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 1, page 1, which inserts a new subsection,—because it limits the appointment of an actuary to members of two close corporations, to the exclusion of all other competent mathematicians, and because there are at present in the Public Service gentlemen perfectly competent to perform actuarial work.

Agrees to the amendments in clauses 6, 23, 24, 27, 28, and 31.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 40, which omits subsections (c) and (d) and inserts a new subsection,—because it does not afford sufficient scope for the investment of Societies' Funds, and is, therefore, not in accordance with the interests of the members of Friendly Societies.

Agrees to the amendments in clause 41, to the omission of clause 43, and the insertion of a new clause instead thereof.

Agrees to the amendments in clauses 50, 51, and 65.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 91, page 30, lines 27 and 28, which omits the words "for a period of twelve months from the commencement of this Act,"—because, unless the provision is allowed to remain as in the Bill before amendment, the whole of the Lodges, together with the Grand Lodges, will still remain separate Friendly Societies, which is undesirable. It is absolutely necessary, in order that the central governing bodies should be the recognised registered Societies, that the present registration of the subordinate Lodges should be determined, hence a twelve months limit should be provided in this section, during which period the Grand Lodges would themselves become re-registered under the new Act, forwarding at the same time a list of the whole of the branches connected therewith.

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Sydney, 23rd November, 1899.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

9. TREASURY INDEMNITY BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Lyne, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

BEAUCHAMP,

Governor.

Message No. 63.

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 indemnify the Colonial Treasurer, the Officers of the Treasury, and other persons, in respect of certain unauthorised withdrawals and payments from the Public Accounts of the Colonial Treasurer in the Banks keeping such Accounts.

Government House.

Sydney, 24th August, 1899.

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

10. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS—*Tuckian Flood Escape Scheme—(Formal Motion)* :—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report on the expediency of constructing works in connection with the Tuckian Flood Escape Scheme.

Question put and passed.

11. DUBBO TO COONAMBLE RAILWAY BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, read a third time.

Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That the Bill do now pass.

Question put.

The

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The House divided.

Ayes, 55.			Noes, 17.
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Affleck,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Moore,	Mr. Benoit,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Meagher,	Mr. Millard,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. See,	Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Gormly,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Wise,	Mr. Cann,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,	Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Dight,	Mr. Cruickshank,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Quinn,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Reymond,	Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Willis,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. Carroll,	Mr. Norton,	Mr. Ross,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Archer,	Mr. David Davis,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Neild,	Mr. Ashton,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Lee,	Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Phillips,	Mr. Sleuth,	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Young,	Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Cohen,
Dr. Graham,	Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Piddington.	Mr. Wright.
Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. Carruthers,	<i>Tellers,</i>	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Pyers,	Mr. Byrne,	Mr. Austin Chapman,	Mr. Richards,
Mr. W. W. Davis,	Mr. Ferris,	Mr. Watson.	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Henry Clarke,		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. O'Sullivan then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Dubbo to Coonamble, provided that before commencing the said work certain land required is contracted to be conveyed to the Crown, or an indemnity is given for the cost of resuming the same; to amend the provisions of the Public Works Act of 1888, so far as they relate to the duty of the Constructing Authority to make and maintain fences along the said line of railway; to authorise the construction of the said line on certain public roads; 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 sanction the construction of a line of railway from Dubbo to Coonamble, provided that before commencing the said work certain land required is contracted to be conveyed to the Crown, or an indemnity is given for the cost of resuming the same; to amend the provisions of the Public Works Act of 1888, so far as they relate to the duty of the Constructing Authority to make and maintain fences along the said line of railway; to authorise the construction of the said line on certain public roads; and for other purposes.*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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12. RAILWAY DEVIATIONS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. McGowen moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—

- (1.) The Departmental estimate of each deviation completed by the Railway Commissioners.
- (2.) The estimate of each deviation work now proceeding.
- (3.) The actual cost of each work now completed.
- (4.) The annual saving estimated on each work.
- (5.) The annual saving realised on each work now completed.

Question put and passed.

13. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Business postponed:—

- (1.) The Notices of Motions of Government Business, Nos. 1 and 3 to 9, postponed (*by consent*), to follow after the Order of the Day of Government Business, No. 4, for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's amendments.
- (2.) Sunday Trading Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law with respect to clubs and co-operative stores; and to regulate and restrict Sunday trading, other than the sale of liquor;—until Thursday next.
- (3.) Hotels Diminishing Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to lessen the number of hotels in proportion to the population;—until Thursday next.

14. CROWN LANDS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Hassall, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law relating to the sale and leasing, disposal and management of Crown lands; to provide for the determination of the capital value of land under conditional purchase, conditional lease, homestead selection or settlement lease, and for regulating payments in respect of such land on the basis of such value; and for the reappraisal of the rents of conditional leases; to provide for the enclosure of roads and watercourses; and in certain respects to amend the Crown Lands Acts.

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 amend the law relating to the sale and leasing, disposal and management of Crown lands; to provide for the determination of the capital value of land under conditional purchase, conditional lease, homestead selection or settlement lease, and for regulating payments in respect of such land on the basis of such value; and for the reappraisal of the rents of conditional leases; to provide for the enclosure of roads and watercourses; and in certain respects to amend the Crown Lands Acts.

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

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- (2.) Mr. Hassall then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the law relating to the sale and leasing, disposal and management of Crown lands; to provide for the determination of the capital value of land under conditional purchase, conditional lease, homestead selection or settlement lease, and for regulating payments in respect of such land on the basis of such value; and for the reappraisal of the rents of conditional leases; to provide for the enclosure of roads and watercourses; and in certain respects to amend the Crown Lands Acts,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
15. PUBLIC SERVICE (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Wise moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Carruthers moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
16. NAVIGATION (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 for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Piddington, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had agreed to some, disagreed to others, and amended others of the Council's amendments, and made consequential amendments in the Title.
On motion of Mr. Lyne, the report was adopted.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 24 NOVEMBER, 1899, A.M.

17. TOTALIZATOR 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 legalise the use of an instrument known as 'The Totalizator' on racecourses, subject to certain restrictions and regulations, and to more effectually cope with the practice of gaming, and for other purposes in connection therewith,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

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Sydney, 23rd November, 1899.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

Mr Lyne moved, That this Bill be now read a first time.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Wise,	Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Hurley,	Mr. Holman,
Mr. McLaughlin,	Mr. Sleath,	Mr. Hughes,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Barnes.
Mr. Spruson,	Mr. McFarlane,	Tellers,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Wood,	Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. See,	Mr. Watson,	Mr. Phillips.
Mr. Wilks,	Mr. Cruickshank,	
Mr. Carroll,	Mr. Ross,	
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Smith,	

Noes, 8.

Mr. Cook,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Dick,
Mr. Alexander Campbell,
Mr. Jessep,
Mr. Moore.

Tellers,

Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Molesworth.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a first time.

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

8. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS—*Railway from Grenfell to Wyalong*:—
Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient that a line of railway from Grenfell to Wyalong, as referred by the Legislative Assembly to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out.
Mr. Dick moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

The House adjourned, at ten minutes after Twelve o'clock, a.m., until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,

Speaker.

New South Wales.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 28 NOVEMBER, 1899.

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. Lync, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

- (1.) Factors Bill :—

BEAUCHAMP,
Governor.

Message No. 64.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to advances made to agents intrusted with Goods,*"—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, 23rd November, 1899.

- (2.) Felons Apprehension Bill :—

BEAUCHAMP,
Governor.

Message No. 65.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Statutes relating to the apprehension of Felons,*"—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.) Prisons Bill :—

BEAUCHAMP,
Governor.

Message No. 66.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to the regulation and control of Prisons, and the custody of Prisoners,*"—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, 23rd November, 1899.

- (4.) Book Purchasers Protection Bill :—

BEAUCHAMP,
Governor.

Message No. 67.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to the protection of the purchasers of certain books,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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(5.) Stage-carriages Bill:—

BEAUCHAMP,
Governor.

Message No. 68.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to Stage-carriages*,"—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, 23rd November, 1899.

(6.) Public Vehicles Bill:—

BEAUCHAMP,
Governor.

Message No. 69.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Acts for the regulation of Public Vehicles in the City and Police District of Sydney*,"—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 November, 1899.

2. TONNAGE RATES (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Lyne, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

BEAUCHAMP,
Governor.

Message No 70.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the law relating to Wharfage and Tonnage Rates.

Government House,
Sydney, 24th November, 1899.

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

3. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Appointment of Board to inquire into George and Harris Streets Electric Tramway:—
Mr. Nobbs, for Mr. E. M. Clark, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that he proposed to appoint Messrs. De Burgh, Engineer for Roads, Mr. Carlton, Engineer for Harbours and Rivers, and Mr. Davis, Engineer for Sewerage Construction, as a Board of Inquiry on the George-street tramway; and, if so, what special knowledge have these officers of tramway, railway construction, and electricity, or what certificates of qualifications do they hold in these subjects?

(2.) Has he now determined not to appoint this Board; and, if so, why?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—Messrs. Davis, Carleton, and Hanna were appointed as a Board to make the inquiry indicated. The work was not all of an electrical character, and the gentlemen referred to are skilled men of great experience. The Board was appointed because the first Board constituted did not at the time arrive at definite conclusions; but as they have since done so, there is no necessity for continuing the inquiry by the Departmental Board.

(2.) Captain Barrett, Australian Rifles, Goulburn:—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he have any objection to lay upon the Table of the House all papers referring to the dismissal of Captain Barrett from the Goulburn Branch of the Australian Rifles?

Mr. See answered,—I will lay these papers upon the Table.

(3.) Fees for Smearing School Children's Horses crossing the Border:—Mr. Carroll, for Mr. Cruickshank, asked the Secretary for Mines,—Will he allow children attending school to pass to and fro across the Queensland Border without paying the fees for smearing their horses; if so, will he give immediate instructions to the inspector to that effect?

Mr. Fegan answered,—Yes. In all cases where attention has been called to the fact that the horses belonging to residents on the Border were used by children attending school, in either Colony, the smearing charge has not been exacted.

(4.) Duty on Opium:—Mr. Gillies, for Mr. Hughes, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he lay upon the Table a return showing the amount of opium upon which duty has been paid in New South Wales from 1st January, 1898, to 30th June, 1899?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The amount of opium upon which duty was paid from 1st January, 1898, to 30th June, 1899, was 27,579 lbs.

(5.) Visit of Mr. Gustave Fischer to America:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Referring to the Question of Mr. E. M. Clark on the 22nd November, and the Answer that no estimate of the cost of machinery in connection with the Power-house, George-street tramway, had been prepared at the time of Mr. Gustave Fischer's visit to America to arrange about

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about the inspection and proposed modifications in designs of engines, but that the cost had, however, been about £65,000,—is it a fact that on 29th July, 1897, Mr. Young, then Minister for Public Works, in reply to a Question by the same Honorable Member, stated that the probable cost of machinery would be £38,119; and, if so, how was this estimate arrived at?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—The Honorable Member's Question on the 29th July, 1897, referred to electrical machinery alone; the amount of £38,119 was the net cost of the engines and generators only.

- (6.) George and Harris Streets Electric Tram:—Mr. Nelson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the feeders in the George-street tram are supposed to be laid on the drawing-in system, the advantages of which are claimed to be that a cable can, if desired, be withdrawn and a new one substituted?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that the ducts in which these cables are drawn are so much too small as to have made it necessary to drag the cables in with the aid of horses, and impossible for them to be withdrawn?
 - (3.) Did the Commission inquire into this matter, and satisfy themselves that the cables were laid in an approved manner?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The cables are $\frac{1}{4}$ inch smaller than the ducts. Considerable power must necessarily be applied even to drag the cables along the open street. Horses are the most convenient for the purpose. I am informed there is no reason to suppose it would be impossible to withdraw the cables.
- (3.) The Commission, I understand, made some inquiries, but tests of the cables have now been made, and they are reported to me to be perfectly satisfactory.

- (7.) Site for Volunteer Drill-sheds:—Mr. Chanter, for Mr. Copeland, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has any conclusion been arrived at with reference to apportioning a site for Volunteer drill-sheds?

Mr. Hassall answered,—The trustees of Phillip Park are being communicated with as to any objections to a site being granted near the Blind Asylum.

- (8.) Consolidation of the Mining Laws:—Mr. Moore asked the Secretary for Mines,—When will the Bill to amend and consolidate the Mining Laws be introduced?

Mr. Fegan answered,—I regret that owing to the short time at the disposal of the Government, and the important matters to be dealt with, it will be impossible to introduce a Bill this Session.

4. TOTALIZATOR BILL:—The following Petitions in opposition to the Totalizator Bill, and praying the House to reject the measure, were presented by the Members named:—

- (1.) By Mr. Garland—From members and adherents of the Congregational Church, Watson's Bay.
- (2.) By Mr. Cohen—From certain members of Christian Endeavour Societies, Petersham.
Petitions received.

5. CASE OF THOMAS BUCKLEY—PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:—Mr. E. M. Clark presented a Petition from Thomas Buckley, of Sydney, representing that the House had appointed a Select Committee to inquire into his dismissal from the Public Works Department; and praying that he may be represented by counsel or attorney, or in person, before the said Committee, with the right to call witnesses and examine and cross-examine all witnesses that may give evidence before such Committee.

At the request of Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, the Petition was read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker.

Petition received.

6. PAPERS:—

Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return (*in part*) to an Order, made on 21st September, 1898,—“Monthly Returns of ‘Accidents.’”

- (2.) Observations by the Engineer-in-Chief for Railway Construction upon the summary of Report of the Board appointed to inquire into the delay of opening George and Harris Streets Electric Tramway.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Hassall laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 20th April, 1899,—“New road at ‘Burrawong Old Station, District of Molong.’”

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. See laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report by Major-General G. A. French, R.A., C.M.G., Commanding, on the Military Forces of the Colony for the year ended 30th June, 1899.

- (2.) By-laws of the Borough of Wallsend.

- (3.) Return showing the cost of Camps held by the 1st Australian Horse.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

7. NAVIGATION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Ordered, on motion of Mr. Lyne, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 22nd November, 1899, requesting concurrence in certain amendments made by the Council, in the Navigation (Amendment) Bill,—

Proposes to amend the Title by omitting the word “Court,” twice occurring; and inserting the word “Courts” in each case,—as consequential upon the Council's amendments in the Bill.

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Agrees to the amendments in clause 2.

Agrees to the insertion of a new clause to follow clause 3, but proposes to amend such new clause by omitting the words "serve without salary, and shall," and by adding at the end the words "by order published in the *Gazette*."

Agrees to the amendments in clauses 4, 5, 7, and 8, and to the two first amendments in clause 9.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 9, which omits subclause (2),—because the whole of this clause is taken from section 478 of the Imperial Merchants Shipping Act, and it has been considered more desirable to have unanimous legislation on the same subject.

Agrees to the amendments in clauses 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14; to the omission of clause 15, and the insertion of a new clause; to the amendments in clauses 16, 17, 18, and 19; to the omission of clause 20, and the insertion of eleven new clauses to follow that clause, but proposes to amend such clauses as follows:—

The third—by omitting from line 1 the words "or foreign"

The fourth—by omitting from line 1 the words "or foreign," and by inserting in subclause (2), after the word "Act," the words "and specified in the certificate given thereunder."

The eighth—by omitting from line 2 the words "or foreign"

Agrees to the amendments in clause 21, but proposes to amend the first of such amendments by inserting after the word "may" the word "only."

Agrees to the amendments in clause 22.

Agrees to the insertion of a new clause to follow clause 22, but proposes to amend such new clause by omitting from line 1 the word "two," and inserting the word "four."

Agrees to the remaining amendments in the Bill.

And the Legislative Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council in the amendments upon the Council's amendments in the Bill.

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Sydney, 28th November, 1899.*

8. TWEED RIVER HARBOUR WORKS BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the carrying out of Harbour Works at Tweed River.
Question put and passed.

9. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
(1.) Fisher Trusts Declaratory Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—until To-morrow.
(2.) Indecent Advertisements Bill; second reading;—until Thursday next.
(3.) Sunday Observance Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the better observance of the Sunday; for the closing of business places, and prohibiting the sale of goods in those places during certain hours; to amend the Liquor Act, 1898; and for purposes incidental to or consequent on those objects;—until To-morrow.
(4.) Stanford Coal-mine Railway Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until To-morrow.

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

- (1.) Tamworth Show Ground Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the sale of certain lands held for the use and general purposes of the Liverpool Plains Pastoral, Agricultural, and Horticultural Association, and the purchase of other lands in lieu of the same for the use of the said association, and to authorise the mortgaging of the lands so purchased, and to provide for the removal and appointment of trustees of certain of the said lands,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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JOHN LACKEY,
President.

- (2.) Terrace-street Closing Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to close and abolish Terrace-street, leading from Flagstaff View street, North Sydney, to and bounded by lands of Tom Burton Dibbs and Edward Ainsworth Gaden (as trustees), and to vest the said Terrace-street in the said Tom Burton Dibbs and Edward Ainsworth Gaden (as such trustees),*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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Sydney, 28th November, 1899.*

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

- (3.) Friendly Societies Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having had under consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated the 23rd November, 1899, in reference to the Friendly Societies Bill,—does not insist upon its amendments disagreed to by the Assembly in this Bill.

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JOHN LACKEY,
President.

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11. SYDNEY CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's Message of 22nd November, 1899, in reference to this Bill,—on motion of Mr. Jessop, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

12. BANKS AND BANK HOLIDAYS ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*changed from*) BANK HOLIDAYS AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Arthur Griffith, 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. Griffith, 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 fix certain Public Holidays on Mondays.*"

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13. CAPITAL PUNISHMENT ABOLITION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Haynes moved, That this Bill be now read a second time. Debate ensued.

And it being Eight o'clock, Government Business only taken, under Sessional Order adopted on the 2nd November, 1899.

14. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:—Mr. Lyne 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 1899-1900," 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.
15. LAND TAX (COLLECTION) BILL:—Mr. Lyne moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make better provision for the collection of the Land-tax for 1899. Question put and passed.
16. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS (*Glebe Island Improvements*):—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report on the expediency of cutting down Glebe Island, reclaiming the foreshores, and constructing a wharf round the Island. Debate ensued. Question put and passed.
17. BELLINGER RIVER HARBOUR WORKS BILL:—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the carrying out of Harbour Works at Bellinger River. Question put and passed.
18. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Lyne, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

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

Ordered, 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:—

(5.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £512,000, to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony during the month of December or following month of the financial year ending 30th June, 1900, to be expended at the rates which have been sanctioned for the financial year ended 30th June, 1899, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1899-1900.

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

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

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:—

(5.) *Resolved*,—That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Services of the financial year 1899–1900, the sum of £512,000 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

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

20. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 4):—**

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Lyne, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 5), to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1899–1900.

(2.) Mr. Lyne 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 1899–1900*,"—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. 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 now read a third time.

(4.) 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 apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1899–1900*."

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 1899–1900*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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21. **ADJOURNMENT:**—Mr. Lyne moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at eight 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. 46.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 29 NOVEMBER, 1899.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Randwick Asylum:—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What was the number of inmates in the Randwick Asylum on 31st December, 1890, and 31st December, 1898, respectively?
- (2.) What was the amount of trust funds in hand on 31st December, 1898?
- (3.) How many men are engaged in the outdoor work of the institution?
- (4.) Who have been recently appointed from the directors as an outdoor committee?
- (5.) Is it a fact that the Directors were negotiating with the Government for the location of old and infirm men from the Rockwood and Parramatta Asylums?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) 1890, 212; 1898, 158.
- (2.) £52,667 9s. 4d.
- (3.) Two.

(4.) Messrs. Robert Anderson, John Forsyth, J. Baxter-Bruce, and W. T. Waters.

(5.) It is understood that certain correspondence took place between the Royal Commission on Public Charities and the Directors of the Institution, but no direct negotiations have for some years past been entered upon with the Government.

- (2.) Cumnock Water Supply:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has any officer yet been sent by the Department of Public Works to report on a suitable scheme of water supply for the town of Cumnock; if so, will he lay a copy of the inspector's report upon the Table of the House?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—A report has been made, and it will be laid upon the Table if moved for in the usual manner. No opposition will be offered by me.

- (3.) Erection of Weir in the Molong Creek:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is he aware, since the erection of the weir in the Molong Creek, opposite the Molong Railway Station (more especially during the present season), that it has been the means of preventing the water from flowing down the creek and depriving a large number of residents and ratepayers from obtaining an adequate water supply for domestic purposes?
- (2.) Is he aware, too, that since the water flowing in the creek has been stopped, owing to the erection of this weir, the water in the lower part of the creek has become not only stagnant but actually putrid, and unfit for consumption by man or beast?
- (3.) The matter being one of a serious and urgent character, imperilling the safety of public health, will he see that immediate steps are taken to send a competent officer to Molong to report on the matter, and with a view to providing an adequate water supply for the inhabitants, and preventing, as far as possible, an outbreak of typhoid fever and blood-poisoning occurring amongst the inhabitants?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—I am informed that no weir has been constructed on the Molong Creek, near Molong, by this Department, but I will give instructions for an officer to be sent to Molong at once to investigate and report upon the matter.

- (4.) Sale of Ice-creams in the Streets:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) In view of the Answer given to Dr. Ross' Question of 23rd November, *re* "Danger to Public Health," and referred to in a leading article in the *Daily Telegraph* of the 16th, and again on the 28th, concerning the vending of ice-cream, and in the face of statements diametrically opposed to

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to each other, and coming from two distinct and separate public health bodies or authorities,—in whom, may I ask, are the general public to place confidence for their guidance and protection in regard to public health and the consumption of dangerous luxuries or articles of food that are hawked about our streets?

(2.) Will he see that some steps are taken to have one office or the other abolished in the interest and for the better protection of public health?

(3.) Is it not a fact that recently a conviction for selling milk below a healthy fixed standard was quashed in the Supreme Court simply because the evidence tendered by the Government Analyst happened to clash with that of some other official or authority?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1 and 2.) The Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage is not a public health body or authority; but the engineering works it supervises are designed to assist in improving the public health in two important relations. In performance of its functions the Board of Health has already sought information of the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage as to the statements alleged to have been made by its medical officer with reference to the spread of typhoid fever by milk and to ice-cream.

(3.) No.

(5.) Forest Road, Rockdale:—Mr. Carruthers asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Department of Public Works some years ago agreed to maintain the Forest Road, within the municipality of Rockdale, in consideration of the Municipal Council of Rockdale taking over the road locally known as the Wollongong-road?

(2.) If it is found that such agreement was made, will he give instructions for it to be carried out?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—I am informed that there is no record in this Department of any such promise having been made.

(6.) The Under Secretary for Public Works:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Referring to his replies to the Question of Mr. E. M. Clark, M.P., on 16th November, on the subject of the appointment of Mr. Hickson, Under Secretary for Public Works, as arbitrator in connection with the Queen Victoria Markets, will he say,—

(1.) Was section 64 of the Public Service Act of 1895 complied with; and, if so, in what manner was the approval of the Under Secretary to participate in private practice gazetted?

(2.) If this section of the Public Service Act was not complied with, will he inquire why?

(3.) Was the circular referred to issued under the directions of the Public Service Board; and, if so, why does that body approve of its violation by an Under Secretary?

(4.) Is it his intention to allow Mr. Hickson to accept 200 guineas for work which he appears to have no legitimate ground to accept?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1 and 2.) I have already stated that this matter was authorised and arranged by the late Secretary for Public Works. It is therefore impossible for me to reply to these Questions; moreover, I do not even know whether Mr. Secretary Lee was of opinion that the appointment was one which came within the scope of section 64 of the Public Service Act of 1895.

(3.) I am informed that the circular referred to was issued by authority of the Minister only.

(4.) I do not feel justified in interfering. Mr. Hickson was appointed by my predecessor, and it was clearly set forth in the minute appointing him (a copy of which has already been before the House) that he was to be remunerated for his services. Therefore, as he has earned the money, I think Mr. Hickson should retain the fee.

(7.) Inspection of Lifts in the City:—Mr. Haynes asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Whether he will, in view of recent reports as to the danger to life and limb in the use of many passenger and goods lifts in use in and about Sydney, cause an inspection of all lifts in operation in the metropolis?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—This matter, as well as the proposal to inspect public buildings generally, which was brought under my notice some time ago, will receive consideration during the recess, and if the Cabinet approve an officer will be appointed to supervise both matters.

(8.) Experience and Training of Officers dealing with Electrical Matters:—Mr. Nelson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he table a statement as to the electrical experience and training of the officers dealing with electrical matters in the following Departments:—Architect's, Sewerage Construction, Tramway Construction?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—There will be no objection to supplying any such information, if moved for in the usual manner. No opposition will be offered by me.

(9.) Pumps for Pumping Sewage:—Mr. Nelson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it a fact that about May last orders were placed by the Sewerage Construction Branch for some electrically-driven pumps for pumping sewage, and that within a few weeks some of these pumps will be delivered by the Contractor, and that up to the present no tenders have been called for the conductors and switch-gear required in connection with same, which will take about twelve months to procure?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—In June last an order for electrically-driven pumps of different patterns was placed with the Clyde Engineering Company (who have a contract for same extending over four years), and it is anticipated that the first set will be ready in about six months. This order was placed early, to enable the patterns, &c., to be made, so that no delay would occur when the balance of the pumps are ordered. Tenders have been called for the conductors and switch gear, and it is expected that they will be ready in time for the pumps.

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- (10.) Electrical Machinery for the George-street Tramway :—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What has been the cost to date of electrical machinery required for the George-street tramway ?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—The payments to date on the electrical machinery at the Power-house, Ultimo, amount to £35,778. The amount of the contract is £38,119, as stated in my reply to the Honorable Member's Question of yesterday's date. About one-fifth of this amount is chargeable to the George-street tramway; the balance is for the conversion of the tramways generally from steam to electricity.

- (11.) Jam Prosecutions :—Mr. Jessep asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In connection with the recent jam prosecutions,—

- (1.) How many samples were taken by the inspector ?
- (2.) How many samples were found not to be in strict accordance with their labelled description ?
- (3.) How many prosecutions were entered ?
- (4.) How many convictions were obtained ?
- (5.) How many cases dismissed; and why ?
- (6.) How many cases withdrawn; and why ?
- (7.) Who were the manufacturers of jam in the cases which were withdrawn ?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) Eleven.
- (2.) Six.
- (3.) Six.
- (4.) Four.
- (5.) One. Boyce Brothers' raspberry jam contained between 3 and 4 per cent. of apple pulp. Defendant stated that apples were a necessary ingredient of raspberry jam. This was accepted by the magistrate.
- (6.) One. Sydney Jam Company's peach jam was found to contain less than 2 per cent. of apple pulp. In view of the decision given in the case of Boyce Brothers, the summons was withdrawn.
- (7.) Sydney Jam Company.

- (12.) George and Harris Streets Electric Tramway :—Mr. Molesworth asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What was the estimated cost of the George-street electric tramway when the work was authorised ?
- (2.) What is the actual amount expended to date in connection with the said work ?
- (3.) What further sum does he estimate will be required to complete the said work ?
- (4.) What amount has been incurred in fees and other expenses in connection with the Board of Inquiry, consisting of Messrs. Warren, Pollock, and Wallach ?
- (5.) When will the tramway be ready to hand over to the Railway Commissioners ?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

- (1.) £130,500.
- (2.) It is impossible to say at present until the accounts have been dissected, as a large portion of the expenditure is chargeable to the general conversion scheme.
- (3.) It is not at all likely that anything more will be required for the George-street tramway, but the total cost will certainly be well within the 10 per cent. allowed under the Act.
- (4.) £366 15s. 5d.
- (5.) The tramway was officially handed over to the Railway Commissioners yesterday.

- (13.) Vacancy on the Public Service Board :—Mr. Molesworth asked the Attorney-General,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that he invited the Council of the Public Service Association to nominate four gentlemen, from whom the Government might select one, to fill the vacancy on the Public Service Board caused by the resignation of Mr. Coghlan ?
- (2.) Did he (the Attorney-General) at the same time request that Dr. Manning might be nominated by that body as one of such four nominees ?
- (3.) Did the Council of the Public Service Association accede to the Attorney-General's request ?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) The Council of the Public Service Association were not asked to nominate any gentlemen to fill the vacancy on the Public Service Board caused by the resignation of Mr. Coghlan, but they were asked, for the information of the Government, to mention the names of gentlemen whom they thought suitable for the position.
- (2.) No.
- (3.) Certain names have been submitted.

2. TOTALIZATOR BILL :—Mr. Dick presented a Petition from Charles Whyte, M.A., Minister, and Robert Lamont, Secretary of a meeting of members of Brown-street Congregational Church, Newcastle, in opposition to the Totalizator Bill, and praying the House to reject the measure. Petition received.

3. PAPERS :—

Mr. Fegan laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Proclamation declaring the diseases known as "Contagious Pneumonia in Swine, Swine Fever, and Swine Plague," to be infectious or contagious diseases for the purpose of the "Imported Stock Act of 1871," and further declaring the said diseases in swine to be diseases for the purposes of the "Imported Stock Act Further Amendment Act, 1896."
- (2.) Proclamation, dated 14th November, 1899, prohibiting the introduction of swine or any portion of the carcase, &c., from Queensland.
- (3.) Proclamation, dated 21st November, 1899, amending the Proclamation of the 14th November, 1899, so as to admit of bacon, hams, and cured pork being introduced into New South Wales from Queensland.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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Mr. Hassall laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorised to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
 - (2.) Abstract of Crown Lands Reserved from Sale for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 101st, 109th, and 112th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
 - (3.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th and 101st sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
 - (4.) Abstract of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the 107th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Perry laid upon the Table,—Notifications of resumptions, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land for Public School Purposes at Auburn Vale, Coramba, Glenroy West, Edgerton, North Yanko, and Quorrobolong.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Sixteenth Annual Report, under the Inscribed Stock Act of 1883.
 - (2.) Statement showing the Average Liabilities and Assets of Public Companies accepting deposits within the Colony for quarter ended 30th September, 1899.
 - (3.) Statement of Payments made from the Treasurer's Advance Account during October, 1899.
 - (4.) Report of the Circular Quay Accident Inquiry Board, together with Minutes of Proceedings, Evidence, and Appendix.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

- (1.) Stanford Coal-mine Railway Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until To-morrow.
- (2.) Inclosed Lands Protection Act Amendment Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Dight, "That this Bill be now read a second time";—until Tuesday next.

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

(1.) Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill (No. 4):—

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 1899-1900*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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(2.) Campbelltown Municipal Enabling Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to make provision for the election of a Mayor of the Municipality of Campbelltown*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

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President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Lyne, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

6. ADDITIONAL SITTING DAY (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Lyne moved, pursuant to Notice, That, during the remainder of the present Session, unless otherwise ordered, this House shall meet for the despatch of Business at "Four o'clock p.m." on Friday in each week, and that Government Business take precedence on that day.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Thomas moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out the words "Four o'clock p.m." and inserting "Ten o'clock a.m." instead thereof.

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

Debate continued.

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

Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in the place of the words left out be so inserted,—put and passed.

Question then,—That, during the remainder of the present Session, unless otherwise ordered, this House shall meet for the despatch of Business at Ten o'clock a.m. on Friday in each week, and that Government Business take precedence on that day,—put and passed.

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

(1.) Navigation (Amendment) Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having had under consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated the 28th November, 1899, in reference to the Navigation (Amendment) Bill,—does not insist upon its amendment disagreed to by the Assembly, and agrees to the Assembly's amendments upon the Council's amendments, and also to the consequential amendments in the Title in this Bill.

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President.

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(2.) Fisheries Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Fisheries Act, 1881; the Net-fishing in Port Hacking Prohibition Act of 1886, and Acts amending the same,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

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JOHN LACKEY,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Lyne, read a first time.

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

8. TONNAGE RATES (AMENDMENT) BILL :—Mr. Lyne moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law relating to Wharfage and Tonnage Rates.
Question put and passed.

9. LAND TAX (COLLECTION) BILL :—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Lyne, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make better provision for the collection of the Land-tax for 1899.

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 make better provision for the collection of the Land-tax for 1899.

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

- (2.) Mr. Lyne then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to make better provision for the collection of the Land-tax for 1899,*"—which was read a first time.

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

10. TWEED RIVER HARBOUR WORKS BILL :—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, 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 carrying out of Harbour Works at Tweed River.

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 sanction the carrying out of Harbour Works at Tweed River.

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

- (2.) Mr. O'Sullivan then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the carrying out of Harbour Works at Tweed River,*"—which was read a first time.

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

11. BELLINGER RIVER HARBOUR WORKS BILL :—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, 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 carrying out of Harbour Works at Bellinger River.

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 sanction the carrying out of Harbour Works at Bellinger River.

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

- (2.) Mr. O'Sullivan then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the carrying out of Harbour Works at Bellinger River,*"—which was read a first time.

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

12. CROWN LANDS (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Hassall moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

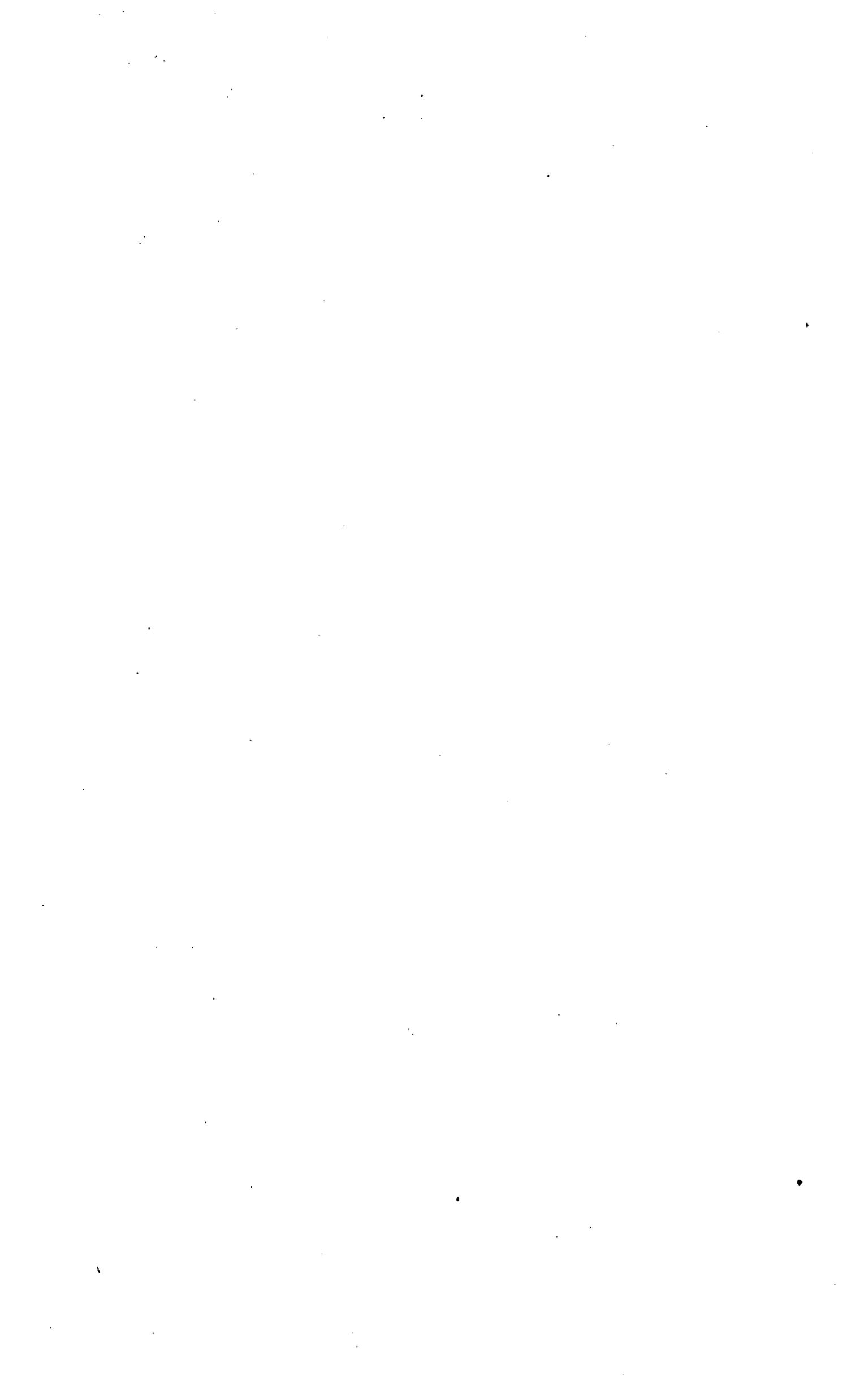
The House adjourned, at nineteen minutes before Two o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

F. W. WEBB,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. P. ABBOTT,

Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 47.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 30 NOVEMBER, 1899.

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

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 4):—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Lyne, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 71.

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 1899-1900,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*Government House,
Sydney, 30th November, 1899.*

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) New Road from Lismore-Gundurimba Road to Casino-North Codrington Road:—Mr. Pyers asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Will he kindly state who were the persons who asked to have the new road opened from the Lismore-Gundurimba Road to the Casino-North Codrington Road through the parishes of South Lismore, South Gundurimba, and Tomki?

(2.) Will he kindly state what number of persons live along this route; and what official recommended it to be opened?

(3.) What amount of money has been recommended to be spent on this new road, and by whom?

(4.) Does the road in question shorten the distance between Casino and Lismore?

(5.) In the event of this new road being made available for traffic, is it the intention of the Government to close up the present roads between Casino and Lismore, on which thousands of pounds have been spent; will he lay upon the Table all the correspondence in connection with this route?

(6.) Will he lay upon the Table all the correspondence in connection with the road asked for between Tatham Ferry and Gundurimba?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) The road was asked for by petition bearing the names of thirty-two persons.

(2.) In 1897 the number was given as six families, but there is no information in the office to show the number now residing there. The Road Superintendent recommended the road to be opened.

(3.) £500. The Road Superintendent.

(4.) No.

(5.) No; there will be no objection to lay the papers upon the Table of the House if moved for in the usual manner.

(6.) Yes, if moved for in the usual way.

(2.) The s.s. "Thetis":—Mr. Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the s.s. "Thetis" has been condemned?

(2.) Has the sum of £10,000 been voted for the purpose of constructing a new hull to replace the present hull of the "Thetis"?

(3.) Does he intend to have the hull constructed at an early date?

(4.) If not, will he say when he intends to proceed with the construction of the hull referred to?

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Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) It is intended to condemn the "Thetis," because I have received a report to the effect that the hull is getting old and thin, and cannot be safely used for long sea trips over indefinite periods. Her engines will be used for a new dredge, and the hull disposed of.

(2.) Yes; but the vote will be allowed to lapse, as it cannot be used for any other purpose.

(3 and 4). The question of replacing the "Thetis" is now engaging my attention.

(3.) Mr. T. E. Murphy, Acting Chief Clerk, Supreme Court:—Mr. Wilks asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is Mr. T. E. Murphy, who is Acting Chief Clerk in the Supreme Court, the same person who is practising as a solicitor in Sydney?

(2.) If so, was there no official in the Service competent to execute the duties of this office in the absence on leave of the Chief Clerk?

Mr. Wise answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) None who could be spared from his ordinary duties. It may be mentioned that Mr. Murphy was for many years permanently employed in the Supreme Court Office, and also acted as Chief Clerk while the position was vacant for about three months in 1896.

(4.) Lock-up at Cumnock:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it not a fact that his attention on several occasions has been directed to the insecure and dilapidated state of the lock-up at Cumnock?

(2.) What is the cause of the delay in proceeding with the erection of the new buildings?

(3.) When is this urgently-required public work likely to be proceeded with?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) Attention has been called to the dilapidated state of the old lock-up, but all arrangements as regards the erection of a new building were not completed until the 1st instant, when plans were at once put in hand.

(2.) There has been no special delay. The work is taking its turn with all other works in progress.

(3.) Tenders are now being invited in the *Government Gazette*, to close on the 27th proximo.

(5.) Road Leading to "The Shades":—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has the Municipal Council of Molong drawn his attention at any time to the dangerous state of the road leading to "The Shades," in the vicinity of Molong?

(2.) Is it his intention to have this road put into a safe and proper state of repair, either by giving the council a special grant or else sending a troop of the Sydney unemployed to do the work; if so, when?

(3.) Is it not a fact that a number of suburban districts and municipalities have lately received special grants for suburban works and roads; and why is the liberal treatment extended to suburban districts not extended on similar principles to the municipality and district of Molong?

(4.) Can he explain the reason why the unemployed in country districts are treated with so much indifference, compared with the continuous and liberal treatment doled out to the Sydney unemployed in the way of work and public charities?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) A report has been called for, and a communication will be made to the Honorable Member.

(3.) When the report is before me, I will give attention to it without delay.

(4.) I am not aware that such a state of things exists. Since I have been Minister for Works it has been my aim to treat the workmen of the country districts with equal justice to those in the metropolitan area, and I have shown that in The Rock and Koorawatha Railways.

(6.) Weir in Lachlan River, at Forbes:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Was the special grant of £500, made by the Reid Government for the erection of a weir at Forbes, on the Lachlan River, referred to the Land Board for report before the money was expended?

(2.) Was the weir erected on land belonging to the Crown, or on private land?

(3.) Will he give the reason why, if it was not necessary, in case of the erection of the weir at Forbes, to have the matter referred to the Land Board for report, that the frequent applications made by Dr. Ross to have a weir erected at Nyrung Creek, for the benefit of settlers, at a cost of about £100, has to be referred to the Land Board for report before the work can be carried out?

(4.) In what respects (if any) do the two cases differ?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,

(1.) No.

(2.) The land fronting the River Lachlan at the weir site is private property, and the weir was erected upon it.

(3.) In the case of the weir on Nyrung Creek the procedure laid down in the Water Rights Act was followed. For some reason this course was not adopted at Forbes.

(4.) The cases are in some degree similar, but representations were made that the construction of the weir at Forbes was a very urgent matter. I have looked into the Nyrung proposal, and have given instructions that the weir should be erected.

(7.) Police Superannuation Fund:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What was the financial position of the Police Superannuation Fund on the 30th June last?

(2.) Is it a fact that a number of men entitled to retire are prevented from doing so owing to the financial position of the Fund?

(3.) Will he take early steps to introduce legislation to place this Fund on a satisfactory financial footing?

Mr. See answered,—I shall be glad if the Honorable Member will allow this matter to remain in abeyance pending the delivery of the Financial Statement. (8.)

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- (8.) Road Leading from Deniliquin to Swan Hill :—Mr. Chanter asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Has a request been made to him by the Stock Branch of the Mines Department to at once gazette the road leading from Deniliquin to Swan Hill, *via* Tullah-Norrong, Tegar, and Mellool, as a stock route?
 - (2.) Is he aware that, although this road has been in use for over forty years, the proprietors of Murray Downs Station, near Swan Hill, some time since prevented sheep from using this road through their property, on the ground that the road not having been gazetted as a stock route was not available to the public for travelling stock?
 - (3.) Will he cause this road to be at once gazetted as a stock route?
- Mr. Hassall answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) Representations to that effect have been received from the Stock Branch, Department of Mines.
 - (3.) The papers have been referred to the Local Land Board for the usual inquiry and report.
- (9.) Assistant Clerks of Petty Sessions :—*Mr. Molesworth*, for Mr. Phillips, asked the Minister of Justice,—Will he state the names of the towns in the Colony in which there are Assistant Clerks of Petty Sessions?
- Mr. Wise answered,—I will presently lay upon the table a schedule of the names of the towns referred to.
- (10.) Chief Draftsman, Government Architect's Branch :—*Mr. Watson*, for Mr. Dacey, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What were the grounds on which Mr. Davis suggested to the Public Service Board that the Chief Draftsman should be placed senior to the Assistant Architects?
 - (2.) As the preparation of plans and specifications requires a thorough knowledge of materials, localities, and market conditions, qualifications only obtained by a field experience not enjoyed by the Chief Draftsman, what are the reasons of the Public Service Board for placing this officer senior to men who, it is recognised, possess these qualifications, besides being expert draftsmen?
 - (3.) In reference to Mr. Dacey's sub-question No. 4, of the 16th November, have not plans, &c., been prepared by the Chief Draftsman, tenders called, and the estimated cost in many cases largely exceeded to such an extent that the advice of the Assistant Architects has been sought, and the works brought down to a reasonable cost?
 - (4.) Has not the reference to the Assistant Architects of plans and works prepared by the Chief Draftsman been the means of saving the country unnecessary expenditure; if so, why is the Chief Draftsman allowed to retain a seniority over these officers?
 - (5.) Does not the reply to Mr. Dacey's sub-questions Nos. 1, 2, and 3, of 8th August last, clearly state the objects of the appointment of the Chief Draftsman?
 - (6.) In reference to reply to Mr. Dacey's sub-question No. 9, 16th November, who considered the Chief Draftsman the best man suited for the position, and on what grounds are these considerations based?
 - (7.) In the event of absence of the Government Architect and Principal Assistant Architect, who would be the senior officer in charge of the Branch?
 - (8.) Is not the Government Architect the most competent to judge of the fitness of the officers of his staff; if so, was his advice sought, on his return, on the matter of seniority of the Chief Draftsman?
 - (9.) Have any of the country district officers appealed against the seniority of the Chief Draftsman; if not, why is the decision of the Board delayed or withheld?
 - (10.) Will the Public Service Board announce their decision without further delay, and the ground for arriving at such decision?
- Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—It is impossible to give anything like satisfactory Answers to Questions of this character. I propose therefore to lay upon the Table all the papers dealing with these appeals as soon as they are finally disposed of by the Public Service Board, which will be shortly. The various points raised will be therein fully discussed and dealt with.
- (11.) Transfer Tickets on the Trams :—Mr. Lees asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In view of the contemplated opening of the electric tramways in and around the city, will the Railway Commissioners take the opportunity of inaugurating a complete system of transfer tickets from cable, electric, or steam trams, for the convenience of passengers travelling east, west, north, or south?
- Mr. Lync answered,—I am informed that it is not practicable to introduce transfer tickets in connection with the George and Harris Streets Tramway, as the fare is limited to two sections of one penny each.
- (12.) Garibaldi Gold-mining Leases, at Hillgrove :—Mr. Wilson asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Is he aware that for several years past the labour conditions have been evaded by the owners of the Garibaldi Gold-mining Leases at Hillgrove?
 - (2.) Is he aware that the men who started working this mine a few weeks ago have now left off work again, being unable to obtain their wages, thus causing great hardships to many of the men who have wives and families?
 - (3.) Has he notified the owners of this mine that, unless the labour conditions are forthwith complied with, the land will be declared forfeited?
 - (4.) Is he prepared to compel an honest fulfilment of the labour conditions on this mine without further delay, or else cause the leases to be cancelled?
- Mr. Fegan answered,—
- (1.) The Department had from time to time warned this company that it must comply with the labour conditions, but owing to litigation and other causes the labour was not employed. When the case was brought under my attention, I sent for the representative of the company, and warned

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warned him that unless the labour were put on within a week the leases would positively be cancelled. As the result of this the labour was put on, but I understand has recently been taken off. I have already intimated to those concerned that unless the labour be at once put on the leases cancellations will ensue without further notice.

(2.) It is reported that the men have left the mine, but I have been assured by the representative of the tributors that the wages have now been paid.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) Yes.

- (13.) Pensions of Messrs. Barling and Coghlan, of the Public Service Board :—*Mr. Haynes*, for Mr. Levien, asked the Attorney-General.—Referring to former Questions relative to the agreement made by the late Premier with the Public Service Board, is there any record of Messrs. Barling and Coghlan having drawn attention to the illegal nature of the concession in the way of commuting their pensions, which the said agreement purported to permit?

Mr. Wise answered,—If the Government care to enter into an agreement such as the one indicated there is nothing illegal in the transaction. There is no record of any statement by Messrs. Barling and Coghlan in reference to this subject.

- (14.) Hospital for Insane, Parramatta :—*Mr. Carroll*, for Mr. Ferris, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he cause a report to be made as to the necessity of having buildings erected at Hospital for Insane, Parramatta, in lieu of those constructed of wood and occupied by about 300 patients at the present time?

Mr. See answered,—Yes.

- (15.) George-street Electric Tramway :—*Mr. Wilks*, for Mr. Jessep, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) How is it that the Chief of the Electrical Services of the Government, Mr. P. B. Walker, has not been invited to report on the George-street electric tramway?

(2.) Will he obtain a report from that officer without delay?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) The only reason why Mr. Walker was not placed upon the Board was because it is unusual to ask officers of one Department to report on works carried out in another.

(2.) The line has now been handed over to the Railway Commissioners, as I have already informed the House, and, from what I have heard, I am in hopes of seeing it in full working order next Monday.

- (16.) Traction for the Proposed Railway into the City :—*Mr. Nelson* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Will he, before pledging himself or the Government to any system or route of railway extension into the city, call for a report from the best electrical experts in the Colonies as to the practicability and advisability of running all the suburban and city traffic by electric traction?

(2.) Is he aware that a system, known as the Insulated Third-rail System, has been proved to be a decided success, and that if necessary a speed of over 50 miles an hour can be reached?

(3.) In view of the large amount of money a railway would cost, and the many disadvantages connected with such, will he have the matter fully inquired into before any expenditure is incurred?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—The whole of this subject may have to be referred, next Session, to the Public Works Committee for inquiry and report, as it is stated to me by experts that electrical tramways can only be made profitable where there is a continuous volume of traffic. When the inquiry is made, I will take care that the representations of the Honorable Member receive the fullest consideration.

- (17.) Borough of Burwood :—*Mr. Norton* asked the Attorney-General,—

(1.) The borough of Burwood having, by proclamation in the *Government Gazette* of 12th September, 1899, been withdrawn from the Metropolitan Police District of Sydney, and attached to the Parramatta Police District,—will he state whether the borough of Burwood is still within the jurisdiction of the Metropolitan Transit Commissioners under the Public Vehicles Act of 1873 (36 Vic. No. 14)?

(2.) If the borough of Burwood is still within the jurisdiction of the Metropolitan Transit Commissioners, has the borough of Burwood, as well as the Metropolitan Transit Commissioners, power to make by-laws compelling vehicles plying within the district to obtain licenses from and pay license fees to them?

Mr. Wise answered,—In accordance with custom, I can only give opinions on points of law when they are submitted by my honorable colleagues in the usual way. I would remind the Honorable Member that the borough Council of Burwood have their own legal adviser, and that the Attorney-General is not legal adviser to every public body in the country.

- (18.) Fees to Members of Parliament :—*Mr. Wilks*, for Mr. Jessep, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In view of the Circular sent round by him to the various Departments in reference to fees to Members of Parliament on Commissions, can he inform the House whether fees are being paid to the Members of Parliament on the Water and Sewerage Board?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Yes; the fees referred to are provided for under the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act of 1880.

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- (19.) Vacancy on the District Court Bench :—*Mr. Wilks*, for *Mr. Jessep*, asked the Attorney-General,—
- (1.) Has the vacancy in the District Court Bench, caused by the death of Judge Coffey, yet been filled?
 - (2.) If not, when will this important appointment be made?
- Mr. Wise* answered,—
- (1.) No.
 - (2.) As no Courts will be held in the Northern District for the next two months, there is no immediate urgency for filling the vacancy.
- (20.) Briefs offered to Members of Parliament :—*Mr. Wilks*, for *Mr. Jessep*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Have any briefs been offered to any member of the legal profession in either branch of the Legislature since he took office?
 - (2.) Has he placed it on record that no brief shall be offered to Members of Parliament?
- Mr. Lyne* answered,—
- (1.) No.
 - (2.) Yes.
3. INDECENT ADVERTISEMENTS BILL :—*Mr. Molesworth* presented a Petition from His Grace the Archbishop of Sydney, on behalf of the Council of Churches, expressing satisfaction at the introduction into the House of a Bill to suppress indecent advertisements, and praying that the measure may be passed into law.
At the request of *Mr. Molesworth*, the Petition was read by the Clerk, by direction of *Mr. Speaker*.
Petition received.
4. MINE AT BRINDABELLA, OWNED BY THE BANK OF NORTH QUEENSLAND :—*Mr. Mcagher* presented a Petition from *William Reid*, of Brindabella, in the Colony of New South Wales, representing that the House had appointed a Select Committee to inquire into and report upon the alleged maladministration in reference to a mine at Brindabella, owned by the Bank of North Queensland, and praying that he may be represented by counsel or attorney, or in person, before the said Committee, with the right to call witnesses and examine and cross-examine all witnesses that may give evidence before such Committee.
Petition received.
5. TOTALIZATOR BILL :—*Mr. Fegan* presented a Petition from certain members of the Primitive Methodist Church, at Waratah, in opposition to the Totalizator Bill, and praying the House to reject the measure.
Petition received.
6. CLAIM OF JAMES AND PATRICK GUIHEN, OF KANGAROO VALLEY :—*Mr. Alexander Campbell*, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 21st November, 1899.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
7. CLAIM OF MR. THEOPHILUS STEPHENS—CROWN LAW DEPARTMENT :—*Mr. E. M. Clark*, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 21st November, 1897.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
8. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS :—*Mr. Dick*, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table,—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, Appendix, and Plans, relating to the proposed Locks and Weirs on the River Darling, between Bourke and Menindie.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
9. PRINTING COMMITTEE :—*Mr. Gormly*, as Chairman, brought up the Twelfth Report from the Printing Committee.
10. PAPERS :—
- Mr. Crick* laid upon the Table,—Notification of reduction of rate of Telephone Messages between Wagga Wagga and Uranquinty.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- Mr. Wood* laid upon the Table,—Schedule of the names of the Towns in the Colony at which there are Assistant Clerks of Petty Sessions.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
11. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed until To-morrow :—
- (1.) Stanford Coal-mine Railway Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
 - (2.) Sunday Observance Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the better observance of the Sunday; for the closing of business places, and prohibiting the sale of goods in those places during certain hours; to amend the Liquor Act, 1898; and for purposes incidental to or consequent on those objects.
 - (3.) Government Railways Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
12. WOMEN'S FRANCHISE BILL :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill discharged, on motion of *Mr. Fegan*.
Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.

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13. TONNAGE RATES (AMENDMENT) BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Lyne, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law relating to Wharfage and Tonnage Rates.

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 amend the law relating to Wharfage and Tonnage Rates.

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

(2.) Mr. Lyne then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to amend the law relating to Wharfage and Tonnage Rates*,”—which was read a first time.

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

14. CROWN LANDS 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 Mr. Moore, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.

15. TWEED RIVER HARBOUR WORKS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. O’Sullivan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. O’Sullivan, 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. O’Sullivan, the report was adopted.

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

16. BELLINGER RIVER HARBOUR WORKS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—

Mr. O’Sullivan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. O’Sullivan, 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. O’Sullivan, the report was adopted.

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

17. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Lyne moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty minutes after Eleven o’clock, until To-morrow at Ten o’clock.

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 EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

FRIDAY, 1 DECEMBER, 1899.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Water Conservation:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Viewing the many hardships and heavy losses Crown tenants or pastoralists in the far western interior have sustained from the disastrous effects of drought, extending over five or six years, has the Department of Lands, through its Land Boards, inspectors, and numerous officials, any information in its possession, meteorological or otherwise, as to the immediate cause of these continuous and disastrous droughts?

(2.) The matter being one of a serious character in regard to the future prosperity of the Colony and its stock and wool industry, &c., will he, at an early date, take into consideration the propriety of appointing a Royal Commission of experts or scientists, with the view, as far as possible, of bringing about some remedy to mitigate the evils arising from these protracted droughts?

(3.) Will he refer to such Commission the questions of a better system of water conservation and the preservation of our valuable native or indigenous grasses and forage plants that are of late years, from over-stocking, rapidly becoming extinct?

Mr. Hassall answered,—

(1.) No.

(2 and 3.) The matter is, no doubt, one of a serious character, but I am doubtful whether the appointment of a Royal Commission would be the best method of dealing with it.

- (2.) Wages paid to Inspectors of Vineyards:—Mr. McGowen asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Are men employed in the inspection of vineyards as assistants who only receive 6s. per day?

(2.) When phylloxera is discovered, are men engaged in the eradication of the vineyard, and are they paid 6s. per day?

(3.) Is it a fact that, from May to August of this year, owing to the inclemency of the weather, these men only worked half time?

(4.) If so, does he intend to increase these men's wages?

Mr. Fegan answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) During wet weather the men cannot work, as the disease cannot be found when the ground is soddened. There was a period between the dates mentioned when the men were not able to work.

(4.) The Department has increased workmen's wages in many instances recently, and the cases of these men; on the representation of the Member of the district, Mr. Kidd, are now receiving consideration. The increases of necessity involve increased amounts to be voted on the Estimates, and I trust I shall have the Honorable Member's support in getting them passed by the House.

- (3.) Brief offered by Railway Commissioners to Member of the Legislative Council:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a brief has been offered by the Railway Commissioners to any barrister in the Legislative Council?

(2.) Has the Government issued an order that no Member of either House be employed as counsel on their behalf?

(3.) Has the Government authority to prevent the Railway Commissioners from breaking the rule or order issued by the Government that no Member of either House be allowed to accept a brief on their behalf?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) The standing counsel of Railway Commissioners are Members of the Legislative Council, to whom, of course, briefs have been and are given.

(2.) The Railway Commissioners have not received this order. It has been issued to all other Departments.

(3.) I am not aware whether this authority does exist, but feel sure the Railway Commissioners would not attempt to act in deliberate opposition to the desire of the Government.

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2. **TOTALIZATOR BILL**:—The following petitions in opposition to the Totalizator Bill, and praying the House to reject the measure, were presented by the Members named:—
 (1.) By Mr. Garland—From certain Members of the Watson's Bay Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour.
 (2.) By Mr. Cohen—From certain Members and adherents of the Baptist Church, Petersham.
 Petitions received.
3. **MUNICIPALITY OF ROCKDALE (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Carroll, for Mr. Carruthers, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House all letters, papers, and documents relating to the applications by or on behalf of the Municipality of Rockdale for special grants in lieu of endowment on an area annexed to the said municipality.
 Question put and passed.
4. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Business postponed:—
 (1.) Sunday Observance Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the better observance of the Sunday; for the closing of business-places, and prohibiting the sale of goods in those places during certain hours; to amend the Liquor Act, 1898; and for purposes incidental to or consequent on those objects;—until Tuesday next.
 (2.) Government Railways Act Amendment Bill; second reading;—until Wednesday next.
 (3.) Fisher Trusts Declaratory Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—until Thursday next.
 (4.) Companies Acts Amendment Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—until Thursday next.
 (5.) Notice of motion of Government Business No. 6, respecting Central Railway Station, postponed, to follow Order of the Day of Government Business No. 3, for the further consideration of the Crown Lands (Amendment) Bill.
5. **TWEED RIVER HARBOUR WORKS BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. O'Sullivan 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. O'Sullivan, *passed*.
 Mr. O'Sullivan then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of Harbour Works at the Tweed River.*"
 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 carrying out of Harbour Works at the Tweed River,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 1st December, 1899.
6. **BELLINGER RIVER HARBOUR WORKS BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
 Question put and passed.
 Bill read a third time, and on motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, *passed*.
 Mr. O'Sullivan then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of Harbour Works at Bellinger River.*"
 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 carrying out of Harbour Works at Bellinger River,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 1st December, 1899.
7. **CROWN LANDS (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 Mr. Piddington, Temporary Chairman, reported a Point of Order from the Committee, and obtained leave to sit again so soon as the Point of Order had been decided by the House.
Point of Order:—Mr. Piddington stated that, in the consideration of a proposed amendment, Mr. Austin Chapman was quoting from *Hansard* speeches made by Ministers some years back on a similar measure. He ruled the Honorable Member out of order in quoting speeches made in a general discussion on a previous Bill, an amendment only being before the Committee.
 Mr. Speaker ruled that Mr. Chapman was entitled to quote from *Hansard* any reports of speeches made in past Sessions provided they were relevant to the subject under discussion. He thought the Temporary Chairman was wrong in declaring Mr. Chapman out of order.
 Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Hassall, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Committee resumed.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Piddington reported the Bill with amendments.
 On motion of Mr. Hassall, the report was adopted.
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

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

E. 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 EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 5 DECEMBER, 1899.

d. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

ABSENCE OF THE SPEAKER AND CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES :—The Clerk informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unavoidably absent ; and read a letter from Dr. Hall, of Manly, dated to-day, stating that he had seen Sir Joseph Abbott this morning, and that he was suffering from the effects of a chill, and was quite unable to leave his room for a few days.

The Chairman of Committees being also absent, the Clerk, pursuant to the 23rd Standing Order, declared the House adjourned, at twenty-seven minutes before Five o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

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



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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 6 DECEMBER, 1899.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unavoidably absent in consequence of illness, and read a letter from him stating that he was not able to attend the House to-day, and that he had tried to do so yesterday, but was unable.

Whereupon the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker, pursuant to the 22nd Standing Order of the House.

2. ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor were delivered by Mr. Lyne, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

(1.) Banks and Bank Holidays Act Amendment Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 72.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to fix certain Public Holidays on Mondays*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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Sydney, 1st December, 1899.*

(2.) Tamworth Show-ground Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 73.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the sale of certain lands held for the use and general purposes of the Liverpool Plains Pastoral, Agricultural, and Horticultural Association, and the purchase of other lands in lieu of the same, for the use of the said Association, and to authorise the mortgaging of the lands so purchased, and to provide for the removal and appointment of trustees of certain of the said lands*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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Sydney, 1st December, 1899.*

(3.) Terrace-street Closing Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 74.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to close and abolish Terrace-street leading from Flagstaff View street, North Sydney, to and bounded by lands of Tom Burton Dibbs and Edward Ainsworth Gaden (as trustees), and to vest the said Terrace-street in the said Tom Burton Dibbs and Edward Ainsworth Gaden (as such trustees)*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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(4.) Friendly Societies Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 75.

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

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Sydney, 5th December, 1899.

3. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Prospect Quarries:—Mr. Nobbs asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Are the Prospect quarries under the control of the Water and Sewerage Board or the Government?

(2.) Have any of the quarries been let or leased; if so, to whom, and what are the terms, conditions, and rental of same, and what is the minimum output?

(3.) In view of the difficulty in getting metal for contractors on roads in the county of Cumberland, and also with a view to the Government finding remunerative employment for a number of second-grade workmen now out of employment in the district, will they take into consideration the advisableness of the resumption of one of the quarries named?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—The Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage have furnished me with the following replies to Questions 1 and 2:—

(1.) There are two quarries opened on the reserve lands which are under the control of the Water and Sewerage Board, and there are also quarries on private lands on Prospect Hill.

(2.) Of the Board's quarries, the one on the easterly portion of the Board's property is leased to the Emu Gravel Company, Limited. The original lease is £300 per annum, and 6d. per ton royalty in excess of 12,000 tons, for twenty years, from 15th August, 1893, with the option of a further ten years; but as this was in anticipation of the Company's Bill being passed into law, which provided for the laying of a railway for the carriage of the metal, and as such Bill has not yet been passed the rent was reduced to £75 per annum, and 6d. per annum royalty in excess of 3,000 tons. On the passing of the Bill the original lease is to be reverted to. No minimum quantity is now stipulated. The other quarry at the eastern end of the embankment is used in connection with the Board's works, and is not suitably situated for working other than under the Board's control.

(3.) The representations of the Honorable Member will be reported upon as soon as possible.

(2.) Railway Officers Contributing to the Superannuation Fund:—Mr. Thomas, for Mr. Nielsen, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Are railway officers compelled to contribute 4 per cent. of their salaries to the Superannuation Fund?

(2.) If this is so, are they allowed, on voluntary retirement from the Service, any refund of the moneys paid in?

(3.) If Question 1 is answered in the negative, can they get any return of moneys paid in if they refuse at any time during their term of service to contribute further?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) Only those officers who contributed to the Superannuation Fund under the provisions of the Civil Service Act of 1884, and who did not avail themselves of the right to discontinue contributing, which was given to them on the passing of the Public Service (Superannuation) Act of 1896, are compelled to contribute to the Fund.

(2.) Contributors are not entitled, on voluntary retirement from the Service, to any payment by way of refund of amount paid into the Fund; but those officers who elected to discontinue contributing are allowed on retirement, for any cause, other than for an offence, a refund of their contributions with interest, as provided in clause 1 of the Public Service (Superannuation) Act of 1896.

(3.) Officers who are at present contributors to the Superannuation Fund have not the right to cease contributing at any time during their term of office.

(3.) Manufacture of Jams and Preserves:—Mr. Haynes asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What steps (if any) does he propose to take to permit of the manufacture of jams and preserves in bond, with a view to facilitating outside trade in local productions?

Mr. See answered,—I find, in looking into this matter, that legislation will be necessary. A Bill has already been prepared to provide for a drawback of Customs duties on sugar and glucose used in the manufacture of jams, jellies, preserves, and confectionery, in cases where such jams, jellies, preserves, and confectionery are exported. Before this Bill is introduced it will be necessary to make inquiry, with a view of ascertaining whether there are any other manufacturers equally entitled to a similar concession.

(4.) Reclaiming of portion of Rose Bay:—Mr. Young asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has he determined on reclaiming a portion of Rose Bay?

(2.) What is the estimated cost of this reclamation?

(3.) To what vote of Parliament does he propose to charge this work?

(4.) From whence is the material used to be procured or dredged?

(5.) Is the newly-formed land intended to be used as a recreation ground?

(6.) Does he intend to insist on the proprietors of the adjacent land paying some portion of the cost in consideration for the increased value it will give to their property?

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Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) £8,600.
- (3.) To the vote taken annually for landing silt and forming ground.
- (4.) Partly by material brought there from other parts of the harbour, and partly by deepening the bay in the neighbourhood of the proposed park.
- (5.) Yes, as a public park, and a great recreation ground for the people and their children for all time. It will also have the advantage of giving work to some of the unemployed.
- (6.) As the park fronts Crown land only, no such claim can be made. An increase in the land tax would meet any increase in the value of private property in the neighbourhood given by this improvement.

(5.) Warders at Darlinghurst Gaol:—Mr. Holman asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) What hours do the warders at Darlinghurst Gaol work daily at present?
- (2.) Is it a fact that "probationers" receive only 6s. per day?
- (3.) What proportion of the staff of warders consists of "probationers" at present?
- (4.) In view of the frequently-expressed anxiety of the present Government to establish a minimum Government wage of 7s. per day, will he take steps to alter this state of things, if existent?

Mr. Wood answered,—The Comptroller-General of Prisons has furnished me with the following information:—

- (1, 2, and 3.) The hours vary according to the posts occupied, and according as to whether day or night duty is being performed. The duties are arranged so that each person has a fair share of the different routines. Day duty is from 6.30 a.m. to about 5.30 p.m., less time for meals. Night duty is from 4.45 p.m. to 11 p.m., or from 11 p.m. to 7.15 a.m. Probationers are paid at the rate of £110 per annum, and they also receive free uniforms and three pairs of boots annually. The regular warder staff consists of fifty-two. At present there are nine probationers, but the number frequently varies, as Darlinghurst is used for training beginners in the Service. In this connection it may be pointed out that the prison is generally over-staffed for the purpose of training candidates for permanent employment.
- (4.) I see no present necessity to do so.

(6.) Liverpool Asylum:—Mr. Holman asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is there any objection to laying upon the Table of the House all papers connected with complaints made by E. W. Stopford against the officials and management of the Liverpool Asylum?
- (2.) Is it a fact that, being now an inmate of the Parramatta Asylum, Stopford has been recommended for removal to the Liverpool Asylum?
- (3.) Has such recommendation been given effect to?
- (4.) If not, why not?

Mr. See answered,—There will be no objection to the Honorable Member seeing any papers that may be in the Department connected with complaints by inmates of the Liverpool Asylum, but it would not be desirable or conducive to the good government of the institution to lay complaints made by inmates upon the Table of the House.

(7.) Public Works Committee:—Mr. Affleck asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) How many works have been referred to the Public Works Committee for inquiry and report since the present Government took office?
- (2.) What number of public works are at present before the Public Works Committee for inquiry and report?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

- (1.) Four.
- (2.) Five.

(8.) Artesian Well-boring:—Mr. Nelson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What quantity of 4, 5, 6, 8, and 10-inch artesian casing has the Government supplied this year?
- (2.) How many feet of artesian well-boring has been done during the same period?
- (3.) What was the cost of the boring per foot, including casing?
- (4.) Is it a fact that the Government have let a contract for the supply of casing for two years?
- (5.) What quantity of casing has been ordered by the Government to date, and not supplied by the contractors?
- (6.) Does the Government intend to compel the contractors to fill all orders under this existing contract?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—I would suggest that the Honorable Member should ask these Questions of the Honorable the Minister for Mines, as the matters therein referred to were dealt with by the Mines Department.

(9.) Acting District Court Judges:—Mr. Nobbs asked the Attorney-General,—

- (1.) Since the death of Judge Coffey how many Acting District Court Judges have presided at District Courts or Courts of Quarter Sessions throughout the Colony, or been appointed to do so?
- (2.) Since the same date how many Acting Crown Prosecutors have prosecuted at Courts of Quarter Sessions throughout the Colony, or been appointed to do so?

Mr. See answered,—The appointments rendered necessary by the death of the late Judge Coffey have been one Acting District Court Judge for five Courts, and one Acting Crown Prosecutor for one Court.

(10.) Readers' Assistants in the Government Printing Office:—Mr. Willis, for Mr. Norton, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that boys in the Government Printing Office, on the reading staff, after nearly three years' employment as readers' assistants, are paid a salary of only 10s. per week?

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(2.) When engaging the boys to fill the positions referred to, were they given to understand that increases would be given yearly, until a maximum salary was reached; if not, what were the terms of engagement?

(3.) Is it a fact that no increase has been given, or is intended to be given, to the boys referred to for the year 1899, and for what reason?

(4.) As some of these boys are 17 and 18 years of age, and taking into consideration the fact that they are not being taught a trade, will he favourably consider the question of an increased remuneration?

(5.) Has the Government Printer notified the boys that, notwithstanding their three years' continuous employment, they are regarded only as temporary hands, and have no claim to increases or chance of being put to any of the trades in the Department?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) No. Engaged temporarily, with no promise of increased wages.

(3.) Yes, and the present emolument is considered sufficient for the nature of the work performed.

(4.) Will probably be promoted, as temporary hands, to other positions as vacancies occur. Two transfers have recently been made, and a recommendation for an increase of wages will be considered if the lads be found suitable in new positions.

(5.) Yes. As temporary hands under the Public Service Act they have no claim for promotion.

4. **TOTALIZATOR BILL:**—The following Petitions in opposition to the Totalizator Bill, and praying the House to reject the measure, were presented by the Members named:—

(1.) By Mr. McLean—From certain members of the Wesleyan Church, Marrickville.

(2.) By Mr. Hogue—From certain members of the Wesleyan Congregation, Glebe Road, Glebe.

(3.) By Mr. Cohen—From certain members of the Wesleyan Church, Lewisham.

(4.) By Mr. Edden—From certain members of the Primitive Methodist Church, Adamstown.

(5.) By Mr. Garland—From certain members of the Ocean-street Congregational Church, Woollahra.

(6.) By Mr. Dugald Thomson—From certain members of the Wesleyan Congregation, Manly.

(7.) By Mr. Wilks—From certain residents of Balmain.

(8.) By Mr. James Thomson—From certain members of the Baptist Tabernacle, Newcastle.

(9.) By Mr. Cook—From certain residents of Katoomba.

(10.) By Mr. Bennett—From certain members of the Congregational Church, Eccleston.

(11.) By Mr. W. W. Davis—From certain residents of Bourke.

(12.) By Mr. E. M. Clark—From certain members of the Wesleyan Methodist Congregation, St. Leonards.

(13.) By Dr. Graham—From certain members of the Primitive Methodist Church, Albion-street, Surry Hills.

(14.) By Mr. Law—From certain members of the Primitive Methodist Central Committee of Christian Endeavour Societies.

(15.) By Mr. Mahony—From certain members of the Primitive Methodist Church, St. John's Road, Forest Lodge.

(16.) By Mr. McLean—From certain members of the Congregational Church, Stanmore.

(17.) By Mr. Edden—From certain members of the Old Race-course Primitive Methodist Church, Newcastle.

(18.) By Mr. Nelson—From certain members of the East Sydney Ministers' Association.

(19.) By Mr. Fegan—From John S. Austin, Minister of the Wesleyan Church, Newcastle.

(20.) By Mr. Cohen—From certain inhabitants of Petersham and District.

(21.) By Mr. Nelson—From certain members of the Bourke-street Congregational Church.

(22.) By Mr. Fegan—From John S. Austin, Minister of the Mayfield Wesleyan Church, Newcastle Circuit.

(23.) By Mr. Law—From certain members of the Wesleyan Church, Central Hall, Balmain.

(24.) By Mr. Fegan—From certain members of the Congregational Churches of Stockton and Islington.

(25.) By Mr. Brunner—From certain residents of East Maitland.

(26.) By Mr. Sawers—From certain members of the Evangelical Council, Tamworth.

(27.) By Mr. McLean—From certain members of the Congregational Church, Burwood.

(28.) By Mr. McLean—From certain members of the Sunnyside Congregational Mission, Five Dock.

(29.) By Mr. Fegan—From John S. Austin, Minister of the Burwood Wesleyan Church, Newcastle Circuit.

(30.) By Mr. Molesworth—From certain members of the Congregational Church, Newtown.

(31.) By Mr. Carruthers—From certain members of the Baptist Church, Carlton.

(32.) By Mr. Hawthorne—From certain members of the Primitive Methodist Church, Cromwell-street, Leichhardt.

(33.) By Mr. Hawthorne—From certain members of the Congregational Church, Leichhardt.
Petitions received.

5. **ACTION OF MR. CHISHOLM, POLICE MAGISTRATE AT WOLLONGONG, IN THE CASE OF MORGAN v. CLIFT:**—

- (1.) Mr. Holman presented a Petition from Henry John Chisholm, of Wollongong, representing that the House had appointed a Select Committee to inquire into and report upon his action, as Police Magistrate, in connection with the case of Morgan v. Clift, and praying that he may be represented by counsel or attorney, or in person, before the said Committee, with the right to call witnesses and adduce evidence; and to examine and cross-examine all witnesses that may give evidence before such Committee.
Petition received.

Ordered to be referred to the Select Committee.

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(2.) Mr. Holman then presented a Petition from Thomas R. Morgan, William Broadhead, and Walter Woollett, representing that they are the persons aggrieved by the alleged miscarriage of justice arising out of the conduct of Mr. Chisholm, Police Magistrate at Wollongong, in reference to the case of Morgan and others against Clift and another, and upon which the House has appointed a Select Committee; and praying to be represented by counsel in all proceedings before such Committee.

Petition received.

Ordered to be referred to the Select Committee.

6. CASE OF THOMAS BUCKLEY—PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:—Mr. E. M. Clark (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Petition of Thomas Buckley, praying to be heard by counsel or attorney, or in person, before the Select Committee on "Case of Thomas Buckley—Public Works Department," received by this House on the 28th November, 1899, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on that subject.

Question put and passed.

7. PAPERS:—

Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table,—Notification of resumption of land, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, for the erection of a Magazine at Newington for the storage of gunpowder and other explosives.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. See laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Regulation under the Land and Income Tax Assessment Act of 1895.

(2.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act of 1888, for effecting grade improvements on the North Western Railway, near Baan Baa.

(3.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act of 1888, for effecting grade improvements on the Great Southern Railway, at Demondrillo.

(4.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act of 1888, for improving the Station arrangements at Currabubula, on the Great Northern Railway.

(5.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act of 1888, for providing for the safety of the traffic on the Great Northern Railway, near Ardglen.

(6.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act of 1888, for grade improvements on the Great Southern Railway, between Wallendbeen and Jindalee.

(7.) Return to an Order, made on the 21st November, 1899,—“Railway between Sydney and Belmore.”

(8.) Return (*in part*) to an Order, made on 21st September, 1898,—“Monthly Returns of Accidents.”

(9.) Correspondence respecting establishment of General Fever Hospital for the Metropolitan Districts.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

8. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day of General Business postponed:—

(1.) Government Railways Act Amendment Bill; second reading;—until To-morrow.

(2.) Inclosed Lands Protection Act Amendment Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Dight, “That this Bill be now read a second time”;—until Tuesday next.

(3.) Sunday Observance Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the better observance of the Sunday; for the closing of business places, and prohibiting the sale of goods in those places during certain hours; to amend the Liquor Act, 1898; and for purposes incidental to or consequent on those objects;—until To-morrow.

(4.) Stanford Coal-mine Railway Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until To-morrow.

(5.) Indecent Advertisements Bill; second reading;—until Wednesday next.

(6.) Companies Employees Wages Protection Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to protect the wages of workmen employed by Joint Stock Companies; to provide for the payment of wages in preference to other debts due by Companies; and to amend the Companies Act, the Friendly Societies Act of 1873, and the Joint Stock Companies Arrangement Act of 1892;—until Tuesday next.

(7.) Inebriates Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—until Friday next. (Ordered, on motion of Mr. See, to be placed with Government Orders of the Day).

9. WITHDRAWAL OF ESTIMATES:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Sec, and read by Mr. Deputy-Speaker:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 76.

The Governor requests that the Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1899-1900, and the Statement of Payments from the Vote “Advance to Treasurer, 1898-9,” on account of Services for the year 1898-9, submitted for Parliamentary Appropriation in adjustment of the Advance Vote, which accompanied His Excellency's Message, No. 22, of 9th August last, may be returned to him, with a view to the substitution of other Estimates and the resubmission of the Statement mentioned, in lieu thereof.

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Mr. See then moved, That His Excellency's Message, No. 76, be now taken into consideration.

Question put and passed.

And the Message having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Deputy-Speaker,—

Mr. See moved, That the request contained in His Excellency's Message, No. 76, be complied with, and that an Address be accordingly presented to His Excellency returning the Estimates which accompanied the Governor's Message, No. 22, of the 9th August, 1899.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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10. **WOMEN'S FRANCHISE BILL**:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Fegan, and read by Mr. Deputy-Speaker:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

*Message No. 77.**Lieutenant-Governor.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-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 Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893, and the Acts amending the same, so as to extend the franchise to adult female persons resident in New South Wales.

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

11. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Deputy-Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Sydney-Phillip Division, Mr. Copeland, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.—“The treatment of the Civil Ambulance Corps by the Government.”

And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

12. **ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR 1899-1900, AND STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS FROM VOTE OF ADVANCE TO TREASURER ON ACCOUNT OF SERVICES OF THE YEAR 1898-9**:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Lyne, and read by Mr. Deputy-Speaker:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

*Message No. 78.**Lieutenant-Governor.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the accompanying Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1899-1900, together with a Statement of Payments from the Vote, “Advance to Treasurer, 1898-9,” on account of Services for the year 1898-9, submitted for Parliamentary Appropriation in adjustment of the Advance Vote,—in substitution for the Estimates and Statement submitted with the Governor's Message, No. 22, of 9th August, 1899.

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

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

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

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

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Moore, That the report be *now* received.

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

(6.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £1,922, for the establishment of His Excellency the Governor for the year 1899-1900.

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

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

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

15. **PAPER**:—Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—Estimates of the Ways and Means of the Government of New South Wales for the year 1899-1900.

Ordered to be printed.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Deputy-Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 51.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 7 DECEMBER, 1899.

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

PAPER:—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Copy of a Minute of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor and the Executive Council authorising the transfer of an amount from the Vote "Department of Lands, Contingencies," to supplement the Vote for Department of Lands, "Legal Expenses."

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Artesian Well-boring:—Mr. Nelson asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) What quantity of 4, 5, 6, 8, and 10-inch artesian casing has the Government supplied this year?
- (2.) How many feet of artesian well-boring has been done during the same period?
- (3.) What was the cost of the boring per foot, including casing?
- (4.) Is it a fact that the Government have let a contract for the supply of casing for two years?
- (5.) What quantity of casing has been ordered by the Government to date, and not supplied by the contractors?
- (6.) Does the Government intend to compel the contractors to fill all orders under this existing contract?

Mr. Hassall answered,—

- (1.) 3,210 feet of 4-inch, 2,792 feet of 5-inch, 13,032 feet of 6-inch, 3,301 feet of 8-inch, and 875 feet of 10-inch have been supplied by contractors to the Department.
- (2.) 10,596 feet.
- (3.) £1 4s. per foot.
- (4.) Yes; contract let for two years, ending 31st December, 1899.
- (5.) 8,000 feet of 5-inch, 7,074 feet of 6-inch, 2,445 feet of 8-inch, and 1,526 feet of 10-inch still on order and unsupplied.
- (6.) Yes.

(2.) Proceedings against Owners of the Dudley Colliery:—Mr. Garland asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Has he authorised the initiation of proceedings against the owners of the Dudley Colliery for an alleged breach of section 28, subsection (1), of the Coal Mines Regulation Act?
- (2.) Has his attention been called to the fact that the late Attorney-General, Mr. Want, gave an official opinion that such facts as are alleged in the case of the Dudley Colliery constitute no offence against the Act?
- (3.) Is it a fact that the present Attorney-General has declined to give an opinion that such facts constitute an offence against the Act?
- (4.) Is it a fact that the Crown Law officials refused to institute proceedings against the owners of the Dudley Colliery on the ground that no breach of the Act had been committed?
- (5.) If he authorised the initiation of these proceedings with a knowledge of these facts, upon what grounds did he do so?

Mr. Fegan answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2, 3, 4, and 5.) The Honorable Member's legal training should acquaint him with the fact that these Questions cannot be answered at present, referring, as they do, to a case which is *sub judice*.

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- (3.) Sale of Margarine:—*Mr. Affleck*, for *Mr. Bennett*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Whether, in view of the large quantity of margarine disposed of in Sydney, he will bring in a Bill early next Session to regulate its manufacture, branding, and sale?

Mr. Lyne answered,—This is a matter which the Government hope to be able to take up at an early date.

- (4.) Free Railway Passes to Members of Parliament, Victoria:—*Mr. Rose* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it a fact that members of the Victorian Legislature who have been returned to three successive Parliaments are entitled to free railway passes for life?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I believe not; but am taking steps to ascertain definitely. I have communicated with the Railway Commissioners, and application has been made to Victoria to find out.

- (5.) Racecourse at the Shades, near Molong:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that about 90 acres of land was granted some twenty years ago for a recreation ground or racecourse at the Shades, near Molong, county of Wellington?

(2.) Is he aware that during the last ten years one of the trustees has the sole use of the racecourse, and has turned it into a grazing or agistment paddock, from which the public derive not the slightest benefit whatever?

(3.) Will he see that some steps are taken to have the land resumed, and sold, or made available for settlement?

Mr. Hassall answered,—

(1.) An area of 93 acres 2 roods and 24 perches was on the 12th January, 1883, dedicated for public recreation.

(2.) I am not aware.

(3.) A report will be obtained.

- (6.) Government Metallurgical Works, Clyde:—*Mr. Nobbs* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Has his attention been directed to complaints made in Parliament some time since with respect to the Government Metallurgical Works, Clyde?

(2.) Did the late Minister for Mines appoint a Board to make an exhaustive inspection of such works; if so, will he state the names and qualifications of the gentlemen who constituted such Board?

(3.) Has the Board (if appointed) submitted a report on the question remitted to them; if so, will he state the conclusions arrived at, and lay such report upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Fegan answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes; the Board consisted of *Mr. F. Danvers Power*, as representing the professional or scientific side of the question; and *Mr. J. K. Charleston* the practical part. *Mr. F. Danvers Power* is a mining engineer, metallurgist, and assayer, late President of the Institute of Australian Mining Engineers, Member of the American Institute of Mining Engineers, Life Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, Member of Amalgamated Mining Engineers' Association of Australasia (Ballarat Branch), Life Member of the Institute of Mining and Metallurgy of London, late Examiner in Mining at the University of Melbourne, and, besides, is the author of a work on Mining and Metallurgy. *Mr. Charleston* has been long connected with the practical part of mining, and is a mining manager of experience, and the owner of an extensive smelting plant.

(3.) At present I see no objection to lay the report upon the Table of the House, if moved for in the usual way.

- (7.) Excursion Rates to Public School Teachers:—*Mr. McGowen*, for *Mr. Nielsen*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Has any provision been made by the Railway Commissioners to allow Public School teachers to travel during the vacations at cheap excursion rates?

(2.) If not, will he urge the Commissioners to provide a cheap excursion to and from the country on or about the date that the Public Schools break up for the Christmas vacation?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) I am informed that it has been arranged that the issue of holiday excursion tickets generally will commence from the 15th instant, which should meet the convenience of school teachers, as it is understood the school holidays commence from that date.

(2.) The Commissioners cannot make special cheap excursion arrangements for the Public School teachers or any other particular class of travellers.

- (8.) Ownership of land at Norfolk Island:—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has any definite decision been arrived at with reference to the claims entered by Norfolk Islanders to the ownership of land there; and has his attention been directed to the following extract on the question from a recent issue of the *Daily Telegraph*:—"Up to the present time we have had nothing definite from the Government respecting the land question. Several who have applied for land have erected buildings on it. Others are waiting to commence building, and all are anxious to see the question settled without delay"?

Mr. Lyne answered,—A claim was alleged by certain old residents to the ownership of the island, but they have been recently informed there is no foundation for such claim. The applications for land which have been made have received attention, and will be dealt with on their merits, subject to the proclamation published in the Supplement to the *Government Gazette* of the 1st December, instant. I may tell the Honorable Member that the regulations have the force of law. In the cases from Norfolk Island with which I have dealt, I have not agreed to sell the land, but have given the islanders a lease. Where I have agreed to allow them to have the land for twenty-eight years, I have stipulated that they must reside or satisfy the Chief Magistrate at the island that some one is residing upon the land continuously, and is cultivating and improving it.

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(9.) Assessed Value of Land at Port Kembla:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What is the assessed value for land taxation purposes of the land at Port Kembla, for which the Government have given, or are about to give, £15 per acre?

(2.) Will he afford similar information with regard to that portion of the A.A. Company's estate at present under offer to the State?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) No land at Port Kembla is proposed to be acquired at £15 per acre. 500 acres of the "Five Island Estate," which consists of 2,200 acres, are proposed to be resumed at £10 per acre. The portion to be resumed is by far the most valuable of the Estate, which for land tax purposes was valued at an amount averaging £5 per acre.

(2.) The A.A. Company's land referred to forms part of an area of 439,077 acres 1 rood 31½ perches, situate in the county of Gloucester, and known as the Gloucester Estate. The unimproved value as fixed by the Commissioners, and confirmed by the Court of Review, is £217,958, or an average of 9s. 11d. per acre. The Company's contention at the Court (held as an open Court) was £49,802.

(10.) Military Service Tram Tickets:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that Military Service tram tickets are issued to the Naval and Military Forces at half the rates of ordinary tram tickets?

(2.) Is it also a fact that an order was issued by the Railway Commissioners to the effect that not less than two of these tickets should be taken on any section?

(3.) If so, of what value are these tickets on a penny section?

(4.) Will he give instructions to the Railway Commissioners to have this system so altered that Naval and Military men may avail themselves fully of the concession?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I am informed that tram tickets are issued at half rates to the Naval and Military Forces, in uniform, with a minimum fare of 1d. The Commissioners consider the concession already sufficiently liberal, and are not prepared to introduce half-penny fares.

(11.) Consolidation of the Statutes:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Attorney-General,—

(1.) At what cost to the country have the Statutes already consolidated been so consolidated?

(2.) How many local barristers have been engaged on the work of consolidation, their names, and the payments they have received up to the present time?

Mr. Wise answered,—

(1.) £6,168 14s. 8d.

(2.) Eight, whose names are as follows:—F. H. Salusbury, J. Meillon, D. G. Ferguson, A. J. Kelynack, W. Blacket, H. M. Hamilton, F. J. Bethune, J. M. Harvey. Each of these gentlemen receive a salary at the rate of £300 per annum.

(12.) Lane Cove and Parramatta River Bridges:—Mr. Law asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) How many men are now employed on the Lane Cove and Parramatta River Bridges?

(2.) What is the rate of wage paid?

(3.) Will he apply the minimum wage rate to the men engaged thereon, the same as he is doing on other Government work?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) 101 men.

(2 and 3.) Some of these men are already receiving 7s. per day, and some who do hazardous work are even receiving 8s. per day, the carpenters 9s., and leading hands 10s. Those who are receiving 6s. will be advanced to 7s. per day.

(13.) Delays with the Telephone Service in the City and Suburbs:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) Is it a fact that very great inconveniences and delays are experienced by business people in connection with the telephone service in the city and suburbs?

(2.) Is it a fact that such delays and inconveniences are daily increasing notwithstanding Departmental efforts to prevent same?

(3.) In view of the confusion of voices upon telephones considerably interfering with the sound and distinctness in hearing, will he consider the advisability of providing the most modern instruments to displace many of the old-fashioned ones now in use; or will he instruct his officers to obtain information as to the best means of remedying the present imperfect telephone system?

Mr. Crick answered,—

(1 and 2.) I will presently lay upon the Table a report on the subject from the Chief Electrician and Engineer-in-Chief, which fully explains the position of these matters.

(3.) I am not aware of any old-fashioned telephones being in use, except in a few instances where they are under the purchase system, and these can be replaced at the owners' cost if required.

(4.) All the telephones now being purchased by the Department are the most up-to-date, and if it can be pointed out that any of the instruments in use are old-fashioned I will at once have them replaced. Of course, induction and cross talk exist on every exchange, and the best instruments in the world will not overcome this difficulty, unless a complete metallic circuit is established at an enormous cost. The Adams Randall telephone, which is the latest invention, and promises to overcome this difficulty, is only in an experimental stage, and cannot, therefore, be entertained until proved effective.

(14.) North Shore Ferry Traffic:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Has his attention been directed to the inconvenience and delay of the North Shore ferry traffic between the hours of 12.50 and 1.20 p.m. on Saturday last owing to the blocking of the Circular Quay by a large steamer?

(2.) Were the tram and railway services at North Sydney delayed as a result?

(3.) Has this blocking of traffic taken place on other occasions; and will he take steps to prevent it in future?

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Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) My attention has been called to the first Question.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) I have already given instructions to see that the large steamers which use the wharf right down to the North Shore Ferry wharf shall be moved to some other position. Captain Jackson, who has charge of this matter, has, I believe, a report ready on the subject. I intend to prevent the stoppage of traffic in the way it has been stopped at Circular Quay by those steamers. At the time the Honorable Member refers to, the large steamer was lying across Circular Quay for nearly half an hour, and all the traffic was stopped, and I understand that passengers lost their trains.

(15.) Purchase of the Silverton Tramway:—Mr. Thomas asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Has he as yet communicated with the Silverton Tram Company *re* the purchase of their tramway?
- (2.) If so, has he received any reply?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) Yes, on 27th ultimo.
- (2.) No; excepting an intimation from the Company's Secretary, dated 29th ultimo, to the effect that the matter would be submitted to his Board at an early date.

(16.) Pastoral Leases in the Central Division:—Mr. Thomas Brown asked the Secretary for Lands,—

In view of the importance attached to the question of disposal of expiring pastoral leases in the Central Division, and the intimation that Parliament will probably be invited to deal with this matter in the next Session, will he cause the following information relating thereto to be compiled and placed at the disposal of Members and the public generally as soon as possible:—

- (1.) Names and areas of such leasehold holdings and their registered lessees?
- (2.) Names of such holdings over which an extension of leases has been granted under section 3 of 1895 Land Act, and terms of such extended leases?
- (3.) Names of holdings on which conversion of pastoral leased lands into scrub lease areas have been made, in terms of section 35 of 1889 Land Act, and subsection vi of section 26 of 1895 Land Act; also the areas and terms of such scrub leases?
- (4.) Names of holdings on which applications for conversion into scrub lease areas have been refused, the areas embraced in such applications, and reasons of refusal?
- (5.) Names of holdings and areas embraced in scrub lease applications not yet finally dealt with?
- (6.) Names of holdings and area of resumed areas held under occupation license; also area of such lands under reservation, and thereby debarred to settlement?
- (7.) Names of holdings and area of land which originally formed part of same, but which are now held by the lessees as improvement leases; also terms of such improvement leases?
- (8.) Names of holdings, and area of alienated lands which originally formed part of same, and are now held and worked in conjunction with such pastoral holdings?

Mr. Hassall answered,—This information can only be furnished in the form of a return, which should be moved for in the usual manner.

(17.) Prosecutions against Licensed Brewers:—Mr. Gillies, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is he aware that prosecutions have been instituted by his Department against licensed brewers for brewing hop beer of less than the regulation 2 per cent. alcoholic strength?
- (2.) Is he aware that recently three officers were despatched to Morce on such a prosecution, and that the article brewed was found to contain not more than 1.3 per cent. of alcohol?
- (3.) What is the cost of such prosecution to the State; and are similar prosecutions to be proceeded with?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) There is one case of the kind in which a brewer has been prosecuted and fined £100 for illegally brewing hop beer in his licensed brewery.
- (2.) Yes; the percentage of alcohol is immaterial. Under the Beer Duty Act, "beer" includes any fermented beverage purporting to be beer.
- (3.) Approximately £20. Yes; if there be any infringement of the law.

(18.) Pera Settlement:—Mr. Carroll, for Mr. W. W. Davis, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) What was the quantity of water delivered to each settler at Pera settlement during the months of October, 1899, to December, 1899?
- (2.) What was the average distribution of water during the above time on blocks 19, 20, 24, 25?
- (3.) Will a return be supplied showing the daily distribution of water?

Mr. Hassall answered,—I regret that the information at the disposal of this Department is not sufficient to enable me to reply to these Questions. I will, however, cause an inquiry to be made.

(19.) Transfer Tickets on the Trams:—Mr. Lees asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Adverting to Mr. Lees' Question, and the Answer given by him on the 30th ultimo, *re* transfer tickets on the trams,—Will he call the Railway Commissioners' attention to the fact that Mr. Lees' Question was not limited to the electric tramway, but to all the tramways, and procure a more adequate reply?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The Honorable Member's previous Question was in view of the contemplated opening of the electric tramways. The question generally has had the consideration of the Commissioners, but in view of local conditions they cannot favour the introduction of the transfer system. That is the reply which I have received from the Railway Commissioners, and, of course, I have to give it as my reply. I stated yesterday that I would communicate with the Railway Commissioners, and I did so. I cannot quite understand why this system cannot be introduced.

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(20.) Sale of Margarine in Sydney and Newcastle:—*Mr. Gillies*, for *Mr. Bennett*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he consider the advisableness, in view of the large quantity of margarine sold in Sydney and Newcastle, of introducing a Bill early next Session to regulate the manufacture and sale of that compound?

Mr. Lyne answered,—This Question was answered in reply to Question No. 3.

3. TOTALIZATOR BILL:—The following Petitions in opposition to the Totalizator Bill, and praying the House to reject the measure, were presented by the Members named:—

- (1.) By *Mr. Mahony*—From certain members of the Annandale Primitive Methodist Church.
 - (2.) By *Mr. Hughes*—From certain members of the Central Methodist Mission.
 - (3.) By *Mr. Spence*—From certain residents of Cobar and district.
 - (4.) By *Mr. McGowen*—From certain members of the Congregational Church, Cleveland-street, Redfern.
 - (5.) By *Mr. Fegan*—From certain members of the Wesleyan Church, Lambton.
 - (6.) By *Mr. Gillies*—From certain residents of West Maitland.
 - (7.) By *Mr. Watkins*—From certain members of the Wesleyan Church, Wallsend.
 - (8.) By *Mr. Nobbs*—From certain members of the Baptist Church, Auburn.
 - (9.) By *Mr. Nobbs*—From certain residents of Rookwood.
 - (10.) By *Mr. Wise*—From certain members of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, Ashfield.
 - (11.) By *Mr. Wise*—From certain members of the Wesleyan Church, Summer Hill.
 - (12.) By *Mr. Dight*—From certain members of the Wesleyan Church, Singleton.
 - (13.) By *Mr. McLean*—From certain members of the Congregational Church, Marrickville.
 - (14.) By *Mr. Sattor*—From certain members of the Wesleyan Church and residents of Bathurst.
 - (15.) By *Mr. Fegan*—From certain members of the Baptist Church, Islington.
 - (16.) By *Mr. Fegan*—From certain members of the Wickham Church and congregation of the Primitive Methodist Connexion.
 - (17.) By *Mr. Cook*—From certain members of the Primitive Methodist Church, Lithgow.
 - (18.) By *Mr. Carruthers*—From certain residents of Kingsgrove, Hurstville, District of St. George.
- Petitions received.

4. PAPERS:—

Mr. Wise laid upon the Table,—Report of Committee of Inquiry into the Government Docking Establishment, Cockatoo Island.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table,—By-laws in connection with Camden Water Supply.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Crick laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Statement respecting Telephone Exchange, and arrangements in connection therewith.
- (2.) Notification of revised rates on telegrams from New South Wales to certain places in South America.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. ALFRED AUSTIN SAMPSON'S SETTLEMENT LEASE, GUNNEDAH:—*Mr. Moore* (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Return to Order "Alfred Austin Sampson's Settlement Lease, Gunnedah," laid upon the Table of this House on 8th November, 1899, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on that subject.
Question put and passed.

6. STOCK DISEASES (TICK) BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Fegan* moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make temporary provision for the prevention and cure of Texas and tick fever and other diseases in stock caused by ticks, and to regulate the travelling of stock.
Question put and passed.

7. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day of General Business postponed:—

- (1.) Government Railways Act Amendment Bill; second reading;—until To-morrow.
- (2.) Sunday Observance Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the better observance of the Sunday; for the closing of business places, and prohibiting the sale of goods in those places during certain hours; to amend the Liquor Act, 1898; and for purposes incidental to or consequent on those objects;—until To-morrow.
- (3.) Stanford Coal-mine Railway Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until To-morrow.
- (4.) Sydney and North Sydney Bridge and Tramway Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until Wednesday next.

8. ART GALLERY AND LIBRARY BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by *Mr. Wise*, and read by *Mr. Speaker*:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 79.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-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 incorporate the trustees of the National Art Gallery and Public Library respectively; to provide for the endowment and management of those institutions; to exempt from stamp duty donations and bequests made for the benefit of those institutions; and for purposes incidental to or consequent on the abovementioned objects.

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

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9. EARLY CLOSING 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 for the early closing of shops and to regulate the hours of employment in shops,*" 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 December, 1899.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

EARLY CLOSING BILL (No. 2.)

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 7th December, 1899.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 4, clause 7, line 42. *Omit* "alleging urgency"
- Page 4, clause 7, line 43. *After* "drugs" *insert* "or patent or proprietary medicines"
- Page 5, clause 8, lines 5 and 6. *Omit* "more than fifty-two hours in any week, exclusive of the hours allowed for refreshment nor"
- Page 5, clause 8, line 10. *Omit* "six" *insert* "twelve"
- Page 5, clause 8, line 10. *Omit* "one quarter of the" *insert* "half"
- Page 5, clause 9, line 31. *After* "week" *insert* "exclusive of the hours allowed for refreshment. Except that in hairdressers' shops any customer who at the said closing time is in the shop being attended to, or waiting to be attended to, may be attended to by the shop assistants within one half-hour after the said closing time"
- Page 5, clause 9, line 38. *After* "time" *insert* "except as aforesaid"
- Page 5, clause 9. At end of clause *add* "Provided that subsection (1) and subsection (3) (a) of this section shall not apply to persons in the shops of registered pharmacists."
- Page 6, clause 10, line 5. *Omit* "each and every" *insert* "in each"
- Page 6, clause 10, lines 8 and 9. *Omit* "for the whole of the third Wednesday in each and every calendar month" *insert* "on one week-day in each month. Provided that this subsection shall not apply where such Wednesday falls in the same week as Christmas Day or Good Friday."
- Page 6, clause 10, subsection (3). *Omit* subsection (3), *insert* the following new subsection :—
" (3) If any person engaged in delivering meat or milk or bread has not in any week or month (as the case may be) been permitted by his employer to have and take a half-holiday or a holiday pursuant to this section, such employer shall be deemed in regard to each such person to have been guilty of an offence against this Act."
- Page 6, clause 11, line 18. *Omit* "by including therein any area adjacent thereto."
- Page 8, clause 20. *Omit* clause 20, *insert* the following new clause :—
" In every shopping district—
" (1) Every shop mentioned in Schedule One in which is carried on any class of trade not usually carried on in shops mentioned in the Schedule, shall be closed at the closing time fixed by or under this Act for shops not mentioned in the Schedule."
" (2) Every shop mentioned in Part II, III, or IV of Schedule One in which is carried on any class of trade usually carried on in shops mentioned in an earlier part of the Schedule, shall be closed at the closing time fixed by or under this Act for shops mentioned in such earlier part of the Schedule."
- Page 8, clause 21. *After* line 32 *insert* "'Employ' means employ in any way or in any kind of work."
- Page 8, clause 21, line 38. *Omit* "by retail" *insert* "or in which the business of a hairdresser, pawnbroker, or undertaker is carried on."
- Page 8, clause 21, line 41. *After* "aforesaid" *insert* "or in which any such business as aforesaid is carried on."
- Page 8, clause 21, line 43. *After* "carter" *insert* "and includes any clerk employed in a shop, but does not include any person who is employed by the shopkeeper when the shop is closed only."
- Page 9. *After* clause 21 *insert* the following new clause :—
" Within the Municipal District of Broken Hill, and within the Electoral District of Sturt, the time mentioned in this Act shall be taken to mean the mean time of the one hundred and thirty-fifth meridian of longitude east of Greenwich in England."
- Page 9, clause 24. *Omit* clause 24.
- Page 9, Schedule One, lines 19 and 20. *Omit* "Tobacconists' shops, Pawnbrokers' shops (not for the sale of goods)."
- Page 9, Schedule One, line 24. *Omit* "(for the sale of drugs and the dispensing of medicines only)" *insert* "Private dispensaries, Public dispensaries, Flower shops."
- Page 9, Schedule One, line 28. *Omit* "Flower shops" *insert* "Tobacconists' shops."
- Page 9, Schedule One, line 30. *Before* "Newsagents" *insert* "Newspaper and"
- Page 9, Schedule One. At end of Schedule *add* "Cooked provision shops"

Examined,—

A. 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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10. ABSENCE OF SPEAKER AND CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES (*Amended Standing Order*):—Mr. Crick moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That Standing Order No. 23 be amended by the insertion, after the word "Committees," of the following words:—"the Members present—if a quorum—may proceed by motion made and seconded to at once elect one of their number to act as Deputy-Speaker for the time being, and the Question in that case shall be put by the Clerk at the Table without 'debate,' and in the event of no such motion being carried,"

(2.) That the amended Standing Order be presented by Mr. Speaker to His Excellency the Governor for approval.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Garland moved, That the Question be amended by inserting after the word "debate" the words "and the Member so elected shall have the same power and authority as is conferred on the Deputy-Speaker by Standing Order No. 22"

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

Question then,—

(1.) That Standing Order No. 23 be amended by the insertion, after the word "Committees," of the following words:—"the Members present—if a quorum—may proceed by motion made and seconded to at once elect one of their number to act as Deputy-Speaker for the time being, and the Question in that case shall be put by the Clerk at the Table without debate, and the Member so elected shall have the same power and authority as is conferred on the Deputy-Speaker by Standing Order No. 22, and in the event of no such motion being carried,"

(2.) That the amended Standing Order be presented by Mr. Speaker to His Excellency the Governor for approval,—put and passed.

11. ART UNIONS ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Art Unions Act of 1850*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,

JOHN LACKEY,

Sydney, 7th December, 1899.

President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Hassall, read a first time.

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

12. CENTRAL RAILWAY STATION, DEVONSHIRE-STREET:—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report on the expediency of erecting a central railway station and administrative offices on the north side of Devonshire-street, and extending the railway system of the Colony thereto.

Points of Order:—Mr. Cohen submitted,—(1.) That the proper Constitutional course had not been taken of submitting to Parliament the Hyde Park scheme, as recommended by the Public Works Committee, to be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act of 1888. (2.) That no estimate of the probable revenue to be derived had been given by the Minister in his explanation, as provided by sec. 13, subsec. 1 of the said Act.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said that this was not a matter in which he was called upon to decide that the course proposed to be taken was wrong, nor was it his province to decide that the question could not be submitted in the form now proposed. This was entirely a new question, having no relevancy to the proposal to build a central railway station at Hyde Park. The first point submitted he would decide against the Honorable Member for Petersham. The second was unsound, inasmuch as the Minister's explanation was clearly that no revenue would result.

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.

13. STOCK DISEASES (TICK) BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Fegan, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

BEAUCHAMP,

Message No. 80.

Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to make temporary provision for the prevention and cure of Texas and tick fever and other diseases in stock caused by ticks, and to regulate the travelling of stock.

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Sydney, 7th December, 1899.

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

14. LAND TAX (COLLECTION) 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 twenty-one minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow at Ten o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,

J. P. ABBOTT,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

Speaker.



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No. 52.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

FRIDAY, 8 DECEMBER, 1899.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Wharfage Works at Darling Island:—Mr. Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What is the cause of delay in the completion of the wharfage extension works at Darling Island?
 - (2.) Can the portion already finished be utilised for the accommodation of vessels?
 - (3.) Have any steps yet been taken to let or lease any of Darling Island for storage of produce or the erection of accommodation sheds to receive merchandise?
 - (4.) If not, when will such be done?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

- (1.) There has been no delay. The wharf is being pushed on as rapidly as the foundations can be prepared.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3 and 4.) A proposal has been made to erect such a structure but no decision has yet been arrived at in the matter.

- (2.) Sydney and Newcastle Water Police:—Mr. Cohen, for Mr. Dugald Thomson, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What are the daily hours of duty of the Sydney Water Police; and do they receive overtime for any hours worked beyond?
- (2.) The same information regarding the Newcastle Water Police?
- (3.) Are the members of either force on duty at stated times for twenty-four hours without intermission; and, if so, how often in the year?

Mr. See answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Inspector-General of Police:—

(1 and 3.) The day and night reliefs are divided into twelve hours,—average time of duty six hours, the other time being occupied for meals and reserve. The men prefer to take the twenty-four (24) hours' duty on alternate Sundays, an equivalent time being allowed,—the hours of actual duty averaging ten hours. It will be seen that, although the hours of duty are longer than for the general force, the duty is comparatively light, the men being on reserve for half the period when they are for the most part resting. Several of them have been offered a change to the ordinary Metropolitan duties, but it has invariably been declined.

(2.) The Newcastle Water Police perform eight hours' duty daily, and only on very exceptional occasions has this been exceeded. They are never on duty for twenty-four hours without intermission.

- (3.) Police Superannuation Fund:—Mr. Willis asked the Colonial Secretary,—Considering the almost bankrupt state of the Police Superannuation Fund, caused by no negligence on the part of the police in paying their contributions, will he state what steps (if any) he proposes to take to put such Fund in order?

Mr. See answered,—A sum of money has been placed upon the Estimates towards this object.

- (4.) Promotion of Major Bayley:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Was the promotion of Major Bayley to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, while in Africa, made on the recommendation of the General Officer Commanding, as provided by Regulation 14 under the Volunteer Act?
- (2.) If not, why not?

Mr. See answered,—The appointment was made by the Governor with the advice of the Executive Council.

(5.)

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- (5.) Uniforms for the Police:—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick*, for Mr. Bennett, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he allow the Police of the Colony to wear light and suitable clothing during the hot weather, and not compel them to wear heavy, dark uniforms?

Mr. See answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Inspector-General of Police:—The police summer uniform is of the lightest description. Foot police—jumper (thin navy serge), no waistcoat, pith helmet, white duck trousers. The mounted men, of course, wear riding pants and short leather leggings.

- (6.) Mr. J. A. Brodie:—*Mr. Smith*, for Mr. Law, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that Mr. J. A. Brodie is in receipt of a salary of £300 a year as Secretary of the Fisheries Commission?

(2.) Is it a fact that the same gentleman is also in receipt of £150 a year as Visiting Magistrate to Lord Howe Island?

(3.) If so, does he efficiently fill both positions; and is it found to be in the interests of the public?

Mr. See answered,—Yes.

- (7.) Debt on the Albury Waterworks:—*Mr. T. H. Griffith* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that he promised, as reported in *Sydney Morning Herald* of Saturday last, the Mayor of Deniliquin that he would write down the Deniliquin waterworks debt by £6,000?

(2.) If so, will he treat all municipalities similarly situated in the same manner?

(3.) How much does he intend to write off the debt due by the Albury Borough Council?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—The deputation referred to were informed that as the waterworks had been gazetted it would be necessary, according to the opinion of the Crown Solicitor, to have a special Act of Parliament passed before the writing down referred to could be carried out. The whole question of giving relief to municipalities embarrassed by a large expenditure upon waterworks which they did not agree to, will be recommended for the consideration of the Cabinet during the recess.

- (8.) Crown Lands held by the Australian Pastoral Company:—*Mr. J. Thomson*, for Mr. Sleath, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) What is the area of Crown lands held under lease by the Australian Pastoral Company on the Yerambah Run, in the Walgett, Collarenebri, and Brewarrina Districts?

(2.) When do leases expire?

(3.) What rentals are paid per acre for same?

(4.) Who are the present holders of the selections (each of 10,240 acres) originally selected by John Theodore Merry, Frances H. Grueber, and William Cole?

(5.) To whom have these selections been transferred during the currency of their leases?

(6.) When will the leases of these selections expire if nothing further is done with them?

Mr. Hassall answered,—

(1.) The leasehold area of Yerambah, No. 199, Western Division, contains approximately 112,548 acres.

(2.) The pastoral lease expires 10th July, 1918.

(3.) Two pence half-penny per acre per annum for the leasehold area. The resumed area of Yerambah contains approximately 6,162 acres, and is held under a yearly tenure as an occupation license at 1½d. per acre per annum.

(4.) Henry Ryan, by way of mortgage, at present holds the homestead leases.

(5.) Merry transferred to John Geach, who transferred to A. A. Amos, and the latter to R. J. Rutherford. Grueber transferred to S. J. Brown; Cole transferred to E. M. Edols; the whole were subsequently transferred to H. Ryan.

(6.) 31st May, 31st December, and 28th February, 1918, respectively.

2. TOTALIZATOR BILL:—*Dr. Ross* presented a Petition from certain residents of Bocobble, district of Molong, in opposition to the Totalizator Bill, and praying the House to reject the measure. Petition received.

3. ART GALLERY AND LIBRARY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Lyne*, for Mr. Wise, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to incorporate the trustees of the National Art Gallery and Public Library respectively; to provide for the endowment and management of those institutions; to exempt from stamp duty donations and bequests made for the benefit of those institutions; and for purposes incidental to or consequent on the abovementioned objects. Question put and passed.

4. LAND TAX (COLLECTION) BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Lyne, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Lyne then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to make better provision for the collection of the Land Tax for 1899.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to make better provision for the collection of the Land Tax for 1899,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 8th December, 1899.*

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5. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Business postponed :—
- (1.) Government Business :—Notices of Motions, Nos. 2 to 9, postponed, to follow Order of the Day, No. 5, for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means.
 - (2.) General Business :—
 - (1.) Government Railways Act Amendment Bill ; second reading ;—until Wednesday next.
 - (2.) Sunday Observance Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the better observance of the Sunday ; for the closing of business places, and prohibiting the sale of goods in those places during certain hours ; to amend the Liquor Act, 1898 ; and for purposes incidental to or consequent on those objects ;—until Wednesday next.
 - (3.) Fisher Trusts Declaratory Bill (*Council Bill*) ; second reading ;—until Thursday next.
 - (4.) Companies Acts Amendment Bill (*Council Bill*) ; second reading ;—until Thursday next.
 - (5.) Sunday Trading Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law with respect to clubs and co-operative stores ; and to regulate and restrict Sunday trading, other than the sale of liquor ;—until Friday next.
 - (6.) Hotels Diminishing Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to lessen the number of hotels in proportion to the population ;—until Friday next.
6. **LIBRARY COMMITTEE** :—Mr. Lyne (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That Mr. Cruickshank, Mr. Miller, and Mr. Waddell be added to the Library Committee.
Question put and passed.
7. **PAPER** :—Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—
Statements showing the Cash and Ledger Balances of the Public Account on 30th June, 1899, 30th June, 1895, and 31st December, 1894.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
8. **WAYS AND MEANS** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Lyne, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Wilks, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.
Mr. Wilks also reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.
Ordered, on motion of Mr. Wilks, that the report be *now* received.
Mr. Wilks then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—
(6.) *Resolved*,—That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Service of the year 1899–1900, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales the sum of £1,922, for the expenses of the establishment of His Excellency the Governor.
On motion of Mr. Lyne, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
9. **ADJOURNMENT** :—Mr. Lyne moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
The House adjourned accordingly, at eleven minutes before 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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FOURTH SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 12 DECEMBER, 1899.

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

ABSENCE OF SPEAKER AND CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES (*Amended Standing Order*):—Mr. Speaker announced to the House that he had presented to His Excellency the Governor the amended Standing Order No. 23, adopted by the House on the 7th instant, and that His Excellency had been pleased to approve of the same.

2. NAVIGATION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Lyne, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

BEAUCHAMP,
Governor.

Message No. 81.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to abolish the Marine Board; to constitute a Department of Navigation and Courts of Marine Inquiry, and to define the powers and duties of such department and courts; to amend the Navigation Acts, 1871-1896, in other respects; and for purposes incidental to or consequent upon those objects,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has reserved the said Bill for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon.

The proper measures will be forthwith adopted for obtaining the Queen's decision accordingly, and in the meantime the Bill has been transmitted to the Legislative Council, to await Her Majesty's pleasure.

Government House,

Sydney, 8th December, 1899.

3. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Decisions of the Public Service Board:—Mr. Willis asked the Attorney-General,—

(1.) Referring to the offer made by the late Premier to receive statements of their cases from public servants dissatisfied with Public Service Board decisions, and, without in any way assuming the functions of a Court of Appeal, obtain from the Board the reasons which guided them to the decisions complained of, will he state if such offer was availed of by any officers; and, if so, by how many?

(2.) If any public servants did avail themselves of this offer, will he say what action was taken in the matter, and with what result?

Mr. Wise answered,—On the 1st August last Mr. Reid, in reply to a Question asked by me, said: "Any officer is at liberty to address me direct, and I know the Public Service Board sufficiently to be aware that an Officer by so acting is not prejudiced in their eyes in the matter of any appeal he may make. Statements to the contrary are sometimes made, I fear, for the purpose of discrediting the Board." The Board wrote to Mr. Reid on the 12th September last, in regard to the rights of Civil Servants to address the Head of the Government on any matter affecting the public administration, and which the Public Service Act in no wise affects, and pointed out that under the provisions of the Public Service Act of 1895 the decision of the Board in all cases of appeals against grading, salary, &c., is final and conclusive. A large number of letters have been received with reference to the decisions of the Public Service Board. All these have been considered and dealt with, and in most cases they have been sent to the Board for report or comment. The powers of the Minister are so restricted by the Public Service Act that any decision arrived at by the Board is final, though, if the decision involves any alteration in the position of an Officer which requires Executive authority, the responsibility is, in my opinion, still left to the Government to say whether effect should be given to the decision. Since being in office I have acted on that principle. (2.)

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(2.) Captain Sir George Dibbs, New South Wales National Guard :—Mr. Sleath asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has Sir George Dibbs, the Commanding Officer of the New South Wales National Guard, passed his examination as Captain, in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the New South Wales Volunteer Forces; and has he been gazetted in General Orders?

(2.) Has he qualified himself each or any year as an efficient, since the formation of the National Guard, by attending the necessary number of night and day parades, in accordance with the Volunteer Regulations?

(3.) Has he passed through the usual and necessary course of musketry instruction and class-firing to qualify himself as an efficient during the past three years?

(4.) Has he been returned as an efficient Volunteer for each of the past three years in the Official Parade States of the National Guard sent to the Military authorities at headquarters Victoria Barracks?

(5.) Has efficiency capitation allowances been drawn by the officials of the National Guard for Captain Sir George Dibbs during each or any one of the past financial years since the formation of the corps?

(6.) What was the sufficiency of the cause for the discharge of Corporal Stephen J. Byrne from the New South Wales National Guard by the Commanding Officer, Captain Sir George Dibbs?

(7.) What Military crime or offence did Corporal S. J. Byrne commit to cause his discharge, and where was he discharged?

(8.) Why has Corporal S. J. Byrne's discharge not been published in General Orders?

(9.) Why have Corporal S. J. Byrne's arms, clothing, accoutrements, &c., not been called in to their Military stores by the officials of the National Guard?

Mr. See answered,—This information is being prepared, and will be laid upon the Table as soon as possible.

(3.) Soudan Patriotic Fund :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) The amount that was subscribed by the public in aid of the Soudan Patriotic Fund?

(2.) The amount expended?

(3.) The amount of balance (if any) still in hand; and how it was disposed of?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I shall endeavour to obtain some information respecting this matter. The Soudan Patriotic Fund was not a Government account, and therefore the Government had no control over the funds raised, but the honorary treasurers were Messrs. J. R. Fairfax (now Sir James Fairfax) and J. Pope.

(4.) Royal Commission on Charities :—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Who were the gentlemen composing the Royal Commission on Charities?

(2.) Are any of them officers of, or in the employment of, the Government of the country?

(3.) If so, what are their positions, and what salaries are they paid?

(4.) Was £1,000 voted last year; and how much of it was expended in paying the said Royal Commissioners?

(5.) Is it proposed to vote £550 under the present Estimates for this same purpose?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) Messrs. G. A. Wilson (President), J. Barling, and J. Powell, till 16th February, 1899, when Mr. Critchett Walker, C.M.G., and Dr. F. Norton Manning were appointed additional Members.

(2 and 3.) Mr. Critchett Walker, Principal Under Secretary, £1,010, and Messrs. Wilson and Barling, Members of the Public Service Board, £1,000 each per annum. Mr. Walker received no fees for his services, nor allowance for travelling expenses, neither did Mr. Wilson nor Mr. Barling.

(4.) Yes. Only £686 was expended, and the balance was written off.

(5.) That sum has been put on the Estimates, but it is found that only £371 is required.

(5.) Mr. Foskett, Stamp Duties Office :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that Mr. Foskett, of the Stamp Office, has been in receipt of a salary for some years from a Newcastle firm, viz., J. Ireland and Son, for assisting in the management of that business?

(2.) What is the total amount which that officer has received from outside sources?

(3.) Are members of the Public Service allowed to engage in outside employment; if not, why is Mr. Foskett permitted to take part in the affairs of the firm referred to?

(4.) Will he take steps to grant similar rights to other members of the Public Service, or call upon Mr. Foskett to relinquish his outside engagement?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Mr. Foskett does not receive any salary from the firm of J. Ireland and Son. He is an executor in the estate of J. Ireland, late of Newcastle, and as such executor has received the commission paid to him in accordance with the authority of the Court.

(6.) The Unemployed :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In view of dealing in some practical form with the yearly increasing difficulty regarding the unemployed question, will he, during the recess, take into consideration the necessity of making some provision for bringing into operation in these Colonies the Poor Law system of rendering relief to persons in indigent circumstances, or when out of employment, that has worked so favourably in London and England, &c., for many years?

Mr. Lyne answered,—This question will shortly be considered by the Government, and the provisions referred to will be considered.

(7.) Flogging of Prisoners :—Mr. Holman asked the Minister of Justice,—Will he take steps to prevent any floggings being inflicted on any prisoners without an open and public trial?

Mr. Wood answered,—To do what the Honorable Member suggests would require an amendment of the law, and I am not prepared to take steps for that purpose at present.

(8.)

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(8.) Work for the Unemployed:—Mr. Whiddon asked the Secretary for Public Works,—As it is generally believed that the proposed levelling and improvements to Glebe Island is one of the best reproductive works in and around Sydney, such as will give legitimate work to a large number of men, will he take such steps as will expedite the securing of the report from the Public Works Committee, so that this large number of men who are at present out of work may be given employment?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—I am informed that the Public Works Committee propose entering upon the consideration of this matter to-day. It is not in my power to interfere with the Committee in the conduct of their business. Men will be kept on to carry out such work as is necessary, even if the wharfs are not constructed.

(9.) Retirement of Mr. Parr from the Public Service:—Mr. Haynes, for Mr. Hogue, asked the Attorney-General,—

(1.) On what date was Mr. William Parr, formerly a clerk in the Treasury, retired from the Public Service; and on what grounds?

(2.) Was there any complaint against Mr. Parr as to the manner in which he performed his duties?

(3.) Is there any bar to his reappointment?

Mr. Wise answered,—

(1 and 2.) Mr. Parr, with other officers, was retired in connection with the grading of the Treasury Department, as from 31st July, 1896, the Public Service Board having found, in the carrying out of the investigation prescribed under Section 8 of the Public Service Act, that the services of such officers were not necessary to the efficient working of that Department. Mr. Parr's services were, however, temporarily retained till 31st August, 1897. He received a gratuity at the rate of one month's pay for each year of service (£216 12s. 3d.), and a refund of his contributions to the Superannuation Fund (£94 18s. 9d.), or a total sum of £311 11s.

(3.) There is no legal bar to his reappointment should his services be required in the public interest.

(10.) Public Service Act Amendment Bill:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Attorney-General,—

(1.) Does the Government intend to proceed further this Session with the consideration of the Public Service Act Amendment Bill?

(2.) If not, will any steps be taken for dealing with the cases of those persons who were removed by the Public Service Board just prior to their becoming entitled to a pension, and which were referred to in the Report of the Select Committee, dated 8th December, 1897, as being some of the most painful that had come before them?

Mr. Wise answered,—

(1.) This is one of the measures the Government intend to push on with.

(2.) Nothing can be done in this matter except with the sanction of Parliament.

(11.) Men sent to Condobolin Forest-thinning:—Mr. Affleck, for Mr. McGowen, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a number of men have been sent to Condobolin forest-thinning?

(2.) Is it a fact that the remuneration for these men has been fixed at 6s. per day?

(3.) Do all men working at forest-thinning receive 6s. per day?

(4.) Is it the intention of the Government to apply the minimum wage of 7s. per day to this work?

(5.) If not, for what reason?

Mr. Hassall answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) The men were engaged prior to the minimum rate having been raised to 7s. per diem, but the question of increasing the rate for this class of work will come forward for consideration in connection with any new contracts.

(5.) See answer to No. 4.

4. TOTALIZATOR BILL:—The following Petitions in opposition to the Totalizator Bill, and praying the House to reject the measure, were presented by the Members named:—

(1.) By Mr. E. M. Clark—From certain members of the Congregational Church, North Sydney.

(2.) By Mr. Gormly—From certain members of the Wesleyan Church at Wagga Wagga.

(3.) By Mr. Howarth—From certain members of the Wesleyan Church, Willoughby.

(4.) By Mr. Howarth—From certain members of the Holterman-street Wesleyan Church.

(5.) By Mr. Archer—From certain members of the Congregational Church, Mortlake.

(6.) By Mr. Archer—From Henry Pain, Chairman of a public meeting held in the Baptist Church, Burwood, on 27th November, 1899.

(7.) By Mr. Archer—From certain members of the Wesleyan Church, Enfield.

(8.) By Mr. Archer—From certain members of the Wesleyan Church, Burwood.

(9.) By Mr. Haynes—From certain members of the Wesleyan Church, Hill End.

(10.) By Mr. Law—From certain members of the Primitive Methodist Church, Balmain.

(11.) By Mr. Ashton—From certain members of the Wesleyan Church, Goulburn.

Petitions received.

5. CASE OF WILLIAM CRESWELL:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Select Committee, now sitting on "Case of William Creswell," have leave to visit the Hospital for the Insane, Parramatta, for the purpose of taking evidence in connection with the inquiry. Question put and passed.

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6. PAPERS:—

Mr. Wise laid upon the Table,—Papers in connection with the case of Mrs. Charlotte Douglass, late Charge Nurse, Hospital for Insane, Parramatta.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Schedule to the Estimates for the year 1899–1900.
 - (2.) Schedule to the Military and Naval Allowances for the year 1899–1900.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

7. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Gormly, as Chairman, brought up the Thirteenth Report from the Printing Committee.

8. GOVERNMENT METALLURGICAL WORKS, CLYDE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Nobbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a report made by the Board appointed by the late Government with respect to the Government Metallurgical Works, Clyde.
Question put and passed.

9. TRIAL OF SEAMEN AT SYDNEY AND NEWCASTLE FOR OFFENCES ON BOARD SHIPS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—

- (1.) The number of seamen who were tried at the Water Police Court, Sydney, and the Police Court, Newcastle, for offences on board ships whilst in the Ports of Sydney and Newcastle, during the years 1897, 1898, and 1899.
 - (2.) The nature of the offence or offences with which the seamen were charged.
 - (3.) The punishment awarded each seaman, amount of fine, or term of imprisonment.
 - (4.) Nationality of vessel, and port of registration.
- Question put and passed.

10. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Business postponed:—

- (1.) General Business:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Stanford Coal-mine Railway Bill postponed until To-morrow.
- (2.) Government Business:—
 - (1.) Notices of Motions, Nos. 1, 2, and 4, postponed, to follow after Order of the Day No. 5.
 - (2.) Notices of Motions, Nos. 3 and 5 to 10, postponed, to follow after Order of the Day No. 4.

11. CITY RAILWAY EXTENSION BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. O'Sullivan, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

BEAUCHAMP,
Governor.

Message No. 82.

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 extension of the railway system of the Colony from the present terminus at Redfern into the City of Sydney, including the erection of a large central station in the north-western division of the Park fronting St. James' Road.

Government House,
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Ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

12. BRIGHT'S ESTATE LEASING BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable William John Wiseman and William Robson or other the trustees or trustee for the time being of the will of the late John Bright to grant building and improving leases of certain lands devised by the said will, and to make roads, streets, and ways over and upon the said lands; and for other purposes connected therewith*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 12th December, 1899.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Lees, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

13. DENTISTS 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 Mr. Piddington, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.

And it being Eight o'clock, Government Business only taken, under Sessional Order adopted on the 2nd November, 1899.

14. LIBRARY AND ART GALLERY 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 incorporate the trustees of the National Art Gallery and Public Library respectively; to provide for the endowment and management of those institutions; to exempt from stamp-duty donations and bequests made for the benefit of those institutions; and for purposes incidental to or consequent on the abovementioned objects.

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

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Piddington, That the report be *now* received.

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to incorporate the trustees of the National Art Gallery and Public Library respectively; to provide for the endowment and management of those institutions; to exempt from stamp-duty donations and bequests made for the benefit of those institutions; and for purposes incidental to or consequent on the abovementioned objects.

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

- (2.) Mr. Wise then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to incorporate the trustees of the National Art Gallery and Public Library respectively; to provide for the endowment and management of those institutions; to exempt from stamp-duty donations and bequests to those institutions; and for purposes incidental to or consequent on the abovementioned objects,*"—which was read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

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

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

16. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS (*Railway from Narrabri to Walgett*):—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report on the expediency of constructing a line of railway from Narrabri to Walgett, with branch to Collarendabri. Debate ensued. Question put and passed.

The House adjourned, at three minutes after Five 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 EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 13 DECEMBER, 1899.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Professional Division of the Public Service:—Mr. Phillips asked the Attorney-General,—

(1.) Has the Public Service Board formulated a scheme to secure increments to the rank and file of the Professional Division of the Public Service?

(2.) If so, does the scheme provide that the increments will date back to July, 1898, that being the date of commencement of the increments now being paid to the Clerical Division?

(3.) If no scheme has been formulated, what is the cause of delay; and does he recognise that the delay is an injustice to a numerous and deserving branch of the Public Service?

Mr. Wise answered,—This matter is now under consideration.

- (2.) Sydney and Newcastle Water Police:—Mr. Affleck, for Mr. Dugald Thomson, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Referring to his Answer given on the 8th instant to the inquiries of Mr. Dugald Thomson regarding the Sydney and Newcastle Water Police, will he please furnish the omitted Answer in reference to payment for overtime?

(2.) Are there two shifts of men in Sydney and three in Newcastle in the twenty-four hours?

(3.) What is the weekly pay of an ordinary Water Police constable at each port?

Mr. See answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Inspector General of Police:—

(1.) No overtime paid.

(2.) The Newcastle Water Police are on constant duty eight hours. In Sydney the Water Police perform a similar amount of actual duty, but are kept on reserve for emergencies.

(3.) £2 9s.

- (3.) Removal of Camps on the Moree to Inverell Railway Works:—Mr. Affleck asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the men working on the Moree to Inverell railway works, at Husheins Camp, had to shift their camp on Sunday, 2nd instant, to save a half day's pay; if not, why were they compelled to shift camp on Sunday?

(2.) Is it a fact that, owing to such removal, the men had to walk back 3 miles to get to their work on the Monday?

(3.) Had the camp been shifted on the week day, would the men not have been paid for half a day's work?

(4.) Is it a fact that some of the men had to pay for the shifting of their tents?

(5.) Had they been working under contracts, would the contractors not have paid for such removal?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—The necessary information to reply to these Questions will have to be obtained from the local officer; when his answers have been received, I will send copies to the Honorable Member.

- (4.) Board of Inquiry into the recent Accident at Circular Quay:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that an inquiry was made into the late serious accident at the Circular Quay?

(2.) If so; what was the result of the inquiry; if any one was to blame, who was?

(3.) Who composed the board of inquiry?

(4.) How long were they engaged at the inquiry?

(5.) Were they paid for their services; if so, how much did each receive, and what was the total cost of the inquiry?

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- Mr. Lyne answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) The report shows that the Board could not discover that the accident was in any degree due to neglect of duty on the part of any officer of the Government.
 - (3.) Mr. G. McCredie (Chairman), Mr. C. McAlister, and Mr. W. McRitchie.
 - (4.) Appointed on 26th October, 1899; report furnished 3rd November, 1899.
 - (5.) No fees have been paid; the actual expenditure to date is £7 4s. 8d., which represents petty cash payments; the total cost of the inquiry is estimated at £154 4s. 8d.
- (5.) New road through Moore Park from Redfern:—*Mr. Kidd*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What is the estimated or probable cost of constructing the new road through Moore Park from Redfern, now in course of construction, and the length of the same?
- Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—Probable cost, £5,000; length, 800 yards.
- (6.) Public Works in the Molong District:—*Mr. Kidd*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Will he specify the number and nature of the public works that are at the present time being carried out by contract or under tender in the Molong district?
 - (2.) The cost or amount of each separate work or contract respectively?
- Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—I will ascertain, and furnish the Honorable Member with the desired information.
- (7.) Site for Volunteer Drill-sheds:—*Mr. Edden*, for Mr. Copeland, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Has any progress been made towards locating a site for Volunteer drill-sheds?
 - (2.) If a site has been decided on, will he be good enough to say where?
- Mr. Hassall answered,—As intimated in my reply to the Honorable Member's Question on the 28th of last month, the Trustees of Phillip Park have been asked as to any objection to a site being granted of a part of that park near the Blind Asylum, but no reply has yet been received. The Trustees have been again communicated with on the subject, and asked that the matter may receive immediate attention at their hands.
- (8.) Shark Island:—*Mr. Edden*, for Mr. Copeland, asked the Secretary for Mines,—On what day will he be able to relinquish Shark Island to the Trustees of the Harbour Islands, in whom it has been vested for the last six years, so that the public may have the free use of it for recreation purposes during the forthcoming holidays, if possible?
- Mr. Fegan answered,—The alterations of the buildings and yards for the reception of the dogs at Bradley's Head will be completed in a few days, and it is expected that all the animals on the island will be removed within a week. The removal of the cattle stalls, fencing, &c., will be undertaken within a few days.
- (9.) Sydney Meat-preserving Works, Auburn:—*Mr. Gillies*, for Mr. Sleath, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is he aware that boys under age and without certificates are working from twelve to sixteen hours per day at the Sydney Meat-preserving Works, Auburn?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that the management are always advised when an officer of the Board of Health is going to pay a visit of inspection?
 - (3.) Is there any inspection by Government inspectors of the sheep and cattle killed for preserving?
 - (4.) Is it a fact that thousands of diseased sheep and cattle are used by this company annually for preserved meat?
 - (5.) Is it a fact that sheep and cattle suffering from tuberculosis, cancer, and other diseases are used, the affected parts simply being cut out?
 - (6.) Is it a fact that the water used by this firm for their stock, and for the purposes of their trade, is a drainage from the Rookwood burial-ground, the Rookwood Asylum baths, two tanneries, the railway-stations, and from the Rookwood and Auburn townships?
 - (7.) Is it a fact that sheep lambing overnight are killed and potted next day?
 - (8.) Is he aware that one boiler has been condemned as unsafe, yet it is still being kept in use?
 - (9.) Is he aware that the tallow-pots are in the same dangerous condition?
 - (10.) Is he aware that a few months ago one of those tallow-pots burst, when a butcher was scalded to death?
 - (11.) Is he aware that the jury in this case added a rider that better inspection of the boilers and tallow-pots was absolutely necessary?
 - (12.) Are any of the engineers in charge of the boilers or tallow-pots certified engineers; and, if so, how many?
 - (13.) Will he have due inquiry made in regard to the alleged violation of the Factories Act?
 - (14.) Will he have due inquiry made in regard to the potting of diseased meat, and a thoroughly qualified inspector appointed?
 - (15.) Will he have due inquiry made in regard to the alleged dangerous condition of the boilers and tallow-pots?
- Mr. Lyne answered,—
- (1.) I am not aware of the fact, so far as the hours stated are concerned. Certificates have been applied for by recently employed lads.
 - (2.) No.
 - (3.) Sydney Meat Preserving Works is a slaughter-house licensed under the Noxious Trades and Cattle-slaughtering Act, and is subject to the inspection prescribed by law. It is believed that inspection is regularly carried out by the responsible local authority for the district in which the works stand, namely, the Municipal Council of Rookwood.
 - (4.) No.
 - (5.) This course would be contrary to the provisions of the Diseased Animals and Meat Act, and there is no reason to suppose that it is followed.
- (6.)

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- (6.) These works are connected with the Sydney Water Supply, and this water is used for trade purposes. There is on the premises a dam in the course of Haslam's Creek, which runs past a cemetery and through inhabited country.
- (7.) Sheep which lamb over night are, no doubt, potted next day to extract tallow.
- (8, 9, 12, and 15.) To control these matters legislative provision would be required. The Factories and Shops Act does not provide for the inspection of land boilers.
- (10.) On the 22nd March last a lad was scalded by the blowing out or the check-valve of a digester in this factory. He subsequently died from the effects of the accident.
- (11.) The jury returned a verdict of accidental death, and added the following rider:—"We suggest to the authorities of the meat-works that a more frequent examination be made of the digesters by thoroughly sounding each with a hammer, and that all brass connections with the digesters should frequently be removed for the purpose of testing the corrosion in the plate; also that the grindstone be removed to a less dangerous place."
- (13.) Yes.
- (14.) There is no reason to believe that all diseased meat detected at these works is not potted to extract the tallow, and this is the proper method of preventing use of it for food. Instructions have already been given for drafting a Bill to secure uniform inspection of meat killed for food, and this work has commenced.
- (10.) Milk Supply:—*Mr. Kidd*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has his attention been directed to the quality of milk advertised to be supplied to the public by the Fresh Food and Ice Company, and which is guaranteed to be in accordance with the standard quality fixed by the Board of Health; and will he see that some steps are taken to make all milk-vendors comply with similar and uniform conditions or standard as to the quality of milk offered to the public for consumption, and in the interest of public health?
- Mr. Lyne* answered,—It is not possible to cause milk vendors to comply with the standard of strength and purity fixed for milk by the Board of Health under section 53 of the Public Health Act. Apparently the Legislature intended that it should be an offence to sell milk of quality inferior to the standard, but it did not say so; and therefore the course contemplated in the question must await amendment of the law.
- (11.) National Guard Band:—*Mr. Gillies*, for Mr. Sleath, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Are the members of the band of the National Guard on the effective strength of the corps?
 - (2.) Were they returned in the Official States as efficient during each or any one year since the formation of the band?
 - (3.) Have the officials of the National Guard drawn efficiency capitation allowances for the members of the band each or any one year since its formation?
 - (4.) Was there a special grant of £50 made to the National Guard Band this year; and for what purpose?
 - (5.) Are all the members of the various bands in the Volunteer Service of New South Wales on the effective strength of their corps or regiments; and are they returned as efficient annually?
- Mr. See* answered,—The following Answers have been furnished by the Major-General Commanding the Military Forces:—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) Yes, they were returned each year.
 - (3.) Each year since its formation.
 - (4.) A special grant of £50 was made to the band of the National Guard for year ending 30th June, 1899, for band allowance.
 - (5.) Yes.
- (12.) Late Assistant-Superintendent of the Technical Education Branch:—*Mr. Wright*, for Mr. Waddell, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) Will he please lay upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) The Assistant-Superintendent of Technical Education's letter or report on the Technical Education Branch, received by the Minister in January, 1893, and asked for by a Member of this House on 18th April, 1893, but refused?
 - (2.) All minutes written across this document by the Minister and Under Secretary for Public Instruction?
 - (3.) The complete reply of the Superintendent of Technical Education to the Assistant-Superintendent's communication?
 - (4.) The Assistant-Superintendent's rejoinder?
 - (5.) The Minister's decision, if any was arrived at, on the contents of these documents?
 - (6.) The Superintendent's letter or report against the Assistant-Superintendent, received by the Department of Public Instruction in May, 1893?
 - (7.) The Assistant-Superintendent's reply thereto?
 - (8.) The Minister's decision, if any was arrived at, thereon?
 - (2.) Was not the Assistant Superintendent removed from the Civil Service directly after Parliament was prorogued in June, 1893?
 - (3.) Was any inquiry made into his case prior to his removal; if so, by whom, and with what result?
 - (4.) What were his duties when he was retired?
 - (5.) What was the date his appointment was gazetted?
 - (6.) How soon after this was he removed?
 - (7.) Was not the Assistant Superintendent imported from England as an authority on technical education?
 - (8.) Who was the Superintendent of Technical Education during the year 1893?
- Mr. Perry* answered,—There are a great number of papers in this case. If the Honorable Member desires to obtain this information he should move for it in the usual way.

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- (13.) Government Printing Office Employees :—Mr. Piddington asked the Attorney-General,—Is it his intention to endeavour to secure for the employees of the Government Printing Office, irrespective of the passing of the Public Service Amendment Act, the same conditions relating to the annual holidays as apply to other Departments, so that all may be put upon an equal footing? Mr. Wise answered,—The Public Service Amending Act contains no provision dealing with this subject. Soon after the Government came into office Mr. Copeland, M.P., pointed out to me that the employees in the General Division of the Government Printing Office were compelled to work a week of overtime, without pay, each year before receiving their annual two weeks' holiday. From correspondence which he placed before me, I found that a promise had been made more than twelve months previously by Mr. Reid, on behalf of the late Government, to have the Regulation altered in this respect, but no steps had been taken to give effect to this promise. The matter has now, however, been definitely settled, and the Government have decided that employees in the General Division of the Government Printing Office are to have the same rights as to leave as are possessed by other officers in the Public Service engaged in sedentary indoor occupations, viz., two weeks' leave of absence in each year without deduction of pay, or requiring overtime work to be performed. The Public Service Board have drawn up Regulations to give effect to this determination, and which have been passed by the Executive Council to-day. Although this is a comparatively small matter, it is a concession of justice which, I believe, will be very highly valued, and one with which, as administrator of the Public Service Act, I am very glad to have been associated.
- (14.) William Frost, junior, Maintenance Man, Erina, Gosford,—Mr. Norton asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) Is a man employed by the Road Superintendent brushing, poleman, and part chainman, entitled to 7s. per day, as per Schedule?
 (2.) If so, will he direct that the balance due to William Frost, jun., Erina, Gosford (employed by Road Superintendent Statham), amounting to £1 10s., be paid, he having been paid at the rate of 6s. per day for five weeks' work?
 Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—As soon as I receive replies from the local officer I will send copies thereof to the Honorable Member.
- (15.) Stock Watering-place at Dartbrook Creek, Scone :—Mr. Dight, for Mr. FitzGerald, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he, in view of the urgent need which exists for a watering place for stock at Dartbrook Creek, at Scone, for the farmers and settlers of Mooti, direct that steps be at once taken to provide such a convenience, to supply the wants of the people during this summer?
 Mr. Hassall answered,—The Superintendent of Public Watering Places has been directed to visit the locality, and furnish a report at an early date.
- (16.) Fee to Mr. Edmunds in connection with St. George's Rifles Inquiry :—Mr. Meagher asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) What is the fee Mr. Edmunds is receiving in the inquiry of St. George's Rifles?
 (2.) Is it the law precedent—for barristers to receive payments for squabbles between Volunteer officers?
 Mr. See answered,—I have made inquiries of the Major-General and I am unable to afford the Honorable Member any information upon the subject. There is no knowledge in my department of any barrister being employed in connection with this inquiry. If a barrister is employed he is not so employed in connection with the Government.
- (17.) New South Wales Contingent in South Africa :—Mr. Nobbs, for Mr. Neild, asked the Colonial Secretary,—What arrangements (if any) have been made by or with the British Government for maintaining the strength of the New South Wales Contingent in South Africa?
 Mr. See answered,—No arrangements have been made.
2. TOTALIZATOR BILL :—The following Petitions in opposition to the Totalizator Bill, and praying the House to reject the measure, were presented by the Members named :—
 (1.) By Mr. Cook—From certain members of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, Lithgow.
 (2.) By Mr. Edden—From certain residents of Orange.
 (3.) By Mr. T. H. Griffith—From certain residents of Albury and neighbourhood.
 (4.) By Mr. Parkes—From certain members of the Wesleyan Church, Canterbury.
 (5.) By Mr. Parkes—From certain members of the Wesleyan Church, Homebush.
 (6.) By Mr. Parkes—From certain members of the Congregational Church, Canterbury.
 (7.) By Mr. Haynes—From certain members of the Wesleyan Church of the Wellington Circuit.
 (8.) By Mr. Ashton—From certain members of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, Crookwell District.
 (9.) By Mr. Reid—From certain members of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of New South Wales.
 Petitions received.
3. ART UNIONS ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—The following Petitions in opposition to the Art Unions Act Amendment Bill, and praying the House to reject the measure, were presented by the Members named :—
 (1.) By Mr. Suttor—From certain members of the Evangelical Council.
 (2.) By Mr. Fegan—From the President and Honorary Secretary of the New South Wales Union of Christian Endeavour Societies.
 Petitions received.

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4. PAPERS:—

Mr. Sec laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report respecting the case of Thomas Arragon, late a patient in the Hospital for the Insane, Kenmore.
- (2.) Amended By-laws of the Borough of North Sydney.
- (3.) By-laws of the Borough of Cootamundra.
- (4.) By-law of the Borough of Orange.
- (5.) Return (*in part*) to an Order, made on 21st September, 1898,—“Monthly Returns of ‘Accidents.’”

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Hassall laid upon the Table,—Copy of *Gazette* Notice, setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the dedication and grant 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.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Wise laid upon the Table,—Repeal of proviso to Regulation 128 of the Public Service Act of 1895, dealing with overtime by officers of the Government Printing Office.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—Reports of Mr. William P. Hincheliff, Engineer, R.N., upon the steamships “Sydney,” “Western,” “Fiona,” “Illawarra,” and “Narrabeen.”

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. O’Sullivan laid upon the Table,—By-laws in connection with the Warren Water Supply.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:—Mr. Dick, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table,—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, Appendix, and Plans, relating to the proposed Railway from Cobar to Wilcannia. Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

6. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Business postponed:—

(1.) Government Business:—Notices of Motions, Nos. 1 to 9, postponed, to follow after the Order of the Day No. 2.

(2.) General Business:—

- (1.) Government Railways Act Amendment Bill; second reading;—until To-morrow.
- (2.) Sunday Observance Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the better observance of the Sunday; for the closing of business places, and prohibiting the sale of goods in those places during certain hours; to amend the Liquor Act, 1898; and for purposes incidental to or consequent on those objects;—until To-morrow.
- (3.) Stanford Coal-mine Railway Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until To-morrow.
- (4.) Saywell’s Tramway and Electric Lighting Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until Friday next.
- (5.) Inclosed Lands Protection Act Amendment Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Dight, “That this Bill be now read a second time”;—until Tuesday next.
- (6.) Ministerial Election Bill; second reading;—until Tuesday next.

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

(1.) Goulburn to Crookwell Railway Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

• The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled “*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Goulburn to Crookwell, provided that before commencing the said work certain land required is contracted to be conveyed to the Crown, or an indemnity is given for the cost of resuming the same; to amend the provisions of the Public Works Act of 1888, so far as they relate to the duty of the Constructing Authority to make and maintain fences along the said line of railway; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; and for other purposes.*”—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.

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Sydney, 13th December, 1899.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

GOULBURN TO CROOKWELL RAILWAY BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 13th December, 1899.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, Title. Omit “or an indemnity is given for the cost of resuming the same”

Page 2, clause 1, line 20. After “Crown” omit remainder of clause insert “It shall be lawful for
“all parties being seized, possessed of, or entitled to, any such land, or any estate or
“interest therein, to contract to give and convey or release, and to give and convey or
“release the same to the said secretary or member for and on behalf of Her Majesty;
“and the parties who are, by section thirty-six of the Public Works Act of 1888,
“empowered

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“ empowered to sell and convey or release lands which may be acquired under that Act
 “ are, if so seized, possessed, or entitled as aforesaid, hereby empowered to contract to
 “ give and convey or release, and to give and convey or release land so required for the
 “ carrying out of the said work, for and on behalf of the same persons respectively for
 “ and on behalf of whom they are empowered to sell and convey or release lands under
 “ that section ”

Examined,—

A. 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.) Tweed River Harbour Works Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled “ *An Act to sanction the carrying out of Harbour Works at The Tweed River,* ”—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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JOHN LACKEY,
 President.

(3.) Bellinger River Harbour Works Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled “ *An Act to sanction the carrying out of Harbour Works at Bellinger River,* ”—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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 President.

8. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Northumberland, Mr. Norton, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.—“ The prosecution of a woman, Kate Burns, at Bourke, under the Vagrancy Act, and the subsequent withdrawal of the summons by the police.”

And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—

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

Point of Order:—Mr. Lyne submitted that this matter could be discussed in Committee of Supply when the Estimates for the Department of Justice were under consideration.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said that the 49th Standing Order was founded upon one of the House of Commons, and his interpretation of its meaning was in accordance with a decision given by Mr. Speaker Peel. For the past four years he had ruled that, if the matter submitted for discussion could probably be taken into consideration in Supply at a later hour of that sitting, it could not be debated under this Standing Order. The House had for many years assented to his interpretation of, and decisions upon, similar Points of Order. In this case the Honorable Member for Northumberland could discuss the whole administration of justice at Bourke in Committee of Supply, and this Notice was therefore out of order.

9. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Lyne, Mr. Deputy-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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And continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 15 DECEMBER, 1899, A.M.

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

Mr. Thomas also reported that the Committee had come to certain resolutions.

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

Mr. Thomas then reported the resolutions, which were read a first time, as follows:—

STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS FROM THE VOTE “ADVANCE TO TREASURER 1898-9” ON ACCOUNT OF SERVICES OF THE YEAR 1898-9 SUBMITTED FOR PARLIAMENTARY APPROPRIATION IN ADJUSTMENT OF THE ADVANCE VOTE

(7.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding ⁸⁰⁹²⁶ £81,276 5s. 4d. in adjustment of the Vote “Advance to Treasurer, 1898-9.”

ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE—1899-1900.

No. I.—SCHEDULES A, B, AND C TO SCHEDULE 1 OF ACTS 18 AND 19 VICTORIA, CAPUT 54.

(8.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,337, to defray pensions not provided for by Schedule B to Schedule No. 1 of the Act of the Imperial Parliament, 18 and 19 Vic., cap. 54, for the year 1899-1900.

No. II.

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No. II.—EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE.

- (9.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £975, for Executive Council, for the year 1899-1900.
- (10.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,832, for Legislative Council, for the year 1899-1900.
- (11.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,198, for Legislative Assembly, for the year 1899-1900.
- (12.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,320, for Legislative Council and Assembly, for the year 1899-1900.
- (13.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,013, for Parliamentary Library, for the year 1899-1900.
- (14.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,172, for Parliamentary Reporting Staff, for the year 1899-1900.
- (15.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,275, for Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, for the year 1899-1900.

No. III.—CHIEF SECRETARY.

- (16.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,211, for Chief Secretary, for the year 1899-1900.
- (17.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £15,715, for Auditor-General, for the year 1899-1900.
- (18.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £250, for Vice-President of the Executive Council and Representative of the Government in the Legislative Council, for the year 1899-1900.
- (19.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £13,565, for Aborigines Protection Board, for the year 1899-1900.
- (20.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £368,344, for Police, for the year 1899-1900.
- (21.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £108,688, for Lunacy, for the year 1899-1900.
- (22.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,313, for Master in Lunacy, for the year 1899-1900.
- (23.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £205, for Medical Board, for the year 1899-1900.
- (24.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £40,522, for The Medical Adviser to the Government, for the year 1899-1900.
- (25.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,175, for Government Statistician, for the year 1899-1900.
- (26.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £941, for Registrar of Friendly Societies and Trades Unions, for the year 1899-1900.
- (27.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,763, for Agent-General for the Colony, for the year 1899-1900.
- (28.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £133,291, for Charitable Institutions, for the year 1899-1900.
- (29.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,524, for Fisheries Commission, for the year 1899-1900.
- (30.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,175, for Fire Brigades, for the year 1899-1900.
- (31.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,568, for Botanic Gardens, for the year 1899-1900.
- (32.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £925, for Nursery Garden, Campbelltown, for the year 1899-1900.
- (33.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,180, for Government Domains, for the year 1899-1900.
- (34.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,184, for Garden Palace Grounds, for the year 1899-1900.
- (35.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,276, for Centennial Park, for the year 1899-1900.
- (36.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,108, for Electoral Office, for the year 1899-1900.
- (37.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,010, for Military Secretary, for the year 1899-1900.
- (38.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £187,717, for Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces, for the year 1899-1900.
- (39.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,945, for Naval Forces, for the year 1899-1900.
- (40.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £76,400, for Charitable Allowances, for the year 1899-1900.
- (41.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £69,626, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1899-1900.

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

- (42.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £20,543, for Treasury, for the year 1899-1900.
- (43.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,594, for Stamp Duties, for the year 1899-1900.
- (44.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £35,300, for Land and Income Tax, for the year 1899-1900.
- (45.)

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- (45.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £55,744, for Customs, for the year 1899-1900.
- (46.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £90, for Gold Receivers, for the year 1899-1900.
- (47.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £550, for Gold and Escort, for the year 1899-1900.
- (48.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £96,075, for Government Printer, for the year 1899-1900.
- (49.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £69,063, for Stores and Stationery, for the year 1899-1900.
- (50.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,085, for Mercantile Explosives, for the year 1899-1900.
- (51.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £32,206, for Board of Health, for the year 1899-1900.
- (52.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,135, for Shipping Masters, for the year 1899-1900.
- (53.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £58,386, for Marine Board of New South Wales, for the year 1899-1900.
- (54.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £600, for Lifeboats, for the year 1899-1900.
- (55.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,163, for Public Wharfs, for the year 1899-1900.
- (56.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £207,147, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1899-1900.
- (57.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £100,000, for Advance to Treasurer, for the year 1899-1900.

No. IV.—RAILWAYS.

- (58.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,044,274, for Railways and Tramways—Existing Lines, Working Expenses, for the year 1899-1900.

No. V.—THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

- (59.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £47,362, for The Attorney-General, for the year 1899-1900.
- (60.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £25,544, for Public Service Board for the year 1899-1900.

No. VI.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

- (61.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £168,346, for Department of Lands for the year 1899-1900.
- (62.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £47,600, for Department of Lands—Contingencies, for the year 1899-1900.
- (63.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,400, for Land Appeal Court, for the year 1899-1900.
- (64.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £500, for Church and School Lands, for the year 1899-1900.
- (65.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,104, for Advances to Settlers Board for the year 1899-1900.
- (66.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £26,691, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1899-1900.
- (67.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £68,530, for Survey of Lands, for the year 1899-1900.
- (68.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,630, for Trigonometrical Survey of the Colony, for the year 1899-1900.
- (69.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £250, for Special Services—Labour Settlements, for the year 1899-1900.

No. VII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

- (70.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £91,080, for Establishment, for the year 1899-1900.
- (71.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £730,000 for Public Works and Services, for the year 1899-1900.
- (72.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £80,200, for Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage, for the year 1899-1900.
- (73.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,891, for Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board, for the year 1899-1900.

No. VIII.—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

- (74.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,508, for Department of Justice, for the year 1899-1900.
- (75.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,466, for Master in Equity, for the year 1899-1900.
- (76.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,148, for Prothonotary and Divorce Court, for the year 1899-1900.
- (77.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £29,875, for Sheriff, for the year 1899-1900.

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- (78.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,119, for Bankruptcy Court, for the year 1899-1900.
- (79.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,860, for Probate and Intestate Estates Office, for the year 1899-1900.
- (80.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,813, for District Courts, for the year 1899-1900.
- (81.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,870, for Coroners, for the year 1899-1900.
- (82.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £80,188, for Petty Sessions, for the year 1899-1900.
- (83.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £97,675, for Prisons, for the year 1899-1900.
- (84.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £28,668, for Registrar-General and Examiner of Patents, for the year 1899-1900.
- (85.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,782, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1899-1900.

No. IX.—PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, LABOUR, AND INDUSTRY.

- (86.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £703,985, for Public Instruction, for the year 1899-1900.
- (87.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £17,585, for Industrial Schools, for the year 1899-1900.
- (88.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,741, for Observatory, for the year 1899-1900.
- (89.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,411, for Museum, for the year 1899-1900.
- (90.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,928, for Public Library of New South Wales, for the year 1899-1900.
- (91.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,486, for National Art Gallery, for the year 1899-1900.
- (92.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £13,522, for Labour and Industry Branch, for the year 1899-1900.
- (93.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £17,050, for Grants in aid of Public Institutions, for the year 1899-1900.
- (94.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,050, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1899-1900.

No. X.—SECRETARY FOR MINES AND AGRICULTURE.

- (95.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £74,036, for Department of Mines, for the year 1899-1900.
- (96.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £23,552, for Prevention of Scab in Sheep, for the year 1899-1900.
- (97.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £12,917, for Imported and Introduced Stock, for the year 1899-1900.
- (98.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £880, for Registration of Brands, for the year 1899-1900.
- (99.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £685, for Management of Pounds and Commons, for the year 1899-1900.
- (100.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £31,982, for Agriculture, for the year 1899-1900.
- (101.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,500, for School of Mines and Assay Works, for the year 1899-1900.
- (102.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,200, for Board of Exports, for the year 1899-1900.
- (103.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £36,834, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1899-1900.

No. XI.—THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

- (104.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £728,174, for Postal and Electric Telegraph Department, for the year 1899-1900.

On motion of Mr. Lyne, the resolutions were read a second time, and agreed to.

10. CROWN LANDS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Hassall 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. Hassall, *passed*.

Mr. Hassall then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the law relating to the sale and leasing, disposal and management of Crown lands; to provide for the determination of the capital value of land under conditional purchase, conditional lease, homestead selection or settlement lease, and for regulating payments in respect of such land on the basis of such value; and for the reappraisal of the rents of conditional leases; to provide for the enclosure of roads and watercourses; and in certain respects to amend the Crown Lands Acts.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered,

13th December, 1899.

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 sale and leasing, disposal, and management of Crown lands; to provide for the determination of the capital value of land under conditional purchase, conditional lease, homestead selection, or settlement lease, and for regulating payments in respect of such land on the basis of such value; and for the reappraisalment of the rents of conditional leases; to provide for the enclosure of roads and watercourses; and in certain respects to amend the Crown Lands Acts,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 15th December, 1899, a.m.*

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

(1.) Gold and Mineral Dredging Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to regulate mining for gold and other minerals by dredging, pumping, sluicing, or other method, in the beds of rivers and lakes, under tidal or standing waters, under the ocean contiguous to the coast-line, and in, on, and under any land contiguous to the aforesaid places; and for purposes consequent on or incidental to those 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, 14th December, 1899.*

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

GOLD AND MINERAL DREDGING BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 14th December, 1899.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 2, clause 3, line 26. *After "employed" insert "and the amount to be expended in the purchase and erection of machinery and appliances"*
- Page 2, clause 3, line 28. *After "employed" insert "and one acre additional for every fifty pounds expended or to be expended as aforesaid"*
- Page 2, clause 3, line 33. *Omit "adjoining"*
- Page 2, clause 3. At end of clause add the following new subsection:—
"The Warden may, subject to any regulations made under this Act, suspend, in whole or in part, the labour conditions of any such lease, upon being satisfied by evidence on oath in open Court that the circumstances warrant such suspension."
- Page 3. *After clause 4 insert the following new clause:—*
"Nothing in this Act except the provisions as to roads of access and sites shall, unless with the consent of the owner, apply to any lands not Crown lands which are found by the Warden to have been at the time of the application for the authority to enter enclosed and under actual cultivation."
- Page 4, clause 5, line 2. *After "shall" insert "to the extent of the area specified in the application."*
- Page 4, clause 8, line 17. *After "direction" insert "shall serve upon the owner and occupier and"*
- Page 4, clause 8. At end of clause *add "such notice shall either be served personally on the owner and occupier or left at their usual place of abode (if the same can after diligent inquiry be found), and in case the owner is absent from the Colony or cannot after diligent inquiry be found such notice shall be left with the occupier of the land, or if there be no such occupier shall be affixed upon some conspicuous part of the land. And in the latter case the affixing of such notice shall be deemed service of notice on the owner or occupier."*
- Page 4, clause 9, lines 39 and 40. *Omit*
"(1) To the Crown in respect of so much of such land as is Crown land, and"
- Page 5, clause 9, line 4. *Omit "or" insert "and to the"*
- Page 5, clause 9, line 6. *Omit "or" insert "and to the"*
- Page 5, clause 10, line 35. *Omit "to the Crown or" insert "under the last preceding section"*
- Page 5, clause 10, line 36. *Omit "the Crown or"*
- Page 5, clause 10, line 39. *After "be" omit remainder of clause, insert*
"(a) For gold and other minerals associated therewith or for gold solely twenty shillings per acre per annum"
"(b) For minerals other than gold five shillings per acre per annum"
"And such rent shall be payable at the time and places and in the manner prescribed by the Regulations. Provided that all such rents shall be payable yearly in advance and the first annual payment shall be made on making the application for such lease"
- Page 6, clause 16. At end of clause *add "but no lease granted under this Act shall prevent the owner or occupier of any freehold or conditionally purchased land which may be included within such lease from having free and uninterrupted access to the water for stock watering and such purposes."*
- Page 7, clause 21. At end of clause *add "Provided however that every determination or direction of the said Court upon appeal shall be absolutely final and conclusive and not subject to further or other appeal to the Supreme Court or otherwise howsoever."*
- Page 7. *After clause 22 insert the following new clauses:—*

"Notwithstanding

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"Notwithstanding anything in this Act the Minister may, after inquiry and report by the Warden, reduce the number of men to be employed and the capital to be expended on any amalgamated leases, should it be shown that the circumstances warrant such reduction."

"The holder of any lease granted under the provisions of this Act, and the executors, administrators, and assigns of any such holder, shall be entitled at any time (a) in respect of such land as is Crown land, with the consent of the Governor, and (b) in respect of other land, with the consent of the owner thereof, to surrender the lease thereof, but such surrender shall not affect in any way any amalgamation of any other area or areas held by the said holder."

Examined,—

A. H. JACOB,

Chairman of Committees.

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

(2.) Land Tax (Collection) Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to make better provision for the collection of the Land Tax for 1899*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 14th December, 1899.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

LAND TAX (COLLECTION) BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 14th December, 1899.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, clause 1, line 8. After "given" insert "before or after the commencement of this Act"

Page 1, clause 1, line 9. After "deemed" insert "to have been or to be"

Examined,—

A. H. JACOB,

Chairman of Committees.

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

12. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:—

(1.) *Railway from Wellington to Werris Creek*:—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report on the expediency of constructing a line of railway from Wellington to Werris Creek.
Question put and passed.

(2.) *Railway from Bogan Gate to Bulbodney*:—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report on the expediency of constructing a line of railway from Bogan Gate to Bulbodney.
Question put and passed.

13. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Lyne (*by consent*) moved, without notice, That this House at its rising this day do adjourn until Tuesday next at Two o'clock.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

14. PAPER:—Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—Letter from the Members of the Select Committee on "Case of Rachel Dawson."

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

15. POSTPONEMENTS:—The whole of Government Business, and the Orders of the Day of General Business (*by consent*), postponed until Tuesday next.

16. CASE OF JAMES COOK AND OTHER EMPLOYEES OF THE TRAMWAY DEPARTMENT:—Mr. Watson moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the conduct of James Roberts, Tramway Manager, in relation to James Cook and other employees of the Tramway Department.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Lyne, Mr. Cook, Mr. Wilks, Mr. McGowen, Mr. Millard, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Mr. Wright, Mr. Kidd, Mr. McLean, and the Mover.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

17. ACTION OF MR. CHISHOLM, POLICE MAGISTRATE, AT WOLLONGONG:—Mr. Holman (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the conduct of Mr. Chisholm, Police Magistrate, at Wollongong, be permitted to sit during the sitting of the House on Tuesday, 19th December, or during any subsequent sitting of the present Session.

Question put and passed.

18. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Lyne moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-five minutes after One o'clock a.m., until *Tuesday next at Two o'clock*.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

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No. 55.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 19 DECEMBER, 1899.

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. Lyne, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) Bellinger River Harbour Works Bill:—

BEAUCHAMP,

Message No. 83.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "An Act to sanction the carrying out of Harbours Works at Bellinger River,"—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, 19th December, 1899.

- (2.) Tweed River Harbour Works Bill:—

BEAUCHAMP,

Message No. 84.

Governor.

A Bill intituled "An Act to sanction the carrying out of Harbour Works at The Tweed River,"—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, 19th December, 1899.

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Rooms occupied by the Pharmaceutical Society:—Mr. Willis, for Mr. Quinn, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a private society, called the Pharmaceutical Society, occupy two large rooms in No. 7, Richmond Terrace, Domain, Government property, and are supplied with Government attendance, light and fuel, free of cost?

(2.) Is it a fact that this society holds its meetings in these rooms, and holds examinations also, for which they charge fees, which fees are pocketed by members of the society?

(3.) Is it a fact that one of the rooms occupied solely by the Pharmaceutical Society can be profitably employed by a Government Department requiring further office accommodation?

(4.) Is it a fact that this private society so occupying Government offices also occupies the Pharmacy Board-room, and has access to the Pharmacy Board's private documents and reports, the secretary of the Pharmacy Board being also the paid secretary of this society?

(5.) Do the Government intend to take any steps to remove the society from Government offices?

(6.) On what grounds do the Government supply this society with free offices, light, and fuel?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Portion of No. 7, Richmond Terrace, Domain, is let to the Pharmacy Board, and these rooms are occasionally used by the Pharmaceutical Society—(1) for meetings of the council for about two hours once a month, and (2) for holding examinations twice in each year. The fees collected are retained by the society, but attendance, fuel, and light are not supplied free of cost by the Government. The Registrar of the Pharmacy Board, who is also the paid secretary of the Pharmaceutical Society, states that the society has no access to the private documents and reports of the Pharmacy Board. In regard to removing the society from Government offices, the matter has not yet been considered.

(2.)

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(2.) Public Accounts:—Mr. Ashton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that there was a "debit balance" of £1,045,070 9s. 7d. in the Consolidated Revenue Account on 30th June, 1895?
- (2.) Did that "debit balance" cover the whole "deficiency" in such account other than that which, prior to the date named, had been covered by Treasury Bills; or was the "deficiency" referred to in Question (7), below, independent of such "debit balance"?
- (3.) Was a flotation of Treasury Bills to the net amount of £1,024,000 effected by Mr. Reid for the avowed purpose of covering a deficiency stated by him to be existing on that date?
- (4.) Did (a) any portion of the proceeds of the £1,024,000 worth of Treasury Bills go to liquidate the "debit balance" of £1,045,070 9s. 7d. referred to in Question (1); or (b) to the liquidation of any other appropriations made prior to the establishment of the cash system?
- (5.) If not, were the proceeds of the Treasury Bills (£1,024,000) employed in meeting appropriations made after the inauguration of the cash system—*i.e.*, during the four years from 1st July, 1895, to 30th June, 1899?
- (6.) If the proceeds of the Treasury Bills, the issue of which was authorised by Parliament for the payment of obligations incurred prior to 1st July, 1895, were employed in meeting obligations incurred after that date, will he obtain from the Auditor-General a report as to why he sanctioned such a misappropriation?
- (7.) Did the Auditor-General, as per return laid upon the Table of this House on 20th August, 1896 (entitled "Treasury Bills Deficiency Act, 1895: Return prepared by the Auditor-General, "showing the particulars of Treasury Bills issued under the"), certify on 19th August, 1896, that the "amount representing the deficiency in the accounts of 1894 and previous years included in said "Treasury Bills, as per Ways and Means Statement of 27th August, 1895," was £988,403 15s. 5d.; and that the "amount representing the deficiency for the first six months of 1895 included in "the said Treasury Bills" was £186,296 4s. 7d.?
- (8.) If the proceeds of the Treasury Bills were not used for the purpose mentioned by the Auditor-General in this Statement, will he ask that officer to make a report as to what has become of such proceeds?
- (9.) Was a return, entitled "Treasury Bills Deficiency Act, 1895: Statement showing the "deficiencies in the Accounts from 1887 to 1894 inclusive, and also for the half-year ending 30th June, 1895, covered by Treasury Bills issued hereunder," laid upon the Table of the House on the 20th August, 1896, such return being signed C. G. L. Boyce, Acting Accountant?
- (10.) Did that return show that of the £1,024,000 proceeds of Treasury Bills, the sum of £1,000,864 was required for the payment of obligations incurred before the commencement of the cash system, and distributed over a series of years, as follows:—

1887-1888	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£16,027	9	2
1889	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	89,796	18	5
1890	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	126,638	11	11
1891	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	531,504	12	8
1892	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	389,660	14	10
1893	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	46,709	5	11
1894	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	192,716	8	1
									£1,393,054	1	0
Deduct Centennial Park Expenditure, 1887-90, transferred to Suspense Account	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£200,000	0	0
Accrued interest transferred from Loans	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	341,319	9	2
									541,319	9	2
Deficiency for 1894 and previous year	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	851,734	11	10
Half-year ended 30th June, 1885	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	149,129	8	8
									£1,000,864	0	6

- (11.) Is the Treasury Statement referred to in Question (10) true or false?
- (12.) If true, will he be so good as to inform the House, in order that it may be read in conjunction with his recent Financial Statement?
- (13.) If false, will he be so good as to obtain a report from the officers of the Treasury as to how such a statement came to be furnished to the House?

Mr. Lyne answered,—These Questions, I find, cannot be answered categorically, as they relate not only to questions of fact, but also to matters respecting which opinions differ very widely. I may, however, inform the Honorable Gentleman, with reference to Questions 9 and 10, that a Statement such as that mentioned was on 20th August, 1896, prepared by the Acting Treasury Accountant, and given to the then Colonial Treasurer. The Statement, I have ascertained, was laid upon the Table of the House on 27th August, 1896. I have already stated that the whole matter of the Treasury Accounts, including, of course, the Treasury Bills Deficiency Account, will in all probability be inquired into by a Committee to be appointed for the purpose.

(3.) Premises occupied by the Civil Ambulance Brigade:—*Mr. Willis*, for Mr. Copeland, asked the Secretary for Lands,—On reconsideration of the whole circumstances connected with the permissive occupancy of the old lock-up premises at the junction of Pitt and George Streets, granted to the Civil Ambulance Brigade, can he see his way to grant the use of the residential premises to the Brigade, as well as the dilapidated lock-up cells and office to which they are at present limited?

Mr. Hassall answered,—I may state for the information of the Honorable Member that Mr. Page, who has been in occupation of part of the premises, has written to the Department to the effect that he is quite willing to oblige the committee of the Civil Ambulance and Transport Brigade by handing over on or about the 31st instant the rooms he has been occupying. The question whether the whole of the building should not be vacated and disposed of will be considered by me at an early date.

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- (4.) Extra Tide-waiters, Customs Department:—*Mr. O'Connor*, for *Mr. Spruson*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Were a number of extra tide-waiters discharged from the Customs Department, Sydney, during March or April last; if so, how many, and for what reasons?
 - (2.) Have any of these men been reinstated; and will the others, subject to their having clean records, be reinstated before any other persons are appointed as extra tide-waiters?
 - (3.) Are any of the men who were so discharged entitled to compensation?
 - (4.) Have any of them received compensation?
- Mr. Lyne* answered,—
- (1.) Yes, the services of seven extra tide-waiters were dispensed with, it having been decided to place this branch upon a permanent and more satisfactory footing. Salaries were voted for a staff of twenty-six (26) men and these positions were filled from a staff of thirty-three (33) men then acting as tide-waiters, the balance of seven (7) men, being no longer required, had therefore to be discharged.
 - (2.) No. The selection of candidates in the event of a vacancy rests with the Public Service Board.
 - (3.) No.
 - (4.) No.
- (5.) The National Park:—*Mr. David Davis* asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House a return showing the annual amount of expenditure for the years 1894-5-6-7-8-9 upon the National Park?
 - (2.) The number of men employed at the National Park?
 - (3.) The rates of pay to each man, and the various occupations in which the men are employed?
- Mr. Seo* answered,—This information is being prepared, and will be laid upon the Table in a few days before the prorogation of Parliament.
- (6.) Attendants at Callan Park Asylum:—*Mr. Quinn* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that leave for parades and encampments has been habitually or occasionally refused to an attendant or attendants at Callan Park, although such leave could not affect the efficiency of the attendance at the asylum?
- Mr. Seo* answered,—I am informed by the Inspector-General of the Insane that leave for parades and encampments is always granted to attendants at Callan Park who comply with the regulations.
- (7.) Survey of Crown Lands:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he in the interest of the public and settlers, take into consideration the advisableness of in future calling for tenders for the survey of Crown lands by licensed surveyors on the principle now in force in the letting of mail contract services and the erection of public works, &c., in place of employing a large staff of highly paid salaried surveyors or officers trotting about the country in all directions, with travelling allowances added, &c.?
- Mr. Hassall* answered,—Most of the land surveyed for settlement is measured under the Departmental contract. Salaried surveyors are employed on special duties connected with the Department of Lands, and they seldom measure lands for sale or lease unless in remote positions, or for some special purpose. Attention is directed to Schedule XCIV of the Annual Report for 1898, which sets forth particulars of surveys under contract.
3. CASE OF JAMES COOK AND OTHER EMPLOYEES OF THE TRAMWAY DEPARTMENT:—*Mr. E. M. Clark* presented a Petition from *James Roberts*, Tramway Manager, representing that the House had appointed a Select Committee to inquire into and report upon his conduct in relation to *James Cook* and other employees of the Tramway Department, and praying that he may be represented by counsel or attorney, or in person, before the said Committee, with the right to call witnesses and adduce evidence; and to examine and cross-examine all witnesses that may give evidence before such Committee.
- Petition received.
- Ordered to be referred to the Select Committee.
4. TOTALIZATOR BILL: The following Petitions in opposition to the Totalizator Bill, and praying the House to reject the measure, were presented by the Members named:—
- (1.) By *Mr. See*—From certain residents of Grafton.
 - (2.) By *Mr. Kidd*—From certain residents of the District of Camden.
- Petitions received.
5. YASS ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH TRUSTEES ENABLING BILL:—*Mr. Affleck* presented a Petition from *The Very Reverend Patrick O'Keefe*, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the trustees of a certain allotment or parcel of land in the town of Yass, granted to *The Right Reverend William Lanigan* and others, as trustees of the Roman Catholic Church at Yass, to sell the said land and to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof.
- And *Mr. Affleck* having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Yass Courier* newspapers, containing the notices required by the 396th Standing Order,—
- Petition received.
6. PAPERS:—
- Mr. Wood* laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Papers respecting leave of absence to *Mr. Arthur Henry*, Registrar in Bankruptcy.
 - (2.) Despatch respecting a Convention between the United Kingdom and Guatemala relative to Trade Marks.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- Mr. Hassall* laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Regulations under the "Advances to Settlers Act, 1899."
 - (2.) Amended Regulation No. 297, Additional Regulation No. 300A, and Additional Form No. 14A, under the Crown Lands Acts.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
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Mr. See laid upon the Table,—Particulars respecting New South Wales National Guard.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Fegan laid upon the Table,—Correspondence and Minutes in connection with the claim of the Government of Victoria for payment of £250 11s. 5d., as part of the expenses incurred by the Honorable J. W. Taverner, M.P., in prosecuting inquiries in Great Britain in connection with the Export Trade of the Colonies.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

7. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Gormly, as Chairman, brought up the Fourteenth Report from the Printing Committee.

8. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day of General Business postponed:—

(1.) Sunday Trading Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law with respect to clubs and co-operative stores; and to regulate and restrict Sunday trading, other than the sale of liquor;—until To-morrow.

(2.) Hotels Diminishing Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to lessen the number of hotels in proportion to the population;—until To-morrow.

(3.) Government Railways Act Amendment Bill; second reading;—until To-morrow.

(4.) Sunday Observance Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the better observance of the Sunday; for the closing of business places, and prohibiting the sale of goods in those places during certain hours; to amend the Liquor Act, 1898; and for purposes incidental to or consequent on those objects;—until To-morrow.

(5.) Stanford Coal-mine Railway Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—until To-morrow.

(6.) Bright's Estate Leasing Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—until Thursday next.

(7.) Seamen Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Seamen Act of 1898;—until To-morrow.

9. WHARFAGE AND TONNAGE RATES BILL:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill, on motion of Mr. Lyne, discharged.
Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.

10. PUBLIC SERVICE (SUPERANNUATION) BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. See, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

BEAUCHAMP,
Governor.

Message No. 85.

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 Civil Service Act, 1884, and the Public Service Act, 1895, and any Act amending the same, with regard to certain superannuation allowances and gratuities.

*Government House,
Sydney, 19th December, 1899.*

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

11. CASINO TO LISMORE RAILWAY BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. O'Sullivan, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

BEAUCHAMP,
Governor.

Message No. 86.

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 Casino to Lismore, provided that before commencing the said work certain land required is contracted to be conveyed to the Crown, or an indemnity is given for the cost of resuming the same; to amend the provisions of the Public Works Act of 1888, so far as they relate to the duty of the Constructing Authority to make and maintain fences along the said line of railway; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; and for other purposes.

*Government House,
Sydney, 12th December, 1899.*

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

12. SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS:—

(1.) Mr. Lyne moved, without Notice, That it is a matter of urgent and pressing necessity that the House should forthwith consider the expediency of equipping and despatching a further Military Force for service with the Imperial Army in South Africa.
Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Lyne then moved, without Notice, That so much of the Standing and Sessional Orders be suspended as would preclude the consideration and passing, without Notice, of a resolution respecting the expediency of equipping and despatching a further Military Force for service with the Imperial Army in South Africa.
Question put and passed.

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13. **MILITARY FORCE FOR SERVICE IN SOUTH AFRICA:**—Mr. Lyne moved, That this House is of opinion that New South Wales should equip and despatch a further Military Force for service with the Imperial Army in South Africa.
Mr. Reid having seconded the motion,—
Question proposed.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

14. **DUBBO TO COONAMBLE RAILWAY 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 a line of railway from Dubbo to Coonamble, provided that before commencing the said work certain land required is contracted to be conveyed to the Crown, or an indemnity is given for the cost of resuming the same; to amend the provisions of the Public Works Act of 1888, so far as they relate to the duty of the Constructing Authority to make and maintain fences along the said line of railway; to authorise the construction of the said line on certain public roads; and for other purposes.*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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Sydney, 19th December, 1899.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

15. **POSTPONEMENTS:**—The whole of the General Business (*by consent*) postponed until To-morrow.
16. **EARLY CLOSING BILL (No. 2):**—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 Mr. Piddington, Temporary 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 for the early closing of shops and to regulate the hours of employment in shops.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 19th December, 1899.

17. **ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR 1899-1900:**—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Lyne, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

BEAUCHAMP,
Governor.

Message No. 87.

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 Estimates of the Expenditure of the Government of New South Wales for the period from 1st July, 1899, to 30th June, 1900.

Government House,
Sydney, 15th December, 1899.

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

18. **LOAN ESTIMATE FOR 1899-1900:**—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Lyne, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

BEAUCHAMP,
Governor.

Message No. 88.

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 the Expenditure of the Government of New South Wales, on account of Public Works and other Services, for the year 1899-1900,—proposed to be provided for by Loan.

Government House,
Sydney, 12th December, 1899.

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

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

(1.) **Treasury Bills Bill:**—

BEAUCHAMP,
Governor.

Message No. 89.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 51th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to authorise the issue of Treasury Bills.

Government House,
Sydney, 12th December, 1899.

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

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(2.) Stamp Duties (Amendment) Bill :—

BEAUCHAMP,
Governor.

Message No. 90.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to impose certain Stamp Duties, and to amend the Stamp Duties Act, 1898.

Government House,
Sydney, 8th December, 1899.

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

(3.) Probate Duties Bill :—

BEAUCHAMP,
Governor.

Message No. 91.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to impose certain probate and other duties ; and to amend the Stamp Duties Act, 1898.

Government House,
Sydney, 8th December, 1899.

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

(4.) Loan Account (Transfer) Bill :—

BEAUCHAMP,
Governor.

Message No. 92.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to authorise the loan of money from the Trust Fund and the Consolidated Revenue Fund and the Bank keeping the Government Account to the General Loan Account, and to provide for the application and repayment of such money ; to amend section seventeen of the Audit Act, 1898 ; to indemnify the Treasurer and other officers and persons in respect of certain drawings and payments from the General Loan Account made without the warrant of the Governor, and for purposes consequent on or incidental to those objects.

Government House,
Sydney, 18th December, 1899.

Ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

20. GOULBURN TO CROOKWELL RAILWAY BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Speaker left the Chair ; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Piddington, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments. On motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, 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 sanction the construction of a line of railway from Goulburn to Crookwell, provided that before commencing the said work certain land required is contracted to be conveyed to the Crown, or an indemnity is given for the cost of resuming the same ; to amend the provisions of the Public Works Act of 1888, so far as they relate to the duty of the Constructing Authority to make and maintain fences along the said line of railway ; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads ; and for other purposes,*"—including the amendment in the Title.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 19th December, 1899.

21. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS :—

- (1.) *Railway from Cobar to Wilcannia* :—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient that the construction of a line of railway from Cobar to Wilcannia, as referred by the Legislative Assembly to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out, as recommended by the said Committee.

Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

- (2.) *Railway from Grenfell to Wyalong* :—The Order of the Day having been read for the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, "That" it is expedient that a line of railway from Grenfell to Wyalong, as referred by the Legislative Assembly to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out.

And the Question being again proposed,—
Debate ensued.

Mr. Barnes moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the first word "That," with a view to the insertion of the words "the consideration of the railway from Grenfell to Wyalong be referred back to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for further consideration and report, because the matter has not received sufficient consideration,"—instead thereof.

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

Debate continued.

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

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Fegan,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. See,	Mr. Richards,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Hassall,
Mr. McLaughlin,	Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Price,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Perry,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Thomas,	
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Wise,	Mr. Bennett.
Mr. Wood,	

Noes, 22.

Mr. Brunke,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Willis,
Mr. Watkins,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Ferris,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Ross,	Mr. Sleath,
Mr. Howarth,	Mr. James Thomson.
Mr. Donaldson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Spence,	
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Spruson.

And so it passed in the negative.

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

Question then,—That the consideration of the railway from Grenfell to Wyalong be referred back to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for further consideration and report, because the matter has not received sufficient consideration,—put and passed.

22. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Lyne, Mr. Deputy-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. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Piddington, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

Mr. Piddington also reported that the Committee had come to certain resolutions.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Piddington, That the report be *now* received.

Mr. Piddington then reported the resolutions, which were read a first time, as follows:—

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES—1899-1900.

No. III.—CHIEF SECRETARY.

(105.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £425, to defray additional charge under the head "Government Statistician."

(106.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to defray additional charge under the head "Charitable Allowances."

(107.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £500, to defray additional charge under the head "Miscellaneous Services."

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

(108.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £250, to defray additional charge under the head "Board of Health."

(109.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,875, to defray additional charge under the head "Miscellaneous."

No. VII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

(110.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £20, to defray additional charge under the head "Railway Construction Branch."

(111.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,150, to defray additional charge under the head "Government Architect."

No. VIII.—DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

(112.) Resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £250, to defray additional charge under the head "Miscellaneous."

No. IX.—PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, LABOUR AND INDUSTRY.

(113.) Resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £200, to defray additional charge under the head "Grants in aid of Public Institutions."

No. X.—SECRETARY FOR MINES AND AGRICULTURE.

(114.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,500, to defray additional charge to cover cost of erecting Buildings, &c., for Stock Quarantine at Bradley's Head.

ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE ON ACCOUNT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND OTHER SERVICES, PROVIDED FOR BY LOAN.

I. Permanent and Reproductive Works.

No. III.—CHIEF SECRETARY.

(115.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1899-1900, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £140,550 for Military Services:—being £2,000 for Erection of Drill Sheds in Country Towns; £2,000 for Additions to Barracks and Defences; £7,300 to Complete Equipment for Defences; £5,000 for Conversion of Breech-loading Guns into Quick-firers, and Supply of Mountings; £7,500 for Small Arms Ammunition for Reserve Stock; £8,750 for Warlike Stores, &c.; £8,000 for Alteration and Conversion of Small Arms and Completion of Submarine Mining Boat; £100,000 for Purchase of Munitions of War, Reserve Stock.

(116.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1899-1900, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £10,000 for Miscellaneous:—being £6,000 for Additions, &c., to the Newcastle Hospital; £2,000 for Additions, &c., to the Parramatta Hospital; £2,000 for Erection, &c., of Fire Stations.

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

(117.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1899–1900, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £2,500, for Government Printer,—being for Additional Machinery for Government Printing Office.

(118.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1899–1900, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £391,000, for Railways and Tramways: being £120,000 for Rolling Stock to meet Additional Traffic and the Equipment of New Lines; £100,000 for Additions to Railway Lines, Stations, Buildings, Workshops, and other purposes; £80,000 towards the Improvement of Grades and Curves—further sum; £80,000 towards the Conversion of the Western System of Tram Lines to Electric, and for Rolling Stock; £10,000 towards amount required to put the Tarrawingie Tramway in Working Order, and necessary Improvements; £1,000 for Extension of Tarrawingie Tramway to Racecourse, and Sidings connected therewith, &c.

No. VI.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

(119.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1899–1900, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £10,000 for Thinning out and otherwise Improving Forest Reserves—further sum.

No. VII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

(120.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1899–1900, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £522,250, for Harbours and Rivers:—being £4,000 for Bateman's Bay—Training-wall at entrance to Clyde River; £10,000 for Port Kembla Harbour Improvements—further sum; £55,500 for Port Kembla Harbour Improvements—Purchase of Land and Improvements thereon; £11,000 for Moruya River Improvements—further sum; £30,000 for Clarence River Improvements; £10,000 for Richmond River Improvements; £5,000 for Cape Hawke Improvements—further sum; £15,000 for Manning River Improvements; £8,000 for Bellinger River Improvements; £5,000 for Parramatta River Improvements (near the town); £10,000 for Nambucca River Improvements—further sum; £12,000 for Macleay River Improvements—further sum; £1,700 for Hastings River Improvements; £100,000 for Wharf, Darling Harbour, and extending Railway to deep waters of Port Jackson (including land resumptions)—further sum; £8,000 towards Wharf, Sheds, and Roadway, east side of Woolloomooloo Bay; £26,500 for Wharf and Shipping Appliances, Newcastle, including Hydraulic Cranes, Inner Basin—further sum; £5,000 for Newcastle Harbour—Providing extra Mooring Accommodation—further sum; £5,500 for Spectacle Island—Erection of Shell Magazine and Wharf, including Reclamation Works; £13,000 for Darling and Murrumbidgee Rivers, Snagging and Clearing—further sum; £25,000 for Glebe Island Improvements, Wharfage Accommodation, Levelling and Forming Ground—further sum; £18,000 for Light-house, Norah Head—with Apparatus and Construction of Approach, Road, and Telegraph Communication; £2,000 for Horse Ferry, Dock, and Landing at Dawes Point, with Roadway thereto—further sum; £1,500 for Trial Bay Prison—Erection of New Wing and Electric Light Installation—further sum; £15,000 for Country Towns Water Supply—further sum; £65,500 for Sea-walls, Reclamation and Dredging—White's Creek, Cook's River, Long Cove, Homebush Bay, North Harbour, Newcastle (including Appliances for Pumping Silt, &c.); Roselle Bay; Double Bay; Manly; Byron Bay; Landing Silt from Sand-pumps and other Dredges, Forming Ground, Special Dredging and Appliances; £16,200 for Wharves, Jetties, and Landings—Merimbula, including Bridge, Road, and Shed; Jetty, Pontoon, Waiting-shed and Stage, Circular Quay, east side; Bourke—Shed and Approaches—further sum; Newcastle (Queen's Wharf); White Bay; Bermagui—Extension of; Erskine-street; Princes' Stairs, Circular Quay; Glebe Island; £1,000 for New Shallow Draught Screw-Steamer for Dredge Service—further sum; £450 for Pilot Steamer "Ajax"—Electric Light and transfer of present Engine and Dynamo to Dredge Service Vessels; £15,000 for New Steamer, to replace "Thetis" (condemned); £1,200 for New Steam Launch for Lunacy Department; £18,000 for New Sand-pump Dredge for Reclamation and other Works; £2,200 for Self-propelled Steam Sand-pump Dredge for Deepening Shallow Bars—further sum; £4,000 for Punts for Harbour and Reclamation Works; £2,000 for New Steam Launch, Public Works Department.

(121.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1899–1900, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £215,741 for Railway and Tramway Construction: being £77,992 for Railways—£7,317 for Tamworth to Manilla Railway—further sum; £52,500 for Cootamundra-Gundagai Railway: Award and Interest Arbitration Case McSharry v. Railway Commissioners; £10,175 for land resumption on Railway Lines already constructed (old claims); £2,500 for Rosehill Railway from Clyde to Carlingford—purchase of—further sum; £3,000 for Berrigan to Finley Railway—further sum; £2,500 for Construction of Siding into General Cemetery, Sutherland; and £137,749, for Tramways,—£62,749 for Conversion of the present Steam Trams into Electrical—further sum; £75,000 for Tramways generally.

(122.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1899–1900, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £134,500, for Government Architect: being £18,800 for Post and Telegraph Offices—Erections and Additions. General Post Office, Sydney, and Subway, Martin Place—further sum; £29,000 for Gaols—Erections and Additions. Parramatta (Quarters, &c.); Penitentiary for Petty Offenders; Prison for Females—further sum; Electric Light Installation Gaols—Darlinghurst, Goulburn, Bathurst, East Maitland, Broken Hill, Berrima, and Parramatta; for Institutions for Insane—Additions, &c.—£10,000 for Kenmore—further sum; £17,500 for Callan Park, Parramatta, and Gladesville; Rydalmere; Gladesville—Quarters for Medical Officer; £15,800 for Benevolent Asylums—Erections, Additions, &c.—Rookwood; Newington; £5,800 for Botanic Gardens (Additions and Improvements)—further sum; £4,500 for Government House—External Rebuilding and Electric Light—further sum; £1,000 for Jenolan Caves Accommodation House—further sum; £4,000 for National Art Gallery—further sum—Additions; £500 for New Offices for Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board—further sum; £12,000 for University of Sydney—

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Sydney—Additions; £4,000 for Electric Light Installation, Public Buildings generally, including Workshop, Fittings, Machinery, &c.—further sum; £5,600 for Coast Hospital, Little Bay—Erection of Kitchen and Appliances, Residence for Clerk and Storekeeper, Additions Lock Ward, and other Improvements; £2,000 for Custom House Buildings—Additions—further sum; £1,000 for Treasury Buildings: Additions, Electric Light, and Fittings—further sum.

(123.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1899–1900, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £62,100, for Sewerage Construction: being £2,000 for Waratah Drainage; £35,000 for Parramatta Drainage; £800 for Rookwood Asylum—Sewerage—further sum; £3,000 for Mosman and South Willoughby Sewerage—further sum; £11,300 for Waverley, Randwick, and Bondi Sewerage—further sum; £2,500 for Providing new Sewers, and for elevating Sewerage into Main Bondi Outfall Sewer at Woolloomooloo, including other Low Levels—further sum; £5,000 for Darling Harbour Low-level Sewerage—further sum; £2,500 for Construction of Stormwater Channel through Water Reserve in the town of Kiama.

(124.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1899–1900, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £3,500 for Roads and Bridges Branch,—Bridge, Lane Cove River—re-vote.

(125.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1899–1900, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £50,000 for Telephone Tunnels,—Construction of Telephone Tunnels—further sum.

(126.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1899–1900, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £122,200, for Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage: being £90,700 for Water; Improvements in Mains, Reticulation, Metropolitan and Country Districts, Stop Valves on Trunk Mains, Valves for Hydrants, Strengthening and Improving Canal, Additions to Caretaker's Cottages, and Works generally, including Purchase of Land, Erection of Tanks, and Improvements in Pumping Stations. £31,500 for Sewerage—Under-draining Filter Beds, Extension of Sewage Farm Railway, Buildings on Main Carrier, Retaining Walls and Scour Channel, Erection of Workmen's Cottages, including Purchase of Land, Additions, Settling Tanks, &c., Willoughby Outfall Works, and Additional sum to provide for carrying out Sewerage Work on deferred payment system.

No. IX.—PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, LABOUR AND INDUSTRY.

(127.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1899–1900, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £20,000, for Technical Colleges and Technological Museums.

No. X.—MINES AND AGRICULTURE.

(128.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1899–1900, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £100,000, for Board of Exports, for increased facilities for Handling and Export of Agricultural and other Produce, erection of Grain Elevators, and other purposes of a like nature.

No. XI.—POSTAL AND TELEGRAPHIC.

(129.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1899–1900, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £87,000, for Construction and Extension of Telegraph and Telephone Lines generally.

II.—Other Works.

(To be paid out of the Consolidated Revenue in thirty years by means of an Annual Sinking Fund.)

No. VII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

(130.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1899–1900, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £11,300 for Harbours and Rivers,—Wharves, Jetties, and Landings: being £5,800 for Merimbula—Jetty, including Bridge, Road, and Shed; Bay View, Pittwater—Wharf; Narooma, Wagonga River—Wharf and approaches; Kurnell, Botany Bay; Wharfs and Jetties generally; £3,000 for Pilot Station, new entrance, Macleay River; £2,500 for Dredge Docks, Tweed and Clarence Rivers.

(131.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1899–1900, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £72,056, for Government Architect: being £16,709 for Post and Telegraph Offices—erections and additions—Gunnedah, Wentworth (further sum), Molong, Menangle, Nyngan, Kyamba, Broken Hill, Hillgrove, Smithfield, Canterbury, Tiboburra, Broken Hill Railway Town, Wyalong, Hillston, Post and Telegraph Offices generally, clocks and bells for Post and Telegraph Offices; £24,700 for Police Stations and Lock-ups—erection and additions—Collarenebri, Young, Maude, West Maitland (quarters), Wyalong (barracks) Wyalong (quarters), Gunbar, Ryde, Millthorpe, Wiseman's Ferry, Stockingbingal, Bethungra, Broken Hill, Belmont, Moss Vale (Lock-up), Bungendore, Wyalong (Lock-up), Gilgandra (further sum), Kingston, Kempsey, Eden, Bulyeroi, Acacia Creek, Kunopia, Bourke, Police Stations generally, (erection); £20,842 for Court-houses—Erection and Additions—Pilliga (including Lock-up), Tuena, Gundagai, Stewart's Brook, Cooperook (including Lock-up, further sum), Temora (further sum), Blayney, Cootamundra (further sum), Braidwood, Nyngan Court-house and Police Buildings, Bathurst Court-house, Narrandera, Cummoock (including Lock-up (further sum), Court-houses generally; for Gaols—Erection and Additions—£2,905 for Burrowa, Grenfell, Gaols generally; £400 for Forbes—Land and Survey Offices—Quarters; £600 for Kurnell—Accommodation House and Caretaker's Quarters; £1,000 for Wombeyan Caves—Accommodation House (Additions); £1,000 for Yarrangobilly Caves—Accommodation House, Erection; £750 for Guard Room at Government House—Erection; £1,500 for Electric Light and other works, "Sobraon," Nautical School Ship; £1,300 for Centennial Park Buildings and Improvements; £350 for Fire Brigade Station, Redfern.

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(132.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1899-1900, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £11,800 for Sewerage Construction: being £3,800 for Botany Stormwater Channel; £1,000 for Orange Stormwater Drainage; £7,000 for Sewerage Works generally.

(133.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1899-1900, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £37,884 for Roads and Bridges Branch: being £2,500 for Roads across Bondi Beach; £1,427 for Relaying Wood Blocks, King-street, Newtown; £450 for Punt for Spink's Ferry, Wakool River (Road Balranald to Swan Hill Bridge); for Bridges—£33,507, for Harper's Creek, Road Berry to Barrengarry; McDonald's Creek, Road Cudgegong to Hill End; Mulwarree Ponds, at Landsdowne, Road Goulburn to Bungonia; Euroka Creek, Road East Kempsey to Dondingalong; Gil Gil Creek, Road Garah to Kunopia; Purson's Creek, Road Warkworth to Putty; Flyer's Creek, Bulladelah to Bungwall; Khoribakh Creek, Road Khoribakh to Upper Wallamba; Mandagery Creek, Road Manildra to Toogong; Billabong Creek, at Bolton-street, Jerilderie; Tom Thumb Lagoon, Road Wollongong to Port Kembla; Millie (or Cameron's) Creek, Road Bingera to Barraba; Yass River (Pearce's), Main South Road; Cox's River, at Glenroy, Road Hartley to Jenolan; Belubula River, Road Cowra to Canowindra; Bell River, near Wellington, Road Wellington to Ulundry; Yaven Yaven Creek, at Mount Adrab, Road Adelong to Hillas Creek; Emu Creek, Road Booral to Bulladelah; Main Arm Brunswick River, at Mullumbimby, Road Hainsville *via* Mullumbimby to Byron Bay; Fish River at Mutton's Falls, Road Tarana to Oberon, including road deviation; Bowna Creek ("Spurr's"), Road Albury to Cookardinia; Charleyong River, Road Braidwood to Nerriga; Munmurra River, Road Mudgee to Cassilis; Warren Creek, Road Carinda to Brewarrina; Macquarie River, Road Walgett to Brewarrina; Maryland, including road approaches, Road Amosfield to Acacia Creek; Warrah Creek, Road Quirindi to Warrah Ridge; Milmaland Creek, Road Warren to Carinda; Delegate River, Road Delegate *via* Currawang, to Wollandibby; Six-mile Creek, Road Cathcart to Pambula; Burrangong Creek, Lynch-street, Young; Cooloongalook River, Bulladelah, Cooloongalook Road; Bridges generally.

NO. XI.—POSTAL AND TELEGRAPHIC.

(134.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1899-1900, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £12,500 for Erection Post and Telegraph Offices, Minor Towns.

III. Repayment of Loans.

(135.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1899-1900, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £857,100, to meet 5 per cent. Debentures falling due in 1900.—In July, 1900—£407,100 for Railways and other purposes—Act 34 Vic. No. 2; £450,000 for Debentures raised in 1871 under various Acts to make good loss sustained in negotiation of prior Loans.

On motion of Mr. Lyne, the resolutions were read a second time, and agreed to.

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

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

Mr. Piddington also reported that the Committee had come to certain resolutions.

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

Mr. Piddington then reported the resolutions, which were read a first time, as follows:—

(7.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty, during the present Session, a sum not exceeding £2,873,981 be raised by the sale of Debentures or the issue of 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, and for other purposes.

(8.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Supplementary Service of the financial year 1898-9, the sum of £80,926 5s. 4d. be granted out the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

(9.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Service of the financial year 1899-1900, the sum of £7,125,986 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

On motion of Mr. Lyne, the resolutions were read a second time, and agreed to.

24. **LOAN BILL:**—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Lyne, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 7), to authorise the raising of a Loan for the Public Service of the Colony, and for other purposes.

(2.) Mr. Lyne 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 at a later hour of the day.

25. **APPROPRIATION BILL:**—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Lyne, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolutions of Ways and Means (Nos. 8 and 9), 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, from the 1st day of July, 1899, to the 30th day of June, 1900, inclusive of both dates, and to adjust the Vote "*Advance to Treasurer, 1898-9*," for supplementary charges during the period from the 1st day of July, 1898, to the 30th day of June, 1899, inclusive of both dates; and for purposes connected with and incidental to the above objects.

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(2.) Mr. Lyne 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, from the 1st day of July, 1899, to the 30th day of June, 1900, inclusive of both dates, and to adjust the Vote "Advance to Treasurer, 1898-9," for supplementary charges during the period from the 1st day of July, 1898, to the 30th day of June, 1899, inclusive of both dates; and for purposes connected with and incidental to the above objects,*—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

26. **LOAN 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. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Piddington, Temporary 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.

27. **LAND TAX (COLLECTION) BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Lyne, Mr. Deputy 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. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Piddington, Temporary 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 better provision for the Collection of the Land Tax for 1899.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 20th December, 1899, a.m.

28. **TREASURY INDEMNITY BILL:**—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Lyne, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to indemnify the Colonial Treasurer, the officers of the Treasury, and other persons, in respect of certain unauthorised withdrawals and payments from the Public Accounts of the Colonial Treasurer in the Banks keeping such Accounts.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Piddington, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient 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 Accounts of the Colonial Treasurer in the Banks keeping such accounts.

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 indemnify the Colonial Treasurer, the officers of the Treasury, and other persons, in respect of certain unauthorised withdrawals and payments from the Public Accounts of the Colonial Treasurer in the Banks keeping such accounts,*"—which was read a first time.

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

29. **WELLINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH LANDS BILL:**—

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

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Piddington, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

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

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

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

Mr. Hassall then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to cancel the appropriation of certain land in the town of Wellington, to divest the Minister of Public Instruction of his estate in the said land, to dedicate the said land as a site for a Presbyterian Church and Manse, and to authorise certain dealings with the same.*"

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 cancel the appropriation of certain land in the town of Wellington; to divest the Minister of Public Instruction of his estate in the said land; to dedicate the said land as a site for a Presbyterian Church and Manse, and to authorise certain dealings with the same,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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30. GOLD AND MINERAL DREDGING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Fegan, Mr. Deputy-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. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. McJean, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had agreed to some and disagreed to others of the Council's amendments. On motion of Mr. Fegan, the report was adopted.
31. LIBRARY AND ART GALLERY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Wise moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Wise, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Piddington, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with an amendment.
On motion of Mr. Wise, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
32. INFANTS CUSTODY AND SETTLEMENTS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Wise moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Wise, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Piddington, Temporary 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.
33. COMPANIES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Wise moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Wise, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Piddington, Temporary 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.

The House adjourned, at twenty-four 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.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 20 DECEMBER, 1899.

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

GOLD AND MINERAL DREDGING BILL:—Ordered, on motion of Mr. Fegan, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 14th December, 1899, requesting its concurrence in certain amendments made by the Council in the Gold and Mineral Dredging Bill,—

Disagrees to the amendments in clause 3,—because the provision contained in the clause, which gives the Minister power to modify the labour conditions, if it be shown that the circumstances warrant such modification, is ample to meet all requirements.

Agrees to the remaining amendments in the Bill.

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Sydney, 20th December, 1899.*

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Price of Wheat:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is he aware that the price of wheat at the present time is only 2s. 1d. per bushel?

(2.) Is he aware that out of this price millers are in the habit of charging farmers 7s. 6d. per dozen on bags, which only allows them 3 lb. per bag on delivery of the wheat, causing them to suffer a heavy loss of from 3d. to 4d. a bushel?

(3.) Will he see that some steps are taken to put down this system, in order that the farming class may be saved from absolute ruin, and that the system of deducting the weight of bags in the sale of wheat may be abolished?

(4.) Will he consult with his colleague, the Secretary for Mines, with the view that some radical change may be made in a matter affecting the interest of the farming community in the Colony?

Mr. Lyne answered—This is a trade matter, and it will be difficult for the Government to interfere. £100,000 has been placed on the Loan Estimates to, amongst other things, give greater facilities to the farming community in dealing with the wheat trade, and I trust it may be of service in relieving farmers of some of the burdens above referred to.

(2.) Examinations for Promotion in the Public Service:—Mr. Carroll, for Mr. Austin Chapman, asked the Attorney-General,—Referring to his several pronouncements as to the lack of authority in the Public Service Act for prescribing examinations for promotion within the lower series of grades, will he, in view of the impossibility of passing the amending Act into law before practically the end of the current financial year, say what method will be adopted for determining the promotions in the lower series of grades for this year?

Mr. See answered,—This will be the subject of immediate consideration.

(3.) Reward for the Discovery of a new Gold-field:—Mr. Austin Chapman asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is he aware that some years ago a reward of £5,000 was offered for the discovery of a new gold-field outside a radius of 25 miles from any known payable gold-field?

(2.) Were the Nerrigundah and Gulf Creek gold-fields discovered by Messrs. George Cooke, Joseph Goodenough, and William Crouch?

(3.) Is it a fact that £500 of this reward was paid to these men?

(4.) Has any application been received for the balance of the reward; if so, from whom?

(5.) Will he state why the reward was not paid in full?

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Mr. Fegan answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) From George Cooke.

(5.) This claim was carefully considered more than a quarter of a century ago by a Board specially appointed for the purpose, and it was on their recommendation that the amount was paid. The amount paid was considered ample compensation.

(4.) Decisions of the Public Service Board:—Mr. Willis asked the Attorney-General,—

(1.) Referring to Mr. Willis' Question of 12th December, will he consult the records of his office, and say if the Answers given by Mr. Reid to Mr. Wise's Questions of 1st and 16th August last, Nos. 10 and 7 respectively, as to appeals from Public Service Board decisions, were supplied or suggested by the Public Service Board?

(2.) Is it the fact that, though Mr. Reid's promise to receive communications from dissatisfied officers direct was made on 1st August, the Board's letter to him, pointing out that under the Act their decisions were final and conclusive, was only written on 12th September, after the Reid Government had been defeated on a vote of censure?

(3.) Have the officers who availed themselves of Mr. Reid's promise been advised of the result of their applications; if not, will they be so advised, and when?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) The Public Service Board were consulted as to this Question, and furnished certain information which enabled the Minister to reply to it.

(2.) It is a fact that the Board's letter is dated the 12th September.

(3.) Yes, in all cases on which the Board have reported.

(5.) Sydney and Newcastle Water Police:—Mr. Chanter, for Mr. Dugald Thomson, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Do his Answers to Questions of Mr. Dugald Thomson, given on the 8th and 13th December, not show that the Sydney Water Police are on duty twelve hours per day, and for twenty-four hours without intermission every alternate Sunday, while the Newcastle Water Police, receiving similar pay, are only on duty eight hours per day?

(2.) His attention having been called to this marked inequality, will he take the necessary steps to remedy the injustice, and reduce the very long hours of the Sydney men?

Mr. See answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Inspector-General of Police:—

(1.) The duty is arranged differently, but is not more laborious in Sydney than at Newcastle.

(2.) The Water Police duties in Sydney are light, as they go afloat in a steam launch instead of pulling, as formerly, but emergencies may occur at any moment, and a certain number of men have to be kept in reserve in case they may be wanted. Any men desiring to perform ordinary beat duty of eight hours will be transferred on application, as many constables in the general police would like transfer to the Water Police.

(6.) Clerical Work, Statistician's Office:—Mr. Smith asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a common practice in the Statistician's office to give clerical or any other description of work to any person or persons outside the office?

(2.) If so, what is the nature of the particular work given?

(3.) The name or names of the person or persons allotted such work?

(4.) The amounts paid to each person?

(5.) Can the work given out not be performed by the present staff employed in the office?

Mr. See answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Assistant Statistician:—

(1 and 2.) It is a common practice, which has been followed for many years, to give the tabulation of the agricultural and pastoral returns to persons working outside the Statistical Office. Payment is made by results, from a sum annually voted by Parliament for this work. In recent years the only other instance in which work has been given by the Statistical Office to a person working at home is that in which Mr. F. J. Broomfield was employed, from the 28th April to the 28th October, 1899, in the preparation of pamphlets for distribution in Europe.

(3 and 4.) The names of the persons employed at home in the year 1899, and the payments made to those persons for such work, are as follows:—Preparation of Pamphlets for Distribution in Europe.—Broomfield, F. J., £131 13s. 4d.; Agricultural and Pastoral Statistics.—Iredale, F. T., £49 1s. 2d.; Robey, H. R., £47 1s.; Evans, D. G., £34 2s. 6d.; Fligg, H. B., £32 15s. 2d.; O'Sullivan, Edw., £26 11s.; Schofield, M., £24 11s. 5d.; Mack, S., £11 1s. 1d.; Davies, J. H., £9 11s. 3d.; Hammond, J. H., £8 9s. 6d.; Ledger, H. M., £8 1s. 2d.; Greig, C. R., £7 3s. 6d.

(5.) If the agricultural tabulations were thrown upon the shoulders of the permanent compilers, it would be necessary to increase the staff, and it would be impossible to issue the results until some months later than the date at which the complete information is placed at the disposal of the public under the existing arrangement. I may say that, in consequence of an improvement in the system of collecting and tabulating the crop and stock returns, the number of men employed in the work has been reduced by one-half, and the cost has fallen from about £600 to under £300 per annum.

(7.) Resumption of Land, Murry, Union, and Edward Streets:—Mr. Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What was the price paid by the Government for the resumption of the property situated in Murry, Union, and Edward Streets, Pyrmont?

(2.) Has it been decided to offer this property for sale?

(3.) What is the reserve price paid upon the property?

(4.) Will the property not be required in the near future in connection with the railway extension works in the vicinity?

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Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

- (1.) Amount paid for portion of the property, £20,448. Several claims are still unadjusted.
- (2.) Portion of it has been sold.
- (3.) I think the Honorable Member will, on reflection, agree with me that it would not be advisable to make public this information.
- (4.) I am informed by the Railway Commissioners that it is unlikely the land will be required for railway traffic purposes.

- (8.) Dummy Selections on the Nanami Run, Eugowra, Molong District:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—What steps (if any) does he intend to take in regard to the eight alleged "dummy selections" that were made some few years back (in which Conditional Purchase Inspector Battye was implicated, and found guilty by a Royal Commission) in the interest of a bank, on the Nanami Run, at Eugowra, Molong District, and county of Ashburnham?

Mr. Hassall answered,—This case was considered by Mr. Secretary Carruthers, who, after full consideration of the case and the advice of the Crown Solicitor, came to a certain decision, from which it is not shown that I should be warranted in making any departure.

- (9.) Land Exchange, Larras Lake, Molong District:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—It is his intention to carry out the proposed "land exchange" belonging to Larras Lake in the District of Molong, or does he intend to reserve the land, and make it available as a special area for *bona fide* settlement, the land being of a rich and superior quality, and surrounded by a never failing supply of water, viz., the Molong Creek and Bell River?

Mr. Hassall answered,—The exchange proposals were approved by my predecessor in office. In view, however, of the Honorable Member's strong representations, I thought it expedient to make further inquiry into the case, and accordingly referred the matter to the chairman and members of both the Molong and Wellington Land Boards, from whose reports I am assured that the exchange would be desirable in the public interest, and should be proceeded with.

- (10.) Examination for Metalliferous Mines Inspector:—Mr. Hurley asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is the result of the examination for Metalliferous Mines Inspector held on 27th and 28th November not known yet; if not, why?
- (2.) Why does it require three weeks to obtain the result when three days are sufficient for the examiners under the coal-mines examination?
- (3.) Will he give the names, present position, duration of underground mining experience, and the number of marks awarded for the written questions to each of the ten candidates who earned the highest marks in the written examination?

Mr. Fegan answered,—

- (1.) Yes; the report came to hand this morning.
- (2 and 3.) This information can only be supplied by the Public Service Board, under whom the examination was held. I would suggest that the Questions be addressed to my honorable colleague the Attorney-General.

- (11.) Post Office at Narrandera:—Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick asked the Postmaster-General,—

- (1.) Is it true that the operations in connection with the new Post Office at Narrandera have been delayed through a communication being received from two residents and two non-residents of Narrandera?
- (2.) If such is not the cause of delay, would he kindly explain the reason, seeing that tenders were received for the works on the 30th October last, and the people of Narrandera so urgently desire the works proceeded with at once?
- (3.) That as the people of Narrandera have been promised a new Post Office for nearly two and a half years, can he give a definite promise as to when the work will be proceeded with?

Mr. Crick answered,—

(1 and 2.) A telegraphic communication from four persons at Narrandera, addressed to the Public Works Department, was sent to the Postal Department on the 2nd November last, urging the postponement of acceptance of a tender, as the proposed accommodation was considered inadequate. After further inquiry, and a special report from the Postal Inspector for the district—after he had examined for the first time the revised plans on which tenders were invited, and which plans did not provide for all that had been suggested by him—it was decided to make certain alterations, with a view of providing greater public facilities. This has led to some delay in proceeding with the work.

- (3.) No time will be lost in completing this matter.

- (12.) Vehicular Traffic in the City:—Mr. Hughes asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In view of the unsatisfactory and dangerous condition of city traffic, will he take the necessary steps to prepare a Bill during the recess to abolish the present divided authority, and vest the regulation and control of all vehicular traffic in and about Sydney in the hands of the police?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I have been in communication with the Inspector-General of Police, the City Council, and the Transit Commissioners, on the subject of regulating the city traffic, and temporary arrangements have been made which will, I think, considerably improve matters; but it will, I think, be necessary to deal with the subject permanently by legislation.

- (13.) Salaries and Allowances to Military Officers:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Will he, during the present financial year, give some consideration to the question of salaries and allowances to Military officers in the service of the State, with a view towards bringing them more into keeping with salaries and allowances voted to officers of similar standing in other parts of the British Empire?

(2.) Will he consider the advisability of handing over the control of the Military Service to the Public Service Board?

Mr. See answered,—I have been unable to get the information required by the Honorable Member to-day; but I have given instructions for its preparation, and will give it to the Honorable Member to-morrow.

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(14.) Lady Teachers in the Public Instruction Department:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Is he aware that a number of lady teachers in his Department have married and have husbands who are in business in country towns in New South Wales?
- (2.) Does he contemplate an alteration of the regulation, making it compulsory for lady teachers to retire from the Department on their marriage?

Mr. Perry answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) I have not yet considered the matter.

(15.) Trespass of Stock on Crown Lands in the town of West Molong:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands—What action (if any) does he intend to take in reference to the complaint repeatedly made to the Department of lands by Dr. Ross and the Molong Municipal Council in regard to the continued trespass of stock on unsold Crown lots in the town of West Molong; if so, when is a decision of the case likely to be dealt with in the interest of the Municipal Council and ratepayers?

Mr. Hassall answered,—The report referred to in my reply to the Honorable Member's Question of the 16th November last, on the same subject, has not yet been received, but is expected shortly. On its receipt the question of dealing with the lands will be considered, and the Honorable Member communicated with.

(16.) West Bogan Scrub:—Mr. Spence asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) What is the area of land cleared of scrub in the West Bogan?
- (2.) What has the clearing of same cost to date?
- (3.) What area has been thrown open for settlement?
- (4.) What area has been applied for?
- (5.) What is the total of the upset rental annually on such area?
- (6.) What is the total of annual lease rent to be paid on the area applied for?

Mr. Hassall answered,—This information can only be furnished in the form of a return, which should be moved for in the usual manner.

(17.) Police proceeding to South Africa:—Mr. Ferris asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he place the police on the same footing as other Civil Servants proceeding to the war—that is, that they will not be compelled to resign, that their respective positions will be given them if they return, and that their services will be considered as continuous?

Mr. See answered,—This has already been done and notified in the *Police Gazette*, as follows:—“Members of the Police Force volunteering for Military service are informed that, although they sever their connection with the police for a time, they will be eligible for reinstatement on return to New South Wales without loss of service.”

(18.) The Railway Corps:—Mr. Sleath asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What portion of the £603 on the Estimates voted for the Railway Corps 1898-9 was spent on that corps?
- (2.) Was any portion of this money expended in connection with any other corps or corps; if so, what amount on each?
- (3.) Was any portion of this money expended on the 6th Volunteer Infantry Regiment, which regiment received what men were left in the Railway Corps who desired to continue in the Volunteer Service on the disbandment of the Railway Corps?
- (4.) Did the Central Military Clothing Board receive any of the money in question; if so, what amount, and on behalf of what regiment or corps did the Board expend it?
- (5.) Why are items for ammunition, uniforms for reservists, and medical examination of reservists placed under the heading Volunteer Contingencies, when these reservists are borne on the establishments of and in every way controlled by the Partially-paid Corps?
- (6.) How is the item £2,500 appearing on this year's Estimates for local camps intended to be apportioned, if voted?
- (7.) Did any of the Volunteer Corps receive any portion of the £100 voted for stationery allowance under heading Volunteer Contingencies, 1898-9?
- (8.) On what corps or corps was this money expended?

Mr. See answered,—I have been unable to obtain the information desired to-day, but I have given full instructions to have it prepared by to-morrow. This Answer applies to the two following Questions on the Notice Paper for to-day.

(19.) Metropolitan Coal Company:—Mr. James Thomson, for Mr. Nicholson, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the Metropolitan Coal Company are not yet complying with the 38th section of the Coal Mines Regulation Act, despite the fact of a small fine having been inflicted some two weeks ago?
- (2.) If so, does he intend to enforce the Act; or how much more time will he allow for erecting the necessary weighbridges?

Mr. Fegan answered,—The Department instituted a prosecution against this company about a fortnight ago, and the manager was fined. Everything possible will be done to enforce an early compliance with the Act. I shall call for a further report, and if it be found that the company is not using every expedition to provide the necessary appliances the Department will not hesitate to take further action.

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3. **TOTALIZATOR BILL:**—The following Petitions in opposition to the Totalizator Bill, and praying the House to reject the measure, were presented by the Members named:—
- (1.) By Mr. McFarlane—From certain Wesleyan residents of the Clarence Electorate.
 - (2.) By Mr. Watson—From certain residents of Young.
 - (3.) By Mr. Gormly—From certain residents of Lockhart.
- Petitions received.
4. **CASE OF JAMES COOK AND OTHER EMPLOYEES OF THE TRAMWAY DEPARTMENT:**—Mr. Watson, as Chairman, brought up the Progress Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 15th December, 1899, a.m.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
5. **PAPERS:**—
- Mr. Fegan laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 12th December, 1899,—“Government Metallurgical Works, Clyde.”
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- Mr. Hassall laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Return to an Order made on 24th August, 1899,—“Mr. J. T. McIlfatrick’s Conditional Purchase at Lismore.”
 - (2.) Abstract of Crown Lands Reserved from Sale for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 101st, 109th, and 112th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
 - (3.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorised to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
 - (4.) Abstract of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the 107th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
 - (5.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th and 101st sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- Mr. Wise laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Return to an Order made on 21st November, 1899,—“Charges against Mr. G. P. Webb, formerly Postmaster at Minmi.”
 - (2.) Repeal of Regulation No. 334, under the Public Service Act of 1895, regarding Overtime to Officers of the Electric Lighting Staff of the Postal and Electric Telegraph Department and Government Printing Office.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- Mr. O’Sullivan laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Report of the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage for the year ended 30th June, 1899.
 - (2.) Report of the Department of Public Works for the year ended 30th June, 1899.
 - (3.) Return to an Order made on 21st September, 1898,—“Monthly Returns of Accidents.”
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—By-laws of the Municipality of Grenfell, under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1897.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
6. **CASE OF THOMAS BUCKLEY—PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:**—Mr. E. M. Clark, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 7th November, 1899.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
7. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS (Formal Motion):**—Mr. Lyne moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing through all their stages in one day of Bills, intitled respectively,—
- (1.) A Bill to authorise the issue of Treasury Bills.
 - (2.) A Bill to impose certain Stamp Duties, and to amend the Stamp Duties Act, 1898.
 - (3.) A Bill to impose certain Probate and other Duties, and to amend the Stamp Duties Act, 1898.
 - (4.) A Bill to authorise the loan of money from the Trust Fund and the Consolidated Revenue Fund and the Bank keeping the Government Account to the General Loan Account, and to provide for the application and repayment of such money; to amend section seventeen of the Audit Act, 1898; to indemnify the Treasurer and other officers and persons in respect of certain drawings and payments from the General Loan Account made without the warrant of the Governor, and for purposes consequent on or incidental to those objects.
 - (5.) 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 Accounts of the Colonial Treasurer in the Banks keeping such Accounts.
 - (6.) A Bill to authorise the raising of a Loan for the Public Service of the Colony, and for other purposes.
- Question put and passed.
8. **PUBLIC SERVICE (SUPERANNUATION) BILL (Formal Motion):**—Mr. Wise moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Civil Service Act of 1884 and the Public Service Act of 1895, and any Act amending the same, with regard to certain superannuation allowances and gratuities.
Question put and passed.

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9. **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, 20th December, 1899.*
10. **INFANTS CUSTODY AND SETTLEMENTS BILL** (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Wise, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Wise then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to consolidate the law relating to the custody of infants and the settlement of the property of infants.*"
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 consolidate the law relating to the custody of infants and the settlement of the property of infants,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
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11. **COMPANIES BILL** (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Wise, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Wise then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act for consolidating enactments relating to Companies.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with the following Message:—
MR. PRESIDENT,—
The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act for consolidating enactments relating to Companies,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.
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12. **YASS ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH TRUSTEES ENABLING BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—
(1.) Mr. Affleck moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the trustees of a certain allotment or parcel of land in the town of Yass, granted to the Right Reverend William Lanigan and others, as trustees of the Roman Catholic Church at Yass, to sell the said land and to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Affleck having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable the trustees of a certain allotment or parcel of land in the town of Yass, granted to the Right Reverend William Lanigan and others, as trustees of the Roman Catholic Church at Yass, to sell the said land and to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof,*"—read a first time.
13. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until To-morrow:—
(1.) Government Railways Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
(2.) Sunday Observance Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the better observance of the Sunday; for the closing of business places, and prohibiting the sale of goods in those places during certain hours; to amend the Liquor Act, 1898; and for purposes incidental to or consequent on those objects.
14. **DOMESTIC SERVANTS REGULATION BILL**:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill, on motion of Mr. Affleck, discharged.
Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.
15. **COMPANIES (DEATH DUTIES) BILL**:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Lyne, and read by Mr. Speaker:—
BEAUCHAMP, *Message No. 93.*
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 provide for the registration of the offices of certain companies, and to impose duties on the death of the shareholders of those companies.
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Ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

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16. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The remaining Notices of Motions of Government business (*by consent*) postponed to follow Order of the Day No. 4.

17. **APPROPRIATION BILL** :—

(1.) 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 Mr. Moore, Temporary Chairman, reported a *Point of Order*, and obtained leave to sit again after the decision of the House had been given thereon.

Point of Order :—Mr. Moore stated that clause 8 of the Bill was under consideration, and that he ruled that an Honorable Member, Mr. Cohen, was not in order in discussing the merits of any particular item, which had been passed by the Committee of Supply.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker supported the opinion of the Temporary Chairman, which he declared to be perfectly correct.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Moore, Temporary Chairman, reported another *Point of Order*, and obtained leave to sit again when the decision of the House had been given thereon.

Point of Order :—Mr. Moore explained that the Honorable Member for The Tweed, Mr. Meagher, had moved the omission of an item of £250 from clause 8 of the Bill, and that he, the Temporary Chairman, had refused to receive the amendment on the ground that no reduction in the amounts could be moved.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said that, in his opinion, the Temporary Chairman's decision was unanswerable, and he quite concurred in it.

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

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

On motion of Mr. Lyne the report was adopted.

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

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

Mr. Lyne 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 from the 1st day of July, 1899, to the 30th day of June, 1900, inclusive of both dates, and to adjust the vote 'Advance to Treasurer, 1898-9,' for supplementary charges during the period from the 1st day of July, 1898, to the 30th day of June, 1899, inclusive of both dates; and for purposes connected with and incidental to the above 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 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 from the 1st day of July, 1899, to the 30th day of June, 1900, inclusive of both dates, and to adjust the vote 'Advance to Treasurer, 1898-9,' for supplementary charges during the period from the 1st day of July, 1898, to the 30th day of June, 1899, inclusive of both dates; and for purposes connected with and incidental to the above objects,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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18. **GOLD AND MINERAL DREDGING BILL** :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having had under consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message dated 20th December, 1899, in reference to the Council's amendments in the Gold and Mineral Dredging Bill, insists upon its amendments in Clause 3, disagreed to by the Assembly, but proposes to amend the same by the insertion after the word "aforesaid" of the words, "and the labour to be employed shall not be less than in the proportion of seven men to one hundred acres,"—Because the proviso giving the Minister power to modify the labour conditions does not appear sufficient to meet the possible requirements of the case;—in which further amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

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President.

Ordered, that the Legislative Council's Message be taken into consideration in Committee of the Whole at a later hour of the day.

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19. TREASURY INDEMNITY BILL:—

(1.) 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 Mr. Moore, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill, without amendment.

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

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

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

Mr. Lyne then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to indemnify the Colonial Treasurer, the Officers of the Treasury, and other persons, in respect of certain unauthorised withdrawals and payments from the Public Accounts of the Colonial Treasurer in the Banks keeping such accounts.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to indemnify the Colonial Treasurer, the Officers of the Treasury, and other persons, in respect of certain unauthorised withdrawals and payments from the Public Accounts of the Colonial Treasurer in the Banks keeping such accounts,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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20. TONNAGE RATES (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 Mr. Moore, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with an 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.

21. LOAN ACCOUNT (TRANSFER) BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Lyne moved, without Notice, That the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to authorise the loan of money from the Trust Fund and the Consolidated Revenue Fund and the Bank keeping the Government Account to the General Loan Account, and to provide for the application and repayment of such money; to amend section seventeen of the Audit Act, 1898; to indemnify the Treasurer and other officers and persons in respect of certain drawings and payments from the General Loan Account made without the warrant of the Governor, and for purposes consequent on or incidental to those objects.

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 Mr. Moore, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to authorise the loan of money from the Trust Fund and the Consolidated Revenue Fund and the Bank keeping the Government Account to the General Loan Account, and to provide for the application and repayment of such money; to amend section seventeen of the Audit Act, 1898; to indemnify the Treasurer and other officers and persons in respect of certain drawings and payments from the General Loan Account made without the warrant of the Governor, and for purposes consequent on or incidental to those objects.

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

(2.) Mr. Lyne then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorise the loan of money from the Trust Fund and the Consolidated Revenue Fund and the Bank keeping the Government Account to the General Loan Account, and to provide for the application and repayment of such money; to amend section seventeen of the Audit Act, 1898; to indemnify the Treasurer and other officers and persons in respect of certain drawings and payments from the General Loan Account made without the warrant of the Governor, and for purposes consequent on or incidental to those objects,*"—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. Lyne, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

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

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

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

(4.)

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(4.) 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 authorise the loan of money from the Trust Fund and the Consolidated Revenue Fund and the Bank keeping the Government Account to the General Loan Account, and to provide for the application and repayment of such money; to amend section seventeen of the Audit Act, 1898; to indemnify the Treasurer and other officers and persons in respect of certain drawings and payments from the General Loan Account made without the warrant of the Governor, and for purposes consequent on or incidental to those 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 authorise the loan of money from the Trust Fund and the Consolidated Revenue Fund and the Bank keeping the Government Account to the General Loan Account, and to provide for the application and repayment of such money; to amend section seventeen of the Audit Act, 1898; to indemnify the Treasurer and other officers and persons in respect of certain drawings and payments from the General Loan Account made without the warrant of the Governor, and for purposes consequent on or incidental to those objects,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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22. TREASURY BILLS BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Lyne moved, without Notice, That the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to authorise the issue of Treasury Bills.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Mr. Deputy Speaker took the Chair; and Mr. Moore, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to authorise the issue of Treasury Bills.

On Motion of Mr. Lyne the Resolution was read a second time and agreed to.

(2.) Mr. Lyne then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorise the issue of Treasury Bills,*"—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. Lyne, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Moore reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Lyne, 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. Lyne, *passed*.

Mr. Lyne then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to authorise the issue of Treasury Bills.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the issue of Treasury Bills,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Suttor, Acting Chairman, reported progress and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour of the day.

Mr. Suttor also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

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

Mr. Suttor then reported the Resolution which was read a first time as follows:—

(10.) *Resolved*,—That towards raising the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty, where under Part III of the Stamp Duties Act, 1898, duties are payable or chargeable upon or in respect of the estates of any persons dying after the 20th day of December, 1899, or are payable or chargeable upon or in respect of any estates the subject of any settlement, trust, disposition, conveyance, transfer, vesting, purchase, investment, or gift made or caused to be made before or after the said day by any person so dying, such duties shall be levied, collected, paid, and charged and chargeable under the Stamp Duties Act, 1898, according to the duties below-mentioned, and

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such duties shall be in lieu of the duties mentioned in the Third Schedule to the Stamp Duties Act, 1898:—

Where the total value of any estate, after deducting all debts which may, in pursuance of the Stamp Duties Act, 1898, be deducted, exceeds £1,000 and does not exceed £5,000				2 per cent.
£5,000	£6,000	£7,000	£8,000	3
£6,000	£7,000	£8,000	£9,000	3½
£7,000	£8,000	£9,000	£10,000	3¾
£8,000	£9,000	£10,000	£12,000	4
£9,000	£10,000	£12,000	£14,000	4½
£10,000	£12,000	£14,000	£16,000	4¾
£12,000	£14,000	£16,000	£18,000	5
£14,000	£16,000	£18,000	£20,000	5½
£16,000	£18,000	£20,000	£22,000	5¾
£18,000	£20,000	£22,000	£24,000	6
£20,000	£22,000	£24,000	£26,000	6½
£22,000	£24,000	£26,000	£28,000	6¾
£24,000	£26,000	£28,000	£30,000	7
£26,000	£28,000	£30,000	£32,000	7½
£28,000	£30,000	£32,000	£34,000	7¾
£30,000	£32,000	£34,000	£36,000	8
£32,000	£34,000	£36,000	£38,000	8½
£34,000	£36,000	£38,000	£40,000	8¾
£36,000	£38,000	£40,000	£44,000	9
£38,000	£40,000	£44,000	£48,000	9½
£40,000	£44,000	£48,000	£52,000	9¾
£44,000	£48,000	£52,000	£56,000	10
£48,000	£52,000	£56,000	£60,000	10½
£52,000	£56,000	£60,000	£64,000	10¾
£56,000	£60,000	£64,000	£68,000	11
£60,000	£64,000	£68,000	£72,000	11½
£64,000	£68,000	£72,000	£76,000	11¾
£68,000	£72,000	£76,000	£80,000	12
£72,000	£76,000	£80,000	£84,000	12½
£76,000	£80,000	£84,000	£88,000	12¾
£80,000	£84,000	£88,000	£92,000	13
£84,000	£88,000	£92,000	£96,000	13½
£88,000	£92,000	£96,000	£100,000	13¾
£92,000	£96,000	£100,000		14
£96,000				14½
And over the value of £100,000				15

Mr. Lync moved, That the Resolution be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Quinn moved, pursuant to Standing Order No. 142, That the Honorable Member for Gloucester, Mr. Price, be not further heard.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Wood,	Mr. Spruson,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Archibald Campbell.
Mr. Wise,	Mr. Hassall,
Mr. See,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Lync,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Garland,
Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Watson.
Mr. Jessop,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cann,	
Mr. Quinn,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Ashton,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.

Noes, 12.

Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Sawers,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Price,
Mr. Norton,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Meagher,
Mr. Thomas Brown.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Spence.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Debate continued.

Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, pursuant to Standing Order No. 142, That the Honorable Member for Northumberland, Mr. Norton, be not further heard.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 20.

Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Ashton,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. Garland,
Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. Quinn,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Smith.
Mr. Lync,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Spence,	
Mr. Spruson,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.

Noes, 17.

Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Watkins,	Mr. Meagher,
Mr. Norton,	Mr. Cohen.
Mr. Crick,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Suttor,	
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Jessop,
Mr. Price,	Mr. Sawers.
Mr. McGowen,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question,—That the Resolution be now read a second time,—put and passed.

Resolution then read a second time and agreed to.

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24. PROBATE DUTIES (AMENDMENT) BILL:—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Lyne, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 10) to impose certain Probate and other Duties, and to amend the Stamp Duties Act, 1898.

(2.) Mr. Lyne then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to impose certain Probate and other Duties, and to amend the Stamp Duties Act, 1898,*"—which was read a first time.

Mr. Lyne moved, That the Bill be printed and now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved,—That the Honorable Member for Gloucester, Mr. Price, be not further heard.

Question put and negatived.

Debate continued.

Question put and passed.

(3.) Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Suttor, Acting Chairman, reported the Bill with an amendment.

On motion of Mr. Lyne, 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. Lyne, *passed*.

Mr. Lyne then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to impose certain Probate and other Duties, and to amend the Stamp Duties Act, 1898.*"

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 impose certain Probate and other Duties, and to amend the Stamp Duties Act, 1898,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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

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

Mr. Moore also reported that the Committee had come to certain Resolutions.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Moore, That the report be *now* received.

Mr. Moore then reported the Resolutions, which were read a first time, as follows:—

(11.) *Resolved*,—That towards raising the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty—

(a.) There shall be charged, levied, collected, and paid for the use of Her Majesty under the provisions of the Stamp Duties Act, 1898, and this resolution, and to form part of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for and in respect of the instruments hereinafter mentioned, duties of the several amounts and at the several rates therein specified.

	£	s.	d.
Acknowledgment by executor or administrator in lieu of conveyance under section 83 of the Wills, Probate and Administration Act, 1898	1	0	0
Application to bring land under the Real Property Act or to be registered under that Act as the proprietor of an estate in land where not otherwise liable to stamp duty	1	0	0
Appointment of a new trustee, and appointment in execution of a power of any property or of any use, share, or interest in any property by any instrument not being a will	1	0	0
Contract or agreement to sell, exchange, or transfer any gold-mining or mineral claim or lease or mineral conditional purchase. The same duty on the amount or value of the consideration for the sale, exchange, or transfer, as on the consideration for a conveyance or transfer on sale or exchange of such claim or lease.			
Conveyance of any property by way of exchange. Same duty as on conveyance on sale of such property, as assessed under this resolution.			
Conveyance of any property by the official assignee to a mortgagee, or disclaimer by the official assignee under the Bankruptcy Act, 1898. The same duty on the amount at which the security has been valued by the mortgagee as on the consideration for a conveyance on sale of such property.			
Declaration made in New South Wales under Colonial or Foreign Marine Policy, 3d. for every £100 and fractional part of £100 insured.			

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Discharge of a mortgage or reconveyance of land mortgaged	1	0	0
Fire policies and renewal receipts for the same, 4d. for every £100 and fractional part of £100 insured.			
Foreclosure Order. The same duty on the amount secured by the mortgage, together with any interest due thereon as on the consideration for a conveyance on sale of such land.			
Mortgage—			
(1.) Being the only or principal or primary security (other than an equitable mortgage) for the payment or repayment of money— For every £100 and any fractional part of £100 of the amount secured ...	0	5	0
(2.) Being a collateral or auxiliary or additional or substituted security (other than an equitable mortgage) or by way of further assurance for the above-mentioned purpose, where the principal or primary security is duly stamped	1	0	0
(3.) Being an equitable mortgage— For every £100 and any fractional part of £100 of the amount secured ...	0	2	6

Settlement, deed of gift, or voluntary conveyance (not being the appointment merely of a new trustee) of any property. The same duty (to be assessed under this resolution) as on the consideration for a conveyance on sale of such property.

(b.) Where the consideration or any part of the consideration for a conveyance on sale consists of money payable periodically, the conveyance is to be charged with *ad valorem* duty on the value of the periodical payments capitalised on the basis of 5 per centum per annum.

(c.) Where a person having, before or after the 20th day of December, 1899, contracted for the purchase of any property, but not having obtained a conveyance thereof, contracts to sell the same to any other person, and the property is in consequence conveyed immediately to the sub-purchaser, the conveyance shall be charged with *ad valorem* duty in respect of the consideration for the sale to the original purchaser, or in respect of the consideration for the sale by the original purchaser to the sub-purchaser, whichever consideration is the larger.

Where a person having before or after the said day contracted for the purchase of any property, but not having obtained a conveyance, contracts to sell the whole or any part or parts thereof to any other person or persons, and the property is in consequence conveyed by the original seller to different persons in parts or parcels, the conveyance of each part or parcel shall be charged with *ad valorem* duty as assessed by the commissioner in respect of the consideration moving from the sub-purchaser thereof, or in respect of an amount which bears the same proportion to the consideration for the sale to the original purchaser as the value of such part or parcel bears to the value of the property originally contracted to be sold, whichever amount is the larger.

(d.) Where a conveyance is as to the whole or part of the consideration by way of exchange, the Commissioner shall assess the duty payable in respect of the conveyance.

(e.) Where any person, before or after the said day, makes a voluntary disposition of any property to or for the benefit of a company then formed or to be formed, the instrument by which such disposition is made shall, for the purpose of this resolution, be deemed a voluntary conveyance of such property.

(f.) Where any person makes a settlement, deed of gift, or voluntary conveyance, the Commissioner shall assess the duty payable in respect of the instrument.

(g.) For the purpose of this Resolution the expression "mortgage" means a security by way of mortgage of land for the payment of any definite and certain sum of money advanced or lent at the time, or previously due and owing or forborne to be paid, being payable, or for the repayment of money to be thereafter lent, advanced, or paid, or which may become due upon an account current, together with any sum already advanced or due, or without any such sum, as the case may be;

and includes—

- (a) conditional surrender by way of mortgage or further charge of or affecting any land; and
- (b) any conveyance of land in trust to be sold or otherwise converted into money, intended only as a security, and redeemable before the sale or other disposal thereof, either by express stipulation or otherwise, except where the conveyance is made for the benefit of creditors generally, or for the benefit of creditors specified who accept the provisions made for payment of their debts in full satisfaction thereof, or who exceed five in number; and
- (c) any defeasance, declaration, or other deed or writing for defeating or making redeemable or explaining or qualifying, any conveyance or transfer of land, apparently absolute, but intended only as a security; and
- (d) any agreement (other than an agreement chargeable as an equitable mortgage), contract, or bond accompanied with a deposit of title deeds for making a mortgage, or any other security or conveyance as aforesaid of any lands comprised in the title deeds, or for pledging or charging the same as a security; and (e)

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(e) any deed whereby a real burden is declared or created on land.

(h.) For the purpose of this Resolution the expression "equitable mortgage" means an agreement or memorandum, under hand only, relating to the deposit of any title deeds or instruments constituting or being evidence of the title to land or creating a charge on such land.

(i.) A mortgage for the payment or repayment of money to be lent, advanced, or paid, or which may become due upon an account current, either with or without money previously due, is to be charged, where the total amount secured or to be ultimately recoverable is in any way limited, with the same duty as a mortgage for the amount so limited.

(j.) When such total amount is unlimited, the mortgage is to be available for such an amount only as the *ad valorem* duty impressed thereon extends to cover, but where any advance or loan is made in excess of the amount covered by that duty the security shall for the purpose of stamp duty be deemed to be a new and separate instrument, bearing date on the day on which the advance or loan is made.

(k.) Where in respect of any contract or agreement to sell, exchange, or transfer a gold-mining or mineral claim or lease or a mineral conditional purchase the consideration or any part of the consideration for the sale, exchange, or transfer consists of any stock or marketable security, such contract or agreement shall be charged with *ad valorem* duty in respect of the value of such stock or security.

(l.) Where such consideration or any part thereof consists of any security, not being a marketable security, such contract or agreement shall be charged with *ad valorem* duty in respect of the amount due on the day of the date thereof for principal and interest upon such security.

(m.) Where such consideration or any part thereof consists of a debt due to the person to whom the sale, exchange, or transfer is to be made, or the contract or agreement is subject, either certainly or contingently, to the payment or transfer of any money or stock, whether being or constituting a charge or incumbrance upon the claim or lease or conditional purchase such contract or agreement shall be charged with *ad valorem* duty in respect of the amount of such debt, money, or stock.

(n.) Where such consideration or any part thereof consists of shares in a company or association formed or to be formed, the value of such shares shall be taken into account in determining such consideration, and shall be assessed by the commissioner.

(o.) Where the proposed purchaser has paid the said *ad valorem* duty, and before having obtained a conveyance of the claim, lease, or conditional purchase, enters into a contract or agreement for the sale, exchange, or transfer of the same, the contract or agreement shall be charged, if the consideration for that sale is in excess of the consideration for the original sale, with *ad valorem* duty payable in respect of such excess consideration or of the fixed duty of one pound, whichever amount is the larger, and in every other case with the fixed duty of one pound.

(p.) Where under this resolution an assessment may be made by the commissioner of the duty payable on any instrument, the commissioner may assess the duty on the footing of the value of any property referred to or dealt with in such instrument as stated in any affidavit lodged with him in accordance with the provisions of this resolution. But if he is dissatisfied with the value stated in such affidavit or if no affidavit is required to be lodged with him or no affidavit has been lodged with him within the time limited in that behalf, he may cause a valuation of the property to be made by some person appointed by him, and may assess the duty payable on the footing of such valuation.

Any person dissatisfied with any assessment made by the commissioner under this resolution may within twenty-one days after the making of such assessment, and on payment of duty in conformity therewith, appeal therefrom to the Supreme Court, and may for that purpose require the commissioner to state and sign a case setting forth the grounds upon which his assessment was made, and the provisions of subsections (2) to (5) inclusive of section eighteen of the Stamp Duties Act, 1898, shall apply in respect of any such appeal.

(12.) *Resolved*,—That towards raising the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty:—

Where a company, incorporated according to the laws of some country possession or place other than New South Wales, carries on the business—

(a) Of mining for any mineral in New South Wales, or

(b) Of pastoral or agricultural production or timber-getting in New South Wales, and a member of such company dies after the 20th day of December, 1899, wheresoever such member may have been domiciled, there shall be charged, levied, collected, and paid under and subject to the provisions of the Stamp Duties Act, 1898, and any Act amending the same (so far as they are applicable), for the use of Her Majesty and to form part of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, without any exemption or deduction whatsoever, a duty at the rate hereinafter mentioned on the value of the shares and stock in the company held by or on behalf of or in trust for such member at the time of his death,

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Where the value of the shares and stock in the company						
exceeds £1,000 and does not exceed £5,000 2 per cent.						
£5,000	£6,000	...	...	...	3	”
£6,000	£7,000	...	...	...	3½	”
£7,000	£8,000	...	...	...	3¾	”
£8,000	£9,000	...	...	...	3⅞	”
£9,000	£10,000	...	...	...	4	”
£10,000	£12,000	...	...	...	4½	”
£12,000	£14,000	...	...	...	4¾	”
£14,000	£16,000	...	...	...	5	”
£16,000	£18,000	...	...	...	5½	”
£18,000	£20,000	...	...	...	5¾	”
£20,000	£22,000	...	...	...	6	”
£22,000	£24,000	...	...	...	6½	”
£24,000	£26,000	...	...	...	6¾	”
£26,000	£28,000	...	...	...	7	”
£28,000	£30,000	...	...	...	7½	”
£30,000	£32,000	...	...	...	7¾	”
£32,000	£34,000	...	...	...	8	”
£34,000	£36,000	...	...	...	8½	”
£36,000	£38,000	...	...	...	8¾	”
£38,000	£40,000	...	...	...	9	”
£40,000	£44,000	...	...	...	9½	”
£44,000	£48,000	...	...	...	9¾	”
£48,000	£52,000	...	...	...	10	”
£52,000	£56,000	...	...	...	10½	”
£56,000	£60,000	...	...	...	10¾	”
£60,000	£64,000	...	...	...	11	”
£64,000	£68,000	...	...	...	11½	”
£68,000	£72,000	...	...	...	11¾	”
£72,000	£76,000	...	...	...	12	”
£76,000	£80,000	...	...	...	12½	”
£80,000	£84,000	...	...	...	12¾	”
£84,000	£88,000	...	...	...	13	”
£88,000	£92,000	...	...	...	13½	”
£92,000	£96,000	...	...	...	13¾	”
£96,000	£100,000	...	...	...	14	”
And over the value of £100,000	...	...	...	...	10	”

On motion of Mr. Lyne, the Resolutions were read a second time, and agreed to.

26. STAMP DUTIES (AMENDMENT) BILL:—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Lyne, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 11), to impose certain Stamp Duties, and to amend the Stamp Duties Act, 1898.

(2.) Mr. Lyne then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to impose certain Stamp Duties, and to amend the Stamp Duties Act, 1898,*”—which was read a first time.

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

27. COMPANIES (DEATH DUTIES) BILL:—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Lyne, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 12), to provide for the registration of the officers of certain companies, and to impose duties on the death of shareholders of those companies.

(2.) Mr. Lyne then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to provide for the registration of the offices of certain companies, and to impose duties on the death of shareholders of those companies,*”—which was read a first time.

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

28. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Lyne (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That, in view of the early closing of the Session, and the necessity for dealing with the papers laid upon the Table, leave be given to the Printing Committee to sit during the sittings of the House.

Question put and passed.

29. CAMPBELLTOWN MUNICIPAL ENABLING BILL:—

(1.) 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. Deputy Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Moore, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

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

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

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

Mr. Lyne then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, “*An Act to make provision for the election of a Mayor of the Municipality of Campbelltown.*”

Question put and passed.

Ordered,

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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 make provision for the election of a Mayor of the Municipality of Campbelltown*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

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30. GOLD AND MINERAL DREDGING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Fegan, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Legislative Council's Message of 20th December, 1899, in reference to the amendments in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Cann, Acting Chairman, reported that the Committee did not insist upon its disagreement to the Council's amendments in clause 3, and had agreed to the Council's further amendment in that clause.

On motion of Mr. Fegan the report was adopted.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 20th December, 1899, in reference to the Gold and Mineral Dredging Bill,—does not insist upon its disagreement to the Council's amendments in clause 3, and agrees to the Council's further amendment in that clause.

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31. ESTATE OF THE LATE S. M. SWIFT OF PETERSHAM:—Mr. Hughes, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 1st August, 1899.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

32. TONNAGE RATES (AMENDMENT) 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 amend the law relating to Wharfage and Tonnage Rates*."

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 Wharfage and Tonnage Rates*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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33. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS (*Extension of the Railway into the City of Sydney*):—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient that the extension of the railway system of the Colony from the present terminus at Redfern into the city, including the erection of a large central station in the North-Western Division of the Park, fronting St. James' Road, as referred by the Legislative Assembly to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, "be" carried out as recommended by the said Committee in their Report, presented on the 26th August, 1897,—and requested Mr. Speaker's opinion on the proposed procedure in relation to an alteration of the route.

Mr. Speaker said that, after much earnest consideration, he had come to the conclusion that it would be an evasion of the provisions of the Public Works Act to alter the proposal as intended by Mr. O'Sullivan.

Mr. Wise moved, That the Question be amended, by leaving out all the words after the word "be," and inserting the words "referred back to the Public Works Committee for further consideration" and report, in view of certain proposals to deviate from the route already recommended,—instead thereof.

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

Debate ensued.

Point of Order:—Mr. Cook submitted that the proposed amendment was indefinite and out of order.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker ruled, That the amendment was quite in accordance with the terms of the Public Works Act.

Debate continued.

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

Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words left out be so inserted,—put and passed.

Question then,—That it is expedient that the extension of the railway system of the Colony from the present terminus at Redfern into the city, including the erection of a large central station in the North-Western Division of the Park, fronting St. James' Road, as referred by the Legislative Assembly to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be referred back to the Public Works Committee for further consideration and report, in view of certain proposals to deviate from the route already recommended,—put and passed.

The House adjourned, at twenty-five minutes after Twelve o'clock p.m., until Four o'clock This Day.

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 EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 21 DECEMBER, 1899.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Revenue derived from Telephonic System:—Mr. Law asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) What is the revenue derivable from the telephonic system to date for the year 1899?

(2.) What is the expenditure to date for the year 1899?

(3.) Have the increased number of subscribers caused them inconvenience and a decrease of communicating facilities?

(4.) If so, will he see that the annual charge for telephonic communication is reduced in proportion to the reduced facilities afforded subscribers?

Mr. Crick answered,—

(1.) £59,302 16s. 4d.

(2.) It is impossible to state accurately the expenditure on account of the Telephone Service, as the business is interwoven with the Postal, Telegraph, Money Order, and Savings Bank Branches, many of the officers of the Department performing duties in connection with the whole. The working expenses also, such as fuel, light, cleaning, rent, &c., cannot well be separated. The approximate expenditure for the year is £44,000.

(3 and 4.) Similar inconveniences common to those attending all large Telephone Exchanges in all parts of the world exist, but nothing of a nature to warrant any reduction in the charges.

- (2.) Employees in the Dredge Service:—Mr. Gillies, for Mr. Spruson, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that permanent employees in the Dredge Service forfeit holidays and Sundays to act as watchmen on the dredges?

(2.) Is it his intention to continue this practice?

(3.) Will he consider the expediency of appointing other men as watchmen to relieve the permanent hands of watchmen's duty?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—I have not had time to make inquiry; but, if the facts are as stated, I will soon have an alteration made.

2. TOTALIZATOR BILL:—Mr. Wood, for Mr. Crick, presented a Petition from certain residents of Spring Hill, Millthorpe, and surrounding district, in opposition to the Totalizator Bill, and praying the House to reject the measure.
Petition received.

3. CASE OF WILLIAM CRESWELL:—Mr. Meagher, for Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Chairman, brought up the 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 7th November, 1899.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. YASS ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH TRUSTEES ENABLING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Affleck moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the Yass Roman Catholic Church Trustees Enabling Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Sawers, Mr. Carroll, Mr. Gormly, Mr. Dight, Mr. Austin Chapman, Mr. Rose, Mr. Quinn, Mr. Hassall, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.

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5. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day of General Business postponed until To-morrow :—
- (1.) Government Railways Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
 - (2.) Sunday Observance Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the better observance of the Sunday ; for the closing of business places, and prohibiting the sale of goods in those places during certain hours ; to amend the Liquor Act, 1898 ; and for purposes incidental to or consequent on those objects.
 - (3.) Sunday Trading Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law with respect to clubs and co-operative stores ; and to regulate and restrict Sunday trading, other than the sale of liquor.
 - (4.) Hotels Diminishing Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to lessen the number of hotels in proportion to the population.
 - (5.) Stanford Coal-mine Railway Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading.
 - (6.) Seamen Act Amendment Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Seamen Act of 1898.
6. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS** :—
- (1.) Mr. Wise moved, without Notice, That it is a matter of urgent and pressing necessity that a Bill to amend the Civil Service Act of 1884 and the Public Service Act of 1895, and any Act amending the same, with regard to certain superannuation allowances and gratuities, should be passed through all its stages this day.
Question put and passed.
 - (2.) Mr. Wise then moved, without Notice, That so much of the Standing and Sessional Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing through all its stages in one day of " A Bill to amend the Civil Service Act of 1884 and the Public Service Act of 1895, and any Act amending the same, with regard to certain superannuation allowances and gratuities."
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
7. **ADJOURNMENT** :—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Northumberland, Mr. Norton, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.—" The delay of the Government in making the nomination to fill the existing vacancy on the Public Works Committee."
And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—
Mr. Norton moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
8. **ADDITIONAL SITTING DAY** :—Mr. Lyne (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House shall meet for the despatch of Business at 10 o'clock a.m. on Saturday next, and that Government Business take precedence on that day.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
9. **PUBLIC SERVICE (SUPERANNUATION) BILL** :—
- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Wise, 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 Civil Service Act of 1884 and the Public Service Act of 1895, and any Act amending the same, with regard to certain superannuation allowances and gratuities.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Piddington, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.
Ordered, on motion of Mr. Piddington, that the report be now received.
Mr. Piddington 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 Civil Service Act of 1884 and the Public Service Act of 1895, and any Act amending the same, with regard to certain superannuation allowances and gratuities.
On motion of Mr. Wise, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
 - (2.) Mr. Wise then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Civil Service Act of 1884 and the Public Service Act of 1895, and any Act amending the same, with regard to certain superannuation allowances and gratuities*,"—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. Wise, 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. Piddington, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with amendments.
On motion of Mr. Wise, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time at a later hour of the day.
10. **ALFRED AUSTIN SAMPSON'S SETTLEMENT LEASE, GUNNEDAH** :—Mr. Moore (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Select Committee on " Alfred Austin Sampson's Settlement Lease, Gunnedah," have leave to sit during the sitting of the House To-morrow.
Question put and passed.

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

(1.) Appropriation Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Service of the year, from the 1st day of July, 1899, to the 30th day of June, 1900, inclusive of both dates, and to adjust the Vote 'Advance to Treasurer, 1898-9,' for supplementary charges during the period from the 1st day of July, 1898, to the 30th day of June, 1899, inclusive of both dates; and for purposes connected with and incidental to the above objects,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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JOHN LACKEY,
President.

(2.) 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.

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Sydney, 21st December, 1899.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

(3.) Treasury Bills Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the issue of Treasury Bills,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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Sydney, 21st December, 1899.

JOHN LACKEY,
President.

(4.) Loan Account (Transfer) Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the loan of money from the Trust Fund and the Consolidated Revenue Fund and the Bank keeping the Government Account to the General Loan Account, and to provide for the application and repayment of such money; to amend section seventeen of the Audit Act, 1898; to indemnify the Treasurer and other officers and persons in respect of certain drawings and payments from the General Loan Account made without the warrant of the Governor, and for purposes consequent on or incidental to those objects,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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JOHN LACKEY,
President.

(5.) Treasury Indemnity Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to indemnify the Colonial Treasurer, the officers of the Treasury, and other persons, in respect of certain unauthorised withdrawals and payments from the Public Accounts of the Colonial Treasurer in the Banks keeping such Accounts,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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JOHN LACKEY,
President.

(6.) Wellington Presbyterian Church Lands Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to cancel the appropriation of certain land in the town of Wellington, to divest the Minister of Public Instruction of his estate in the said land, to dedicate the said land as a site for a Presbyterian Church and Manse, and to authorise certain dealings with the same,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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JOHN LACKEY,
President.

(7.) Probate Duties (Amendment) Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to impose certain Probate and other Duties; and to amend the Stamp Duties Act of 1898,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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JOHN LACKEY,
President.

(8.) Crown Lands (Amendment) 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 sale and leasing, disposal, and management of Crown lands; to provide for the determination of the capital value of land under conditional purchase, conditional lease, homestead selection or settlement lease, and for regulating payments in respect of such land on the*

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the basis of such value ; and for the reappraisalment of the rents of conditional leases ; to provide for the enclosure of roads and watercourses ; and in certain respects to amend the Crown Lands Acts,"— with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

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JOHN LACKEY,
President.

CROWN LANDS (AMENDMENT) BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 21st December, 1899.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 2, clause 1, line 7. *After* " who " *insert* " (except as hereinafter provided) "
- Page 2, clause 1, line 14. *After* " to " *insert* " enable the applicant to "
- Page 2, clause 1, lines 14 and 15. *Omit* " the applicant and his dependent family (if any) " *insert* " his home thereon "
- Page 2, clause 1, line 16. *Omit* " reappraisalment " *insert* " appraisalment "
- Page 2, clause 1, lines 16 and 17. *Omit* " subject to the appeal in the manner prescribed by the " Crown Lands Acts " *insert* " or the Land Appeal Court on appeal "
- Page 2, clause 1, lines 20 to 25. *Omit* " But no person shall be entitled to make an application " under this section who holds in fee simple or under conditional purchase or conditional " lease any greater area than two thousand five hundred and sixty acres in the Eastern " Division, or five thousand one hundred and twenty acres in the Central Division, or ten " thousand two hundred and forty acres in the Western Division. "
- Page 2, clause 1, line 36. *Omit* " less the amount paid and appropriated otherwise than as interest " *insert* " (to which shall be added any interest, payment of which has been suspended or is " in arrear) less the amount paid and appropriated as purchase money "
- Page 3, clause 1, line 1. *Omit* " for the purpose of making any such adjustment "
- Page 3, clause 1, line 22. *After* " lease " *insert* " other than a conditional purchase under section " forty-seven of the Crown Lands Act of 1884 "
- Page 3, clause 1, line 27. *After* " security " *insert* " or where in any other case the Local Land " Board (on application as prescribed) decides that the circumstances of such case warrant " the holder of the land being excused from the condition of residence "
- Page 4, clause 2, lines 24 and 25. *Omit* " or on a reference by the Minister "
- Page 4, clause 2, line 26. *After* " period " *insert* " of fourteen years "
- Page 4, clause 2, line 27. *After* " after " *insert* " the day on which the rent was payable last " preceding "
- Page 4, clause 2, lines 27 and 28. *Omit* " or reference "
- Page 4, clause 2, line 29. *Omit* " or reference "
- Page 6, clause 6, line 12. *Omit* " are hereby repealed " *insert* " shall on and after the first day of " March, one thousand nine hundred, be repealed, and the following provision substituted " in lieu thereof:— "
- Page 6, clause 6, lines 13 and 14. *Omit* " the Governor may make regulations prescribing the " manner in which "
- Page 6, clause 6, lines 16 and 17. *Omit* " and prescribing the considerations by which the said " Board shall be guided in determining such order of priority "
- Page 6, clause 6, line 18. *Omit* " pursuance of such regulations " *insert* " the opinion of the " Board "
- Page 6, clause 6, line 25. *After* " remain " *insert* " and were included in the previous ballot "
- Page 6, clause 6. *After* line 29 *insert* " No determination of the order of priority shall be the " subject of an appeal to the Land Appeal Court "
- Page 6. *After* clause 6 *insert* the following new clause:—
- Section thirty-one of the Crown Lands Act of 1895 shall be deemed to have applied and shall apply to any conditional purchases and conditional leases, the applications for which were made before the day of the commencement of that Act, although such conditional purchases or conditional leases were not confirmed before that day. Where any application has already been disallowed or disposed of under the provisions of the section aforesaid, the Board may, at the request of the applicant, and on such terms as the Board may prescribe, deal with such application as if it had not been disallowed or disposed of. Provided that this enactment shall not operate to validate any application so as to affect any conflicting application or title made or created before the day of the commencement of this Act.
- Page 8, clause 10, line 16. *Omit* " remit or "
- Page 8, clause 10, line 17. *Before* " interest " *insert* " such "
- Page 8, clause 10, line 19. *Omit* " remission " *insert* " extension "
- Page 8, clause 11, lines 38 to 40. *Omit* " Provided that residence by a minor, as defined by section " forty-seven of the Act fifty-three Victoria, number twenty-one, shall be taken to be " residence within this section. "
- Page 9, clause 11, line 1. *Omit* " in fee simple or "
- Page 9. *After* clause 11 *insert* the following new clause:—

Additional conditional purchases in conditional leases.

The mere fact that land held under conditional lease granted under the provisions of section fifty-two of the Crown Lands Act of 1884 does not adjoin the land by virtue of which such conditional lease was granted shall not prevent any additional conditional purchase or purchases being made of the land held under such conditional lease by the holder thereof.

Page 9, clause 12, line 25. *After* " has " *insert* " before or after the commencement of this Act "

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Page 9, clause 12, line 26. *Omit "is not" insert "has not been"*

Page 9. *After clause 12 insert "Suspension of conditions on settlement or other leases."*

Page 9. *After clause 13 insert the following new clause:—*

No application made under section one of this Act shall be invalid on the ground that it is made in respect of two or more holdings: Provided that the total area of such holdings is not more than sufficient in the opinion of the Local Land Board to enable the applicant to maintain his home thereon.

Page 10, clause 14, line 5. *After "purchase" insert "or a conditional purchase under section "twenty-two of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861"*

Page 10, clause 14. *Transpose clause 14 to follow after clause 15.*

Page 10. *Before clause 15 insert "Residence on additional conditional purchases."*

Page 10, clause 15, line 8. *After "Act" omit remainder of clause, insert "of 1895, 'so long as "the person upon whom the performance of the said condition would for the time being "devolve is the person who applied for the original conditional purchase of the series, "and for the said additional conditional purchase or conditional lease' are hereby repealed, "and the words, 'if the applicant for such additional conditional purchase or conditional "lease is the person who applied for the original conditional purchase of the series,' are "hereby substituted therefor."*

Examined,—

A. H. JACOB,

Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, by Mr. Speaker, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration at a later hour of the day.

12. LIBRARY AND ART GALLERY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Lyne moved, "That" this Bill be now read a third time.

Mr. Wise moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That," and inserting the words "the Bill be recommitted with a view to the omission of clause 9 and the insertion of a new clause instead thereof, the reconsideration of clause 10, the omission of clause 24 and the insertion of a new clause instead thereof, and the reconsideration of clause 25" instead thereof.

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

Debate ensued.

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

Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words left out be so inserted,—put and passed.

Question then,—That the Bill be recommitted with a view to the omission of clause 9 and the insertion of a new clause instead thereof, the reconsideration of clause 10, the omission of clause 24 and the insertion of a new clause instead thereof, and the reconsideration of clause 25,—put and passed.

On motion of Mr. Wise, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Piddington, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill 2^o with further amendments.

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

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time at a later hour of the day.

13. STAMP DUTIES (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Wise 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. Wise, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Piddington, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with amendments.

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

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

14. COMPANIES (DEATH DUTIES) BILL:—

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

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Wise, Mr. Deputy-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. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Piddington, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

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

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

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

Mr. Wise then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to provide for the registration of the offices of certain companies, and to impose duties on the death of shareholders of those companies.*"

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 provide for the registration of the offices of certain companies, and to impose duties on the death of shareholders of those companies,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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15. PUBLIC SERVICE (SUPERANNUATION) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Wise moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put and passed.

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

Mr. Wise then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Civil Service Act of 1884 and the Public Service Act of 1895, and any Act amending the same, with regard to certain superannuation allowances and gratuities.*"

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 Civil Service Act of 1884 and the Public Service Act of 1895, and any Act amending the same, with regard to certain superannuation allowances and gratuities,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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16. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Wise (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House at its rising this day do adjourn until 11:30 a.m. To-morrow.

Question put and passed.

17. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Lyne moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at Ten minutes after Twelve o'clock a.m., until half-past Eleven o'clock This Day.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

FRIDAY, 22 DECEMBER, 1899.

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

PAPERS:—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Letter from the Chairman of Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, enclosing communication from the Secretary in reference to statements made in Parliament reflecting on his character.

(2.) Letter from the Chairman of Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works respecting the resolution of the Legislative Assembly referring back to the Committee for further consideration and report the question of the Grenfell to Wyalong Railway.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Recreation Ground at The Shades, near Molong:—*Mr. Rose*, for *Dr. Ross*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is he aware that for many years past the 93 acres of land granted as a recreation ground or racecourse at The Shades, near Molong, has been turned into a grazing or agistment paddock by one of the trustees, and that the public derive no benefit whatever from the use of the land?

(2.) Will he, under the circumstances, see that steps are taken to have the land resumed and made available for settlement?

(3.) Will he likewise make inquiry as to the amount of rent (if any) that is derived from the use of the land, by whom, and to whom the rent is paid, and what becomes of the money (if any) that is collected?

Mr. Hassall answered,—The Honorable Member intended to withdraw this and the next Question, and I have promised to send him the information.

(2.) Postal Officials working on Christmas Day:—*Mr. Gillies*, for *Mr. Richards*, asked the Postmaster-General,—Is it a fact that employees in the mail division and other branches of the Post Office have been worked on Christmas Day without overtime pay; if yes, will he see that overtime is granted this year?

Mr. Crick answered,—Arrangements have been made that the employees in the mail division and other branches of the Post Office shall perform as little work as possible on Christmas Day. At most post offices some mail work has to be performed on Christmas Day to prevent disarrangement of the mail service, but the officials concerned are allowed an extra week's leave of absence to compensate them for working on portion of holidays.

(3.) West Bogan Scrub:—*Mr. Willis*, for *Mr. Waddell*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) What area of land on the West Bogan has been scrubbed and ringbarked up to the present by the Government?

(2.) How much of such land has been offered for leasing?

(3.) And what per cent. interest will the rents return on the money expended on the land that has been leased?

Mr. Hassall answered,—I am having the information prepared, and will furnish it to the Honorable Member.

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(4.) Grading of Public Servants :—Mr. Affleck asked the Attorney-General,—

(1.) Is it a fact that, in the late gradings of the Civil Servants, Messrs. J. Davis, C. J. Saunders, C. E. Rennie, and G. A. McKay were appointed a sub-board for the purpose of advising the Public Service Board?

(2.) Was the grading they proposed to the Public Service Board adopted as a general rule?

(3.) Is it a fact that, in that grading, Mr. Davis' salary was £800, and an increase of £75 was added by such grading; Mr. Saunders' salary was £600, and £50 was added by such grading; Mr. Rennie's salary was £550, and £75 was added by such grading; Mr. McKay's salary was £450, and £50 was added by such grading?

(4.) Is it a fact that in these recommendations only £10 was added to salaries under £200?

(5.) Is there any reason why a uniform percentage should not be adopted on all salaries under the Government; if there is, what is the reason; if there is not, will he see that the uniform plan may be adopted for the future?

Mr. Wise answered,—I have received the following information from the Public Service Board :—

(1.) Yes; with another officer, viz., Mr. C. O. Burge, Principal Assistant Engineer for Railway Construction.

(2.) Yes; after consultation with the permanent heads of the Departments concerned; but many alterations were made as the result of the conference with the Under Secretaries. The whole grading, however, was subject to appeal by the officers concerned. These appeals are now being heard by the Public Service Board, and will shortly be determined.

(3.) It is not a fact, as regards the salaries of Mr. Davis and Mr. McKay. With regard to Mr. Saunders, the sub-committee did not propose to increase his salary; but the Board, with the concurrence of the Under Secretary for Lands, determined to increase his salary from £550 to £600, provided the necessary funds were voted by Parliament in accordance with section 10 of the Public Service Act. This has not yet been done. With regard to Mr. Rennie, the sub-board did not propose an increase in salary, but the Under Secretary for Lands strongly urged that the salary should be made £550 or £600, and the Board determined to increase it to £550 per annum, subject to the necessary funds being voted by Parliament; but, as in the case of Mr. Saunders, this has not yet been done. Mr. McKay's salary was voted at £450 per annum on the Estimates for last year, and it was not in any way affected by the re-grading, nor was that of Mr. Davis.

(4.) In many cases the sum of £10 was added to salaries under £200 per annum, but in some cases more.

(5.) It is not considered desirable to increase salaries by an uniform percentage (except in the manner laid down in the Increment Regulations), and this applies more especially to the highly paid officers.

(5.) Water Supply at Molong and Cumnock :—Mr. Rose, for Dr. Ross, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has his attention been drawn to a telegram appearing in the *Herald* of 20th December, in which it is stated that, owing to the protracted drought, the water supply at Molong and Cumnock for domestic purposes is beginning to give out?

(2.) Will he, under the circumstances, see that an officer is sent from his Department with the view of reporting on the matter, and to prevent, if possible, the occurrence of a water famine?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—Yes, and I will call for a report forthwith. If the Honorable Member for Molong will supply me with any suggestions on the subject that will come within the scope of the function of the Public Works Department, I will be glad to consider them.

(6.) Postal Officials working on Christmas Day :—Mr. Carroll, for Mr. Waddell, asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) Is it a fact that, while letter-carriers have not got to work on Christmas Day, the letter-sorters have to work on Christmas Day?

(2.) If such has been the custom, will he see that letter-sorters get the holiday as well as other employees in the Post Office?

Mr. Crick answered,—

(1.) There is no letter-carriers' delivery on Christmas Day. The sorters must be in attendance for a limited period to receive and despatch mails.

(2.) The sorters are allowed an extra week's leave in the year to compensate them for working on portion of holidays.

(7.) Bills of Lading :—Mr. Hogue asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Has his attention been drawn to the extraordinary clauses contained in some of the bills of lading used by steamer agents at New South Wales ports, whereby the owners exempt themselves from every conceivable form of damage to cargo; and will he take steps to introduce next Session a Bill, with a view to the owners of all vessels being held responsible for the safety and delivery of cargo entrusted to them for carriage, thus safeguarding the interests of producers and consignees in the same way as the United States Government found it necessary to do owing to the like action of steamship owners in American trade?

Mr. Wise answered,—This matter was brought under the notice of my predecessor by the Sydney Chamber of Commerce in 1898, and, in view of its importance, the Imperial Government was communicated with in regard to it. The Board of Trade's reply was, however, to the effect that the matter had frequently been before them, but that they considered that the time was not ripe for legislation. Isolated Legislative action in the Colonies was deprecated.

3. TOTALIZATOR BILL :—Mr. Wise presented a Petition from certain members of the Congregational Church, Summer Hill, in opposition to the Totalizator Bill, and praying the House to reject the measure.

Petition received.

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4. COBAR TO WILCANNIA RAILWAY BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. O'Sullivan, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

BEAUCHAMP,
Governor.

Message No. 94.

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 Cobar to Wilcannia, provided that before commencing the said work certain land required is contracted to be conveyed free of cost to the Crown; to authorise the transfer of certain Crown lands revenue of the district benefited by the line to the account of the receipts of the said line; to amend the provisions of the Public Works Act of 1888, so far as they relate to the duty of the Constructing Authority to make and maintain fences along the said line of railway; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; and for other purposes.

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

5. PAPER:—Mr. Wise laid upon the Table,—Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1888, of land, for duplicating Tramway in Victoria-road, Marrickville.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
6. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Gormly, as Chairman, brought up the Fifteenth Report from the Printing Committee.
7. YASS ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH TRUSTEES ENABLING BILL:—Mr. Affleck, 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 21st December, 1899, together with a copy of the Bill as agreed to by the Committee.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Affleck then moved, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.
Question put and passed.
8. COBAR TO WILCANNIA RAILWAY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. O'Sullivan 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 Cobar to Wilcannia, provided that before commencing the said work certain land required is contracted to be conveyed free of cost to the Crown; to authorise the transfer of certain Crown land revenue of the district benefited by the line to the account of the receipts of the said line; to amend the provisions of the Public Works Act of 1888, so far as they relate to the duty of the Constructing Authority to make and maintain fences along the said line of railway; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; and for other purposes.
Question put and passed.
9. STAMP DUTIES (AMENDMENT) BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Wise, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Wise then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to impose certain Stamp Duties, and to amend the Stamp Duties Act, 1898.*"
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 impose certain Stamp Duties, and to amend the Stamp Duties Act, 1898,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
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Sydney, 22nd December, 1899.
10. LIBRARY AND ART GALLERY BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Wise, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Wise then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to incorporate the trustees of the National Art Gallery and Public Library respectively; to provide for the endowment and management of those institutions; to exempt from stamp duty donations and bequests to those institutions; and for purposes incidental to or consequent on the abovementioned 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 incorporate the trustees of the National Art Gallery and Public Library respectively; to provide for the endowment and management of those institutions; to exempt from stamp duty donations and bequests to those institutions; and for purposes incidental to or consequent on the abovementioned objects,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
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11. **SCRUB IN THE WEST BOGAN (*Formal Motion*)**:—Mr. Spence moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
- (1.) The area of land cleared of scrub in the West Bogan.
 - (2.) The cost of clearing the same to date.
 - (3.) The area thrown open for settlement.
 - (4.) The area applied for.
 - (5.) The total of the upset rental annually on such area.
 - (6.) The total of annual lease rent to be paid on the area applied for.
- Question put and passed.
12. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day of General Business postponed until Tuesday next:—
- (1.) Government Railways Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
 - (2.) Sunday Observance Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the better observance of the Sunday; for the closing of business places, and prohibiting the sale of goods in those places during certain hours; to amend the Liquor Act, 1898; and for purposes incidental to or consequent on those objects.
 - (3.) Stanford Coal-mine Railway Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
 - (4.) Agricultural Leases Bill; second reading.
13. **CROWN LANDS (AMENDMENT) BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Hassall, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Moore, Temporary Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments. On motion of Mr. Hassall, 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 law relating to the sale and leasing, disposal, and management of Crown lands; to provide for the determination of the capital value of land under conditional purchase, conditional lease, homestead selection or settlement lease, and for regulating payments in respect of such land on the basis of such value; and for the reappraisal of the rents of conditional leases; to provide for the enclosure of roads and watercourses; and in certain respects to amend the Crown Lands Acts.*"
- Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 22nd December, 1899.*
14. **JUSTICES (FINES) BILL**:—
- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Wise 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. Wise, 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. Moore, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment. On motion of Mr. Wise, the report was adopted. Ordered, that the Bill be now read a third time.
 - (2.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Wise, *passed*. Mr. Wise then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to make better provision for the payment and recovery of moneys adjudged by Justices of the Peace to be paid, and with regard to imprisonment awarded by such Justices.*" 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 make better provision for the payment and recovery of moneys adjudged by Justices of the Peace to be paid, and with regard to imprisonment awarded by such Justices,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.
- Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 22nd December, 1899.*
15. **SUNDAY TRADING 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 law with respect to clubs and co-operative stores; and to regulate and restrict Sunday trading, other than the sale of liquor. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Moore, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution. Ordered, on motion of Mr. Moore, that the report be *now* received. Mr. Moore, then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
- Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the law with respect to clubs and co-operative stores; and to regulate and restrict Sunday trading, other than the sale of liquor. On motion of Mr. Copeland, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
- (2.) Mr. Copeland then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the law with respect to clubs and co-operative stores; and to regulate and restrict Sunday trading, other than the sale of liquor,*"—which was read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

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16. BRIGHT'S ESTATE LEASING BILL.—

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

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Lees, 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. Moore, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

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

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

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

Mr. Lees then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to enable William John Wiseman and William Robson or other, the trustees or trustee for the time being of the will of the late John Bright, to grant building and improving leases of certain lands devised by the said will, and to make roads, streets, and ways over and upon the said lands; and for other purposes connected therewith.*"

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 enable William John Wiseman and William Robson or other, the trustees or trustee for the time being of the will of the late John Bright, to grant building and improving leases of certain lands devised by the said will, and to make roads, streets, and ways over and upon the said lands; and for other purposes connected therewith.*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

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17. FISHER TRUSTS DECLARATORY BILL:—

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

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Cohen, 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. Moore, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

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

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

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

Mr. Cohen then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to declare the trusts of certain property passing under the will of William Charles Wentworth, late of Vaucluse, near Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, Esquire, deceased, in trust for his daughter Thomasine Cox Fisher, her husband and children.*"

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 declare the trusts of certain property passing under the will of William Charles Wentworth, late of Vaucluse, near Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, Esquire, deceased, in trust for his daughter Thomasine Cox Fisher, her husband and children.*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

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18. CAPERTEE TRAMWAY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Fitzpatrick, 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. Moore, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with amendments.

On motion of Mr. Fitzpatrick the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time at a later hour of the day.

19. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:—

(1.) *Wharfage, Woolloomooloo Bay*:—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report on the expediency of constructing about 600 feet of wharfage on the west side of Woolloomooloo Bay, Sydney.

Question put and passed.

(2.) *Water Supply Works, Wollongong*:—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient that the proposed Water Supply Works for the Borough of Wollongong, as referred by the Legislative Assembly to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out (such works to provide for extension to Port Kembla on the south, and towards Bulli on the north) at a cost of £25,211, as recommended by the said Committee.

Question put and passed.

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20. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:—Mr. O'Sullivan (*by consent*) moved without Notice, That Richard Sleath, Esquire, be appointed to fill the vacancy now existing on the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.

Mr. Speaker stated that he would submit to the House a separate and distinct Question upon each nomination:—

Whereupon Mr. Waddell nominated John McFarlane, Esquire.

Mr. Austin Chapman nominated William Fergus Hurley, Esquire.

Mr. Chanter nominated Henry Clarke, Esquire.

Mr. Miller nominated himself.

Question proposed, on Mr. O'Sullivan's motion.

Debate ensued.

Question put,—That Richard Sleath, Esquire, be appointed to fill the vacancy now existing on the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.

The House divided.

Ayes, 34.

Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Wise,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Cann.
Mr. Crick,	
Mr. Willis,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Meagher,	Mr. Ross,
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Ferguson.
Mr. Law,	
Mr. Thomas Brown,	
Mr. Nielsen,	
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	
Mr. Smith,	
Mr. Edden,	
Mr. Holman,	
Mr. Watkins,	
Mr. McGowen,	
Mr. Hughes,	
Mr. Moore,	
Mr. Millard,	
Mr. Dacey,	
Mr. Sleath,	
Mr. Spence,	
Mr. Macdonald,	

Noes, 49.

Mr. Ashton,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Brunker,	Sir Matthew Harris,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Quinn,
Mr. Afleck,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Dight,	Mr. McLaughlin,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Barnes,
Dr. Graham,	Mr. Thomas Clarke,
Mr. Archer,	Mr. Alexander Campbell,
Mr. Howarth,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Sawers,
Mr. Whiddon,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Lees,	Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Norton,
Mr. McLean,	Mr. Henry Chapman,
Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Austin Chapman,	Mr. Neild,
Mr. Hurley,	Mr. Terry.
Mr. Anderson,	
Mr. Rose,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.
Mr. Dugald Thomson,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Question put,—That John McFarlane, Esquire, be appointed to fill the vacancy now existing on the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.

The House divided.

Ayes, 55.

Mr. Perry,	Mr. Hughes,
Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Wood,	Sir Matthew Harris,
Mr. Wise,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. McLaughlin,
Mr. Afleck,	Mr. Archibald Campbell,
Mr. Anderson,	Dr. Graham,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Sawers,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Ashton,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Howarth,	Mr. Thomas Clarke,
Mr. Archer,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Rose,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. See,	Mr. Cruickshank,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Whiddon,
Mr. Watson,	Mr. Dight,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Dick.
Mr. Suttor,	
Mr. Piddington,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Meagher,
Mr. Dugald Thomson,	Mr. Garland.
Mr. Haynes,	

Noes, 29.

Mr. Fegan,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Cook,	
Mr. Hurley,	Mr. Austin Chapman,
Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. Bennett.
Mr. Macdonald,	
Mr. Ross,	
Mr. Law,	
Mr. Alexander Campbell,	
Mr. Spence,	
Mr. McGowen,	
Mr. Thomas,	
Mr. Willis,	
Mr. Sleath,	
Mr. Quinn,	
Mr. Dacey,	
Mr. Smith,	
Mr. Holman,	
Mr. Edden,	
Mr. Nielsen,	
Mr. Watkins,	
Mr. Thomas Brown,	
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	
Mr. Norton,	
Mr. Henry Chapman,	
Mr. Neild,	
Mr. Carroll,	
Mr. Cann.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

21. CABLEWAY TRAMWAY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put and passed.

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

Mr. Fitzpatrick then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to authorise John Lang, of Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, merchant, his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, or any company duly registered for that purpose by agreement with the said John Lang, his executors,*

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executors, administrators, or assigns, to construct and maintain a Tramway from a point near the north-east corner of lease number twenty, in the parish of Gindantherie, county of Cook, to the Mudgee Railway; and to use steam or other motive power upon the said Tramway, and to carry passengers, goods, live stock, ore, and other things over the said Tramway, for hire, for the public generally."

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, returned herewith, intituled "An Act to authorise John Lang, of Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, merchant, his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, or any company duly registered for that purpose by agreement with the said John Lang, his executors, administrators, or assigns, to construct and maintain a Tramway from a point near the north-east corner of lease number twenty, in the parish of Gindantherie, county of Cook, to the Mudgee Railway, and to use steam or other motive power upon the said Tramway, and to carry passengers, goods, live stock, ore, and other things over the said Tramway, for hire, for the public generally,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

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CAPERTEE TRAMWAY BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 22nd December, 1899. —

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

Page 4, clause 6, line 32. Omit "sevenpence" insert "fivepence"

Page 4, clause 6, line 42. Omit "fourpence" insert "threepence"

Examined,—

S. W. MOORE,
Temporary Chairman of Committees.

22. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS (*Railway from Grafton to Casino*):—
Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report on the expediency of constructing a line of railway from Grafton to Casino.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 47.

Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Morgan,	Mr. See,	Mr. Thomas Clarke,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Wright,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Ferris,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Hurley,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Norton,	Mr. Ross,	Mr. Sleath,
Mr. Dight,	Mr. Willis,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Quinn,	Mr. Rigg,	Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Spruson,	Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Piddington.
Mr. McLaughlin,	Mr. Barnes,	
Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. Henry Clarke,	Tellers,
Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Meagher,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Holman,	Mr. Bennett.
Mr. Nobbs,		

Noes, 9.

Mr. Neild,
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Gormly.

Tellers,
Mr. Attock,
Mr. Miller.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

- (1.) Tonnage Rates (Amendment) Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "An Act to amend the law relating to Wharfage and Tonnage Rates,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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JOHN LACKEY,
President.

- (2.) Companies (Death Duties) Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "An Act to provide for the registration of the offices of certain companies, and to impose duties on the death of shareholders of those companies,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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President.

(3.)

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(3.) Public Service (Superannuation) Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Civil Service Act of 1884 and the Public Service Act of 1895, and any Act amending the same, with regard to certain superannuation allowances and gratuities,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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JOHN LACKEY,
President.

(4.) Capertee Tramway 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 authorise John Lang, of Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, merchant, his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, or any company duly registered for that purpose by agreement with the said John Lang, his heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns, to construct and maintain a Tramway from a point near the north-east corner of lease number twenty, in the parish of Gindantherie, county of Cook, to the Mudgee Railway; and to use steam or other motive power upon the said Tramway, and to carry passengers, goods, live stock, ore, and other things over the said Tramway, for hire, for the public generally.*"

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JOHN LACKEY,
President.

(5.) Library and Art Gallery Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to incorporate the trustees of the National Art Gallery and Public Library respectively; to provide for the endowment and management of those institutions; to exempt from stamp duty donations and bequests to those institutions; and for purposes incidental to or consequent on the abovementioned objects,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, including amendments in the Title, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

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JOHN LACKEY,
President.

LIBRARY AND ART GALLERY BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 22nd December, 1899.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 1, Title. Omit "National Art Gallery and"
 Page 1, Title. After "Library" insert "and National Art Gallery"
 Page 2, clause 2, line 13. Omit "Norman" insert "Normand"
 Page 5, clause 18, line 6. Omit "ten" insert "thirteen"
 Page 5, clause 18, line 10. Omit "Edward" insert "Eccleston"
 Page 5, clause 18, line 10. After "James" insert "Reading"
 Page 5, clause 18, line 12. After "Abbott" insert "Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished
 "Order of Saint Michael and Saint George"
 Page 5, clause 18, line 13. Omit "and"
 Page 5, clause 18, line 14. After "Esquire" insert "The Honorable Francis Bathurst Sutor,
 and two other persons to be appointed by the Governor on the nomination of the Art
 Society of New South Wales as soon as the names of the two persons so nominated shall
 have been received by the Governor"
 Page 5, clause 18, line 14. Omit "Edward" insert "Eccleston"
 Page 5, clause 18, line 15. After "appointed" omit "the"
 Page 5, clause 18, line 15. After "President" insert "and the said Sir James Reading Fairfax
 "and Josiah Mullens are hereby appointed vice-presidents"
 Page 5, clause 19, line 19. After "President" insert "or vice-president"
 Page 5, clause 21, line 24. Omit "three" insert "four"
 Page 7, clause 32, line 24. Before "books" insert "money"

Examined,—

A. 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. Wise, Mr. Deputy-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. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Moore, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments including the amendments in the Title.

On motion of Mr. Wise, 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 incorporate the trustees of the National Art Gallery and Public Library respectively; to provide for the endowment and management of those institutions; to exempt from stamp duty donations and bequests to those institutions; and for purposes incidental to or consequent on the abovementioned objects,*"—including the amendments in the Title.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 22nd December, 1899.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

22nd December, 1899.

24. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Kidd, brought up the Sixteenth Report from the Printing Committee.

25. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS (*Railway from Bowral to Robertson*):—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report on the expediency of constructing a line of railway from Bowral to Robertson.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Edden moved, pursuant to Standing Order No. 142, That the Honorable Member for Yass, Mr. Affleck, be not further heard.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 10.

Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Holman,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Thomas,
Mr. O'Conor,
Mr. David Davis,
Mr. Ross.
Tellers,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.

Noes, 51.

Mr. Carroll,	Mr. Norton,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Dight,
Mr. Ashton,	Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Brunner,	Mr. See,	Mr. Thomas Clarke,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Spruson,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Smith,	Mr. Nelson,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. W. W. Davis,	Mr. Kidd,	Mr. McLaughlin,
Mr. Wise,	Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Watkins,	Mr. Neild,
Mr. Sleath,	Mr. Perry,	Mr. Jessep,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Ferris,	Mr. Meagher,
Mr. Lees,	Mr. Dick,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Quinn,	Mr. Piddington.
Mr. Archer,	Mr. Archibald Campbell,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Miller,	Mr. Wood,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Affleck,	Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Austin Chapman.
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Hassall,	
Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. Willis,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Debate continued.

Original Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 56.

Mr. Carroll,	Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. See,	Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Levien,	Mr. Thomas Clarke,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Lees,	Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. David Davis,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Dight,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Hughes,
Mr. Sleath,	Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Rose,
Mr. McLaughlin,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Henry Chapman,
Mr. Spruson,	Mr. Ferris,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Meagher,
Mr. Jessep,	Mr. Austin Chapman,	Mr. Willis,
Mr. W. W. Davis,	Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. Neild,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Fegan.
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Anderson,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Archer,	Mr. Law,	Mr. Quinn,
Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Ross,	Mr. Piddington.
Mr. Terry,	Mr. McGowen,	
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Wise,	
Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. O'Conor,	

Noes, 7.

Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Affleck,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Brunner,
Mr. Ashton.
Tellers,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Watkins.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

26. ACTION OF MR. CHISHOLM, POLICE MAGISTRATE AT WOLLONGONG, IN CASE MORGAN v. CLIFT:—Mr. Holman, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 21st November, 1899.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

27. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Lyne (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the resolution agreed to on the 21st December, 1899—that this House should meet for the despatch of Business To-morrow (Saturday)—be rescinded.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

28. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Kidd brought up the Seventeenth Report from the Printing Committee.

29. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Lyne 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 Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

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

J. P. ABBOTT,
Speaker.





PROCLAMATION

NEW SOUTH WALES,
to wit.
(L.S.)
By Deputation from
His Excellency:
FREDK. M. DARLEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

} By His Excellency The Right Honourable WILLIAM, EARL BEAUCHAMP,
Knight Commander 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.

-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, WILLIAM, EARL BEAUCHAMP, 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 thirtieth day of January next, and the same stand so prorogued accordingly.

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

By His Excellency's Command,
WILLIAM JOHN LYNE.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

1899.

(THIRD SESSION.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

BUSINESS UNDISPOSED OF AT THE CLOSE OF THE SESSION.

(PROROGUED, 23 DECEMBER, 1899.)

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS--NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. O'SULLIVAN to move, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report on the expediency of constructing a line of railway from Temora to Hillston *via* Wyalong.
2. MR. O'SULLIVAN to move, That it is expedient that a line of railway from Grafton to Lismore, as referred by the Legislative Assembly to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out by the construction of the Casino-Lismore section, as recommended by the said Committee.
3. MR. O'SULLIVAN to move, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider the expediency of constructing a line of railway from Broken Hill to Menindie.
4. MR. O'SULLIVAN to move, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report on the expediency of constructing a line of railway from Temora to Gunbar, first section.
5. MR. CRICK to move, That the following Standing Order be adopted by this House, and presented by Mr. Speaker to His Excellency the Governor for approval:—
Unless, as hereafter provided, no Member shall speak—
(a) In the House for more than forty minutes on any question submitted from the Chair, except—
 1. In the Debate on the Address-in-Reply.
 2. On the Financial Statement or Appropriation Bill.
 3. On a Motion of Censure.
 4. In moving the second reading of a Bill,
when the limit shall not exceed one hour.
(b) In Committees of the Whole House no Member shall speak more than twice on any question submitted from the Chair. Any Member being called a second time shall not exceed ten minutes. Provided that this rule shall not apply to any Member in charge of a Bill or on consideration of the Estimates or a Supply Bill. Provided, also, that in any case arising under this Standing Order the Member speaking may ask the indulgence of the House or Committee, and the Speaker or Chairman, as the case may be, shall take the sense of the House or Committee, and shall declare on the voices "Aye" or "No," and such decision shall be final.
6. MR. FEGAN to move, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893, and the Acts amending the same, so as to extend the franchise to adult female persons resident in New South Wales.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Cobar to Wilcannia Railway Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Cobar to Wilcannia, provided that before commencing the said work certain land required is contracted to be conveyed free of cost to the Crown; to authorise the transfer of certain Crown land revenue of the district benefited by the line to the account of the receipts of the said line; to amend the provisions of the Public Works Act of 1888, so far as they relate to the duty of the Constructing Authority to make and maintain fences along the said line of railway; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; and for other purposes.
2. Fisheries Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading.
3. Inebriates Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading.
4. Miners Accident Relief Bill; second reading.

5. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
6. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
7. Stock Diseases (Tick) Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make temporary provision for the prevention and cure of Texas and tick fever, and other diseases in stock caused by ticks, and to regulate the travelling of stock.
8. Public Service (Amendment) Bill; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Wise, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
9. Koorawatha to Grenfell Railway (Amendment) Bill; second reading.
10. The Rock to Green's Gonyah Railway (Amendment) Bill; second reading.
11. Byrock to Brewarrina Railway (Amendment) Bill; second reading.
12. Mining Laws Further Amendment Bill; second reading.
13. Shearers Accommodation Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the proper and sufficient accommodation of shearers.
14. Medical Practitioners Amendment Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading.
15. Lindfield St. Leonards Railway Crossing Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to enable the Railway Commissioners of New South Wales to close certain level-crossings on the railway line between Milson's Point and Hornsby Junction, and to provide ways in substitution therefor; and to declare certain portions of such ways to be public thoroughfares.
16. Municipal District of Inverell Reduced Area Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. See, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
17. Casino Municipal Boundaries Bill; second reading.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. E. M. CLARK to move, That the Report of the Select Committee on "Claim of Mr. Theophilus Stephens—Crown Law Department," brought up on 30th November, 1899, be now adopted.
2. MR. E. M. CLARK to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims and titles to the various grants known as the Gore and Artarmon Estates.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Hassall, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Law, Mr. Howarth, Mr. Haynes, Mr. Watson, Mr. Gormly, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Richards, and the Mover.
 - (3.) That the Report, Minutes of Proceedings, and Evidence of the Select Committee of Session 1896, together with all papers referred thereto, be referred to such Committee.
3. MR. LAW to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that all electors of New South Wales, elected either to the Federal Senate or House of Representatives, in conformity with the provisions of the Australian Commonwealth Bill of 1898, shall not be eligible for the position of Parliamentary representative in either branch of the New South Wales Parliament after having been duly sworn in for either of the aforesaid positions.
4. MR. E. M. CLARK to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the suspension and claims of Robert Roberts, late bookbinder in the Registrar-General's Department.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Wood, Mr. Archibald Campbell, Mr. Lees, Mr. Nobbs, Mr. W. W. Davis, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Byrne, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hawthorne, and the Mover.
5. MR. HAYNES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
 - (1.) All analyses since 1st January, 1899, of hop beer and such like drinks that have been made by the Customs Department, giving the names of the makers or sellers, and the result of the analysis in each case.
 - (2.) The names of all those that have been prosecuted for making hop beer above or below 2 per cent. proof spirit respectively.
 - (3.) The printed notice sent to brewers, relating to the manufacture of hop beer sent out some time in 1895.
 - (4.) All the papers concerning the complaint made by Henry Joseph, brewer, of Moree, against Excise-Inspector James D'Arcy.
6. MR. HAWTHORNE to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report on all matters affecting the interests of property-owners on the west side of Flood-street, Leichhardt, by the proposed Government alignment of the said street.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Anderson, Mr. Millard, Mr. Archer, Mr. Jessep, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Holman, Mr. E. M. Clark, Mr. Carroll, Mr. Young, and the Mover.
7. MR. NEILD to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
 - (1.) The total number of divorces granted in this Colony since the 30th June, 1893.
 - (2.) The number of such divorces granted under the Divorce Amendment and Extension Act of 1892.
8. MR. CARROLL to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Land fronting Throsby and "Cottage Creeks, sold by A. A. Dangar, Esq.," brought up on the 26th October, 1898, be now adopted.
9. MR. THOMAS to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should fully equip and maintain prospecting parties to search for minerals, and all deposits of minerals thus discovered should be worked by the Government for the benefit of the State.

10. **MR. CHANTER** to move,—
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House—(a) all revenue derived from the sale, lease, or other occupation of Crown lands should in the future be devoted only to the construction of public works; (b) no loan moneys in the future should be expended in other than reproductive works, such as railways, telegraphs, telephones, and such other works as will yield a direct return to the Treasury.
 (2.) That the above resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
11. **MR. WADDELL** to move, That, in the opinion of this House,—
 (1.) The provision of the Licensing Act which requires each hotel-keeper to pay £30 per annum for his license (except for a hotel 10 miles distant from any other) is a most unjust one, and should be amended.
 (2.) The Government should, as soon as possible, introduce an amending Bill, providing a minimum of £10 and a maximum of £50 per annum for publicans' licenses, and authorising the local Licensing Bench of Magistrates, after a full inquiry in open Court, to fix the sum to be paid by each applicant, subject to the said minimum and maximum sums named.
12. **MR. GILLIES** to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon all the circumstances attending the accident to one Albert Burbank, on the railway premises at Tamworth, on the 2nd day of July, 1897.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Bennett, Mr. Edden, Mr. Dight, Mr. Meagher, Mr. Wilks, Mr. Gormly, Mr. Thomas Brown, Mr. Nicholson, and the Mover.
13. **MR. ALEXANDER CAMPBELL** to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Claim of James and Patrick Guihen, of Kangaroo Valley," brought up on 30th November, 1899, be now adopted.
14. **MR. THOMAS BROWN** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House all papers, reports, and correspondence relating to,—
 (1.) The approved applications by the lessees of the Troff's pastoral holding in the Central Division to convert part of the Troff's leasehold area into scrub lease areas.
 (2.) The refused application of Mr. D. Crowley to make up the area of his conditional purchase holding over part of the land embraced in said scrub lease applications.
15. **MR. CHANTER** to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claim made by Messrs. Permewan, Wright, & Co., Limited, against the Government for the destruction of their steamer "Rodney" on the Murray River.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. See, Mr. Henry Clarke, Mr. McGowen, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Gormly, Mr. Waddell, Mr. Wright, Mr. Sawers, and the Mover.
 (3.) That the Return to Order, and Further Return to Order, "Destruction by Fire of the Steamer 'Rodney,'" laid upon the Table on 22nd October, 1895, and 13th November, 1895, respectively, be referred to such Committee.
16. **MR. CHANTER** to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Claims of Mrs. Guilfoyle, widow of the late Forester at Moama," brought up on 23rd November, 1899, be now adopted.
17. **MR. THOMAS BROWN** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return furnishing the following particulars with respect to the Central pastoral lease holdings:—
 (1.) Names and areas of such leasehold holdings and their registered lessees.
 (2.) Names of such holdings over which an extension of leases has been granted under section 3 of 1895 Land Act, and terms of such extended leases.
 (3.) Names of holdings on which conversions of pastoral leased lands into scrub lease areas have been made, in terms of section 35 of 1889 Land Act, and subsection vi of section 26 of 1895 Land Act; also the areas and terms of such scrub leases.
 (4.) Names of holdings on which applications for conversion into scrub lease areas have been refused, the areas embraced in such applications, and reasons of refusal.
 (5.) Names of holdings and areas embraced in scrub lease applications not yet finally dealt with.
 (6.) Names of holdings and area of resumed areas held under occupation license; also area of such lands under reservation, and thereby debarred to settlement.
 (7.) Names of holdings and area of land which originally formed part of same, but which are now held by the lessees as improvement leases; also terms of such improvement leases.
 (8.) Names of holdings, and area of alienated lands which originally formed part of same, and are now held and worked in conjunction with such pastoral holdings.
18. **MR. J. C. L. FITZPATRICK** to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the case of Quartermaster Sergeant Troy.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. See, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Henry Chapman, Mr. W. W. Davis, Mr. E. M. Clark, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Dacey, Mr. Nobbs, Mr. Neild, and the Mover.
19. **MR. MOORE** to move, That, in view of the importance of the mining industry, the need of reform of the mining laws, and the increasing responsibilities of administration, this House is of opinion that the Minister for Mines should give his undivided attention to the duties of that office.
20. **MR. NEILD** to move, That this House affirms,—
 (1.) That it is the duty of the Government to introduce, immediately, a Bill to authorise Old Age Pensions.
 (2.) That pending the adoption of pension legislation, out-door relief should, as far as practicable, be substituted for the existing asylum system.
21. **MR. ARTHUR GRIFFITH** to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Public Instruction Act of 1880, so as to render instruction in the Public Schools free.

22. MR. NORTON to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Act 47 Victoria No. 5, so as to abolish the Ministerial offices of Attorney-General, Secretary for Mines, and Postmaster-General; to transfer the official duties of such Ministers to other persons; to define in certain cases the duties of certain Ministers; to reduce the salaries payable to persons holding office as Ministers of the Crown for the time being; and for other purposes connected therewith.
23. MR. NORTON to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Parliamentary Representatives Allowance Act, 53 Vic. No. 12; to deduct certain sums from allowances payable thereunder; and for other purposes connected therewith.
24. MR. NORTON to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to abolish the present system under which the Attorney-General of New South Wales acts as a Grand Jury; and for other purposes connected therewith.
25. MR. BARNES to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon all the circumstances attending the conditional purchase made by one George Vincent, in the district of Gundagai, on the 22nd day of August, 1878, of 640 acres, parish of Mooney Mooney, county of Harden.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Young, Mr. Gormly, Mr. Macdonald, Mr. Carroll, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Affleck, Mr. Ashton, and the Mover.
 (3.) That the Reports, Minutes of Proceedings, and Evidence of the Select Committees of Sessions 1894-5 and 1897 respectively be referred to such Committee.
26. MR. MEAGHER to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill dealing with principles of freedom of trade and contract in respect to bonds taken by brewers over the licensees of public-houses.
27. MR. MEAGHER to move, That, in the opinion of this House, in view of the state of the finances and the contribution to be made shortly by this Colony towards the expenses of the Federal Commonwealth, including the salary and maintenance of the Governor-General and his establishment, it is expedient that steps should be taken to reduce the salary and expenses of the vice-regal establishment of this Colony.
28. MR. DACEY to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Claim of Mr. Sherlock Barron, North Botany," brought up on 23rd November, 1899, be now adopted.
29. MR. MOORE to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the provisions of the Electoral Law relating to electors' rights should be repealed, and other means adopted for the prevention of personation which will not cause the wholesale disfranchisement of electors.
30. DR. ROSS to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing a list of the pastoral leases, area in acres, rent, resumed area of each, and amount of license fee on each from 1885 to 1898 inclusive, falling due in the middle of next year in the Central Division.
31. MR. ARTHUR GRIFFITH to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Laws relating to the Registration of Trade Marks.
32. MR. ARTHUR GRIFFITH to move, That the Attachment of Wages Abolition Bill, forwarded to the Legislative Council during a previous 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 abolish Attachment of Wages," forwarded to the Legislative Council 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 Assembly requests that the said Bill be proceeded with under the Council's Standing Orders in that behalf.
33. MR. HAYES to move, That, in the opinion of this House, no exchange of land, under the 47th section of the Crown Lands Act, should be agreed to, unless for other lands on the holding, and in no case for lands outside unless adjoining or in the immediate vicinity of the nearest town.
34. MR. CARROLL to move, That, in the opinion of this House,—
 (1.) A resident Government geologist should be appointed to the various mining centres of the Colony.
 (2.) Prospecting aid should be locally dealt with by a local board.
 (3.) Such board should consist of the resident geologist, the local Police Magistrate, and a local resident, to be nominated by holders of miners' rights.
35. MR. NEILD to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Patents Law Amendment Act, 1895.
36. MR. QUINN to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Mr. Joseph Simpson Archibald Taylor, formerly Resident Engineer for Roads and Bridges in the Public Works Department, who was retrenched in 1893.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Lee, Mr. Byrne, Mr. Carroll, Mr. Kidd, Mr. Dight, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Ashton, and the Mover.
37. MR. MEAGHER to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the interests of Parliamentary Government will be best conserved by the abolition of a political body like the Elections and Qualifications Committee, and in substitution therefor the appointment of an independent judicial tribunal similar to that in vogue in the Imperial Parliament.
38. MR. WADDELL to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should, as soon as possible, reintroduce, for the consideration of this House, the Lands for Closer Settlement Bill, introduced on the 27th May, 1896.
39. MR. MEAGHER to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should bring in a Bill to amend the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893, and the Amending Act of 1896, by abolishing the system of electoral rights, and providing for the adoption of the Hare system of balloting.

40. **MR. CARROLL** to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the contract of S. F. Stokes, at the Middle Billabong Creek, near Hillston, as to the claims of such contractor and the men engaged on said contract.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Lee, Mr. Fegan, Mr. Sleath, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Hurley, Mr. Byrne, Mr. Ashton, Mr. Anderson, and the Mover.
41. **MR. AUSTIN CHAPMAN** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should take immediate steps to pass a Lands for Closer Settlement Bill.
42. **MR. NEILD** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House all letters, minutes, memorandums, opinions of counsel, and all other papers connected with or relating to the suspension, arrest, and reinstatement of the Lieutenant-Colonel Commanding the 7th Infantry (Volunteer) Regiment in April, 1899.
43. **MR. AUSTIN CHAPMAN** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, legislation should be at once passed providing for the reappraisal of conditional purchases, and the reduction of interest at present demanded from the selectors.
44. **MR. MEAGHER** to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claim of A. H. Byron against the Government of New South Wales, in respect of certain inventions of his in use on the Government tramways.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Lee, Mr. W. W. Davis, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Dacey, Mr. Gillies, Mr. Terry, Mr. E. M. Clark, and the Mover.
45. **MR. ROSE** to move,—
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House,—
 (a) The Land-tax has completely failed to facilitate settlement on large estates.
 (b) With the view of increasing the number of small landholders in the country, the Government should be empowered to resume large estates adjacent to centres of population.
 (c) The sum of £100,000 per annum should be set apart from £1,000,000 annual revenue derived from land sales, to form the nucleus of a fund for resumption purposes.
 (d) In all cases the returns furnished by landowners to the Taxation Commissioners should be accepted as the unimproved value of such estates.
 (2.) That the above resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Government Railways Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Sunday Observance Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the better observance of the Sunday; for the closing of business places, and prohibiting the sale of goods in those places during certain hours; to amend the Liquor Act, 1898; and for purposes incidental to or consequent on those objects.
3. Stanford Coal-mine Railway Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
4. Agricultural Leases Bill; second reading.
5. Sunday Trading Bill; second reading.
6. Yass Roman Catholic Church Trustees Enabling Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
7. Hotels Diminishing Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to lessen the number of hotels in proportion to the population.
8. Seamen Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Seamen Act of 1898.
9. Inclosed Lands Protection Act Amendment Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Dight, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
10. Ministerial Election Bill; second reading.
11. Saywell's Tramway and Electric Lighting Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
12. Companies Acts Amendment Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading.
13. Indecent Advertisements Bill; second reading.
14. Sydney and North Sydney Bridge and Tramway Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
15. Dentists Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
16. Labour Unions Employees Protection Bill; second reading.
17. Public Hospitals (Voting) Bill; second reading.
18. Government Coal Mines; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Edden, "That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should take practical steps to give effect to the resolution passed on the 22nd of November, 1898, to the effect that, 'In the opinion of this House the time has arrived when the Government should take steps to secure coal-mines sufficient to supply their own requirements.'"
19. Coal-lumpers Baskets Bill; second reading.
20. Juvenile Smoking Suppression Bill; second reading.
21. Companies Employees Wages Protection Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to protect the wages of workmen employed by Joint Stock Companies; to provide for the payment of wages in preference to other debts due by Companies; and to amend the Companies Act, the Friendly Societies Act of 1873, and the Joint Stock Companies Arrangement Act of 1892.

22. Art Unions Act Amendment Bill (*Council Bill*) ; second reading.
23. Sydney Dancing and Athletic Halls Regulation Bill ; second reading.
24. Municipalities Act of 1897 Amending Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
25. Amended Life Insurance Encouragement Bill ; second reading.
26. Fire Insurance Policies Bill ; second reading.
27. Totalizator Bill (*Council Bill*) ; second reading.
28. Trade Union (Subscription Recovery) Bill ; second reading.
29. North Shore Bridge Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading.
30. Lismore Municipal Boundaries Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading.
31. Truck Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate contracts made with respect to and the payment of wages ; to prohibit such payment being paid in goods, or otherwise than in money ; and to regulate the service of legal process.
32. Interest on Judgments Amendment Bill ; second reading.
33. Municipalities (Election) Bill ; second reading.
34. Metropolitan Sale-yards (Fees) Bill (*Council Bill*) ; second reading.
35. Police Force of New South Wales ; resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. Norton, "That, in the opinion of this House, a Royal Commission, consisting of not less than five persons, one of whom shall be a Supreme Court Judge, and one a Member of the Legislative Assembly, should be appointed to inquire into and report upon the present condition, organisation, and administration of the Police Force of New South Wales."
36. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill ; resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. Haynes, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
37. Liquor Act Amendment Bill ; further consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Liquor Act of 1898 in certain particulars therein set forth.

Legislative Assembly Office,
Sydney, 23 December, 1899.

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

1899.
(THIRD SESSION.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

ATTENDANCES OF MEMBERS IN DIVISIONS AND COUNTS-OUT
DURING THE THIRD SESSION OF 1899.

	Divisions in the House.	Divisions in Committee.	Counts-out.	Total.
Abbott, The Hon. Sir Joseph Palmer, K.C.M.G. (<i>Speaker</i>)	.....	2	.....	2
Afleck, William, Esq.	31	15	1	47
Anderson, George, Esq.	23	28	1	52
Archer, William, Esq.	24	17	.....	41
Ashton, James, Esq.	21	10	.....	31
Barnes, John Frederick, Esq.	28	13	.....	41
Barton, Edmund, Esq., Q.C.	15	8	.....	23
Bennett, Walter, Esq.	20	20	.....	40
Brown, Thomas, Esq.	13	13	.....	26
Brunker, James Nixon, Esq.	49	32	2	74
Byrne, Francis Arthur, Esq.	19	16	.....	35
Campbell, Alexander, Esq.	22	15	.....	37
Campbell, Archibald, Esq.	14	6	.....	20
Cann, John Henry, Esq.	30	12	.....	42
Carroll, James George, Esq.	33	41	1	81
Carruthers, Joseph Hector, Esq.	10	1	.....	11
Chauter, John Moore, Esq.	7	7	.....	14
Chapman, Austin, Esq.	19	13	.....	32
Chapman, Henry, Esq.	18	12	.....	30
Clark, Edward Mann, Esq.	21	10	.....	31
Clarke, Henry, Esq.	24	6	.....	30
Clarke, Thomas, Esq.	19	8	.....	27
Cohen, John Jacob, Esq.	36	25	.....	61
Cook, Joseph, Esq.	41	37	2	80
Copeland, The Hon. Henry	23	9	.....	32
Colton, Francis, Esq.	7	1	2	10
Crick, The Hon. William Patrick, Esq.	16	12	.....	28
Cruickshank, George Alexander, Esq.	20	15	.....	35
Dacey, John Rowland, Esq.	18	22	1	41
Davis, David, Esq.	20	16	.....	36
Davis, William Walter, Esq.	14	11	.....	25
Dick, William Thomas, Esq.	18	11	.....	29
Dight, Charles Hilton, Esq.	21	13	.....	34
Donaldson, Robert, Esq.	15	19	1	35
Edden, Alfred, Esq.	29	19	.....	48
Ewing, Thomas Thomson, Esq.	8	.....	.....	8
Fegan, John Lionel, Esq.	32	33	1	71
Ferguson, William John, Esq.	23	21	.....	47
Ferris, William John, Esq.	23	13	.....	36
FitzGerald, Robert George Dundas, Esq.	6	2	.....	8
Fitzpatrick, John Charles Lucas, Esq.	29	33	2	64
Fitzpatrick, Thomas, Esq.	24	17	.....	41
Garland, John, Esq.	34	24	.....	58
Gillies, John, Esq.	28	23	.....	51
Goodwin, Thomas Henry Hall, Esq.	9	2	.....	11
Gormly, James, Esq.	12	4	.....	16
Graham, James, Esq., M.D.	20	3	.....	23
Griffith, Arthur Hill, Esq.	28	12	1	41
Griffith, Thomas Hunter, Esq.	10	6	.....	16
Harris, Sir Matthew, Kt.	10	2	.....	12
Hassall, The Hon. Thomas Henry, Esq.	34	32	.....	66
Hawthorne, John Stuart, Esq.	33	23	1	57
Hayes, James, Esq.	2	.....	.....	2
Haynes, John, Esq.	13	9	.....	22
Hogue, James Alexander, Esq.	27	13	1	41
Holman, William Arthur, Esq.	22	8	.....	30
Howarth, George, Esq.	9	5	.....	14
Hughes, William Morris, Esq.	22	15	.....	37
Hurley, William Fergus, Esq.	24	24	.....	48
Jessep, Thomas, Esq.	27	28	1	56

	Divisions in the House.	Divisions in Committee.	Counts-out.	Total.
Kidd, John, Esq.	19	17	.....	36
Law, Sydney James, Esq.	32	24	2	56
Lec, Charles Alfred, Esq.	16	4	2	22
Lees, Samuel Edward, Esq.	23	10	.....	33
Levien, Robert Henry, Esq.	13	8	.....	26
Lyne, The Hon. William John, Esq.	35	34	1	70
Macdonald, Hugh, Esq.	22	14	.....	38
Mackay, James Alexander Kenneth, Esq. (Resigned 15th September, 1899)	6	3	.....	9
Maiony, William Henry, Esq.	17	8	1	26
McCourt, William, Esq. (<i>Chairman of Committees</i>)	28	.....	.....	28
McFarlane, John, Esq.	16	20	.....	36
McGowen, James Sinclair Taylor, Esq.	34	35	1	70
McLaughlin, John, Esq.	13	15	.....	28
McLean, Francis Edward, Esq.	17	5	.....	22
Mengher, Richard Denis, Esq.	33	23	.....	56
Millard, William, Esq.	27	25	1	53
Millor, Gustave Thomas Carlisle, Esq.	24	32	.....	56
Molesworth, Edmund William, Esq.	21	9	.....	30
Moore, Samuel Wilkins, Esq. (<i>Temporary Chairman of Committees</i>)	20	21	1	52
Morgan, William, Esq.	25	14	.....	39
Neild, John Cash, Esq.	14	10	1	25
Nelson, Arthur David, Esq.	23	10	.....	33
Newman, Henry William, Esq. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Nicholson, John Barnes, Esq.	28	14	.....	42
Nielson, Niel Rasmus Wilson, Esq. (From 17th October, 1899)	23	26	.....	49
Nobbs, John, Esq.	20	25	.....	54
Norton, John, Esq.	22	17	1	40
O'Connor, Broughton Barnabas, Esq.	20	11	.....	31
O'Sullivan, The Hon. Edward William, Esq.	40	38	.....	78
Parkes, Varney, Esq.	13	2	.....	15
Perry, The Hon. John, Esq.	30	21	.....	51
Phillips, Simeon, Esq.	20	20	.....	40
Piddington, William Henry Burgess, Esq. (<i>Temporary Chairman of Committees</i>)	23	9	.....	32
Price, Richard Atkinson, Esq.	15	9	.....	24
Pyers, Robert, Esq.	18	17	.....	35
Quinn, Patrick Edward, Esq.	36	17	.....	53
Reid, The Right Hon. George Houstoun, P.C., Q.C.	18	12	.....	30
Reymond, Joseph Bernard, Esq.	10	6	.....	16
Richards, Edwin, Esq.	23	22	.....	45
Rigg, William, Esq.	18	9	.....	27
Rose, Thomas, Esq.	18	16	.....	34
Ross, Andrew, Esq., M.D.	16	7	.....	23
Ross, Hugh, Esq.	26	19	.....	45
Sawers, William, Esq.	23	12	.....	35
See, The Hon. John, Esq.	27	22	.....	49
Seath, Richard, Esq.	26	25	.....	51
Smith, Samuel, Esq.	37	36	.....	73
Spence, William Guthrie, Esq.	29	24	.....	53
Spruson, Wilfred Joseph, Esq.	30	25	.....	55
Storey, David, Esq.	8	1	.....	9
Suttor, The Hon. Francis Bathurst	17	16	.....	33
Terry, Edward, Esq.	28	11	.....	39
Thomas, Josiah, Esq. (<i>Temporary Chairman of Committees</i>)	25	13	.....	38
Thomson, Dugald, Esq.	17	11	.....	28
Thomson, James, Esq.	21	13	.....	34
Waddell, Thomas, Esq.	21	14	.....	38
Watkins, David, Esq.	22	13	.....	35
Watson, John Christian, Esq.	30	30	.....	60
Whiddon, Samuel Thomas, Esq. (<i>Temporary Chairman of Committees</i>)	15	5	.....	20
Wilks, William Henry, Esq. (<i>Temporary Chairman of Committees</i>)	22	10	1	33
Willis, William Nicholas, Esq.	17	14	1	32
Wilson, Charles Graham, Esq.	13	6	.....	19
Wise, The Hon. Bernhard Ringrose, Esq., Q.C.	24	17	.....	41
Wood, The Hon. William Herbert, Esq.	30	26	.....	56
Wright, Francis Augustus, Esq.	19	10	.....	29
Young, The Hon. James Henry	16	5	1	22

Legislative Assembly Office,
Sydney, 23rd December, 1899.

F. W. WEBB,
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1899.
(THIRD SESSION.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

BUSINESS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NEW SOUTH WALES
DURING THE THIRD SESSION OF 1899.

1. New Writs issued	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
2. Select Committees:—											
On Public Matters	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
On Private Bills	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
											19
3. Standing Committees	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
4. Public Bills:—											
Originated in the Assembly—											
Received the Royal Assent	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	31
Otherwise disposed of	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	53
											84
Brought from the Council—											
Received the Royal Assent	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
Otherwise disposed of	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
											30
											114
5. Private Bills:—											
Originated in the Assembly—											
Received the Royal Assent	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Otherwise disposed of	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
											10
Brought from the Council—											
Received the Royal Assent	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Otherwise disposed of	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
											5
											15
6. Petitions received:—											
Printed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	112
Not Printed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
											122
7. Divisions:—											
In the House	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	42
In Committee of the Whole	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	42
											84
8. Sittings (for details see paragraph 15, page 2):—											
Days of Meeting	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	58
Hours of Sitting	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	530 h. 7 m.
Hours of Sitting after Midnight	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	112 h. 2 m.
Daily Average	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9 h. 8 m.
Adjourned for want of a Quorum—											
Before commencement of Business	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
After commencement of Business	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
											2
9. Votes and Proceedings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	58
Entries in Votes and Proceedings—											
Of Business done	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	794
Of Questions answered	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	523
											1,317
Daily Average	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22
Entries in Notices Paper—											
Of Questions	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	946
Of Notices of Motion	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,275
Of Orders of the Day	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,325
Of Contingent Notices	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
											7,546
Daily Average	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	130
10. Contingent Notice Papers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
11. Orders for Papers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21
12. Addresses for Papers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
13. Other Addresses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
14. Papers laid upon the Table:—											
By Message	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	56
By Command	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	281
In Return to Orders	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	37
In Return to Addresses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Reports from Standing and Select Committees	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	33
											409
Ordered to be Printed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	169
Not ordered to be Printed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	240
											409
											15.

15. Sittings of the House:—

Return of the number of days on which the House sat in the Third Session of 1899, stating, for each day, the date of the month and the day of the week, the hour of the meeting and the hour of adjournment, and the total number of hours occupied in the sittings of the House, and the average time; and showing the total number of hours on which the House sat each day, and the number of hours after midnight, and the number of entries in each day's Votes and Proceedings.

No.	Month.	Day.	House Met.	House Adjourned.	Hours of Sitting.	Hours after Mid-night.	Entries in Votes.	
1	18 July	Tuesday	12 noon	12 25 o'clock p.m.	0 25	h. m.	11	
2	19	Wednesday	3 30 o'clock p.m.	11 5	7 35	h. m.		
3	20	Thursday	3 30	10 47 a.m.	7 17	h. m.	7	
4	25	Tuesday	3 30	11 5 p.m.	7 35	h. m.	18	
5	28	Wednesday	3 30	11 45	8 15	h. m.	21	
6	28	Friday	11 30	8 37 a.m.	29 7	20 37	3	
7	1 August	Tuesday	4	12 45 p.m.	1 15	h. m.	8	
8	2	Wednesday	4	8 31	4 31	h. m.	14	
9	3	Thursday	4	11 10	7 10	h. m.	10	
10	8	Tuesday	4	11 7	7 7	h. m.	17	
11	9	Wednesday	4	11 15	7 15	h. m.	8	
12	10	Thursday	4	10 30	6 30	h. m.	12	
13	15	Tuesday	4	11 40	7 40	h. m.	15	
14	16	Wednesday	4	10 15	6 15	h. m.	16	
15	17	Thursday	4	11 3	7 3	h. m.	14	
16	22	Tuesday	4	12 32 a.m.	8 32	0 32	13	
17	23	Wednesday	4	10 50 p.m.	6 50	h. m.	16	
18	24	Thursday	4	12 20 a.m.	8 20	0 20	13	
19	29	Tuesday	4	11	7 0	h. m.	6	
20	30	Wednesday	4	4 46	0 46	h. m.	5	
21	31	Thursday	4	10 5	6 5	h. m.	2	
22	5 September	Tuesday	4	12 46 a.m.	8 46	0 46	4	
23	6	Wednesday	4	11 2	7 2	h. m.	2	
24	7	Thursday	4	1 50 a.m.	9 50	1 50	4	
25	12	Tuesday	4	12 19	8 19	0 19	1	
26	13	Wednesday	4	4 32	0 32	h. m.	2	
27	14	Thursday	4	4 34	0 34	h. m.	9	
28	17 October	Tuesday	4	10 28	6 28	h. m.	15	
29	18	Wednesday	4	10 56	6 56	h. m.	12	
30	19	Thursday	4	11 43	7 43	h. m.	14	
31	24	Tuesday	4	7 34 a.m.	15 34	7 34	20	
32	25	Wednesday	4	10 50 p.m.	6 50	h. m.	17	
33	26	Thursday	4	6 42 a.m.	14 42	6 42	13	
34	31	Tuesday	4	10 26 p.m.	6 26	h. m.	14	
35	1 November	Wednesday	4	1 29 a.m.	9 29	1 29	10	
36	2	Thursday	4	12 40	8 40	0 40	38	
37	7	Tuesday	4	11 20 p.m.	7 20	h. m.	25	
38	8	Wednesday	4	8 14 a.m.	16 14	8 14	26	
39	14	Tuesday	4	12 10	8 10	0 10	15	
40	15	Wednesday	4	2	10 0	2 0	17	
41	16	Thursday	4	11 12	7 12	h. m.	10	
42	21	Tuesday	4	3 30	11 30	3 30	19	
43	22	Wednesday	4	4 53	12 53	4 53	17	
44	23	Thursday	4	1 32	9 32	1 32	18	
45	28	Tuesday	4	12 10	8 10	0 10	21	
46	29	Wednesday	4	12 52	8 52	0 52	12	
47	30	Thursday	4	1 41	9 41	1 41	17	
48	1 December	Friday	10	11 20 p.m.	7 20	h. m.	7	
49	5	Tuesday	4	10 23	12 23	h. m.	1	
50	6	Wednesday	4	4 33	0 33	h. m.	15	
51	7	Thursday	4	12 56	8 56	0 56	14	
52	8	Friday	10	11 39	7 39	h. m.	9	
53	12	Tuesday	4	9 49	11 49	h. m.	16	
54	13	Wednesday	4	5 3	13 3	5 3	18	
55	19	Tuesday	2	1 25	33 25	25 25	33	
56	20	Wednesday	4	3 36	13 36	3 36	33	
57	21	Thursday	4	12 25	20 25	12 25	17	
58	22	Friday	11 30	12 10 a.m.	8 10	0 10	29	
Total.....					528	7	111 26	804

Average length of sitting, daily, 9 hours 6 minutes.

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