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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 23 JULY, 1901.

1. OPENING OF PARLIAMENT:—The House met at Twelve o'clock at Noon, pursuant to a Proclamation of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, bearing date the ninth day of July, 1901, of which a copy was read by Mr. Frederick William Webb, C.M.G., the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, as follows:—

" NEW SOUTH WALES, ) Proclamation by His Excellency the Honorable Sir FREDERICK MATTHEW  
 " to wit. ) DARLEY, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint-  
 " (L.S.) Michael and Saint George, Lieutenant-Governor of the State of New  
 " FREDK. M. DARLEY, South Wales and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia.  
 " Lieutenant-Governor.

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

" Given under my Hand and Seal, at Sydney, this ninth day of July, in the year of our " Lord one thousand nine hundred and one, and in the first year of His Majesty's Reign.  
 " By His Excellency's Command,  
 " JOHN SEE.

" GOD SAVE THE KING!"

2. WRITS OF ELECTION:—The Clerk announced that he had received, through the Honorable the Chief Secretary, a correct List, without any omission, certified by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, of the names of the several persons returned to serve in the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, together with the respective Writs upon which they were so returned.

Names of Members returned.	Electoral Districts for which returned.
Affleck, William ... ..	Yass.
Anderson, George ... ..	Waterloo.
Archer, William ... ..	Burwood.
Ashton, James ... ..	Goulburn.
Barnes, John Frederick ... ..	Gundagai.
Bennett, Walter ... ..	Durham.
Briner, George Stuart ... ..	Raleigh.
Broughton, Ernest Clement Vernon ... ..	Sydney—King Division.
Brunker, James Nixon ... ..	East Maitland.
Burgess, George Arthur ... ..	Young.
Byrne, Francis Arthur ... ..	Hay.
Campbell, Alexander ... ..	Kiama.
Campbell, Archibald ... ..	Illawarra.
Cann, John Henry... ..	Broken Hill.
	Carroll,

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Carroll, James George	The Lachlan.
Carruthers, Joseph Hector	St. George.
Chapman, Albert Edward	Braidwood.
Clara, Patrick James	Condoumlin.
Clark, Edward Mann	St. Leonards.
Clarke, Henry	Bega.
Cohen, John Jacob	Petersham.
Coleman, John William	Lismore.
Collins, Albert Ernest	Narrabri.
Crick, William Patrick	West Macquarie.
Dacey, John Rowland	Botany.
Daley, William Michael	Sydney—Gipps Division.
Davidson, Robert	The Hastings and The Macleay.
Davis, William Walter	Bourke.
Dick, William Thomas	Newcastle East.
Dight, Charles Hilton	Singleton.
Donaldson, Robert Thomas	Tumut.
Edden, Alfred	Kahibah.
Estell, John	Wallsend.
Evans, Joseph George	Deniliquin.
Fallick, James	Newtown—St. Peter's Division.
Farnell, Frank	Ryde.
Fegan, John Lionel	Wickham.
Ferguson, William John	Sturt.
Fitzpatrick, John Charles Lucas	Rylstone.
Fitzpatrick, Thomas	The Murrumbidgee.
Fleming, William Montgomerie	Robertson.
George, Eden	Sydney—Belmore Division.
Gilbert, Owen	Newcastle West.
Gillies, John	West Maitland.
Gormly, James	Wagga Wagga.
Griffith, Arthur	Waratah.
Griffith, Thomas Hunter	Albury.
Hall, Brinsley	The Hawkesbury.
Hall, David Robert	Gunnedah.
Hawthorne, John Stuart	Leichhardt.
Hayes, James	The Murray.
Haynes, John	Wellington.
Hogue, James Alexander	Glebe.
Hollis, Robert	Newtown—Erskine Division.
Holman, William Arthur	Grenfell.
Howarth, George	Willoughby.
Hurley, John	Hartley.
Hurley, William Fergus	Macquarie.
Jessep, Thomas	Waverley.
Kelly, Andrew Joseph	Sydney—Denison Division.
Kidd, John	Camden.
Latimer, William Fleming	Woollahra.
Law, Sydney James	Balmain South.
Lee, Charles Alfred	Tenterfield.
Levien, Robert Henry	Quirindi.
Levy, Daniel	Sydney—Fitzroy Division.
Lonsdale, Edmund	Armidale.
Macdonald, Hugh	Coonamble.
Macdonnell, Donald	Cobar.
Mackenzie, Thomas Fitzherbert Hawkins	Canterbury.
MacMahon, Michael John	Uralla-Walcha.
Mahony, William Henry	Annandale.
McCourt, William	Bowral.
McCoy, Richard Watson Walker	Marrickville.
McFarlane, John	The Clarence.
McGowen, James Sinclair Taylor	Redfern.
McIntyre, William Donald	Inverell.
McLaurin, Gordon Ranald	The Hume.
Meagher, Richard Denis	The Tweed.
Millard, William	Moruya.
Miller, Gustave Thomas Carlisle	Manaro.
Moore, Samuel Wilkinson	Bingara.
Morton, Mark Fairles	The Shoalhaven.
Moxham, Thomas Robert	Parramatta.
Nelson, Arthur David	Sydney—Hinders Division.
Newman, Henry William	Orange.
Nicholson, John Barnes	Woronora.
Nielsen, Niels Rasmus Wilson	Boorowa.
Nobbs, John	Granville.
Norton, John	Northumberland.
Oakes, Charles William	Paddington.

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O'Connor, Daniel ... ..	Sydney—Phillip Division.
O'Connor, Broughton Barnabas ... ..	Sherbrooke.
O'Sullivan, Edward William ... ..	Queanbeyan.
Perry, John... ..	Ballina.
Phillips, Simeon ... ..	Dubbo.
Power, John Joseph ... ..	Sydney—Lang Division.
Price, Richard Atkinson ... ..	Gloucester.
Pyers, Robert ... ..	The Richmond.
Quinn, Patrick Edward ... ..	Sydney—Bligh Division.
Quirk, Ellison Wentworth... ..	Warringah.
Reymond, Joseph Bernard ... ..	Ashburnham.
Richards, Edwin ... ..	Mudgee.
Rose, Thomas ... ..	Argyle.
Ross, Andrew ... ..	Molong.
Scobie, Robert ... ..	Wentworth.
See, John ... ..	Grafton.
Sleath, Richard ... ..	Wilcannia.
Smith, James Francis ... ..	Newtown—Camperdown Division.
Smith, Samuel ... ..	Sydney—Pymont Division.
Smith, Thomas Richard ... ..	The Nepean.
Storey, David ... ..	Randwick.
Storey, John ... ..	Balmain North.
Sullivan, Phillip Hurley ... ..	Darlington.
Thomson, John ... ..	The Manning.
Waddell, Thomas ... ..	Cowra.
Walsh, Raymond Joseph ... ..	Tamworth.
Webster, William ... ..	Moree.
Whiddon, Samuel Thomas... ..	Sydney—Cook Division.
Williams, William John ... ..	Alma.
Willis, William Nicholas ... ..	The Barwon.
Winchcombe, Frederick Earle ... ..	Ashfield.
Wood, William Herbert ... ..	Eden-Bombala.
Wright, Francis Augustus ... ..	Glen Innes.
Young, William White ... ..	Bathurst.

3. MESSAGE FROM THE COMMISSIONERS:—The Usher of the Black Rod being admitted, delivered a Message, that "The Commissioners request the immediate attendance of this Honorable House in the Legislative Council Chamber, to hear the Commission for opening Parliament read."

The House went, and the Deputy-President said:—

"Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,—  
 "His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor not deeming it fit to be personally present here this day, has been pleased to cause a Commission to be issued, under the Public Seal of the State, constituting us Commissioners to do all things necessary to be performed by the Lieutenant-Governor in the name and on the part of His Majesty the King, or in the name and on the part of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor of the State, in order to the opening and holding of this Parliament, as will more fully appear by the Commission itself, which must now be read."  
 Whereupon the Clerk of the Parliaments, by direction of the President, read the said Commission, as follows:—

"Edward VII, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King,  
 "Defender of the Faith, and so forth.

"To all to whom these presents shall come,—

"Greeting:

"WHEREAS, by Proclamation made on the ninth day of July instant, His Excellency the Honorable Sir FREDERICK MATTHEW DAILEY, Knight Grand Cross of our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, our Lieutenant-Governor of our State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia, did, in pursuance of the power and authority vested in him as Lieutenant-Governor of our said State, by virtue of the Act of the late Legislature thereof, intituled 'An Act to confer a Constitution on New South Wales and to grant a Civil List to Her Majesty,' as assented to by us, proclaim that a Session of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly constituted under the said Act, and composing the Parliament of our said State of New South Wales, should commence and be holden on Tuesday, the twenty-third day of July instant: And whereas, for certain causes, our said Lieutenant-Governor cannot conveniently be present in person at the opening of the said Session: Now know ye, that we, trusting in the discretion, fidelity, and care of our trusty and well-beloved the Honorable Sir John Lackey, K.C.M.G., President of the said Legislative Council, the Honorable William Joseph Trickett, the Honorable Francis Bathurst Suttor, Vice-President of our Executive Council of our said State, and the Honorable Bernhard Ringrose Wise, Members of the said Legislative Council, do, with the advice of our Executive Council of our said State, give and grant by the tenor of these presents unto the said Sir John Lackey, William Joseph Trickett, Francis Bathurst Suttor, and Bernhard Ringrose Wise, so being such President and Members of the said Legislative Council, or any two of them, full power in our name to open and hold the said Session of the said Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly on the said twenty-third day of July or subsequent day, on our behalf, to do all things necessary to be done in our name or in the name of our Governor of our said State, in and about the opening and holding of the said Parliament, and to do all such other

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" things as may be specially necessary to enable Parliament to perform acts which admit of no delay; commanding also by the tenor of these presents all whom it concerns to meet in the said Parliament that to the said Sir John Lackey, William Joseph Trickett, Francis Bathurst Suttor, and Bernhard Ringrose Wise, or any two of them, they diligently attend in the premises in the form aforesaid.

" In testimony whereof, we have caused these, our Letters, to be made patent, and the Public Seal of our said State to be hereunto affixed.

" Witness our trusty and well-beloved The Honorable Sir FREDERICK MATTHEW DARLEY, Knight Grand Cross of our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, our Lieutenant-Governor of our State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia, at Sydney, in our said State, this eighteenth day of July, in the first year of our reign, and in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and one.

" FREDK. M. DARLEY,

" Lieutenant-Governor.

" *By His Excellency's Command,*

" JOHN SEE."

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

The Deputy-President said,—

" Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,—

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

And the House having returned,—

4. COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER OATH TO MEMBERS:—The Clerk informed the Assembly that he had received through the office of the Chief Secretary, a Commission under the hand of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, and bearing the Seal of the Territory, authorising the Honorable John See, Colonial Secretary, the Honorable Thomas Waddell, Colonial Treasurer, and the Honorable William Patrick Crick, Secretary for Lands, to administer the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to the King, required by law to be taken or made and subscribed by every Member before he shall be permitted to sit or vote in the Legislative Assembly,—which Commission the Clerk read, as follows:—

" *By His Excellency the Honorable Sir FREDERICK MATTHEW DARLEY, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Lieutenant-Governor of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia.*

" To all to whom these presents shall come,—

" *Greeting:*

" In pursuance of the authority in me vested in that behalf, I Sir FREDERICK MATTHEW DARLEY, as Lieutenant-Governor of the State of New South Wales, do, with the advice of the Executive Council thereof, hereby authorise the Honorable John See, Esquire, Colonial Secretary, the Honorable Thomas Waddell, Esquire, Colonial Treasurer, and the Honorable William Patrick Crick, Esquire, Secretary for Lands, Members of the Legislative Assembly, or any one or more of them, to administer to all or any Members or Member of the said Legislative Assembly the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to His Majesty the King, 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 Public Seal of the State of New South Wales, at Sydney, in the State aforesaid, this eighteenth day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and one, and in the first year of the Reign of His Majesty King Edward the Seventh.

" FREDK. M. DARLEY,

" Lieutenant-Governor.

" *By His Excellency's Command,*

" JOHN SEE."

5. MEMBERS SWORN:—The Honorable John See, took and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance himself, and administered the same to the two other Commissioners, the Honorable Thomas Waddell and the Honorable William Patrick Crick, and then the Commissioners respectively signed the Roll of the House, and administered the Oath to all the other Members present,—the Clerk producing the several Writs returning them, and the Members signing the Roll as they were severally called to the Table, viz.:—William Affleck, Esquire. George Anderson, Esquire. William Archer, Esquire. James Ashton, Esquire. John Frederick Barnes, Esquire. The Honorable Walter Bennett, Esquire. George Stuart Briner, Esquire. Ernest Clement Vernon Broughton, Esquire. The Honorable James Nixon Brunner, Esquire. Francis Arthur Byrne, Esquire. Alexander Campbell, Esquire. Archibald Campbell, Esquire. John Henry Cann, Esquire. James George Carroll, Esquire. The Honorable Joseph Hector Carruthers, Esquire. Albert Edward Chapman, Esquire. Patrick James Clara, Esquire. Edward Mann Clark, Esquire. Henry Clarke, Esquire.

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John Jacob Cohen, Esquire. John William Coleman, Esquire. Albert Ernest Collins, Esquire. John Rowland Dacey, Esquire. William Michael Daley, Esquire. Robert Davidson, Esquire. William Walter Davis, Esquire. William Thomas Dick, Esquire. Charles Hilton Dight, Esquire. Robert Thomas Donaldson, Esquire. Alfred Edden, Esquire. John Estell, Esquire. Joseph George Evans, Esquire. James Fallick, Esquire. Frank Farnell, Esquire. John Lionel Fegan, Esquire. William John Ferguson, Esquire. John Charles Lucas Fitzpatrick, Esquire. Thomas Fitzpatrick, Esquire. William Montgomerie Fleming, Esquire. Eden George, Esquire. Owen Gilbert, Esquire. John Gillies, Esquire. James Gornly, Esquire. Arthur Griffith, Esquire. Thomas Hunter Griffith, Esquire. Brimsley Hall, Esquire. David Robert Hall, Esquire. John Stuart Hawthorne, Esquire. The Honorable James Hayes, Esquire. John Haynes, Esquire. James Alexander Hogue, Esquire. Robert Hollis, Esquire. William Arthur Holman, Esquire. George Howarth, Esquire. John Hurley, Esquire. William Fergus Hurley, Esquire. Thomas Jessep, Esquire. Andrew Joseph Kelly, Esquire. The Honorable John Kidd, Esquire. William Fleming Latimer, Esquire. Sydney James Law, Esquire. Charles Alfred Lee, Esquire. Robert Henry Levien, Esquire. Daniel Levy, Esquire. Edmund Lousdale, Esquire. Hugh Macdonald, Esquire. Donald Macdonell, Esquire. Thomas Fitzherbert Hawkins Mackenzie, Esquire. Michael John MacMahon, Esquire. William Henry Mahony, Esquire. William McCourt, Esquire. Richard Watson Walker McCoy, Esquire. John McFarlane, Esquire. James Sinclair Taylor McGowen, Esquire. William Donald McIntyre, Esquire. Gordon Ranald McLaurin, Esquire. Richard Denis Meagher, Esquire. William Millard, Esquire. Gustave Thomas Carlisle Miller, Esquire. Samuel Wilkinson Moore, Esquire. Mark Fairles Morton, Esquire. Thomas Robert Moxham, Esquire. Arthur David Nelson, Esquire. Henry William Newman, Esquire. John Barnes Nicholson, Esquire. Niels Rasmus Wilson Nielsen, Esquire. John Nobbs, Esquire. John Norton, Esquire. Charles William Oakes, Esquire. Daniel O'Connor, Esquire. Broughton Barnabas O'Connor, Esquire. The Honorable Edward William O'Sullivan, Esquire. The Honorable John Perry, Esquire. Simeon Phillips, Esquire. John Joseph Power, Esquire. Richard Atkinson Price, Esquire. Robert Pyers, Esquire. Patrick Edward Quinn, Esquire. Ellison Wentworth Quirk, Esquire. Joseph Bernard Raymond, Esquire. Edwin Richards, Esquire. Thomas Rose, Esquire. Andrew Ross, Esquire, M.D. Robert Scobie, Esquire. Richard Sleath, Esquire. James Francis Smith, Esquire. Samuel Smith, Esquire. Thomas Richard Smith, Esquire. David Storey, Esquire. John Storey, Esquire. Philip Hurley Sullivan, Esquire. John Thomson, Esquire. Raymond Joseph Walsh, Esquire. William Webster, Esquire. Samuel Thomas Whiddon, Esquire. William John Williams, Esquire. Frederick Earle Winchcombe, Esquire. William Herbert Wood, Esquire. Francis Augustus Wright, Esquire. William White Young, Esquire.

6. THE CLERK AND THE SERJEANT-AT-ARMS SWORN:—The Commissioners then administered the Oath of Allegiance to the King, and the Oath of Office, to Frederick William Webb, Esquire, C.M.G., as Clerk of the House, and to Laurence Joseph Harnett, Esquire, as Serjeant-at-Arms, respectively.

7. ELECTION OF SPEAKER:—Mr. Henry Clarke, addressing himself to the Clerk (who, standing up, pointed to him, and then sat down), proposed to the House for their Speaker, William McCourt, Esquire, and moved,—“That William McCourt, Esquire, do take the Chair of this House as “Speaker,”—which motion was seconded by Mr. Moore.

Debate ensued.

The House then calling Mr. McCourt to the Chair, he stood up in his place, and expressed the sense he entertained of the honor proposed to be conferred upon him, and submitted himself to the House.

The House then again unanimously calling him to the Chair, he was taken out of his place by Mr. Clarke and Mr. Moore, and conducted to the Chair, where, standing on the upper step, he returned his acknowledgments to the House for the great honor they had been pleased to confer upon him by unanimously choosing him to be again their Speaker,—

And thereupon sat down in the Chair.

Then Mr. See, Mr. Lee, and Mr. McGowen respectively congratulated the Speaker.

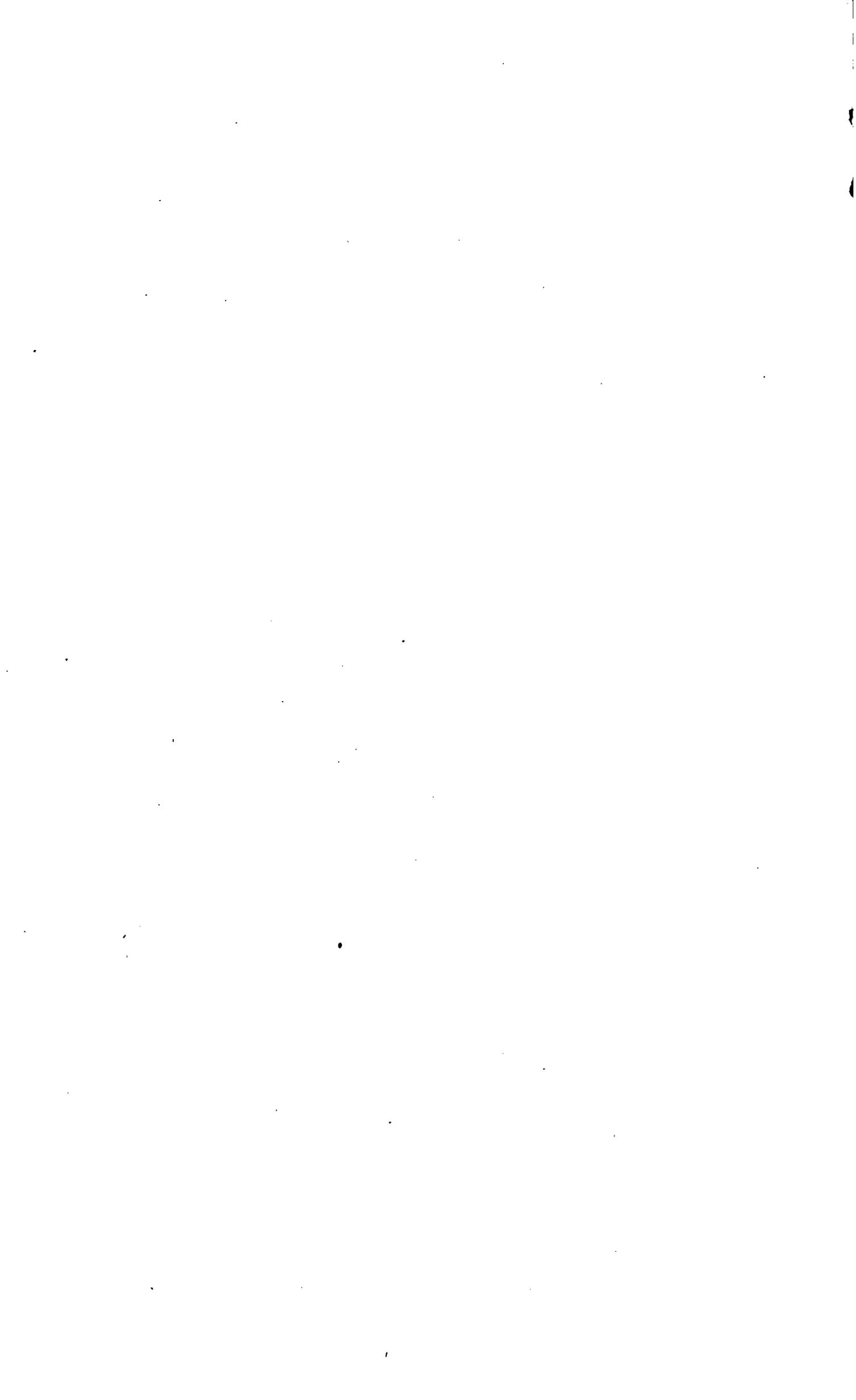
8. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr See informed the House that he had ascertained that His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor would receive their Speaker at State Government House, Colonial Secretary's Buildings, Macquarie-street, To-morrow at eleven o'clock,—and moved that this House do now adjourn until half-past Ten o'clock To-morrow.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly at nineteen minutes after Two o'clock, until To-morrow at half-past Ten o'clock.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker*



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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 24 JULY, 1901.

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

PRESENTATION OF SPEAKER:—The House proceeded to the State Government House to present their Speaker to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor,—

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

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

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

“By His Excellency the Honorable Sir FREDERICK MATTHEW DARLEY, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Lieutenant-Governor of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia.

“To all to whom these presents shall come,—

“Greeting:

“In pursuance of the authority in me vested in that behalf, I, SIR FREDERICK MATTHEW DARLEY, as Lieutenant-Governor of the State of New South Wales, do hereby authorise the Honorable William McCourt, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the said State, 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 His Majesty the King, 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 Public Seal of the State, at Sydney, in New South Wales aforesaid, this twenty-third day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and one, and in the first year of the Reign of His Majesty King Edward the Seventh.

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

Lieutenant-Governor.

“By His Excellency's Command,

“JOHN SEE.”

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

“MR. SPEAKER,—

“It is the pleasure of the Lieutenant-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. Sec, at twenty-five minutes after Twelve o'clock until Four o'clock This Day.

The

24th July, 1901.

The House resumed pursuant to adjournment.

4. WRITS OF ELECTION:—Mr. Speaker informed the House,—
- (1.) That during the recess, in accordance with the direction of the 55th Section of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, he had issued Writs for the Election of Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly in room of the undermentioned Gentlemen:—
- The Honorable Sir William John Lyne, K.C.M.G., Member for The Hume, who had resigned.  
John Kidd, Esquire, Member for Camden, who had accepted the Office of Secretary for Mines.  
Robert George Dundas FitzGerald, Esquire, Member for Robertson, who had accepted the Office of Minister of Justice.  
Thomas Waddell, Esquire, Member for Cowra, who had accepted the Office of Colonial Treasurer.
- (2.) That the Writs had been duly returned to him, with certificates endorsed thereon, by the respective Returning Officers, of the Election of the following Gentlemen to serve in the last Parliament, as Members for the Electoral Districts mentioned in connection with their names:—
- Gordon Ranald McLaurin, Esquire, for The Hume.  
The Honorable John Kidd, Esquire, for Camden.  
The Honorable Robert George Dundas FitzGerald, Esquire, for Robertson.  
The Honorable Thomas Waddell, Esquire, for Cowra.
5. 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.) Treasury Bills Deficiency Bill:—
- FREDK. M. DARLEY, *Message No. 1.*  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*
- A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the issue of Treasury Bills to cover the Deficiency Debt up to the 30th June, 1900, and other such debts; to provide for the redemption of such Bills; to make further provision for the redemption of Treasury Bills issued under previous Deficiency Acts; and for purposes consequent on or incidental to those objects,*"—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, 5th December, 1900.*
- (2.) Electric Tramway (Belmore Park to Fort Macquarie) Bill:—
- FREDK. M. DARLEY, *Message No. 2.*  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*
- A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of an electric tramway from Belmore Park through Castlereagh, Bligh, and Loftus Streets, to Fort Macquarie, returning through Pitt-street, and certain works in connection therewith; 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.
- Government House,*  
*Sydney, 5th December, 1900.*
- (3.) Narrabri Walgett and Collarendabri Railway Bill:—
- FREDK. M. DARLEY, *Message No. 3.*  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*
- A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Narrabri to Walgett, with branch to Collarendabri; to amend the provisions of the Public Works Act, 1900, 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,*"—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, 5th December, 1900.*
- (4.) Paddington Streets Extension Bill:—
- FREDK. M. DARLEY, *Message No. 4.*  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*
- A Bill, intituled "*An Act to vest certain lands in the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage, with certain powers to sell and lease the same; to vest certain other lands in the Borough of Paddington for the purpose of constructing and opening certain public ways; and for purposes consequent on or incidental to those objects,*"—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, 5th December, 1900.*
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## (5.) Parliamentary Elections (Amendment) Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 5.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to further amend the Parliamentary Electoral Law,*"—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, 5th December, 1900.*

## (6.) Excise Reduction Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 6.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the Governor to reduce the excise duties on tobacco, cigars, cigarettes, spirits, and beer,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency, has in name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*Government House,*  
*Sydney, 5th December, 1900.*

## (7.) Census Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 7.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to make provision for taking the Census of New South Wales in the year 1901, and for obtaining certain statistics, and certain particulars relating to live stock and crops, and the occupation of land, and certain businesses and occupations for the said and subsequent years; and for purposes incidental to or consequent on the aforesaid objects,*"—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, 5th December, 1900.*

## (8.) Church and School Lands (Amendment) Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 8.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the application of the money derived or to be derived from certain securities and interest in respect of the same; and to amend the Church and School Lands Act, 1897,*"—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,*  
*5th December, 1900.*

## (9.) Inscribed Stock (Registrar) Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 9.*

A Bill, intituled, "*An Act to authorise the Treasurer to satisfy judgments, decrees, and orders in proceedings in the United Kingdom in respect of the stock of the Colony,*"—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, 5th December, 1900.*

## (10.) Coorwull Academy Loan Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 10.*

A Bill, intituled, "*An Act to enable the Principal and Councillors of Saint Andrew's College to mortgage certain lands and premises situate at Coorwull, in the county of Cook, and known as the Coorwull Academy; to provide for the application of moneys borrowed on mortgage; and for other purposes incidental thereto,*"—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.

*Government House,*  
*Sydney, 5th December, 1900.*

(11.)

24th July, 1901.

## (11.) Newcastle Episcopal Residence Leasing Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.**Message No. 11.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the trustees of the Church property for the diocese of Newcastle to lease certain lands granted by the Crown as a site for an episcopal residence for the Bishop of Newcastle, and to provide for the application of the income thereof.*"—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.

*Government House,*  
*Sydney, 5th December, 1900.*

## (12.) Medical Practitioners Acts Further Amendment Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.**Message No. 12.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to further regulate the practice of medicine and surgery and other matters connected therewith.*"—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, 6th December, 1900.*

## (13.) Justices Acts Amendment Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.**Message No. 13.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the law relating to procedure before Justices and appeals from Justices.*"—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, 7th December, 1900.*

## (14.) Presbyterian Church of Australia Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.**Message No. 14.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable certain arrangements entered into between the Presbyterian Churches of New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, and Tasmania, for constituting one Presbyterian Church of Australia, to be carried into effect, and to make provision with regard to the property held by or on behalf of or in connection with the Presbyterian Churches of New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, and Tasmania, respectively, or by any congregation or body connected therewith, or by any person for or on behalf of any of the said Churches, or any congregation of the said Churches, and for other purposes in connection with such arrangements.*"—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.

*Government House,*  
*Sydney, 7th December, 1900.*

## (15.) Companies Death Duties (Amendment) Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.**Message No. 15.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Companies (Death Duties) Act, 1899.*"—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, 11th December, 1900.*

## (16.) Banks Half-holiday Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.**Message No. 16.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable Banks and Branch Banks to be closed on certain afternoons; to provide that such afternoons shall not be banking or business hours for the purpose of any business at such Banks and Branches; and to amend the Bills of Exchange Act, 1887.*"—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, 11th December, 1900.*

(17.)

24th July, 1901.

## (17.) Liverpool Municipal Loan Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 17.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the Council of the Municipal District of Liverpool to borrow certain moneys for the repayment of Loans,*"—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, 11th December, 1900.*

## (18.) Friendly Societies (Amendment) Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 18.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Friendly Societies Act, 1899,*"—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, 11th December, 1900.*

## (19.) Government Railways (Employees Appeal) Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 19.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to make better provision for the hearing and determination of appeals by employees of the Railway Commissioners, and to amend the Government Railways Act of 1888,*"—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, 10th December, 1900.*

## (20.) Government Savings Bank (Commonwealth Arrangements) Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 20.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the conduct of the Government Savings Bank on and after the transfer of the Postal Department to the Commonwealth; and to amend the Government Savings Bank Act of 1870,*"—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, 11th December, 1900.*

## (21.) Early Closing (Amendment) Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 21.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Early Closing Act, 1899,*"—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, 11th December, 1900.*

## (22.) Old-age Pensions Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 22.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for Old-age Pensions, and for purposes in furtherance of or consequent on the aforesaid object,*"—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, 11th December, 1900.*

24th July, 1901.

## (23.) Grafton to Casino Railway Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

Message No. 23.

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of Railway from Grafton to Casino; to provide for the transfer to the Railway Commissioners of New South Wales of certain revenues derived from certain lands benefited by the line; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; 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.

Government House,

Sydney, 11th December, 1900.

## (24.) Federal Elections Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

Message No. 24.

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the election in New South Wales of Members of the Parliament of the Commonwealth; to provide that a Member of such Parliament shall be incapable of being summoned or elected or of sitting as a Member of the Legislative Council or Legislative Assembly in the Nineteenth or any subsequent Parliament of New South Wales; and for purposes consequent on or incidental thereto.*"—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, 11th December, 1900.

## (25.) Governor-General's Establishment Contribution Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

Message No. 25.

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise certain annual payments to be made towards the maintenance of the Establishment of the Governor-General.*"—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, 11th December, 1900.

## (26.) City Railway Extension (Devonshire-street) Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

Message No. 26.

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the extension of the Railway from its present terminus at Redfern to the north of Devonshire-street, and the construction there of a commodious station and administrative offices; and for purposes consequent upon and incidental to those objects.*"—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, 11th December, 1900.

## (27.) Parliamentary Electorates Redistribution Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

Message No. 27.

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

A Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the redistribution of New South Wales into electoral districts; and for purposes consequent upon or incidental to that object.*"—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, 11th December, 1900.

## (28.) Culcairn to Germanton Railway Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

Message No. 28.

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

A Bill intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Culcairn to Germanton; to amend the provisions of the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as they relate to the duty of the Constructing Authority to make and maintain fences along the said line; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to provide for the imposition of a tax on certain lands in connection with such line; 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.

Government House,

Sydney, 11th December, 1900.

(29.)

24th July, 1901.

## (29.) Sydney Harbour Trust Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,  
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 29.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to make better provision for and in connection with the management of the port of Sydney; to establish and appoint the Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners; to confer on such Commissioners certain powers in relation to such port, including, among other powers, the power to levy and collect certain tolls, dues, rates, rents, and charges, and to purchase and resume lands; to vest certain property in the said Commissioners; and for purposes incidental to or consequent on those objects,*"—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 His 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.

*The State Government House,  
Sydney, 11th February, 1901.*

6. 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 the State of New South Wales, in  
"the Commonwealth of Australia.

"PURSUANT to the power in that behalf vested in me, as Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of  
"the State of New South Wales in the Commonwealth of Australia, by the Parliamentary  
"Electorates and Elections Act of 1893, I do hereby appoint—

" Henry Clarke, Esquire,	William Henry Mahony, Esquire,
" Charles Hilton Dight, Esquire,	William Millard, Esquire,
" Frank Farnell, Esquire,	Patrick Edward Quinn, Esquire, and
" William John Ferguson, Esquire,	Francis Augustus Wright, Esquire,—
" James Alexander Hogue, Esquire,	

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

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

"WILLIAM McCOURT,  
"Speaker."

7. 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, 1900, together with the Auditor-General's Report thereon, transmitted to the Legislative Assembly under the provisions of the Audit Act of 1898.  
Ordered to be printed.

8. ELECTORATE OF WELLINGTON:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received through the Honorable the Chief Secretary a Proclamation of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor declaring that the election of John Haynes, Esquire, to serve in the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of Wellington, is valid, notwithstanding the omission of the Deputy Returning Officer at Dripstone in closing the polling at such booth before the time prescribed by law.

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

(1.) Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Appendix, relating to the proposed Water Supply to Towns of Broken Hill and Silverton.

(2.) Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Appendix, relating to the proposed railway from Booyong to Ballina.

(3.) Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, relating to the proposed Breakwater at Byron Bay.

(4.) Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, relating to the proposed railway from Wyalong to Hillston.

(5.) Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, relating to the proposed railway from Tarago to Braidwood.

(6.) Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Appendix, relating to the proposed railway from Cockburn to Broken Hill.

(7.) Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Appendix, relating to the proposed Railway from Broken Hill to Menindie.

(8.) Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, Appendix, and Plan, relating to the proposed Railway from Temora to Gunbar.

(9.) Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, Appendix, and Plan, relating to the proposed Railway from Cooma, *via* Nimitybelle, and Bombala to Delegate.

(10.) Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Plan, relating to the proposed Railway from Manilla to Barraba.

(11.) Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, Appendix, and Plan, relating to the proposed Railway from Belmore to Liverpool.

(12.) Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, Appendix, and Plan, relating to the proposed Sewerage Works for Newcastle and Suburbs.

Ordered to be printed.

24th July, 1901.

## 10. PAPERS:—

Mr. See laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Letters Patent constituting the office of Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of the Commonwealth of Australia.

Mr. See then moved, That the document be printed.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 80.

Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Walsh,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Richards,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. See,	Mr. MacMahon,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. T. H. Griffith,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. Fleming,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Davidson,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. Macdonell,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Samuel Smith,
Mr. Evans,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Broughton,	Mr. Raymond,
Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Quinn,
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Pyers,
Mr. Thomson,	Mr. Meagher,
Mr. McIntyre,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. George,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Wood,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. John Hurley,
Mr. Coleman,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Mackenzie,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Moxham,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Dight,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Bruncker,	Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. D. R. Hall,
Mr. Archer,	Mr. Law,
Mr. Jessep,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Clara,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Ashton.
Mr. Lee,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Newman,	Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Gormly.
Mr. Young,	

Noes, 20.

Mr. J. O. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Scath,
Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Dick,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Collins,
Mr. Price,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Norton,
Mr. Webster,
Mr. Sullivan,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Quirk,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Daley.

*Tellers,*

Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Holman.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

(2.) Commission appointing the Right Honorable Earl Beauchamp, K.C.M.G., to be Governor of the State of New South Wales.

Mr. See then moved, That the document be printed.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 83.

Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Gormly,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Bruncker,	Mr. Quinn,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Archer,	Mr. Pyers,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. See,	Mr. Carroll,	Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. Leviau,	Mr. Moxham,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Lee,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Newman,	Mr. Wood,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. Wright,	Mr. McCoy,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Young,	Mr. Winchcombe,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Sullivan,
Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. Walsh,	Mr. John Storey,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Evans,	Mr. Briner,	Mr. Quirk,
Mr. Broughton,	Mr. MacMahon,	Mr. Raymond,
Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Cann,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Davis,	Mr. T. H. Griffith,	Mr. Law,
Mr. Thomson,	Mr. Clara,	Mr. Phillips,
Mr. McIntyre,	Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. George,	Mr. E. M. Clark,	Mr. John Hurley,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. J. F. Smith,	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. O'Connor.
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Power,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Jessep,	Mr. Fleming,	Mr. Meagher,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Macdonell,	Mr. Moore.
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,	
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Samuel Smith,	
Mr. Dight,	Mr. Mackenzie,	

Noes, 16.

Mr. J. O. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Scath,
Mr. Norton,
Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Webster,
Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Holman,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Price,
Mr. Daley,
Mr. Collins,
Mr. Estell.

*Tellers,*

Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Dick.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

(3.)

24th July, 1901.

- (3.) Letters Patent constituting the office of Governor of the State of New South Wales.
  - (4.) Commission appointing the Right Honorable the Earl of Hopetoun, P.C., K.T., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., to be Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of the Commonwealth of Australia.
  - (5.) Instructions to the Governor of the State of New South Wales.
  - (6.) Dormant Commission appointing the President of the Legislative Council to be Administrator of the Government of New South Wales.
  - (7.) Commission appointing Sir Frederick Matthew Darley, K.C.M.G., to be Lieutenant-Governor of the State of New South Wales.
  - (8.) Order-in-Council declaring that the Affairs of Norfolk Island shall be administered by the Governor of the State of New South Wales.
  - (9.) Report of Royal Commission of Inquiry into the working of Compulsory Conciliation and Arbitration Laws.
  - (10.) Report of the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the Opal-mining Industry at White Cliffs; together with Minutes of Proceedings, Evidence, and Appendices.
  - (11.) Return (*in part*) to an Order made on 21st September, 1898,—“Monthly Returns of Accidents.” (Public Works Department, October, 1900.)
  - (12.) Return (*in part*) to an Order made on 21st September, 1898,—“Monthly Returns of Accidents.” (Railways and Tramways, November and December, 1900.)
  - (13.) By-law of the Borough of Burwood.
  - (14.) By-law of the Borough of Rookwood.
  - (15.) By-law of the Borough of Redfern.
  - (16.) By-laws of the Borough of Auburn.
  - (17.) By-laws of the Borough of The Glebe.
  - (18.) By-laws of the Borough of New Lambton.
  - (19.) By-laws of the Borough of Leichhardt.
  - (20.) By-laws of the Borough of East Orange.
  - (21.) By-law of the Municipal District of Balranald.
  - (22.) By-law of the Municipal District of Jerilderie.
  - (23.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Deniliquin.
  - (24.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Raymond Terrace.
  - (25.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Wellington.
  - (26.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Marsfield.
  - (27.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Ryde.
  - (28.) Regulations under the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900.
  - (29.) Regulations under the Inebriates Act, 1900.
  - (30.) Regulations for Public Vehicles under the Metropolitan Traffic Act, 1900.
  - (31.) Regulations under the Parliamentary Elections (Amendment) Act, 1900.
  - (32.) Amended Regulations under the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act Amendment Act, 1896.
  - (33.) Regulation under the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893, and Parliamentary Electorates Redistribution Act, 1900.
  - (34.) By-law of the Sydney Hospital.
  - (35.) Report of the Police Department for the year 1900.
  - (36.) Report of the Inspector-General of the Insane for the year 1900.
  - (37.) Report of the Commissioners of Fisheries for the year, 1900.
  - (38.) Report on Botanic Gardens and Domains for the year 1900.
  - (39.) Report of the President of the State Children Relief Board for the year ended 15th April, 1901.
- Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Crick laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Notice of intention to declare that Conditional Purchase No. 96-5, Land District of Wellington, 100 acres, being portion 55, parish of Yarrobil, county of Bligh, and Conditional Lease, No. 27-351, of 300 acres, being portion 56, parish of Yarrobil, county of Bligh, applied for by William Martin on 12th March, 1896, shall cease to be voidable.
  - (2.) Notice of intention to declare that Conditional Purchase No. 99-3, Land District of Tumut, 40 acres, part of portion 89, parish of Wyangle, county of Buccleuch, applied for by Stafford Dowset on 25th May, 1899, shall cease to be voidable.
  - (3.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, 1900, of land at Longueville, for a public park.
  - (4.) Amended Regulations Nos. 35, 58*a*, 157*a*, and 109*a*; also Amended Forms Nos. 4 and 38 under the Crown Lands Acts.
  - (5.) Copies of *Gazette* Notices, setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands, in accordance with provisions of the 105th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18, and section 7, Public Trusts Act, 1897.
  - (6.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th and 101st sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
  - (7.) Abstract of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the 107th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
  - (8.) 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.
  - (9.) Report of the Postmaster-General for the year 1900, together with Appendices.
- Ordered to be printed.

11. LAW OF EVIDENCE BILL:—Mr. See presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to amend the Law of Evidence*,”—which was read a first time, *pro formâ*.

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12. THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH:—Mr. Speaker reported that the House had this day attended the Lieutenant-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,—

On meeting you upon this occasion, I rejoice to be able to congratulate you upon the establishment of the Australian Commonwealth, which, though it has to some extent lessened the jurisdiction of the Parliament of this State, has enlarged the powers of self-government of the people of Australia, and will, I trust, be conducive to their happiness and prosperity, and add a new element of strength to the British Empire.

2. The death of Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria has been felt here, as in every portion of Her Majesty's vast Dominion, with that sense of personal loss which is a tribute both to Her greatness as a Queen and Her goodness as a woman.

3. It is gratifying to recollect that this great Queen lived to see in the consummation of the union of the Australian Colonies the full development of that Parliamentary system which She wisely granted in the year 1856 to the people of the Mother State of New South Wales.

4. The accession of His Majesty King Edward VII has been hailed with enthusiasm, and I voice the sentiments of the people of this State in expressing the fervent wish that His Majesty will long be spared to rule over a loyal and devoted people.

5. The celebrations in this State which marked the inauguration of the Commonwealth were worthy of an unique occasion of national rejoicing, and, by the presence of detachments of Indian and Imperial Troops, brought before the eyes of our people in a most impressive manner the extent and variety of the resources of the British Empire.

6. The visit of Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York, in accordance with the expressed wish of Her Late Majesty Queen Victoria, and in obedience to the command of His Majesty the King, has been received by the people of this as of the other States as a gracious recognition of the growing importance of Australia, and is another proof of the closeness of the ties which bind together the most distant portions of the British Empire.

7. Volunteer soldiers and sailors have left this State to maintain the honor of their King and country—the one in South Africa, the other in China. In both these places they have earned encomiums of the highest order from the Generals under whom they served, both as to personal character and as to their courage and capacity for war. I am happy to think that the war in South Africa must shortly terminate, and that the further services of our brave men, so cheerfully given, will become unnecessary. We have, however, to deplore the loss of some who fell on the Field of Honor while in execution of their duty. Steps will be taken to keep alive the memory of those who have with dauntless courage laid down their lives at the call of duty.

8. I congratulate you that the prompt and effective steps which were taken in dealing with the plague were successful in saving the country from a threatened danger of a most grave character.

9. Owing to the establishment of Federation the fiscal question has been removed to the arena of Commonwealth politics. There is, accordingly, no longer any reason to keep alive in the Parliament of this State those party differences upon the question of Protection or Free-trade, which have so long distracted the people from the steady pursuit of social reform.

10. Another consequence of Federation is that it has become necessary to reduce the numbers of the State Parliament, and to consider whether other changes ought not to be made in the Constitution, with a view to its more economical and efficient working. My advisers will accordingly submit to you a measure for a reduction in the number of Members of Parliament and certain proposals which are designed to further lessen the cost of Government, and to give the people an opportunity of determining, by means of an elected convention, what alterations in the Constitution are desired.

11. The first legislative proposals which will be submitted to you will be a measure to compel the parties to an industrial dispute to submit the matter to the arbitration of an impartial tribunal, with power to enforce its awards, and a measure to enable the purchase by the Crown, subject to the approval of Parliament, of lands which are required for closer settlement. By the operation of this latter measure it is hoped that a large number of persons will be able to acquire a sufficient area of agricultural land near a railway or centre of population to support a family.

12. The rabbit pest has assumed such proportions as to demand immediate action, and one of the earliest Bills you will be asked to consider will be a comprehensive measure in which the Crown will bear its fair share of the necessary expenditure for efficiently dealing with the pest.

13. The necessity of placing our many Land Laws under one Act has received attention, and a Bill consolidating and coding the various Acts will be submitted this Session.

14. An amending Land Bill will be one of the chief measures submitted for your consideration. It is clear that the western lands require special legislation; and as soon as the report of the Western Lands Commission is complete, the necessary Bill will be submitted for your consideration without delay. Lands available and suitable for settlement in the Central Division are being rapidly classified, with a view to immediately being made open for settlement.

15. Measures will be laid before you for the extension of Municipal Institutions in all parts of the country in which there is a concentrated population; and also for the purpose of allowing residents of unincorporated areas a closer control over the expenditure of money on local works. Care will be taken at the same time not to impose on sparsely populated districts new taxation which would hamper the development of their natural resources.

16. Special attention will be given to the industrial conditions under which our people work, and Bills are now ready for presentation dealing with the amendment of the Factories Act, and the provision of better accommodation for Shearers and other Bush-workers,

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17. A Bill, which was introduced into the last Parliament, for consolidating and amending the laws relating to Mines will be reintroduced, and will, I hope, become law. The Mines Inspection Bill and the Coal Mines Regulation Amending Bill will also be pressed forward with all energy.

18. With the object of giving the working classes an opportunity of obtaining homes for themselves, it is proposed to set apart, in the vicinity of Sydney and other centres of population, a fair area of Crown land, to be let in blocks varying in size from half an acre to 10 acres, upon a long tenure at a rental not exceeding 5 per cent. of the capital value.

19. Your attention will be invited to the urgent need of an amendment of the laws relating to Travelling Stock and Diseases of Stock, Noxious Weeds, the conservation of our existing Timber, and the replanting of our Forest Districts. Measures will be submitted to you at an early date dealing with all these subjects.

20. The fact that other States are adopting Female Suffrage, and that the Federal Parliament proposes a similar law, makes it inconsistent that the franchise of this State should be on a narrower basis. It is therefore proposed to submit for your consideration a measure for the establishment of Adult Suffrage within the State.

21. In view of the great importance of our pastoral, agricultural, dairying, and fruit-growing interests, you will be invited to agree in sending experts to the markets of Great Britain, Europe, South Africa, India, and the East, with a view to open up markets to which our products have not yet penetrated in large quantities.

22. The question of the development of the Fisheries in the State will be considered at the earliest convenience, and a Bill of a comprehensive character will be introduced to remove many of the existing anomalies.

23. The Fruit-growing and Dairying Industries will receive such attention as will help towards their development and expansion.

## GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

24. I rejoice to be able to inform you that the financial condition of the State is satisfactory, and that most sources of revenue show a large and steady increase. There is every indication that, in spite of the disastrous and long continued drought, there is a general revival of prosperity.

25. The Estimates of Public Expenditure, prepared with the utmost regard to economy, will be submitted for your examination and approval at an early date, and the statement of the position and prospect of the State finances, which will then be made to you, will be of a character, it is believed, to remove any misgivings as to the adequacy of the public revenue in the future to meet the necessities of the State.

26. There are two matters of finance which have been too long neglected. I refer to the condition of the Civil Service and the Police Superannuation Funds. It is imperative that both these funds should be placed upon a footing of solvency. Votes for this purpose will be asked for.

27. You will be asked to make provision for the soldiers who have been permanently maimed and for the families of those who have lost their lives in South Africa, and will, I am convinced, readily recognise these claims upon your bounty.

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## GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

28. For some time past numbers of persons belonging to the unemployed classes have been seeking assistance at the hands of the Government; and there is too much reason to fear that the concessions granted have in some cases been abused. Steps have therefore been taken for the better classification of applicants for Government relief, and by this means, and by the gradual curtailment of relief works in and about the neighbourhood of Sydney, and the establishment of Industrial Farms in other portions of the State, it is hoped that all who desire work may be able to obtain it without any harmful disturbance to the general conditions of the labour market, and without any sacrifice of self-respect.

29. Recognising that the success of our educational system must depend upon the capacity and enthusiasm of our School Teachers, you will be invited to give your earnest attention to improving the position, education, and training of Teachers. You will also be asked to give greater attention to the subject of technical education, and to establish a chain of bursaries which will enable a child to pass from bush schools to the University.

30. A progressive policy of public works will be submitted to you, and will be carried out with due regard to economy. The objects will be to lessen the effect of the drought in the West by water conservation, artesian wells, and light railways; to develop agricultural and mineral regions by giving cheaper and speedier access to the sea-board; to develop the rich coast-lying land by means of railways, roads, and harbour works; and to construct tram-lines in large centres of population where there is a profitable return, and where the health of the people may be promoted by giving them cheaper access to water-side and other holiday resorts.

31. A Bill for the reform of our system of administering the Fire Brigades will be submitted and pressed forward.

32. You will also be asked to give your earnest attention to a Bill for the better promotion of Public Health, and a Bill amending the Friendly Societies Act.

33. I now leave you to your legislative duties, with the fervent prayer that the Almighty may at all times direct your patriotic efforts to the preservation of the honour of the country and the happiness of the people.

Mr. Eden George then moved, and Mr. McIntyre seconded, the motion,—

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

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. McIntyre, Mr. Briner, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Henry Clarke, Mr. Wright, Mr. Dight, Mr. Quinn, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Young, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

And

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And the Committee retired to prepare the Address:

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

To *His Excellency the Honorable Sir FREDERICK MATTHEW DARLEY, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Lieutenant-Governor of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

We, His 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 His Most Gracious Majesty's Throne and Person.

We desire to assure Your Excellency that the various measures indicated in Your Excellency's Speech shall receive our earnest consideration, and the necessary provision for the Public Service will be made in due course.

We join Your Excellency in the hope that, under Divine Providence, our endeavours may be guided to the enduring benefit of the Colony.

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

Mr. Lee moved, That the Address be amended by the insertion of the following words, to stand paragraph 3:—"At the same time we feel bound to inform Your Excellency that this House strongly disapproves of the conduct of Ministers in their administration of public affairs during the recent unwarrantably prolonged recess, and of their failure to meet Parliament prior to the General Election, which was not only a breach of faith, but a violation of the principles and practice of Representative Government."

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

Debate ensued.

Mr. Norton 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.

13. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. See moved, That this House do now adjourn until To-morrow at Four o'clock.  
Question put and passed.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 3.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 25 JULY, 1901.

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

MEMBER SWORN :—George Arthur Burgess, 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 Young.

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

John Charles Lucas Fitzpatrick, Esquire ;  
Broughton Barnabas O'Connor, Esquire ;  
Richard Atkinson Price, Esquire ;  
Archibald Campbell, Esquire ; and  
Sydney James Law, Esquire,—

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

3. CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Henry Clarke moved, pursuant to Notice, That John Henry Cann, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House for the present Session.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Cann made his acknowledgments to the House.

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

*" To His Excellency the Honorable Sir FREDERICK MATTHEW DARLEY, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Lieutenant-Governor of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia.*

" MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

" We, His 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 His Most Gracious Majesty's Throne and Person.

" We desire to assure Your Excellency that the various measures indicated in Your Excellency's Speech shall receive our earnest consideration, and the necessary provision for the Public Service will be made in due course.

" We join Your Excellency in the hope that, under Divine Providence, our endeavours may be guided to the enduring benefit of the Colony."

Upon which Mr. Lee had moved, That the Address be amended by the insertion of the following words to stand Paragraph 3 :—

" At the same time, we feel bound to inform Your Excellency that this House strongly disapproves of the conduct of Ministers in their administration of public affairs during the recent unwarrantably prolonged recess, and of their failure to meet Parliament prior to the General Election, which was not only a breach of faith, but a violation of the principles and practice of Representative Government."

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

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

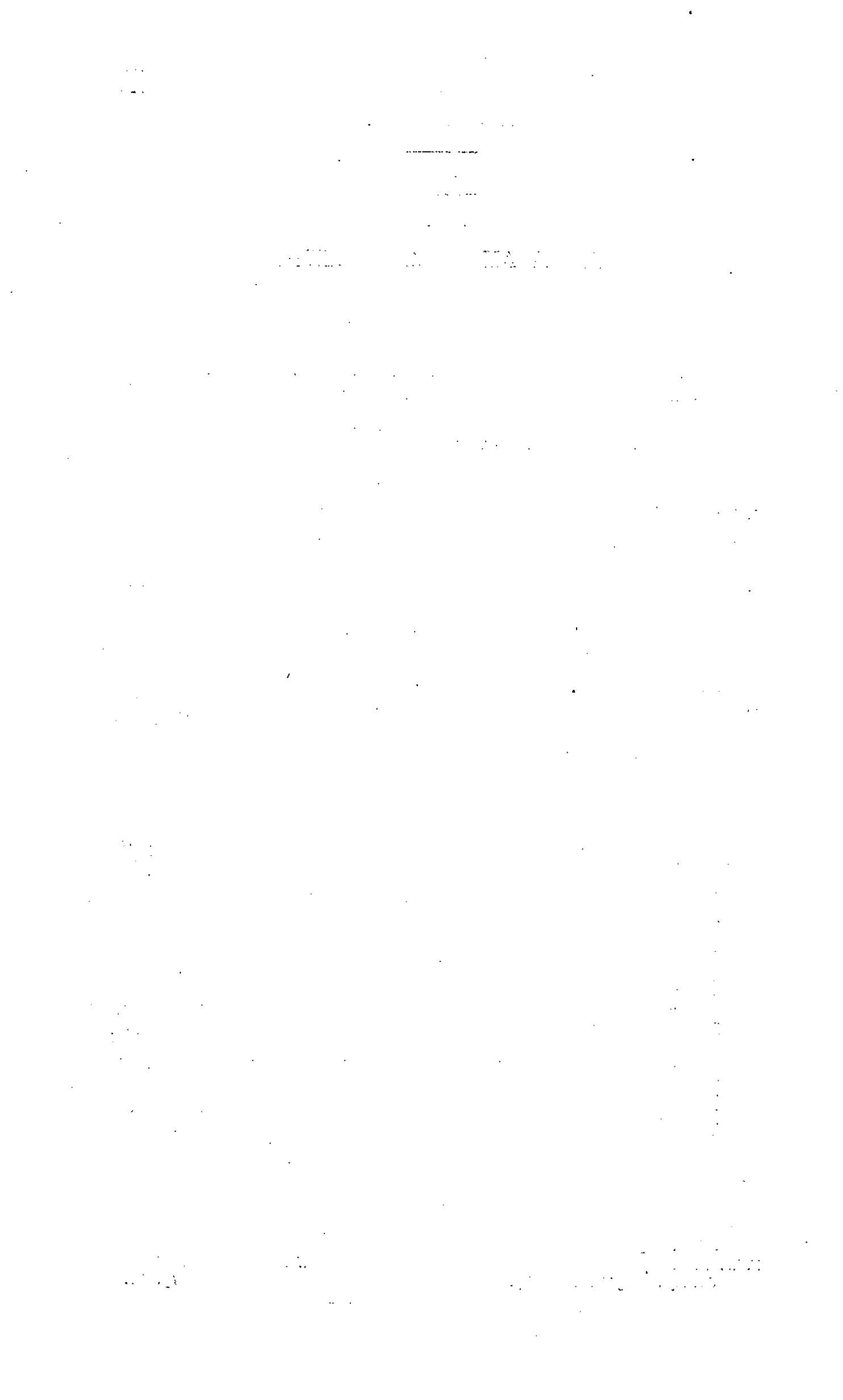
Question put and passed.

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 Twenty-four minutes before Eleven o'clock until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*



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No. 4.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 30 JULY, 1901.

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

DEPUTY-SPEAKER'S COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER THE OATH OF ALLEGIANCE:—Mr. Speaker reported that he had received a Commission, under the Public Seal of the State, dated twenty-sixth July, 1901, and signed by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, empowering John Henry Cann, 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 Honorable Sir FREDERICK MATTHEW DARLEY, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Lieutenant-Governor of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia.*

“ To all to whom these presents shall come,—

“ *Greeting:*

“ In pursuance of the authority in me vested in that behalf, I, Sir FREDERICK MATTHEW DARLEY, as Lieutenant-Governor of the State of New South Wales, do hereby authorise JOHN HENRY CANN, Esquire, Chairman of Committees of the Legislative Assembly of the said State, 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 His Majesty the King, 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 Public Seal of the State, at Sydney, in New South Wales aforesaid, this twenty-sixth day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and one, and in the first year of the Reign of His Majesty King Edward the Seventh.

“ FREDK. M. DARLEY,  
“ Lieutenant-Governor.

“ *By His Excellency's Command,*  
“ JOHN SEE.”

2. PAPERS:—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Copies of Minutes of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor and the Executive Council transmitted to the Legislative Assembly by the Auditor-General under the directions contained in the 23rd section of the “ Audit Act, 1898.”—

(a) Authorising the transfer of an amount from the Vote “ Department of Lands, Contingencies,” to supplement the Vote “ To pay compensation in connection with the resumption of land for roads under the Public Roads Act of 1897.”

(b) Authorising the transfer of an amount from the Vote “ Government Statistician's Department, Contingencies,” to supplement the Vote “ Government Architect's Branch.”

(c) Authorising the transfer of an amount from the Vote “ Postal and Electric Telegraph Department,” to supplement the Vote “ To meet unforeseen expenses to be hereafter accounted for.”

(d) Authorising the transfer of an amount from the Vote “ Institutions for the Insane generally, £112,010,” to supplement the Vote “ For Lunatic Patients.”

(e) Authorising the transfer of an amount from the Vote “ Postal and Electric Telegraph Department,” to supplement the Vote “ Stores and Stationery.”

(f)

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(f) Authorising the transfers of amounts from certain Votes "in connection with the Department of Lands" to supplement "certain other Votes in connection with the same Department."

(g) Authorising the transfer of an amount from the Vote "Patents Contingencies," to supplement the Votes "Petty Sessions Contingencies" and "Coroners Contingencies."

(h) Authorising the transfer of an amount from the Vote "Postal and Electric Telegraph Department," to supplement the Vote "Exchange on Remittance within and beyond the Colony."

(i) Authorising the transfer of an amount from the Vote "Sheriff's Contingencies," to supplement the Vote "Petty Sessions, Contingencies."

(j) Authorising the transfer of an amount from the Vote "Department of Lands, Salaries," to supplement the Vote "Department of Lands, Contingencies," also from the Vote "Towards purchase, &c., of Sites for Cemeteries, Parks, &c.," to supplement the Vote "Survey of Lands, Contingencies."

(k) Authorising the transfer of an amount from the Vote "Imported and Introduced Stock" to supplement the Vote "Vine Diseases Act, &c."

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(m) Authorising the transfer of amounts from the Vote "Department of Lands, Contingencies," to supplement the Vote "Advances to Settlers Board."

(n) Authorising the transfer of amounts from the Votes "Adjustment of Salaries under the provisions of the Increment Regulations of Salaries of Professional Officers receiving less than £300 per annum, and to meet new appointments, found to be required, under £100 per annum," to supplement the Vote "To meet increases which may be granted in the Regrading of the Service during the present Financial Year."

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. See laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report on Prisons for the year 1900.

(2.) Regulations for the management of Gaols.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report of the completion of the Waverley and Bondi Eastern Slopes Intercepting Sewer.

(2.) Report of the completion of the South Willoughby Sewerage.

(3.) Report of the completion of the Prospect-street Branch of the Munn-street Storm-water Channel.

(4.) Report of the completion of the Chatswood-Willoughby Sewerage, Main Outfall Sewer, and Subsidiary Sewers.

(5.) Report of the Department of Public Works for the year ended 30th June, 1900.

(6.) Report of the completion of the Johnstone's Creek Storm-water Channel, Newtown Branch and Marmion-street Branch.

(7.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Berry, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880.

(8.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Cobar, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880.

(9.) By-laws of the Borough of Narrandera, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880.

(10.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Moree, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880.

(11.) Return (*in part*) to an Order made on 21st September, 1898,—“Monthly Returns of Accidents,” (Public Works Department, October, 1900, to May, 1901).

(12.) Accounts of the South Head Roads Trust for the half-year ended 31st December, 1900.

(13.) Report of the completion of the Main Western Branch, 4th Division, Elsie-street Branch, and Redmyre-road Storm-water Channel.

(14.) Report of the completion of the Northern Main Sewer, 2nd Division, and Johnstone-street Branch, Western Suburbs Sewerage.

(15.) Report of the completion of the Willoughby Creek Storm-water Channel extension.

(16.) Regulations under the Public Watering Places Act, 1900.

(17.) Amended By-laws of the Municipal District of Jerilderie, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880.

(18.) Report of the completion of the Mosman Sewerage, 2nd Division.

(19.) Amended By-laws of the Borough of Lithgow, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880.

Ordered to be printed.

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

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"We join Your Excellency in the hope that, under Divine Providence, our endeavours may be guided to the enduring benefit of the Colony."

Upon which Mr. Lee had moved, That the Address be amended by the insertion of the following words to stand Paragraph 3:—

"At the same time, we feel bound to inform Your Excellency that this House strongly disapproves of the conduct of Ministers in their administration of public affairs during the recent unwarrantably prolonged recess, and of their failure to meet Parliament prior to the General Election, which was not only a breach of faith, but a violation of the principles and practice of Representative Government."

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

Mr. Dacey 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.

4. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. See moved, That this House do now adjourn until To-morrow at Four o'clock. Debate ensued. Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

5. MEMBER SWORN:—William Nicholas Willis, 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 The Barwon.

6. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. See moved, That this House do now adjourn until To-morrow at Four o'clock. Question put and passed.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*



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No. 5.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 31 JULY, 1901.

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

PAPERS:—

Mr. Perry laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report on the working of the Factories and Shops Act, the Conciliation and Arbitration Act, and the Early Closing Act, &c., for the year 1900.
- (2.) Report of the Trustees of the National Art Gallery for the year 1900.
- (3.) By-laws of the Rookwood Free Public Library.
- (4.) Report of the Trustees of the Sydney Grammar School for the year 1900.
- (5.) Amended By-laws of the University of Sydney.
- (6.) Report of the Senate of the University of Sydney for the year 1900.
- (7.) Report of the Trustees of the Public Library of New South Wales for the year 1900.
- (8.) By-laws of the University of Sydney.
- (9.) By-laws of the Public Library of New South Wales.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1900, of land for Grade Improvements on the Great Northern Railway at Teralba.
- (2.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1900, of land for Grade Improvements on the Great Northern Railway at Awaba.
- (3.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1900, of land for Grade Improvements on the Great Northern Railway at Cardiff.
- (4.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1900, of land for improving the Water Supply at Cunningham and Harden.
- (5.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1900, of land for improving the Traffic arrangements at Pennant Hills.
- (6.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1900, of land for Grade Improvements on the Great Northern Railway near Wyong.
- (7.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1900, of land for Grade Improvements on the Great Western Railway between Gresham and Newbridge.
- (8.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1900, of land for erecting a residence for the Night Officer at Toowong.
- (9.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1900, of land for erecting Trucking-yards at Scone.
- (10.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1900, of land for Grade Improvements between Newbridge and Blayney.
- (11.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1900, of land for Grade Improvements on the Great Northern Railway at Quirindi.
- (12.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1900, of land for Grade Improvements on the Great Northern Railway at Morisset.
- (13.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1900, of land for Grade Improvements on the Great Northern Railway at Toowong.
- (14.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1900, of land for Grade Improvements on the Great Northern Railway near Fassifern.
- (15.) Notification of resumption under the Public Works Act of 1900, of land for Improvements to Station-yard at Henty, on the Great Southern Railway.
- (16.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1900, of land for Grade Improvements on the Great Western Railway between Newbridge and Blayney (No. 2).

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- (17.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1900, of land for Grade Improvements on the Great Western Railway between Newbridge and Blayney (No. 3).
- (18.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1900, of land for purpose of extending Car-shed at North Sydney.
- (19.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1900, of land for effecting Improvements to the Traffic on the Tramway from Sydney to Leichhardt.
- (20.) Statement of Accounts of Government Savings Bank for the year 1900.
- (21.) Report of the Railway Commissioners on Railways and Tramways for quarter ended 31st December, 1900.
- (22.) Report of the Railway Commissioners on Railways and Tramways for quarter ended 31st March, 1901.
- (23.) Report of the Railway Commissioners on Railways and Tramways for quarter ended 30th June, 1901.
- (24.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Nyngan, under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1897.
- (25.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Condobolin, under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1897.
- (26.) By-laws of the Borough of East Orange under the Public Health Act, 1896.
- (27.) Regulations for the Township of Boolaroo under the Public Health Act, 1896.
- (28.) Regulations for the Sanitary Area of Minmi under the Public Health Act, 1896.
- (29.) Regulations for the Sanitary Area of West Wallsend under the Public Health Act, 1896.
- (30.) By-laws for the Sanitary Area of West Wyalong under the Public Health Act, 1896.
- (31.) By-laws for the Municipal District of Wyalong under the Public Health Act, 1896.
- (32.) By-laws under the Public Health Act, 1896, for the regulation of Common Lodging Houses in the City of Sydney.
- (33.) By-laws under the Public Health Act, 1896, for the regulation of Common Lodging Houses in the City of Newcastle.
- (34.) By-laws for the Borough of North Botany, under the Public Health Act, 1896.
- (35.) By-laws for the Municipal District of West Wyalong, under the Public Health Act, 1896.
- (36.) Certificate of the Public Service Board in regard to the appointment of Mr. Norton Henry Case as Analyst and Inspector of Magazines in the Mercantile Explosives Department, Broken Hill.
- (37.) Certificate of the Public Service Board in regard to the appointment of Mr. James Shirra as Chief Engineer Surveyor, Department of Navigation.
- (38.) Statement of Trust Moneys Deposit Account from 1st April, 1900, to 31st March, 1901.
- (39.) Seventeenth Annual Report under the provisions of the Inscribed Stock Act of 1883.
- (40.) Report of the Pharmacy Board for the year 1900.
- (41.) Statement of Bank Liabilities and Assets for quarter ended 31st December, 1900.
- (42.) Statement of Bank Liabilities and Assets for quarter ended 31st March, 1901.
- (43.) Statement of Public Companies' Liabilities and Assets for quarter ended 31st December, 1900.
- (44.) Statement of Public Companies' Liabilities and Assets for quarter ended 31st March, 1901.
- (45.) Amended Regulations under the Government Savings Bank Act.
- (46.) Amended Regulation under the Government Savings Bank Act.
- (47.) Regulations under the Wharfage and Tonnage Rates Act of 1880.
- (48.) Regulations for the Receipt and Coinage of Gold at the Sydney Branch of the Royal Mint.
- (49.) Regulations under the Old Age Pensions Act, 1900.
- (50.) Regulations under the Customs (Sugar Drawbacks) Act, 1900.
- (51.) Rules under the Navigation (Amendment) Act, 1900.
- (52.) Regulations under the Noxious Trades and Cattle Slaughtering Act, 1894.
- (53.) Amended By-law of the Municipal District of Broken Hill under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1897.
- (54.) By-laws of the Borough of East Maitland under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1897.
- (55.) Additional By-laws of the Municipal District of Inverell under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1897.
- (56.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Carcoar under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1897.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1900, of land for and in connection with the Supply of Water to the town of Cobar.
- (2.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1900, of land for and in connection with the extension of the Depôt of the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage, in Burren-street, Erskineville.
- (3.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1900, of land for and in connection with the construction of certain Drainage Works for the Western Suburbs of the City of Sydney.
- (4.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1900, of land for and in connection with the reclamation of certain low-lying mud-flats in the vicinity of Long Cove.
- (5.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1900, of land for the purpose of carrying out a system of Public Wharfs and Approaches thereto at Darling Harbour and the Waters of Port Jackson.
- (6.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1900, of land for the purpose of carrying out a system of Public Wharfs and Approaches thereto at Darling Harbour and the Waters of Port Jackson.
- (7.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1900, of land for and in connection with the erection of a Post and Telegraph Office at Chatswood.
- (8.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1900, of land for and in connection with the establishment and construction of a Rifle Range at Singleton.
- (9.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1900, of land for and in connection with a way of access to water at Erina Creek.

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- (10.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1900, of land for and in connection with the construction of a Bridge over the Macleay River at Kempsey.
  - (11.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1900, of land for and in connection with the construction of certain Works for Defence purposes near Colah Railway Station.
  - (12.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1900, of land for and in connection with the Supply of Water to the town of Cobar.
  - (13.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1900, of land for and in connection with the Supply of Water to the City of Sydney.
  - (14.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1900, of land for and in connection with the erection of a Foot-bridge over Pepper's Creek at Rockley.
  - (15.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1900, of land for and in connection with the establishment and construction of a Rifle Range at Hornsby.
  - (16.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1900, of land for and in connection with the Supply of Water to the Borough of Wollongong.
  - (17.) Notification of resumption under the Public Works Act of 1900, of land for and in connection with the erection of Cottage-homes at Parramatta.
  - (18.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1900, of land for and in connection with the widening of Valentine-avenue, at Parramatta.
  - (19.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1900, of land for and in connection with the erection of a Post and Telegraph Office at Woonona.
  - (20.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1900, of land for and in connection with the Macquarie River District Improvements.
  - (21.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1900, of land for and in connection with certain drainage works for the Western Suburbs of the City of Sydney.
  - (22.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1900, of land for and in connection with the construction of certain drainage works for the Western Suburbs of the City of Sydney.
  - (23.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1900, of land for and in connection with the Supply of Water to the town of Tamworth.
  - (24.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1900, of land for and in connection with the formation of a way of approach to Cahill's Wharf on the Bellinger River.
  - (25.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1900, of land for and in connection with the establishment and construction of a Public Watering-place at Albion Park.
  - (26.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1900, of land for and in connection with the erection of a Post and Telegraph Office at Nundle.
  - (27.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1900, of land for and in connection with the construction of a Bridge over the Macdonald River at St. Albans.
  - (28.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1900, of land for and in connection with the erection of a Caretaker's residence at Hinton Bridge.
- Ordered to be printed.

Mr. See laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return (*in part*) to an Order made on 17th March, 1892,—“Convictions under the Licensing Act.”
  - (2.) Annual Returns under the 103rd section of the District Courts Act, 1858.
  - (3.) Returns under the several Acts of Parliament administered by the Registrar-General, for the year 1900.
  - (4.) Papers respecting leave of absence to Mr. Charles Robert Colls, clerk in the Central Police Office.
  - (5.) Report of Public Service Board in reference to the appointment of a Fourth Examiner of Titles, Registrar-General's Department.
  - (6.) Report of Public Service Board in reference to the appointment of Mr. John Jamieson, Barrister-at-law, as Police Magistrate at Walgett.
  - (7.) Rules under the Justices (Fines) Act, 1899.
  - (8.) Rule of the Supreme Court (in Equity), dated 25th February, 1901.
  - (9.) Return respecting certain criminals confined in the Gaols of the State.
  - (10.) General Rules of the Supreme Court under the Inebriates Act, 1900.
- Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Kidd laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Proclamation declaring Banxite to be a “mineral” within the meaning of the Mining Act, 1889.
- (2.) Proclamation, under the Imported Stock Act of 1871, prohibiting for twelve months, from 21st March, 1901, the importation of any Swine from New Zealand.
- (3.) Proclamation, under the Diseases in Sheep Act of 1896, respecting the reduction of the annual contribution.
- (4.) Proclamation, under the Imported Stock Act of 1871, prohibiting for twelve months, from 19th March, 1901, the importation of Cattle, &c., from Western Australia.
- (5.) Proclamation, under the Imported Stock Act of 1871, declaring restrictions and prohibitions, for twelve months, from 20th March, 1901, respecting the importation of Cattle, &c., from Queensland.
- (6.) Proclamation suspending sections 45 and 48 and part of section 46 of the Diseases in Sheep Act of 1896, to admit of Sheep being introduced from Victoria.
- (7.) Proclamation, under the Imported Stock Act of 1871, prohibiting for twelve months, from 19th March, 1901, the importation of Cattle, &c., from portion of the Northern Territory of South Australia.
- (8.) Proclamation, under the Imported Stock Acts, 1871-1896, prohibiting, for twelve months, from 14th May, 1901, the importation of Cattle, &c., from a certain portion of Queensland.

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- (9.) Proclamation, under the Imported Stock Acts, 1871-1896, declaring Queensland, Western Australia, and the Northern Territory of South Australia to be infected as regards Stock.
- (10.) Proclamation, under the Imported Stock Acts 1871-1896, declaring the disease known as "Tick Fever or Texas Fever" in Cattle, &c., to be an infectious or contagious disease.
- (11.) Regulations under the Pastures and Stock Protection Act of 1898.
- (12.) Regulations under the Imported Stock Acts, 1871-1896.
- (13.) Proclamation, dated 13th May, 1901, under the Vegetation Diseases Act, 1897, prohibiting the removal of grape vines from portions of the counties of Cumberland and Camden.
- (14.) Proclamation declaring Devastating Eel Worm (*Tylenchus devastatrix*) to be a disease within the meaning of the Vegetation Diseases Act, 1897.
- (15.) Reasons for granting extended leave of absence to Mr. J. A. Bulkeley, Experimentalist, Wagga Wagga Experimental Farm.
- (16.) Proclamation, under the Vegetation Diseases Act, 1897, prohibiting the introduction of any plant affected by the disease known as the Devastating Eel Worm (*Tylenchus devastatrix*).
- (17.) Report of the Department of Mines for the year 1900.
- Ordered to be printed.
2. BUSINESS DAYS (*Sessional Order—Formal Motion*):—Mr. See moved, pursuant to Notice, 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.
3. PRECEDENCE OF BUSINESS (*Sessional Order—Formal Motion*):—Mr. See 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.
4. TRUCK ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
- (1.) Mr. Cann moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Truck Act of 1900.  
Question put and passed.
- (2.) Mr. Cann then presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to amend the Truck Act of 1900,"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
5. THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Eden George, That the following Address-in-Reply to the Lieutenant-Governor's Opening Speech, as read by the Clerk, be now adopted by this House:—
- "To His Excellency the Honorable Sir FREDERICK MATTHEW DARLEY, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Lieutenant-Governor of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia.
- "MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—
- "We, His 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 His Most Gracious Majesty's Throne and Person.
- "We desire to assure Your Excellency that the various measures indicated in Your Excellency's Speech shall receive our earnest consideration, and the necessary provision for the Public Service will be made in due course.
- "We join Your Excellency in the hope that, under Divine Providence, our endeavours may be guided to the enduring benefit of the Colony."
- Upon which Mr. Lec had moved, That the Address be amended by the insertion of the following words to stand Paragraph 3:—
- "At the same time, we feel bound to inform Your Excellency that this House strongly disapproves of the conduct of Ministers in their administration of public affairs during the recent unwarrantably prolonged recess, and of their failure to meet Parliament prior to the General Election, which was not only a breach of faith, but a violation of the principles and practice of Representative Government."
- And the Question being again proposed,—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted,—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
- Mr. Holman 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 Four o'clock.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 6.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 1 AUGUST, 1901.

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

COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—

(1.) *Maturity of Warrant reported*:—Mr. Speaker reported that his Warrant appointing the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, laid upon the Table on Wednesday, 24th July, 1901, 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.

(2.) *Resignation of Members*:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received letters from Charles Hilton Dight, Esquire, and William Henry Mahony, Esquire; respectively, which he read to the House, resigning their seats as Members of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

(3.) *Members sworn*:—Mr. Speaker intimated that it was 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, whereupon,—

Henry Clarke, Esquire,  
Frank Farnell, Esquire,  
James Alexander Hogue, Esquire, and  
Francis Augustus Wright, Esquire,

came to the Table, and were sworn by the Clerk as Members of the Committee.

(4.) *Warrant to fill Vacancies*:—Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the requirements of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893, laid upon the Table his Warrant appointing Hugh Macdonald, Esquire, and Samuel Wilkinson Moore, Esquire, to be Members 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 the State of New South Wales, in  
“ the Commonwealth of Australia.

“ PURSUANT to the power in that behalf vested in me, as Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of  
“ the State of New South Wales, in the Commonwealth of Australia, by the Parliamentary  
“ Electorates and Elections Act of 1893, I do hereby appoint—

“ Hugh Macdonald Esquire, and  
“ Samuel Wilkinson Moore, 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,  
“ in room of Charles Hilton Dight, Esquire, and William Henry Mahony, Esquire, resigned.

“ Given under my Hand, at the Legislative Assembly Chamber, Macquarie-street, Sydney, this  
“ first day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and one.

“ WILLIAM McCOURT,  
“ Speaker.”

1st August, 1901.

2. DEATH OF HER MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY QUEEN VICTORIA—ACCESSION OF HIS MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY KING EDWARD VII.:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. See and read by Mr. Speaker:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

*Message No. 30.**Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor informs the Legislative Assembly that he has officially learned, with the deepest regret, that our late Most Gracious Sovereign, Her Majesty Queen Victoria, departed this life at Osborne House, Isle of Wight, on the 22nd day of January, 1901.

The Lieutenant-Governor further informs the Legislative Assembly that, on the 24th day of January, 1901, His Most Gracious Majesty King Edward the Seventh was duly and lawfully proclaimed King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India, Supreme Lord in and over, among other territories, this State of New South Wales, whereof public proclamation and due notification were fully and lawfully made within this State on the 29th day of January, 1901.

*Government House,**Sydney, 1st August, 1901.*

3. VOTE OF CREDIT:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Waddell and read by Mr. Speaker:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

*Message No. 31.**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 that provision be made for defraying the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the State for the months of July and August, or following month of the Financial Year ending 30th June, 1902, for an Advance to the Colonial Treasurer, and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan.

*State Government House,**Sydney, 24th July, 1901.*

Ordered to be referred to the Committee of Supply.

4. PAPERS:—Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Regulations under the Miners' Accident Relief Act, 1900.
- (2.) Amended Regulations under the Miners' Accident Relief Act, 1900.
- (3.) Amended Regulations under the Gold and Mineral Dredging Act, 1899.
- (4.) Report of the Department of Agriculture for the year 1900.

Ordered to be printed.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE ELECTION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

- (1.) Mr. Nielsen moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make better provision for the election and appointment of Members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, and for purposes consequent upon and incidental to that object.

Question put and passed.

- (2.) Mr. Nielsen then presented a Bill, intitled "*A Bill to make better provision for the election and appointment of Members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works; and for purposes consequent upon and incidental to that object,*"—which was read a first time.

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

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

"*To His Excellency the Honorable Sir FREDERICK MATTHEW DARLEY, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Lieutenant-Governor of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia.*"

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

"We, His 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 His Most Gracious Majesty's Throne and Person.

"We desire to assure Your Excellency that the various measures indicated in Your Excellency's Speech shall receive our earnest consideration, and the necessary provision for the Public Service will be made in due course.

"We join Your Excellency in the hope that, under Divine Providence, our endeavours may be guided to the enduring benefit of the State."

Upon which Mr. Lee had moved, That the Address be amended by the insertion of the following words to stand Paragraph 3:—

"At the same time, we feel bound to inform Your Excellency that this House strongly disapproves of the conduct of Ministers in their administration of public affairs during the recent unwarrantably prolonged recess, and of their failure to meet Parliament prior to the General Election, which was not only a breach of faith, but a violation of the principles and practice of Representative Government."

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,—

FRIDAY,

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FRIDAY, 2 AUGUST, 1901, A.M.

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

Ayes, 28.

Mr. Coleman,  
Mr. Affleck,  
Mr. Haynes,  
Mr. Lee,  
Mr. David Storey,  
Mr. Mahony,  
Mr. Moxham,  
Mr. Mackenzie,  
Mr. Lonsdale,  
Mr. Ashton,  
Mr. McCoy,  
Mr. Gilbert,  
Mr. Fleming,  
Mr. Millard,  
Mr. Davidson,  
Mr. Levy,  
Mr. Oakes,  
Mr. Nobbs,  
Mr. Latimer,  
Mr. Dick,  
Mr. Hogue,  
Mr. Morton,  
Mr. Cohen,  
Mr. Phillips,  
Mr. Fallick,  
Mr. Jessep.  
*Tellers,*  
Mr. Moore,  
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.

Noes, 66.

Mr. O'Connor,  
Mr. O'Sullivan,  
Dr. Ross,  
Mr. See,  
Mr. Bennett,  
Mr. Fegan,  
Mr. Broughton,  
Mr. Holman,  
Mr. D. R. Hall,  
Mr. Chapman,  
Mr. Brinsley Hall,  
Mr. Eden George,  
Mr. Waddell,  
Mr. Davis,  
Mr. Alexander Campbell,  
Mr. Archer,  
Mr. Nelson,  
Mr. Barnes,  
Mr. Rose,  
Mr. Anderson,  
Mr. Briner,  
Mr. Frank Farnell,  
Mr. Archibald Campbell,  
Mr. Perry,  
Mr. T. R. Smith,  
Mr. Power,  
Mr. Sleath,  
Mr. Daley,  
Mr. MacMahon,  
Mr. Nicholson,  
Mr. Quinn,  
Mr. Henry Clarke,  
Mr. Clara,  
Mr. Scobie,  
Mr. Burgess,  
Mr. Macdonald,  
Mr. McFarlane,  
Mr. Quirk,  
Mr. Crick,  
Mr. Macdonell,  
Mr. Dacey,  
Mr. Donaldson,  
Mr. Sullivan,  
Mr. Hollis,  
Mr. Dight,  
Mr. Nielsen,  
Mr. Law,  
Mr. Collins,  
Mr. Wright,  
Mr. Richards,  
Mr. Estell,  
Mr. Cann,  
Mr. John Storey,  
Mr. Walsh,  
Mr. J. F. Smith,  
Mr. W. F. Hurley,  
Mr. McGowen,  
Mr. Williams,  
Mr. Edden,  
Mr. Young,  
Mr. Kidd,  
Mr. Gormly,  
Mr. Carroll,  
Mr. Miller.  
*Tellers,*  
Mr. Arthur Griffith,  
Mr. Willis.

And so it passed in the negative.

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

Mr. See informed the House that he had ascertained it to be the pleasure of the Lieutenant-Governor to receive their Address-in-Reply to His Excellency's Opening Speech on Tuesday next, at a quarter-past Four o'clock.

7. COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY:—Mr. Waddell moved, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.

Question put and passed.

8. COMMITTEE OF WAYS AND MEANS:—Mr. Waddell moved, That this House will, on its next sitting day resolve itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Question put and passed.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*

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No. 7.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 6 AUGUST, 1901.

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

ADDRESS-IN-REPLY TO THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH:—The Assembly proceeded to State Government House, there to present to the Lieutenant-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 Lieutenant-Governor their Address-in-Reply to His Excellency's Opening Speech, and that His Excellency had been pleased to give thereto the following Answer:—

State Government House, Sydney, 6th August, 1901.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,—

I thank you for the loyal expressions contained in the address you have now presented to me.

I am very pleased to know that I can rely with confidence on your earnest consideration of the several important Measures to be submitted to you, and that the necessary provision for the Public Service will be made in due course.

FREDK. M. DARLEY,  
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

- (1.) Women's Franchise Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,  
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 32.

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 extend the Parliamentary Franchise to Women, and for purposes consequent on or incidental to that object.

Government House,  
Sydney, 6th August, 1901.

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

- (2.) Municipal Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,  
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 33.

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 codify and amend the Municipalities Act, 1897, and to make further and better provision for Municipal Government.

Government House,  
Sydney, 6th August, 1901.

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

6th August, 1901.

## (3.) Industrial Arbitration Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

Message No. 34.

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 provide for the registration and incorporation of industrial unions and the making and enforcing of industrial agreements; to constitute a court of arbitration for the hearing and determination of industrial disputes, and matters referred to it by conciliators; to define the jurisdiction, powers, and procedure of such court; to provide for the enforcement of its awards and orders; to provide for a committee of reference from such court, 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.

## 3. QUESTIONS:—

## (1.) Milson's Island, Hawkesbury River:—Mr. Dacey asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Who owns Milson's Island in the Hawkesbury River?
- (2.) What is its area?
- (3.) When was it alienated, and for what amount?

Mr. Crick answered,—

- (1.) This information cannot be supplied by this Department; but is obtainable at the Registrar-General's Office.
- (2.) Seventy-six acres.
- (3.) On the 4th April, 1866, by public auction, for £76.

## (2.) Condemned Fruit:—Mr. Dacey asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) The quantity of fruit imported during the last twelve months which was subsequently condemned?
- (2.) The names of the consignors, and the quantity which each lost?
- (3.) The names of the consignees, and the quantity condemned on each of them?
- (4.) Is it a fact that some of the other States will not accept our certificates, although the fruit has been fumigated under Government supervision?
- (5.) The number of inspectors, and their names?
- (6.) Has a report been furnished as to the value of the fruit grown at the Hawkesbury College; if so, will he lay a copy upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

- (1.) 39,966 cases fruit and 12,014 bunches of bananas.
- (2.) The names of the consignors are not obtainable.
- (3.) The information will be obtained and laid upon the Table in shape of a return.
- (4.) The Western Australian Government will not accept fumigation certificates; they require in addition a certificate that the fruit is free from disease.
- (5.) W. S. Campbell, Chief Inspector; J. Martin, junior, F. G. Chomley, E. D. Butler, M. Blunno, W. J. Allen, W. W. Froggatt, in Sydney. The Sub-Collectors of Customs in the border towns also act as inspectors.
- (6.) The information will be obtained and laid upon the Table in shape of a return.

## (3.) Grose River Electric Lighting and Traction Scheme:—Mr. Haynes, for Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When does he propose to take steps in the direction of having carried into effect the Grose River electric lighting and traction scheme, reported favourably upon some time since by an officer of the Department?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—When the next batch of public works has been put in hand for construction I will consider the advisableness of attending to the Grose River Electrical Scheme.

## (4.) Salaries of the Solicitor-General and Under Secretary of Justice:—Mr. Haynes, for Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, asked the Minister of Justice,—In connection with the re-arrangement and amalgamation of offices, &amp;c., of the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice, what increases of salary, if any, have been made in the cases of the Solicitor-General and Under-Secretary Miller of the Justice Branch?

Mr. See answered,—The salaries are the same as they were before the amalgamation.

## (5.) Salary of Sir Frederick Darley:—Mr. Haynes, for Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What salary is being paid Sir Frederick Darley for services rendered in his capacity as Chief Justice?
- (2.) What salary is being paid Sir Frederick Darley for services performed as Lieutenant-Governor?
- (3.) Is it intended to take steps in the direction of reducing the Governor's salary to, say, £3,000?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) £3,500 per annum.
- (2.) £7,000 per annum, a moiety of which is refunded by Sir Frederick Darley.
- (3.) The matter is under consideration.

## (6.) Law of Libel Amendment Bill:—Mr. Haynes, for Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, asked the Colonial Secretary,—When is it intended to introduce and to carry into operation a Bill providing for the amendment of the law relating to libel?

Mr. See answered,—This matter is under consideration of the Government.

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(7.) Revenue from Advertisements on Railway Stations:—*Mr. Haynes*, for *Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What revenue is annually derived by the Commissioners for Railways from hoarding advertisements on railway stations and along the lines of the Colony?
- (2.) Is he aware that this form of advertisement is regarded as obnoxious to the public eye?
- (3.) Is he aware of the fact that in several of the States of the American Union legislation has been passed against the practice of utilizing public places for the purpose indicated?
- (4.) Does he favour the introduction of such legislation (where needed) here, and the issue, as far as public bodies, such as the Railway Commissioners, are concerned, of instructions against the extension of the system?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—

- (1.) I am informed that the value of the contracts entered into for railway advertising amounted to, approximately, £10,000, for the year just closed.
- (2.) I understand complaints have been received by the Railway Commissioners objecting to the large advertising hoardings in certain positions, and the whole question is at present engaging their attention. It is only just to point out that practically all railway companies enjoy a certain amount of revenue from this source, but the Commissioners appreciate the desirability of so locating and controlling the advertisements that they will not be objectionable to the public.
- (3.) I am not aware.
- (4.) Probably the result of the Commissioners' inquiries will remedy further complaints.

(8.) Conversion of the Steam Tram System to the Electric:—*Mr. Quina* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) When is it proposed to substitute the electric system for the steam system on the Eastern Suburbs line, and what (in detail) are the causes of the delay?
- (2.) When is it proposed to substitute electricity for the cable on the William-street line?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—

- (1.) It is anticipated that the Eastern Suburban Tramway System will be converted into an electric system about June next. The conversion is awaiting the completion of the extension of the power-house at Ultimo, for which the machinery was ordered twelve months ago.
- (2.) Regarding the conversion of the Ocean-street cable tram into an electric system, it cannot be stated at the moment when it will be completed; but it will not be undertaken until after the completion of the conversion of the Eastern Steam System.

(9.) Proposed Tram-line from William-street through Paddington:—*Mr. Quinn* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When does he propose to proceed with the new tram-line from William-street, through Paddington, to Woollabra?

*Mr. O'Sullivan* answered,—I propose to submit the proposal to the Public Works Committee this Session.

(10.) Maclean Harbour Works:—*Mr. Affleck* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that after the vote for the harbour works at Maclean was exhausted, on the application of the Member for the district, the Minister gave orders that the sum of £800 per month should be expended?
- (2.) If Question 1 is in the negative, what sum has been expended on that harbour by the present Minister for Works up to date, and what was the amount voted by Parliament for such expenditure since the present Minister for Works took office?

*Mr. O'Sullivan* answered,—

- (1.) There are no harbour works at Maclean—only a quarry for the Clarence River Heads Works. When the Vote had become exhausted, owing to its being cut down at the Treasury, I made application to the Treasury for funds from the Advance Account, to enable the works to be continued until a further sum had been provided by Parliament; this course was necessary, otherwise the men employed would have been thrown out of employment. This is the course usually taken in these matters.
- (2.) Parliament voted £30,000 in December, 1899, and £15,000 in December, 1900, for the Clarence River Harbour Works. It will thus be seen that the Treasury was merely giving back a portion of the amount formerly annually voted for the Clarence Heads Works?

(11.) City Premises Leased or Rented by Government:—*Mr. Daniel O'Connor* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) The number of places in the city leased or rented by each of the Departments of the Government?
- (2.) The amount paid for each place, and the purposes for which they are used?
- (3.) The total amount paid annually for these premises?

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

(12.) Lands withdrawn from Gold-fields Reserves for Alienation:—*Mr. Richards* asked the Secretary for Mines,—Will he make it a stringent condition in his Department that before lands are withdrawn from gold-fields reserve for the purposes of alienation the Member for the district in which such land is situated shall receive intimation of the proposal?

*Mr. Kidd* answered,—It is considered that such action would be productive of more harm than good. The Department takes every precaution towards preserving the interests of the mining industry. The officers of the Department are disinterested in dealing with any question of alienation of lands within gold-field reserves, whereas, if the wishes of the Member for the district were consulted, it might be held that his action would be prompted by the interests of individuals only, and the confidence of the public in the impartiality of the Department would be destroyed.

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- (13.) Gundare Settlement Leases:—Mr. Richards asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Has his attention been called by petition from aggrieved persons to the action of the Land Board sitting at Coonabarabran in refusing forty *bona-fide* persons their right at the ballot for Gundare settlement leases?
  - (2.) Will he consider, in any amendment of the Land Laws, an amending clause limiting the powers of the Land Board as against the latitude now given, and so prevent a repetition of harshness and exclusion of men, as is alleged to have taken place at Coonabarabran?
- Mr. Crick answered,—
- (1.) Yes; and I have referred the papers to the Chairman of the Land Board for report. I may mention, however, that under the existing law the question of conflicting applications is one which comes wholly within the Local Land Board's jurisdiction.
  - (2.) Yes.
- (14.) Allowances to Country Police during Royal Visit:—Mr. Dacey asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Were a number of country police brought to Sydney and camped in the Agricultural Ground during the recent Royal visit?
  - (2.) Were these men promised extra pay; if so, what amount?
  - (3.) Was any deduction made for their board; if so, what amount?
  - (4.) Have they all received the balance due to them?
- Mr. See answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Inspector-General of Police:—
- (1.) Yes.
  - (2.) Yes. The ordinary travelling allowance of 6s. per diem for sergeants, and 5s. per diem for men.
  - (3.) 3s. 6d. per diem will be deducted for cost of meals supplied.
  - (4.) In course of payment; the delay caused through necessary information having to be obtained from the country districts.
- (15.) Salary of Acting Governor and Chief Justice:—Mr. Dacey asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What salary does Sir Frederick Darley receive as Acting Governor?
  - (2.) What salary does His Excellency receive as Chief Justice?
- Mr. See answered,—I have already answered this question this afternoon in reply to another Honorable Member.
- (16.) Transfer of Country Police:—Mr. Dacey asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is there any objection to allowing members of the Police Force who are stationed in the north-western, western, and south-western parts of the State, the right to transfer to coastal or other districts after a continuous service of, say, seven years, in the said western districts?
  - (2.) Are policemen who are stationed in the Never Never part of the State allowed any increase of pay to make up for the higher cost of living; if so, what amount?
- Mr. See answered,—The following information has been furnished by the Inspector-General of Police:—
- (1.) Police are constantly so transferred when suitable vacancies occur.
  - (2.) Yes; 6d. per diem.
- (17.) Amendment of Constitution Act:—Mr. Bruncker asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce at an early date a Bill to amend the Constitution; and, whilst conserving the principle of one man one vote, to provide for extended electorates, and thus, with other provisions, re-establish an equality of voting power?
- Mr. See answered,—The intention of the Government in these matters was clearly expressed in the Speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.
- (18.) Loan and Revenue Funds:—Mr. Bruncker asked the Colonial Treasurer,—The total amount already expended and required to meet and cover the commitments from loan and revenue funds, for which the Government received Parliamentary sanction during the last Session of the preceding Parliament?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—The question is not clearly understood, but the Honorable Member is referred, for the expenditure, to the Statements of Revenue and Loans, published in the *Gazette* of the 1st July. The commitments for old-age pensions, wharfs and Rocks resumptions, &c., have not yet been definitely ascertained.
- (19.) Financial Position of the State:—Mr. Bruncker asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it possible for him to state when it is his intention to afford an opportunity to Parliament to learn from the Government (apart from the information given in *Gazette* notices) the true financial position of the State?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—The fullest information has been given in a return prepared by the Treasury Officers, which will be laid upon the Table.
- (20.) Darling Harbour and Rocks Resumption Schemes:—Mr. Bruncker asked the Colonial Treasurer,—With regard to the Darling Harbour and Rocks Resumption schemes, what sums of money (if any) have been paid to the original owners and lessees of the several properties resumed, and what amount has been received by the Government from the occupants of the said properties by way of rental or otherwise?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—This information will be supplied in the form of a return, if moved for in the usual way.

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- (21.) Commonwealth Celebrations Expenditure:—Mr. Bruncker asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What sum of money was expended from the public funds in payment for used and unused accommodation engaged under authority from the Government for the convenience of distinguished and other visitors in connection with the Commonwealth celebrations?
  - (2.) Are there any outstanding liabilities in connection with such engagements?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—This information will be laid upon the Table in the form of a return, if moved for in the usual way.
- (22.) Expenditure on Plague Outbreak:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What was the total cost to date in connection with the plague scare?
  - (2.) What amount has been paid by the Government on account of the above to date, and how much still remains to be paid?
  - (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill to compel the owners, whose premises were partly the cause of the plague, to pay a proportion of the expense; and further, to authorise the deductions from the amount of compensation to be paid to owners of resumed premises?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—
- (1 and 2.) This information will be prepared and laid upon the Table in the form of a return, if moved for in the usual way.
  - (3.) The matter has not been considered.
- (23.) Loan raised by Lyne-See Government:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the sum of £3,373,539 has been raised by loan since September, 1900; if not, what is the correct amount?
  - (2.) What is the net result of such loan, for how long was it raised, and what was the rate of interest to be paid on the sums borrowed?
  - (3.) How much of the said mentioned loan is at present to the credit of the Government, and how has the sum appropriated been expended?
  - (4.) What is the total amount raised by loan since the Lyne-See Government took office?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—
- (1.) No; £2,492,436 4s. 9d. is the correct total.
  - (2.) Net result of Inscribed Stock Loan, £509,545. Net result of Treasury Bills Loan, £1,932,891 4s. 9d. Inscribed Stock matures in 1912, and bears interest at 3 per cent. per annum. Treasury Bills issued in Sydney have a currency of five years, and bear interest at 3½ per cent. Treasury Bills issued in London have a currency of four years, and bear interest at 4 per cent.
  - (3.) None; expended on public works as appropriated and authorised under various Loan Acts.
  - (4.) Amount raised, £4,633,291 5s. 6d.
- (24.) Darling Harbour and Rocks Resumptions:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What is the total amount received as revenue from the properties resumed along Darling Harbour and that known as the Rocks, including George-street, up to date, each given separately?
  - (2.) What is the total amount paid to the owners of such properties, either as principal or interest, up to date, each separately?
  - (3.) Is the money received from such properties placed to the general revenue for current expenditure?
  - (4.) If placed into the general revenue and expended as current revenue, how do the Government propose to pay the principal and interest?
  - (5.) What is the estimated approximate value of the properties resumed?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—This information will be supplied in the form of a return, if moved for in the usual way.
- (25.) Commonwealth Celebrations Expenditure:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What has been the total cost to date for this State in connection with the Commonwealth Demonstrations?
  - (2.) How much, if any, is still due on the same?
  - (3.) From what fund has any, or all, of the above been paid?
  - (4.) What is the total amount of costs in sending the various Contingents to South Africa and China?
  - (5.) How much of the same has been paid, and from what funds has it been paid; further, how much is still due on the same?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—
- (1.) £113,732 9s. 7d. to the 30th June, 1901.
  - (2.) £3,500 estimated as outstanding.
  - (3.) Consolidated Revenue Fund.
  - (4.) £333,443 2s. 5d. to 30th June, 1901.
  - (5.) £333,443 2s. 5d. from Consolidated Revenue Fund. It is impossible to say how much is still due, and full amount cannot be ascertained until close of the war.
- (26.) Subsidy to Municipalities:—Mr. Nielsen asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Has he made any definite promise to grant a special subsidy to the Municipalities throughout the State?
  - (2.) If so, upon what basis, and upon what conditions will these special grants be made?
  - (3.) Will he make a condition that in spending these grants the Councils pay not less than the recognised minimum wage of 7s. per day to their employees?
- Mr. See answered,—The amount of 2s. 6d. in the £ will be submitted upon the Supply Bill to-morrow.

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- (27.) Minimum Wage:—Mr. Nielsen asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is he in favour of the minimum wage of 7s. per day, as fixed by his colleague, the Secretary for Public Works?
  - (2.) Has his attention been called to the fact that hundreds of able-bodied men are working for the Railway Commissioners at wages below 7s. per day?
  - (3.) Will he move to amend the Railway Act to prevent the paying of sweating rates of wages to employees of the Railway Commissioners, and to enforce the paying of Union rates of wages to all mechanics and other skilled labourers?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
  - (2 and 3.) I have conferred with the Railway Commissioners, who point out that the regulations provide that they shall pay “the average rates of wages found to be prevailing in private establishments,” which they strictly adhere to; and they claim that the conditions of employment are superior to those of private firms. It is also pointed out that although employees in many cases join the railways in the lowest grades, under 7s. per day, the classification provides for their rising above that minimum. The Railway Commissioners have given increases last year to the wages staff amounting to about £72,500 per annum, and as long as the financial conditions permit, will continue the most favoured treatment to their employees. I will, however, bear the whole matter in mind.
- (28.) Compensation to Widow of late John White:—Mr. Kelly asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Will he cause inquiries to be made with a view to compensate Mrs. White, widow of the late John White, who met his death while working at Hordern’s buildings?
  - (2.) Is it a fact that the Fire Brigades Act provides compensation for any person employed by Mr. Webb, Superintendent of Fire Brigades?
  - (3.) If so, will he at once take steps to recommend Mrs. White’s case to their consideration?
- Mr. See answered,—
- (1.) This is a matter which does not concern the Government, the late John White having been employed by the Municipal Council of Sydney.
  - (2 and 3.) No. I may add that I shall be very glad to give this matter favourable consideration, and I will bring it under the notice of the Cabinet at the earliest possible moment.
- (29.) Superannuation Fund:—Mr. Briner asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—
- (1.) Have not many Public School teachers who once contributed to the Superannuation Fund ceased to do so?
  - (2.) What has become of the moneys which they paid to the Fund?
  - (3.) Will he take steps to have all moneys so paid by teachers refunded to them at an early date?
- Mr. Perry answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
  - (2.) The moneys contributed were paid to the Civil Service Superannuation Account, and remain there until refunded, under the provisions of section 62 of the Public Service Act of 1895, on the retirement or death of teacher.
  - (3.) This could only be done by an amendment of the Public Service Act.
- (30.) Chinese in New South Wales:—Mr. McIntyre asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) The number of Chinese in New South Wales at the time of the introduction of the Chinese Restriction Act?
  - (2.) The number of Chinese who have paid poll-tax up to the date of the last Census return?
  - (3.) The number of Chinese in New South Wales at the date of the last Census?
  - (4.) The number of Chinese in New South Wales on the Electoral Rolls of the Colony?
  - (5.) The number of Chinese who hold miners’ rights?
- Mr. See answered,—
- (1.) 16,032, not including about 800 half-castes.
  - (2.) 34.
  - (3.) 9,750, excluding 1,151 half-castes.
  - (4.) 115.
  - (5.) During the last year it is estimated that 1,142 Chinese were employed on our mineral fields, but it is impossible to say whether they all hold miners’ rights.
- (31.) Fisheries Section of Australian Museum:—Mr. Cohen asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) How long is it since the fisheries section of the Australian Museum has been closed to the public?
  - (2.) When will the collection be available for public inspection?
- Mr. See answered,—
- (1.) There never has been a “Fisheries Section” proper in the Museum hitherto arranged separately, but the fish were interspersed in the general collection, and gradually removed to the new gallery now in process of arrangement.
  - (2.) In the course of a week.
- (32.) Administering Oaths of Allegiance by Country Police Magistrates:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has the Government considered the question of granting commissions to the various country Police Magistrates, authorising them to administer the Oath of Allegiance to persons who may have to be reappointed to the Commission of the Peace, owing to the death of Her late Majesty the Queen, in country towns that they may visit distant from any other towns in which Quarter Sessions are held?
- Mr. See answered,—A question has arisen as to whether the Magistrates should be reappointed. It was referred to the Attorney-General for his opinion, and at his request a cable was sent through the Lieutenant-Governor to inquire whether the Bill introduced into the Imperial Parliament to provide that fresh oaths of allegiance and office need not be taken, included Magistrates in Australia. The reply was in the negative. A Bill will accordingly be introduced to relieve Magistrates from the obligation to be resworn. Any fees which have already been paid in this respect will be refunded.

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(33.) Proposed Railway to Merriwa:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he, at as early a stage in the present Session as circumstances will permit, refer to the Public Works Committee the proposed railway to Merriwa?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—There is no proposed railway to Merriwa alone. The line of railway proposed is to go from Singleton to Cassilis, *via* Denman and Merriwa, with a branch to Muswellbrook, and as soon as the surveys are completed and the route is reported upon by the Railway Commissioners I will consider the desirableness of submitting it to the Public Works Committee.

(34.) Consolidation of the Statutes of New South Wales:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What has been the cost up to the present of the work of consolidating the Statutes of New South Wales?

(2.) How many barristers or other legal gentlemen have been engaged in the work, and what amounts have been, respectively, received by them in payment for their services?

(3.) What stage has been reached, as regards early completion of the task, and at what amount is the total cost of same estimated?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) Under Judge Heydon's Commission, £9,715 1s. 6d.

(2.) Eight, on salaries of £300 each, who have received respectively £1,130 8s., £1,450, £1,250, £1,275, £1,109 13s. 6d., £1,050, £1,450, and £1,000.

(3.) His Honor Judge Heydon has supplied the following information:—"It is anticipated that the work of consolidation will be completed by the end of this year at a further cost of about £1,200, possibly a good deal less. About 1,000 Acts have been dealt with in the various Consolidation and Revision Bills which have already gone through Parliament. The first batch (of about fifty Bills), which has been forwarded for this Session, consolidates nearly 250 more. This leaves in round numbers about 450 Acts still to be dealt with, and as the work on these is well advanced, it is anticipated (as above stated) that the whole consolidation will be completed by the end of the year. There will then remain the crowning of the work by the reprinting of all the then existing Statute Law of the State in a complete and orderly arrangement, and passing it as one Act by the Legislature, after the plan followed in Victoria. This will finish the work entrusted to the Commission."

(35.) Erection of Buildings for Dental School:—Mr. Edden asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it within the knowledge of the Government that a proposal has been made to erect the buildings necessary for the Dental School in a portion of the site now dedicated for the purposes of the Sydney Hospital?

(2.) If not, will he cause inquiries to be made on the subject from the governing body of that institution?

(3.) Have the Government been asked to provide the necessary funds for the erection of the proposed buildings; and are they favourable to the proposed site?

Mr. See answered,—I am informed that this matter is being considered by the Sydney Hospital authorities this afternoon.

(36.) Permanent Staff, Taxation Department:—Mr. Dacey, for Mr. Anderson, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that no Permanent Staff has been appointed in the Taxation Department, although the Department has been created about five and a half years?

(2.) Will he take into his consideration the necessity of grading the officers of the same Department, with a view of placing them on the same footing as the other branches of the Public Service?

(3.) If so, will he see that the grading is put into effect from the 1st July, 1900?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) On the motion of the Attorney-General an Act was passed last Session making the Staff of the Taxation Department permanent.

(2 and 3.) The Public Service Board are now grading the Department.

(37.) Expenditure on Parks in New South Wales:—Mr. Wright asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) The amount paid each year, from 1895 to 1900, for parks in Sydney and Suburbs?

(2.) The like information for the whole of the State?

Mr. See answered,—This information is being prepared, and will be laid upon the Table as soon as possible.

(38.) Appointment of Boards for Old-age Pensions:—Mr. Wright asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Has the Government taken the necessary steps to appoint Boards at all centres of population in the State to receive and report upon applications for Old-age Pensions?

Mr. Waddell answered,—Boards have been appointed for fifty-three districts of the State, corresponding with the Police Magistrates districts. The Boards sit at the Police Magistrate's head-quarters, and the Police Magistrate, as chairman of the Board, investigates pension claims at other towns visited by him in his magisterial capacity. The present arrangement is on trial.

(39.) Celebrations, State Concert, &c., on occasion of visit of the Duke and Duchess of York:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Does the Government really intend to meet the deficiency of £335 experienced in connection with the celebrations, State concert, &c., promoted by Mr. J. D. Hennessey and other prominent citizens on the occasion of the visit of the Duke and Duchess of York?

(2.) Is it not a fact that the Government had nothing whatever to do in connection with the control and management of these phases of the celebrations?

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- Mr. See answered,—In reply to the Honorable Member, I may state that a request was made to me by the Citizens' Committee to pay the sum of £335, being the amount of deficiency arising from their operations. I refused to pay that amount; but I may hereafter place the amount on the Estimates for the consideration of Parliament. I am not going to pay without the authority of Parliament, and if I place the item on the Estimates it will be for the purpose of giving Honorable Members an opportunity of saying whether the amount shall or shall not be paid.
4. PAPERS :—
- Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—Return showing premises leased and rented by the various Government Departments in the City, and amount of rent paid in each case.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- Mr. Perry laid upon the Table,—Report of Public Service Board respecting appointment of Miss Ruby Cowdroy, Mrs. Mary McKinnon, Mrs. Mary Slatter, and Miss Isabella Conway.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- Mr. Kidd laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Return showing value of fruit grown at the Hawkesbury Agricultural College, Richmond.
  - (2.) Return showing the fruit condemned from 1st July, 1900, to 30th June, 1901, in Sydney, with the names of the consignees and the quantity condemned.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- Mr. See laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) General Rules of Court of Marine Inquiry under the Navigation (Amendment) Act, 1899.
  - (2.) Account Current of Revenue, Receipts, and Expenditure of Consolidated Revenue Fund for the year ended 30th June, 1901.
  - (3.) Eighteenth General Report, together with a Return giving a record of the Committees' Inquiries and Minutes of Proceedings of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.  
Ordered to be printed.
  - (4.) By-law of the Municipal District of Katoomba.
  - (5.) Regulations under the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900.
  - (6.) Minute of the Public Service Board respecting the granting of sick leave to Mr. Phillip Kelly, clerk, Crown Solicitor's Office.
  - (7.) Amended Regulations under the Public Service Act of 1895.
  - (8.) Fifth Annual Report of the Public Service Board.
  - (9.) Report of the Electoral District Commissioners under the Parliamentary Electorates Redistribution Act, 1900.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table,—Report of the completion of the Johnston's Creek Stormwater Channel, Gehrig's Branch Extension.  
Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Crick laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Minute of the Public Service Board respecting the granting of special sick leave to Mr. W. H. Stuart, clerk, Miscellaneous Branch Lease Division, Department of Lands.
  - (2.) Amended Regulation No. 5 under the Timber and Quarry Regulations.
  - (3.) Amended Form No. 12 under the Crown Lands Acts.
  - (4.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorised to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act, 48 Victoria, No. 18.
  - (5.) Amended Regulations and Rates under the Electric Telegraph Act.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
5. CASE OF THE POLICE *versus* JONES AND OTHERS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Meagher 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 documents, papers, letters, opinions, &c., in connection with the case of the Police *versus* Jones and others, brought before the Paddington Police Court about 21st May, 1901, in connection with a prosecution for selling an adulterated article of food, namely, "beer," and eventually withdrawn.  
Question put and passed.
6. IMPORTATION AND WHARFAGE OF KEROSENE OIL IN BULK (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Carruthers moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence and papers relating to the importation and wharfage of kerosene oil in bulk.  
Question put and passed.
7. PLACES RENTED OR LEASED BY THE GOVERNMENT FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Meagher moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
- (1.) The number of places rented or leased by the Government for public purposes.
  - (2.) The names of the lessors, and amounts paid annually therefor.
  - (3.) The dates of such tenancy in occupation, when commenced, and the various Governments under whose regime such obligations were entered into.  
Question put and passed.
8. EMPLOYEES OF LABOUR UNIONS PROTECTION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
- (1.) Mr. Edden moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision for the protection of employees of labour unions.  
Question put and passed.
  - (2.) Mr. Edden then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to make provision for the protection of employees of labour organisations, unions, and societies*,"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed and read a second time on Tuesday, 8th October.
9. 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.

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10. **MATRIMONIAL AGENCIES SUPPRESSION BILL (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. John Hurley moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to suppress Matrimonial Agencies, and to make provision for the punishment of agents, clergymen, and others connected therewith. Question put and passed.
11. **USURY LIMITATION BILL (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. John Hurley moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to limit usury. Question put and passed.
12. **METROPOLITAN TRAFFIC ACT (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Dacey moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the charges imposed upon a section of the public, under the Metropolitan Traffic Act, are unjust, and should therefore be abolished. Question put. The House divided.

Ayes, 60.

Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Richards,	Mr. Jessep,
Mr. Daniel O'Connor,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Sullivan,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Power,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Coleman,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. Broughton,	Mr. Holman,
Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. McIntyre,	Mr. Davidson,
Mr. Meagher,	Mr. Moxham,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. McCoy,
Mr. See,	Mr. J. F. Smith,

Mr. John Storey,
Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. Clara,
Mr. Morton,
Mr. Winchombe,
Mr. Collins,
Mr. Quinn,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Webster,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Law,
Mr. Price,
Mr. Macdonald.

## Tellers,

Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Eden George.

Noes, 10.

Mr. Dick,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Brunner,
Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Affleck.

## Tellers,

Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Ferguson.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

13. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Truck Act Amendment Bill postponed until Tuesday next.
14. **GENERAL ELECTION, 1901**:—Mr. Gormly moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
- (1.) The number of names on each electoral roll at the time of last general election.
  - (2.) The number of votes polled by each candidate.
  - (3.) The number of informal votes recorded.
- Question put and passed.
15. **THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**:—Mr. Law moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, in view of the fact that a majority of the Members of this House have signified their intention of voting for a reduction in the number of the Members of this House, it is desirable that no further appointments should be made to the Legislative Council until the question of a reduction has been dealt with by the Government. Debate ensued.
- Mr. Williams moved, That the Question be amended by the addition, at the end, of the words "unless a deadlock shall occur on some legislation approved by this House and rejected by the "Legislative Council."
- Point of Order*:—Mr. Crick submitted that the proposed amendment was beyond the scope of the original motion, and was, therefore, out of order.
- Mr. Speaker sustained the objection.

Debate continued.

Original Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 18.

Mr. Coleman,
Mr. Hogue,
Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Jessep,
Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Quirk,
Mr. Price,
Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Collins,
Mr. John Hurley,
Mr. Carroll,

## Tellers,

Mr. Law,
Mr. Morton.

## Noes, 47.

Mr. Cann,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Eden George,	Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. Gilbert,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Phillips,	Mr. Clara,
Mr. McIntyre,	Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Dight,
Mr. Dick,	Mr. Millard,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Ashton,	Mr. Sullivan,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. See,	Mr. Estell,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Brunner,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Briner,	Mr. Holman.
Mr. Webster,	
Mr. Daley,	
Mr. Williams,	
Mr. Levy,	
Mr. Wright,	

## Tellers,

Mr. Quinn,
Mr. W. F. Hurley.

And so it passed in the negative.

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16. ADMINISTRATION OF THE FRIENDLY SOCIETIES ACT:—Mr. Carruthers moved, pursuant to Notice,—  
That, in the opinion of this House,—  
(1.) The 12th section of the Friendly Societies Act was not intended to have a retrospective operation so far as relates to members of such societies at the time of passing the said Act.  
(2.) In the administration of the said Act the retrospective construction of the said section ought not to be adopted.  
Debate ensued.  
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
17. REMOVAL FROM THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF MR. FREDERICK GLYNN:—Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, pursuant to Notice,—  
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon all the circumstances connected with the removal from the Public Service of Mr. Frederick Glynn, late assistant store-keeper at the Coast Hospital, and on the action of the Public Service Board and the Chief Medical Officer to the Government in connection with the exposures made by Mr. Glynn.  
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. See, Mr. Brunner, Mr. Dacey, Mr. Hogue, Mr. Price, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Millard, Mr. Wright, Mr. Young, and the Mover.  
Question put and passed.
18. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. See moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
The House adjourned accordingly, at two minutes before Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 7 AUGUST, 1901.

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

CLOSER SETTLEMENT BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Sec and read by Mr. Speaker:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 35.*

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 authorise the acquisition of private lands or lands leased from the Crown for purposes of settlement, and to provide for dealing with and disposing of such lands.

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Sydney, 7th August, 1901.*

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

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Cost of Water and Sewerage Works:—*Mr. Willis*, for *Mr. Wright*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What is the amount of money spent to date on the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Works?

(2.) The like information respecting the Newcastle and Hunter River Works?

(3.) The cost to date of Water and Sewerage Works for country towns, excluding Newcastle and Maitland?

(4.) The cost to date of water conservation in the country, including artesian bores?

*Mr. O'Sullivan* answered,—The information required will be prepared in the form of a return if moved for by the Honorable Member.

(2.) Resumption of Convent Buildings, Pitt-street:—*Mr. Affleck* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the sum of £19,000 has been paid to those who claimed the Convent buildings in Pitt-street, now resumed?

(2.) If not, has any money been paid at all, and how much?

(3.) Was the title perfect, or such as the Crown Solicitor would have accepted, before any money was paid for resumed land?

(4.) What was the description of title to the said resumed land?

*Mr. O'Sullivan* answered,—With the usual allowance for forced resumptions, the compensation for land and premises paid to the representatives of the Good Samaritan Convent amounted to £21,750, being £13,250 less than the amount claimed, and £4,250 less than the amount stated in the Public Works Committee's report, and in my speech when submitting the Central Railway Bill to Parliament. The representatives of the Benevolent Society, Female Refuge, Society of Friends, Police Barracks, and Church of England Rectory, have been compensated, or will be compensated, in sums approximating to those mentioned in Parliament by me, and in the report of the Public Works Committee. As the Benevolent Society, the Good Samaritan Convent, and the Female Refuge have been nearly sixty years in existence upon their present sites, in fact in one case more than ninety years, their titles have been treated as possessory. The reasons for this have been explained in a minute written by myself in reply to the Crown Solicitor's Department, as follows:—

"In connection with the claims for compensation in the above matter from the Benevolent Society, the Unsectarian Female Refuge, the Society of Friends, the Convent of the Good Samaritan,

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"Samaritan, and another claim which is expected to be received from the Church of England Rectory, I desire to point out that I do not altogether agree with the opinions of the eminent legal authorities who apparently desire this Department to stand upon rigid legal technicalities. All the institutions named have been doing immense beneficial service amongst the people of New South Wales for generations past, in one case going back for about ninety years, and in view of the manner in which they have been relieving the Government of expenditure by helping the poor, reclaiming the fallen, or by giving religious or other instruction, I am of opinion that a fair consideration should be shown to the trustees or managers of the institutions referred to. They have virtually acquired possessory titles, and being reputable men or women their claims should be treated in a just, not rigidly legal manner. The trustees or managers of these institutions have been put to considerable expense by our forced resumptions, their historic buildings, upon which very large sums of money have been expended, are being demolished, their scholastic and other connections broken up, and under these circumstances, and holding the views just expressed, I arranged the terms of compensation with the trustees or representatives.

"Those terms were as follows:—Benevolent Society, £62,000; Unsectarian Female Refuge, £16,000; the Good Samaritan Convent (a larger building and larger area than the Refuge), £21,750; the Society of Friends (for church and land), £2,000. The claim for the Church of England Rectory has not yet been settled. By these compensations, and allowing for those to come from the Police and Railway Commissioners, I will be enabled to keep the amounts paid somewhere about the £140,000 allowed for compensation in the Public Works Committee's report."

(3.) Rossiville Estate, Goulburn:—Mr. Rose asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) In furtherance of his proposal to create workmen's areas on the leasehold basis, will he consider the advisableness of throwing open the Rossiville Estate adjacent to Goulburn for *bona-fide* workmen's holdings?

(2.) Is it not a fact that such estate cost the Government nearly £17,000 ten years ago, and is now only used for grazing a few cows?

Mr. Crick answered,—I will make inquiries into this matter. I understand the land cost a little over £15,000, and is at present used by a Department under the Colonial Secretary's Department for grazing purposes.

(4.) Sydenham Railway Accident:—Mr. Hollis asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House, and move that the same be printed,—All papers and correspondence which have reached the Colonial Treasurer, relating to the railway accident which took place near Sydenham on 15th February, 1901, and in this connection include—(a) A complete copy of the depositions and findings of the Coroner's Court; (b) The evidence and findings of the Board of Experts appointed by the Railway Commissioners; (c) A copy of the records of speed attained on Suburban Passenger Trains by the speed indicator attached to an F class engine for the purpose?

Mr. Waddell answered,—If moved for in the usual way the papers, &c., referred to will be laid upon the Table of the House.

(5.) Payments to Contractors by the Government:—Mr. Gormly asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is he aware that considerable delay took place in the Government Departments in making payments to contractors, and in returning deposits lodged with contracts?

(2.) Will provision be made for prompt payments in future?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am not aware; but if the Honorable Member will furnish me with specific instances, I will cause inquiry to be made, with a view to securing prompt payments in future.

(6.) Historical Records:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Are the authorities still compiling the Historical Records; when was the last volume issued; and when will the next one be ready for sale?

(2.) What is the amount of money paid, since the last volume was issued, to the compiler?

(3.) How long is it since the first volume was issued, and what is the total cost of same to present date?

(4.) Is it the intention to keep on the expenditure in the issue of these books?

Mr. See answered,—This information is being prepared, and will be laid upon the Table as soon as possible.

(7.) Darling Harbour and Rocks Resumptions:—Mr. Cohen asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Who are the valutors for the Darling Harbour and Rocks resumptions?

(2.) What are the terms of their engagement?

(3.) How many valuations have been made?

(4.) How many valuations remain to be made?

(5.) How much have the valutors been paid?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) The Government Land Valuer (Mr. E. J. Sievers), Messrs. Henry Gorman, A. W. S. Gregg, and E. C. Batt.

(2.) Mr. Sievers is a permanent State officer, drawing £800 per annum; the other gentlemen receive a retaining fee of 100 guineas each, together with 2,750 guineas each for all services, including estimates of value and evidence in Court, as and when required.

(3.) The majority of the valuations have been made, but the exact number cannot be ascertained at such a short notice.

(4.) It is impossible to say, as the valuations arrived at may be varied according to the reports upon title received from the Crown Solicitor.

(5.) Total payments to date, £4,646 5s., excluding Mr. Sievers.

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- (8.) Public Service Superannuation Account:—Mr. Cohen asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the deficiency of the Public Service Superannuation Account is increasing at the rate of £75,000 per annum; if not, by how much?
  - (2.) Has the Government decided to guarantee the payment of existing and prospective pensions under the Civil Service Act of 1884, and to refund the contributions of those Public Servants who discontinued contributing to the Fund under the provisions of the Public Service Act of 1895?
  - (3.) Has the Government decided to give officers now contributing to the Fund another opportunity of ceasing to contribute?
  - (4.) Will the Government submit its proposals to Parliament this Session?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) The report of the Actuary on the operation of the Civil Service Superannuation Fund during the year 1900, which is contained in the report of the Public Service Board, laid upon the Table of the House yesterday, discloses that the payments on account of pensions, gratuities, refunds, and adjustments of transfers during the year amounted to £126,291 Os. 5d., and that the total receipts from all sources were £40,034 4s. 5d., showing a deficiency of £86,256 16s. for the year.
- (2, 3, and 4.) The Government will ask Parliament, when necessary, to provide sufficient funds to pay all claims upon the Superannuation Fund. If the state of public business permits, the proposals of the Government will be submitted this Session.

- (9.) Appointment of Solicitor-General:—Mr. McIntyre asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Under what authority was Mr. Pollock appointed Solicitor-General?
- (2.) What are his duties?
- (3.) When did he resign the office of Secretary to the Attorney-General?
- (4.) What is his remuneration?
- (5.) Under what authority is he paid?
- (6.) Will he continue to do any work which he performed as Secretary to the Attorney-General?
- (7.) Will the appointment interfere with the duties or position of the Crown Prosecutor?
- (8.) Is it necessary still in every case (where no further proceedings are taken against an accused person who is in gaol) that the Attorney-General should first give a certificate that he has refused to file a bill?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) By the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.
- (2.) To file, or decline to file, Bills in all committal cases, without reference to the Attorney-General; to enter a *nolle prosequi* in any case where necessary; when required, to appear for the Crown in civil cases without fee, and to conduct prosecutions at his discretion, or when required; to prepare for submission to the Attorney-General all cases forwarded for his opinion, and generally subject to his direction to advise on all legal matters; to direct the preparation of Bills for Parliament, and, when required, to be present at any sitting of Parliament.
- (3.) He ceased to perform the duties on the 22nd July, when he was sworn in as Solicitor-General.
- (4.) £1,000 per annum.
- (5.) The Constitution Act.
- (6.) He will be relieved of the Ministerial work which was previously done by him as head of a Department. (See Answer to Question 2 for further reply.)
- (7.) No.
- (8.) Under the Crimes Act, this certificate must be signed by the Attorney-General.

- (10.) Night Officers in charge of Railway Stations:—Mr. Nielsen asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is he aware of the fact that many of the night officers in charge of railway stations work twelve hours per night and seven nights per week at salaries ranging from £120 to £150 per annum?
- (2.) Does he know that the men in the running staff work 108 hours per fortnight?
- (3.) Will he move to amend the Railway Act to provide that all employees work only forty-eight hours per week?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

- (1.) I am informed that a considerable majority of night officers are not required to be on duty for twelve hours every night in the week, as is to be inferred from the Question, and those officers who are so employed are allowed an extra week's leave per year in addition to their annual leave of three weeks. The question of increasing the maximum salary attached to the position of night officer is now under consideration. The duties of these officers are exceedingly light, and it would be impossible to reduce the hours, except by the appointment of additional night officers at each station, which would be a most extravagant arrangement.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) This matter will receive the consideration of the Government.

- (11.) Licensing Public Vehicles:—Mr. Levy asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has it been held by the authorities that the Metropolitan Traffic Act, 1900, empowers the Governor, by regulation, to exempt from license certain classes of public vehicles?
- (2.) If so, will he recommend the amendment of the regulations, so as to exclude tip-carts from the necessity of being licensed?

Mr. See answered,—The following information has been furnished by the Inspector-General of Police:—

- (1.) Yes, by regulation, in accordance with section 8 of the Metropolitan Traffic Act.
- (2.) The matter is under consideration.

- (12.) Dawes' Point Horse-ferry:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) When was the wharf and approach for horse-ferry purposes at Dawes' Point completed?
- (2.) What was the cost of same, and have any steps been taken to provide the necessary horse-ferry accommodation?

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(3.) Have the Sydney Ferries Company lately constructed a boat intended for this service which is proving itself a failure for the purpose, and causing much inconvenience, where now running at Fort Macquarie?

(4.) Have the representatives of the northern suburbs intimated to him, and to the Harbour Trust Commissioners, the inability of the North Sydney Council to satisfactorily negotiate with the Sydney Ferries Company in regard to the use of the Council's wharf at Blue's Point, and with what results?

(5.) Will he take immediate steps to remedy any inconvenience now existing in connection with the horse-ferry service between Sydney and North Sydney, and, if necessary, deal with this traffic as the Government deals with all like traffic—by the establishment of a punt service?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) 24th August, 1900.

(2.) Cost to date, £9,743 11s. 4d. No steps have been taken.

(3.) I am not aware.

(4.) Representations have been made, and the matter is under earnest consideration.

(5.) I cannot promise to deal with the matter immediately, but can assure the Honorable Member that so soon as an opportunity offers, the question will engage the attention of the Cabinet. As it would cost nearly £30,000 to start this horse-ferry in a complete manner, and I hope to finish the North Shore bridge before the end of three years—when this horse-ferry would be no longer required—the Honorable Member will see the necessity for caution in the matter.

(13.) Appointment of a State Governor:—Mr. Haynes asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What is the total payment now being drawn by Sir Frederick Darley, as Chief Justice and Acting State Governor?

(2.) Is it a fact that by reason of the Chief Justice having to discharge the duties of State Governor, he is unable to deal with any cases, civil or criminal, going over Monday in any week, and is further unable to do any circuit business?

(3.) Is it a fact that two acting judges are required to help in the performance of duties which the Chief Justice is unable to perform?

(4.) What steps do the Government propose taking in the matter of the appointment of a State Governor?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) £7,000 a year, whilst acting as Chief Justice and Lieutenant-Governor.

(2.) I am informed that the only Court day in the week the Chief Justice does not sit is on Tuesday in consequence of the Executive meeting on that day, and there being a large amount of Departmental work to be gone through. He sits in all civil cases, but does not sit in any criminal case or criminal appeal, the prerogative of mercy being vested in him as representing the Crown.

(3.) It is not a fact that any acting judges have been appointed to discharge the work that the Chief Justice is unable to perform. An acting judge is now sitting at Darlinghurst, taking the place of Mr. Justice Cohen, who is holding a Special Court with two District Court Judges, hearing the cases under the Rocks Resumption Act. The Chief Justice takes his full share of the Supreme Court work, for although he does not sit in criminal cases, he is, whilst this work is going on, sitting in some other jurisdiction of the Court, and I am informed is never a moment idle. The Chief Justice is not able to take Circuit work on account of the criminal work; but during Circuit time he is every day in his Chambers attending to any Supreme Court work which may be required to be done.

(4.) The matter is engaging the attention of the Government. I cannot hurry the appointment of Governor until I am in a position to furnish a residence, and I hope Honorable Members will assist me in that respect.

(14.) Old-age Pensions:—Mr. Nobbs, for Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, asked the Colonial Secretary,—  
What arrangements have been entered into with the Bank of New South Wales in connection with the payment by that institution of old-age pensions?

Mr. See answered,—The Bank of New South Wales has undertaken, for a commission at the rate of 2 per cent., to pay the old-age pensions, making payments at all places required by the Government, remitting the necessary funds without exchange, and taking all responsibility for the identification of pensioners and transfers of pensions. In the event of any alteration of the law, rendering the duty of paying pensions less onerous, the rate of commission is to be reconsidered by the Bank. The arrangement is to remain in force for a period of two years, subject to compensation being allowed to the Bank for the amount expended in material alterations to meet the requirements of the staff employed; but with this proviso, that the amount payable for compensation for material alterations will not exceed £1,000. I may add that, prior to making the above arrangement, the Colonial Treasurer appointed a Board, consisting of the Paymaster of the Treasury, the Clerk in charge of Imperial Pensions, and the Registrar of the Central Board for Old-age Pensions, to inquire into and report upon the best means of paying these pensions. The Board recommended that an arrangement be made with the Bank, and the above arrangements were accordingly made with the Bank of New South Wales. I may add that I made the fullest inquiry into this matter, and after careful consideration of all the circumstances, I was compelled to agree to the recommendation made by the Board appointed to carry out all the arrangements.

(15.) Special Allowance to the Police:—Mr. Nobbs, for Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What special allowance is provided for constables of the Police Force absent from home at night, and are they expected to furnish particulars as to where and under what conditions they were housed, &c., before such allowance is paid them?

(2.) Have higher officers of the Force to furnish such particulars under similar circumstances?

Mr. See answered,—The following Answers have been furnished by the Inspector-General of Police:—

(1.) Five shillings per night. Particulars in support of claims are required.

(2.) Yes, when necessary.

(16.)

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(16.) Publication of Original Botanical Work by Government Botanist:—Mr. Hogue asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Government Botanist has in the *Agricultural Gazette* (the official organ of the Agricultural Department of this State), published, without acknowledgment, original botanical work from the *Town and Country Journal*, written by Mr. Fred. Turner, F.L.S.?
- (2.) Will he direct that in future acknowledgment be made of the real authorship of literary work, or the source whence taken, should appropriations be made from the journal named?

Mr. See answered,—No.

(17.) Expenditure on Metropolitan Roads:—Mr. Wood asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What was the total amount expended on the roads within the Metropolitan Road District during the years 1895-1899, 1899-1900, 1900-1901?
- (2.) What amount represents the Schedule Vote for each year, and what amounts were paid from the Unclassified Road Vote?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—The expenditure since the year 1898 has been as follows:—

- (1.) 1898-1899, £31,449; 1899-1900, £41,898; 1900-1901, £80, 516.
- (2.) Schedule Vote, 1898-1899, £23,344; 1899-1900, £21,974; 1900-1901, £26,544; and Unclassified Road Vote, 1898-1899, £8,105; 1899-1900, £19,924; 1900-1901, £53,972. Similar information regarding years 1895, 1896, and 1897 can be furnished in a return if moved for in the usual way. I may point out to the Honorable Member that the reason of the increase of these expenditures is the fact that I have had to provide employment near Sydney on wholesome road works for over 4,000 workless men—the legacy of the Reid administration.

(18.) Settlement Lease Farms on Haddon Rig Run, Coonamble Electorate:—Mr. Macdonald asked the Secretary for Lands,—Whether it is his intention, in relation to sixteen settlement-lease farms advertised open for settlement on 5th September next, on Haddon Rig Run in the Coonamble Electorate, to withdraw the same?

Mr. Crick answered,—It is not my intention to withdraw the lands, but I have had under consideration an application to postpone the date on which the lands would be available from September to October next—certainly not later.

(19.) Tonderbrine Leasehold:—Mr. Macdonald asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) When will the Tonderbrine leasehold be available for settlement?
- (2.) Is it not a fact that this lease fell in two years ago, and that the land has been blocked from settlement ever since, pending exchange proposals being completed?

Mr. Crick answered,—The disposal of the land has been impeded by an exchange which is now in the hands of the District Surveyor for survey of the lands involved. Until the survey has been effected the leasehold area in question cannot be satisfactorily subdivided for settlement. I will, however, make inquiry when action will be complete, and I am determined that all existing applications for exchange shall be speedily dealt with.

(20.) Tonderbrine Land Exchange:—Mr. Macdonald asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Whether he can give any idea of the date when the Tonderbrine land exchange will be finally settled?
- (2.) Does he intend to grant an exchange that will prevent selectors at present in occupation from making up their holdings according to existing law?

Mr. Crick answered,—

- (1.) This case is in the hands of the District Surveyor for survey, and I will make inquiry when action will be complete. It must be not later than 31st December next.
- (2.) It is not the practice of the Department to grant exchanges which would prevent selectors from increasing their holdings, and I am unaware that the claims of conditional purchasers have been overlooked in this case.

(21.) Chinese Gambling Dens:—Mr. Price asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is he aware that a large number of Chinese gambling-dens exists in the vicinity of the Haymarket; if so will he take steps to have the persons carrying on the same prosecuted?
- (2.) Will he ascertain the names and owners of such premises?
- (3.) Will he take steps to prosecute the European owners of such gambling-dens as well as the persons running the gambling-houses?

Mr. See answered,—The Inspector-General of Police has furnished the following Answers:—

- (1.) Yes; they are continually under observation. Twenty were recently prosecuted, and officers are always on the alert with the view to obtaining evidence for further prosecutions.
- (2.) The names and owners of such premises could be ascertained if required.
- (3.) The landlord of a house could not be prosecuted, except on proof that he took part in the gambling.

(22.) Hours of Work of Railway Employees:—Mr. Price asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he take steps to have effect given to the resolution of this House carried last Session, viz.—That railway employees should only be called upon to work eight hours per diem, or forty-eight hours per week?

Mr. Waddell answered,—This matter will receive the consideration of the Government.

(23.) District Court Rules:—Mr. Price asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the recently adopted Rules of the District Court entail considerably increased cost upon litigants, and that persons having cases before the District Court are put to considerable inconvenience, in consequence of the operation of such Rules?
- (2.) Who is responsible for the new Rules?
- (3.) Has the Justice Department power to revise such Rules; if so, will he cause same to be revised; if not, will he introduce a Bill giving the Crown Law Office such power?

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Mr. Sec answered,—The Registrar of the District Court informs me as follows:—

(1.) In contested cases the present scale of costs does allow somewhat higher costs to the successful party; but, in cases where there is no real contest, the costs are considerably reduced. Taking the figures given in the Statistical Register, the costs allowed, during the years (ending on 1st March) 1891-1892 and 1900-1901, in all the Districts Courts, average in each action tried as follows:—

Year.							Costs in each action tried.
1891-1892	...	...	...	...	...	...	£4 7 0
1900-1901	...	...	...	...	...	...	£4 12 7

The present rules have now been in operation for two years, and no complaints have been made to the Judges of this Court, nor, as far as I am aware, to any of the other Judges, that litigants are put to considerable inconvenience in consequence of their operation.

(2.) The rules were made by the Judges under the provisions of the District Courts Acts.

(3.) No. I see no necessity for such a Bill.

### 3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Crick laid upon the Table,—Copies of *Gazette* Notices, setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the dedication of certain lands, in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18, and the 7th section of the Public Trusts Act, 1897. Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Perry laid upon the Table,—By-laws of the Public Library at Bankstown. Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

### 4. USURY LIMITATION BILL:—Mr. John Hurley, pursuant to leave granted on 6th August, 1901, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to limit Usury*,"—which was read a first time. Ordered to be printed and read a second time on Tuesday next.

### 5. DEATH OF HER MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY QUEEN VICTORIA—ACCESSION OF HIS MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY KING EDWARD VII (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Sec moved, pursuant to Notice, That the following Address of Condolence to His Majesty be adopted:—

"*To His Most Gracious Majesty Edward the Seventh, by the grace of God, King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India, &c.*

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,—

"We, Your Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, the Members of the Legislative Assembly, in Parliament assembled, embrace the first opportunity we have had since the death of our late beloved Sovereign, Queen Victoria, to express to Your Majesty our heartfelt sympathy in the great sorrow which Your Majesty has sustained by that lamentable event.

"We desire also to express to Your Majesty our respectful and sincere congratulations on Your accession to the Throne, and trust that, under the Divine blessing, Your Majesty may enjoy a long and prosperous reign, and that it may be marked by a continuance of the progress and happiness participated in by all classes of the British race."

Question put and passed.

### 6. VISIT OF HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE DUKE OF CORNWALL AND YORK (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Sec moved, pursuant to Notice, That the following Address be presented to His Royal Highness the Duke of Cornwall and York:—

"*To His Royal Highness George Frederick Ernest Albert, Duke of Cornwall and York, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, &c.*

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS,—

"We, the Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, in Parliament assembled, avail ourselves of the occasion of the visit of Your Royal Highness to give expression to the feelings of loyalty and devotion to His Most Gracious Majesty the King, by which we and those we represent have been at all times animated.

"The visit of Your Royal Highness to open the First Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia is another proof of His Most Gracious Majesty's regard for the welfare of His subjects in this portion of His widely extended Empire.

"We most cordially again convey to you our assurance of our loyalty and devotion, and trust that your stay amongst us was as pleasant to you as it has been gratifying to us."

Question put and passed.

### 7. INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Sec 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 registration and incorporation of industrial unions and the making and enforcing of industrial agreements; to constitute a Court of Arbitration for the hearing and determination of industrial disputes, and matters referred to it by conciliators; to define the jurisdiction, powers, and procedure of such Court; to provide for the enforcement of its awards and orders; to provide for a committee of reference from such Court; and for purposes consequent on or incidental to those objects. Question put and passed.

### 8. MUNICIPAL BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Sec 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 codify and amend the Municipalities Act, 1897, and to make further and better provision for Municipal Government. Question put and passed.

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9. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES (FURTHER AMENDMENT) BILL (*Formal Motion*):—  
 (1.) Mr. See moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to further amend the law relating to Friendly Societies.  
 Question put and passed.  
 (2.) Mr. See then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to further amend the law relating to Friendly Societies*,"—which was read a first time.  
 Ordered to be printed and read a second time To-morrow.
10. PERSONS PENSIONED PRIOR TO APPOINTMENT OF 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 the names of all persons pensioned prior to the appointment of the Public Service Board, specifying,—  
 (1.) The age of pensioner, amount of pension received by same, and length of service at time of being placed upon the Fund.  
 (2.) From what Department retired, specifying nature of office.  
 (3.) The total amount contributed by such pensioner to the Fund up to period of retirement.  
 (4.) Reasons alleged for retirement, and whether enforced or voluntary.  
 (5.) In all cases under preceding paragraph 4 the names of all pensioners who pay, and those who do not pay, the abatement specified under the Civil Service Act of 1884, giving reasons for the difference or distinction made, and the amount of such abatement in every case paid and unpaid.  
 Question put and passed.
11. STATE LABOUR SELECTION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Carruthers moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate the selection of workmen on State works.  
 Question put and passed.
12. TIED HOUSES BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Meagher 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 restrict the powers of bonds and contracts in reference to what is known as tied houses, and the placing of same on a more equitable basis.  
 Question put and passed.
13. DEVONSHIRE-STREET CEMETERY BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. O'Sullivan, and read by Mr. Speaker:—  
 FREDK. M. DARLEY, *Message No. 36.*  
*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 provide for the removal of human remains and certain slabs and tombstones from the Devonshire-street Cemetery, and for the re-interment of such remains; and to save the Secretary for Public Works and other persons harmless in respect of certain acts done by them in connection with the said Cemetery.
- Government House,*  
*Sydney, 31st July, 1901.*
- Ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.
14. DEATH OF HER IMPERIAL MAJESTY THE DOWAGER EMPRESS OF GERMANY:—Mr. See (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the following Address of Condolence to His Majesty be adopted:—  
 "To His Most Gracious Majesty Edward the Seventh, by the grace of God, King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India, &c.  
 "MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,—  
 "We, Your Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, the Members of the Legislative Assembly, "in Parliament assembled, beg to express our deep sympathy with Your Majesty in Your sad bereavement sustained by the death of Her Imperial Majesty, the Dowager Empress of Germany, "the eldest daughter of our late revered Sovereign and Your Majesty's sister. The intelligence "has been received with sincere sorrow by all classes of the people of this State, by whom she "was loved and respected for her many virtues and noble qualities."  
 Mr. Lee also addressed the House in seconding the Motion.  
 Question put and carried unanimously.
15. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:—Mr. Waddell 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 1901-1902, 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.
16. STATE LABOUR SELECTION BILL:—Mr. Carruthers, pursuant to leave granted this day, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to regulate the selection of Workmen on State Works*,"—which was read a first time.  
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 27th August,

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17. 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:—

(1.) *Resolved*,—

That there be granted to His Majesty a sum not exceeding £2,302,150: being £1,092,000 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the State during the months of July and August, or following month of the financial year ending 30th June, 1902, to be expended at the rates which have been sanctioned for the financial year ended 30th June, 1901, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1901-1902; and

£1,210,150, being £30,000 for special grants to country and suburban municipalities, at rate of 2s. 6d. in £ on general rates collected for the year ended 4th February, 1901; £480,000 for Public Works and Services, being £400,000 for the construction and maintenance of Roads and Bridges generally, pending the passing of the Appropriation Act; £20,000 for Harbours and Rivers; £30,000 for Dredge Service; and £30,000 for Government Architect—maintenance and repairs of Public Buildings, and Services generally; £10,000 for Public Instruction—additions and repairs to Public School Buildings; and £25,000 for Treasurer's Advance Account,—the whole amount to be adjusted not later than the 30th June, 1903.

In anticipation of Loan Votes—

For Public Works, £140,150, being £9,000 for Roads and Bridges—towards completion of Cobram Bridge; £94,700 for Harbours and Rivers, being £11,000 for Manning River improvements; £26,000 for Clarence River improvements; £3,500 for Darling and Murrumbidgee Rivers improvements; £2,000 for Shea's Creek and Cook's River improvements; £20,000 for Richmond River improvements; £11,500 for Sea-walls, reclamations, dredging, including North Harbour reclamation; £500 for Moruya River improvements; £12,000 for Tweed River improvements; £1,000 for Camden Haven improvements; £3,000 for Woolloomooloo Bay improvements; £2,000 for Glebe Island improvements; £1,000 for Bateman's Bay improvements; and £1,200 for Spectacle Island Shell Magazine; £29,950 for Government Architect—being £3,450 for University Additions; £2,500 for Customs House Additions; £2,000 for General Post Office Additions; £16,000 for Government House Additions; £500 for Yarrangobilly Caves (Accommodation House); £2,000 for Quarantine Station Wall; £500 for Wambeyan Caves (Accommodation House); £2,000 for Quarantine Station (completion); and £1,000 for Pavilion (Agricultural Show Ground); and £6,500 for Railway Construction—Rock to Green's Gonyah Railway; For Railways, £475,000—being £250,000 for rolling stock to meet additional traffic and new lines; £150,000 for additions to railway lines, stations, buildings, workshops, and for other purposes; and £75,000 towards duplication of the Western Line between Glenbrook and Blackheath;

For Tramways, £25,000—additions to lines, workshops, buildings, and for other purposes; and

For Public Instruction, £25,000—Public School Buildings and sites for same.

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

18. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Waddell 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 His Majesty for the Services of the financial year 1901-1902, the sum of £2,302,150 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

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

19. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL:—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Waddell, 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 1901-1902, and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan.

(2.) Mr. Waddell 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 1901-1902, 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. Waddell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

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

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

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

(4.)

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

Mr. Waddell then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1901-1902, 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 1901-1902, and for services to be hereafter provided for by Loan,*" presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*

*Sydney, 8th August, 1901, a.m.*

20. LIBRARY COMMITTEE (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. See moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Library Committee for the present Session consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Wright, Mr. Quinn, Dr. Ross, Mr. Hogue, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Daniel O'Connor, Mr. Arthur Griffith, 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.
21. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. See moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Standing Orders Committee for the present Session consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Lee, Mr. McGowen, Mr. Ashton, Mr. Crick, Mr. Holman, Mr. Meagher, Mr. Moore, Mr. O'Connor, 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.
22. REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. See moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice, That the Refreshment Committee for the present Session consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Archer, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Henry Clarke, Mr. Dacey, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Alexander Campbell, Mr. Oakes, Mr. Sleath, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and authority to act in matters of mutual concernment with any Committee appointed for similar purposes by the Legislative Council.  
Question put and passed.
23. PRINTING COMMITTEE (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. See moved, pursuant to Notice,—  
(1.) That the Printing Committee for the present Session consist of Mr. Gormly, Mr. Gillies, Mr. Archibald Campbell, Mr. Price, Mr. Miller, Mr. Samuel Smith, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Willis, Mr. Rose, 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.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
24. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. See moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
- The House adjourned accordingly at five minutes before One o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m., This Day.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*



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FIRST SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 8 AUGUST, 1901.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Annual Endowments to Hospitals in Sydney and Suburbs:—Mr. Wright asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) The amount of annual endowments paid each year, from 1895 to 1900, to Hospitals in Sydney and Suburbs?  
 (2.) The like information for the rest of the State?

Mr. See answered,—I will cause this information to be prepared and laid upon the Table in the form of a return.

- (2.) Sleeping-cars on Main Southern Line:—Mr. Gormly asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it intended to improve the quality of the sleeping-cars used in connection with the mail-train on the Main Southern Line; and, if so, when?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed that it is intended to improve the sleeping-car accommodation on the Southern mail, sleeping-cars of the Pullman type being almost completed for this service, and they will be in traffic in the course of a few weeks.

- (3.) Permanent Porters, Sydney Goods Sheds:—Mr. Nielsen asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) How many permanent porters are employed in the Sydney goods sheds?  
 (2.) The length of service, and rate of pay of each of them?  
 (3.) How many of these men have applied for increases during the past twelve months?  
 (4.) How many of them received increases?  
 (5.) How many were refused, and the grounds upon which the refusal was based?  
 (6.) How many hours per day do these men work?

Mr. Waddell answered,—The Honorable Member should move for the information in the form of a return. It is pointed out, however, that the questions raised are matters of detail connected with the Railway administration; and if the information is asked for the purpose of obtaining facts in connection with some individual cases, the merits would be met by an appeal by those concerned to the Railway Commissioners, as provided by the Railways Act.

- (4.) Historical Records:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) What has been the total cost to date (enumerating the cost of individual volumes) of publishing the "Historical Records of New South Wales"?  
 (2.) What is estimated as the cost of the work when completed?  
 (3.) How many copies of this work are being subscribed for by the general public?

Mr. Perry answered,—

- (1.) Volume 1, £1,225; Volume 2, £1,029 11s. 7d.; Volume 3, £989 14s. 5d.; Volume 4, £1,065 2s. 9d.; Volume 5, £930 18s. 11d.; Volume 6, £950 1s. 1d.; Volume 7, £700. Cost of work published to date, £6,890 8s. 9d.

(2.) I am unable at present to give the required estimate.

(3.) There are 164 subscribers' names on the roll.

- (5.) Colliery case, *Humble versus Humphries*:—Mr. Farnell, for Mr. Edden, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) When was the colliery case, *Humble versus Humphries*, sent to the Privy Council on appeal?  
 (2.) Can he give an approximate date when same is likely to be heard, or any information in reference thereto?

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Mr. Kidd answered,—

(1.) On 16th July, 1900, instructions were sent through the Agent-General to apply for leave to appeal. On 12th November last, special leave to appeal was granted by the Privy Council. On 14th February, 1901, the order of Her Majesty was made a rule of the Supreme Court. Shortly afterwards, the transcript of the record here was sent Home to enable the agents of the Crown to lodge the appeal.

(2.) No time can be stated, but it is expected that the appeal will be heard very shortly now.

(6.) Railway Accidents in New South Wales:—Mr. Nelson asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What was the number of persons who died in the State of New South Wales from the 30th June, 1891, to the 1st July, 1901, from injuries caused through—(a) attempting to enter railway cars of any pattern whilst a train was in motion; (b) leaving or attempting to leave railway cars of any pattern whilst a train was in motion; (c) owing to the open doors of trains in motion; (d) stepping from the pit-side of railway cars of any pattern at stations; (e) in consequence of closing railway car doors violently; and (f) owing to doors on wrecked railway cars being key-locked?

(2.) The number of persons who were injured on the railways of the State of New South Wales, from the 30th June, 1891, to 1st July, 1901, through—(a) attempting to enter railway cars of any pattern whilst a train was in motion; (b) leaving or attempting to leave railway cars of any pattern whilst a train was in motion; (c) owing to the open doors of trains in motion; (d) stepping from the pit-side of railway cars of any pattern at stations; (e) in consequence of closing railway car doors violently; and (f) owing to the doors on wrecked railway cars being key-locked?

(3.) The number of prosecutions instituted against persons for leaving or attempting to leave, and for entering, or attempting to enter railway cars of any pattern whilst the train was in motion, and the amount paid for, and other costs of such prosecutions from the 30th June, 1891, to 1st July, 1901, in New South Wales?

(4.) The amount of compensation and of the legal and other expenses paid by the New South Wales Department, relating to the above classes of injuries from the 30th June, 1891, to the 1st July, 1901?

Mr. Waddell answered,—The expense of preparing this return, in view of its extensive detail, extending over a period of ten years, will be very great, and will occupy a considerable time. No doubt the Honorable Member has a special reason in moving for the return, but it is probable if it were disclosed to the Railway Commissioners, the object aimed at might be achieved in a more direct, less expensive, and simple way. After this explanation, I leave it to the Honorable Member to decide whether he will proceed in the usual way by a motion.

(7.) Promotion of Public School Teachers:—Mr. Hollis asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Is it a fact that Public School Teachers have been prevented from becoming eligible for promotion by reason of their schools not having been examined by the Chief Inspector or his Deputy?

Mr. Perry answered,—No; all teachers qualified are promoted to higher positions in their turn. Those who are waiting for test of skill by the Chief Inspector or his Deputy have no immediate chance of promotion at present.

(8.) Allowances to Witnesses, Sydenham Railway Disaster Inquiry:—Mr. Carruthers asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Will he ascertain from the Minister of Justice how it is that certain witnesses who gave evidence in the recent Coroner's inquiry on the Sydenham railway disaster are unable to obtain the ordinary witnesses' allowances for their attendance in giving evidence?

(2.) Will he cause instructions to be issued for the payment to all witnesses of at least the ordinary allowance to witnesses?

(3.) What amount was paid to the experts in attendance at the Coroner's Court at such inquiry, viz., Professor Warren and Mr. Norman Selfe?

(4.) Will he furnish a list of the names of the jurors on such inquiry, and the number of times they have served on Coroners juries during the last twelve months?

Mr. See answered,—

1. Only three applications for witnesses' expenses have been received at the Department of Justice and these have been paid.

(2.) Inquiry will be made as to what other claims, if any, have been submitted to the Police, but the authorised scale of allowances to witnesses permits only of the following payments:—(a) Cost of conveyance and sustenance; (b) in addition to the above, witnesses who suffer a loss of salary or wages—an allowance not exceeding 6s. per diem; (c) in addition to the expenses under (a)—expert witnesses, a reasonable fee.

(3.) Neither of these gentlemen has yet received any payment.

(4.) I will cause the information asked for to be obtained and will lay it upon the Table in the form of a return.

(9.) Introduction of the Eland on Crown Lands, Western District:—Mr. Carruthers asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has his attention been called to the article in the *Agricultural Gazette*, by Mr. C. A. Benbow, entitled "The Eland for Western Districts of New South Wales and Central Australia," and specially republished in pamphlet form, No. 475, by the Government Printer?

(2.) In view of the highly important statements in that article, relating to the value of the "eland," especially on similar country to our western country, will he give favourable consideration to the subject of introducing and acclimatising a herd of these animals on a portion of the Crown lands in the west?

Mr. Crick answered,—I read this article some time ago, and asked for a report on the matter. I am not prepared to say at the present time whether the Government will undertake any expense in that direction, but I will obtain full particulars, and, when I get the report, will lay it upon the Table of this House.

(10.)

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(10.) Department of Agriculture and Forestry:—Mr. Morton asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it his intention to establish a separate Department of Agriculture and Forestry under a Ministerial head; if so, when?

Mr. See answered,—This is a matter which will receive the consideration of the Government.

(11.) Fisheries Commission:—Mr. Dacey asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) How many members are there on the Fisheries Commission?
- (2.) Who are the Commissioners?
- (3.) Are there any seats vacant; if so, how many?
- (4.) Will he see that the Licensed Fishermen's Union are allowed representation on the Commission?

Mr. See answered,—The following information has been furnished by the Fisheries Commission:—

- (1.) Five.
- (2.) Dr. J. C. Cox, The Honorable S. H. Hyam, M.L.C., The Honorable W. R. Campbell, M.L.C., The Honorable J. H. Want, K.C., M.L.C., Frank Farnell, Esquire, M.P.
- (3.) No.
- (4.) There is no vacancy at present.

(12.) Regulations Governing Distribution of Prospecting Vote:—Mr. Cann, for Mr. Holman, asked the Secretary for Mines,—Will he consider the desirableness of making such alterations in the regulations governing the distribution of the Prospecting Vote as to allow of prospecting parties being equipped and paid therefrom; to explore approved districts, instead of being confined to sites?

Mr. Kidd answered,—The question will receive consideration. I may point out, however, that the proposal is not a new one, and has been tried on three different occasions, the first dating as far back as the year 1878 and the last in the year 1890 and 1891, and, although the expenditure was considerable, in no single instance was any discovery made, nor did any satisfactory results follow.

(13.) Improvement of the Navigation of Inland Rivers:—Mr. Davis, for Mr. Quinn, asked the Colonial Secretary,—The control of inland waters, excepting for the reasonable use of the same for the purposes of irrigation, having passed to the Commonwealth Government, will he obtain the opinion of the State Attorney-General as to whether snagging and other operations to improve the navigation of the inland rivers of the State should not be charged to the Federal Government?

Mr. See answered,—I will submit this question for the opinion of the Attorney-General.

(14.) Secretary to the Attorney-General:—Mr. Levy asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to appoint another Secretary to the Attorney-General?
- (2.) If so, is it intended to make the appointment on the same terms as those on which the last Secretary was appointed?

Mr. See answered,—No.

(15.) Coroner's Inquiry into Sydenham Railway Disaster:—Mr. Carruthers asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he cause to be laid upon the Table of this House copies of the evidence given on the Coroner's inquiry into the Sydenham Railway disaster; also copies of the proceedings of the inquiry instituted by the Board of Experts appointed by the Railway Commissioners?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I would refer the Honorable Member to the Answer given to a similar Question yesterday.

(16.) Drainage Works at Marrickville:—Mr. Webster asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has any valuation been made of the area being improved by drainage works at Marrickville?
- (2.) Does he intend to resume the same on the basis of its value prior to commencement of said work?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

- (1.) No; but I intend to have a valuation made, if my powers will embrace it.
- (2.) I have no intention of doing so, unless good reason can be shown for doing so.
- (3.) As to the proposed running-sheds required by the Railway Commissioners, which some people talk about, I must refer the Honorable Member to the gentlemen indicated. I have no power in that matter, but I often wish I had.

## 2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Perry laid upon the Table,—Report of the Minister of Public Instruction for the year 1900.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—Return respecting Officers retired by the Public Service Board in 1896.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. See laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Election of Senators, Federal Parliament—Official state of the Poll for the Federal Electoral Divisions of New South Wales.

(2.) Election of Members of House of Representatives, Federal Parliament—Official state of the Poll for the Federal Electoral Divisions of New South Wales.

(3.) Particulars respecting the Historical Records of New South Wales.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. WOMEN'S FRANCHISE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—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 to extend the Parliamentary Franchise to Women, and for purposes consequent on or incidental to that object.

Question put and passed.

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4. **CLOSER SETTLEMENT BILL**:—Mr. Crick 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 authorise the acquisition of private lands, or lands leased from the Crown for purposes of settlement, and to provide for dealing with and disposing of such lands.  
Question put and passed.
5. **RABBIT PEST BILL**:—Mr. Crick 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 deal with the rabbit pest; to authorise certain advances in connection therewith; and for other purposes incidental thereto.  
Question put and passed.
6. **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 1901-1902, and for services to be hereafter provided for by Loan,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 8th August, 1901.

W. J. TRICKETT,  
- Deputy-President.

7. **LEGITIMATION BILL**:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the law by making provision for the Legitimation of Children born before marriage, on the subsequent marriage of their parents,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 8th August, 1901.

W. J. TRICKETT,  
Deputy-President.

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

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

8. **INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION BILL**:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the registration and incorporation of industrial unions and the making and enforcing of industrial agreements; to constitute a Court of Arbitration for the hearing and determination of industrial disputes, and matters referred to it by conciliators; to define the jurisdiction, powers, and procedure of such Court; to provide for the enforcement of its awards and orders; to provide for a committee of reference from such Court; 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 provide for the registration and incorporation of industrial unions and the making and enforcing of industrial agreements; to constitute a Court of Arbitration for the hearing and determination of industrial disputes, and matters referred to it by conciliators; to define the jurisdiction, powers, and procedure of such Court; to provide for the enforcement of its awards and orders; to provide for a committee of reference from such Court; and for purposes consequent on or incidental to those objects.

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

(2.) Mr. See then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the registration and incorporation of industrial unions and the making and enforcing of industrial agreements; to constitute a Court of Arbitration for the hearing and determination of industrial disputes, and matters referred to it by conciliators; to define the jurisdiction, powers, and procedure of such Court; to provide for the enforcement of its awards and orders; to provide for a committee of reference from such Court; 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 on Wednesday next.

9. **MUNICIPAL BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to codify and amend the Municipalities Act, 1897, and to make further and better provision for Municipal Government.

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 codify and amend the Municipalities Act, 1897, and to make further and better provision for Municipal Government.

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

The House adjourned, at half-past Five o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 10.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 13 AUGUST, 1901.

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

COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—

(1.) *Maturity of Warrant reported*:—Mr. Speaker reported that his Warrant, laid upon the Table on the 1st August, 1901, appointing Hugh Macdonald, Esquire, and Samuel Wilkinson Moore, Esquire, to be Members 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 the Members named 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*:—Hugh Macdonald, Esquire, William Millard, Esquire, Samuel Wilkinson Moore, Esquire, and Patrick Edward Quinn, Esquire, came to the Table and were sworn by the Clerk as Members of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

2. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. See, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 37.*

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 1901-1902, and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan*,"—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 His 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.

*State Government House,  
Sydney, 12th August, 1901.*

3. MESSAGES FROM THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor were presented by Mr. See, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

(1.) *Moore-street Improvement (Amendment) Bill*:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 38.*

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 further amend the Moore-street Improvement Act of 1890.

*Government House,  
Sydney, 9th August, 1901.*

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

13th August, 1901.

## (2.) City of Sydney Municipal Loan Bill :—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,  
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 39.

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 enable the Municipal Council of Sydney to raise by debentures a sum not exceeding two hundred thousand pounds, for certain purposes.

Government House,  
Sydney, 9th August, 1901.

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

## 4. QUESTIONS :—

## (1.) Miller's Point Electric Tramway :—Mr. Daley asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Would he name a date, approximately, for the starting of the Miller's Point electric tramway?

(2.) Is it his intention to demolish the dangerous buildings at the corner of Cumberland and Lower Fort Streets before the running of the said tramway?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) I have arranged for a trial trip on the 15th, and the Railway Commissioners are, I understand, prepared to take over the line on Monday, the 19th instant.

(2.) A wall, enclosing an unused piece of ground, will be removed; it is so close to the tram line as to be risky if left there.

## (2.) Erection of new Law Courts :—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has his attention been drawn personally, as well as officially, to the inadequate accommodation afforded the Judges and others by reason of the unsuitableness of the present buildings used as the Law Courts?

(2.) Will he have early action taken with a view to having new and more suitable buildings erected?

(3.) Were not plans submitted to the Government, and approved by them, as far back as 1864?

(4.) Is it not a fact that some of the present offices connected with the Law Courts are in an insanitary condition, and have been responsible for much sickness and permanent injury to health?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) Yes, as regards the Equity, Bankruptcy, and District Courts.

(2.) I will have a report prepared at once.

(3.) There are no records in this Department of plans being prepared at this date (1864), but a sketch plan was submitted to the Justice Department in August last year for the erection of proposed new Court Houses and Registrar-General's Offices, on the site occupied by the present Government Architect's Yard and Chancery-square.

(4.) The old Chancery-square buildings are in rather an insanitary condition, but I cannot say that the health of the officers has been affected thereby.

## (3.) Report of the Tramway Superintendent on Tramway Systems of America :—Mr. Nielsen asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House the report of the Tramway Superintendent to the Railway Commissioners on the tramway systems of America and other places visited by him during his late tour of inspection into these matters?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed that the Tramway Superintendent has made a number of reports, dealing with the matters noticed by him when in America. Probably the Honorable Member refers to a general report made, and a copy will be laid upon the Table if moved for in the usual way.

## (4.) Imprisonment of Robert White, at Albury :—Mr. Nielsen, for Mr. Holman, asked the Minister of Justice,—Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of this House all papers in connection with the imprisonment of Robert White, at Albury, for breach of Municipal By-laws and contempt of Court?

Mr. See answered,—I will lay the papers upon the Table.

## (5.) Erection of Building on site set apart for new Houses of Parliament :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) For what purpose has a building just been erected upon the land set apart as a site for new Houses of Parliament, and adjoining the structure at present used for the purpose?

(2.) By whose authority was this site used for other than the purpose for which it was originally set apart?

Mr. See answered,—The Sub-station is in connection with the electric tramway system, and authority for its erection was given by Sir William Lyne, when he was Premier.

## (6.) Land sold by Auction during the year ended 30th June, 1901 :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) What area of land was sold by auction during the year ended 30th June, 1901?

(2.) To what sum did the purchase money amount?

Mr. Crick answered,—

(1.) 55,858 acres 2 roods 21 perches.

(2.) £102,752 2s. 2d.

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- (7.) Railway Refreshment Rooms :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is he aware of the fact that the travelling public makes great complaint as to the manner in which a number of the railway refreshment rooms in the State are conducted, as well as in regard to the charges imposed?
  - (2.) Will he, in view of such a condition of things, urge the Commissioners, when present leases fall in, to take over such establishments and themselves cater for the requirements of the public in the matter of refreshments, &c.?
- Mr. See answered,—
- (1.) I am informed that from time to time complaints have been made in regard to the refreshment rooms in connection with the fare provided and the charges made, and these matters have had the serious attention of the Railway Commissioners; but as a whole the refreshment rooms are said to be well conducted. With regard to the charges made for refreshments, considerable reduction has been made since the Commissioners took office, and they propose further reductions in connection with the new leases which are to be entered into.
  - (2.) With reference to the question of the Railway Commissioners taking over the management of the refreshment rooms, it is pointed out that the subject is a very large one, and has been for some time under the Commissioners' consideration; but at the present moment there are so many matters of a pressing nature of more importance to be considered, that they have decided to defer the question until a more opportune time.
- (8.) Use of Royal Agricultural Society's Grounds during visit of Imperial Troops :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) What was the object of the payment to the management of the Royal Agricultural Society of the sum of £1,500 for the use of grounds for camp purposes during the visit of the Imperial troops?
  - (2.) Under what conditions is this ground held by the Society named?
- Mr. See answered,—
- (1.) No payment has been made to the Royal Agricultural Society for use of their grounds during the visit of the Imperial Troops.
  - (2.) By Act of Parliament.
- (9.) Bank Balances Bill :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Will he introduce a Bill to provide for the handing over to the Treasury by all Banks doing business within this State of all balances for a period of two years or more?
  - (2.) Is he aware of the fact that legislation of this character was passed in South Australia in 1891?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—
- (1.) I am not prepared to introduce such a Bill at this juncture, but I may state for the Honorable Member's information that the matter of the disposal of unclaimed balances in banks has received the consideration of previous Governments.
  - (2.) Yes.
- (10.) Retired Civil Servants :—Mr. Haynes asked the Colonial Secretary,—Can payment forthwith be made, as authorised under the £5,000 vote of last Parliament, to those retired Civil Servants who were deprived of their leave of absence at the time of their retirement, and whose claims were not met in the vote referred to?
- Mr. See answered,—The amount required to meet claims for compensation in lieu of leave of absence to those officers who did not participate in the vote of £5,000 already expended, provided on last year's Estimates, is estimated at £12,000. The claims are such that it seems the money should first be voted by Parliament. I would like to add to this memorandum a short account of the circumstances under which this vote appeared upon the Supplementary Estimates. Sir William Lyne referred to the Attorney-General the question whether Civil Servants, whose services were dispensed with on the appointment of the Public Service Board, who, whilst they were in the Service, had not claimed the leave of absence to which, previous to the passing of the Public Service Act, they were entitled, should be paid a gratuity in lieu of leave of absence. The Attorney-General advised that there was no legal claim to this gratuity, and on inquiry found that a sum of £24,000 would be required if the Government decided to grant them as a matter of grace. Sir William Lyne placed £5,000 upon the Estimates for this purpose, which has been expended among those discharged officers who had the longest service.
- (11.) Weighing Machine at Mount Keira Colliery :—Mr. Nicholson asked the Secretary for Mines,—Has he received a report from the Inspector of Weights and Measures with regard to the weighing machine in use at Mount Keira Colliery; and, if so, does he intend to take action in connection therewith?
- Mr. Kidd answered,—Yes. The Inspector reports that the machine has been repaired since he last examined it, and that it works satisfactorily. A further report will, however, be obtained.
- (12.) Secretary to the Attorney-General :—Mr. Levy asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the statement made by the Colonial Secretary on the 8th instant, in reply to a Question by Mr. Levy, that it is not the intention of the Government to appoint another Secretary to the Attorney-General, what officer in the Public Service will henceforth discharge the duties hitherto performed by the Secretary to the Attorney-General?
- Mr. See answered,—Reference to my reply to Question No. 9, of Wednesday last, will show that the legal duties previously performed by the Secretary to the Attorney General are now performed by the Solicitor-General. The administrative duties previously performed by that officer, as Head of a Department, will be performed by Mr. Miller, the Under Secretary of the Department of the Attorney-General and of Justice.

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(13.) Erection of Rabbit-proof Barrier Fence from Mungindi to the Namoi River:—Mr. Collins asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Was it arranged between the Queensland and New South Wales Governments that a rabbit-proof barrier fence should be erected from Mungindi to the Namoi River?
- (2.) Has New South Wales carried out the part of the contract agreed to by Mr. Carruthers, then Secretary for Lands, and afterwards ratified by his successor, Mr. Hassall?
- (3.) If this has not been done, what are his intentions on the matter?

Mr. Crick answered,—

(1.) It was proposed by the Queensland Government in 1894 that a rabbit-proof fence should be erected between Mungindi and Narrabri, half the cost to be borne by Queensland. The route suggested was, however, found to be unsuitable, and it was decided that the terminal point of the fence should be the Namoi River at Yarraldool.

(2.) The fence from Mungindi to Yarraldool was completed in 1897. In pursuance of a subsequent decision of Mr. Secretary Carruthers respecting the continuation of the fence from Yarraldool to Narrabri, the line which the extension would take has been approved, and tenders for the supply of the wire-netting and gates required have been received.

(3.) To carry the matter to completion. I may state that the delay has been owing to a want of funds; but to-day I accepted a tender to carry out the work.

(14.) Railway from Narrabri to Burren, and Railway from Wee Waa to Pilliga:—Mr. Collins asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Will he take steps to expedite the construction of the railway line from Narrabri to Burren, thence to Collarendabri?
- (2.) In view of the large amount of settlement, and the enormous quantity of valuable timber on the south side of the Namoi, will he take into consideration a line of railway from Wee Waa to Pilliga?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) The line of railway from Narrabri to Walgett, with its branch to Collarendabri, is proceeding satisfactorily; but, if necessary, more men will be put on.

(2.) I cannot promise such a line this Session.

(15.) Public Servants engaged during Commonwealth Celebrations:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Has his attention been directed to a complaint contained in the Fifth Annual Report of the Public Service Board, to the effect that "in addition to temporary officials, a number of officers of the Permanent Service were taken away from their ordinary duties, and were engaged for a time wholly on the work in connection with the Commonwealth Celebrations"?

(2.) Can he give, approximately, the number of permanent officers so engaged, with their names?

(3.) Have the ordinary salaries of such officers, for the time they were so exclusively engaged in the transaction of duties in connection with the celebrations, been made a charge against the vote from which the cost of such celebrations were paid?

(4.) What amount, in the shape of bonuses to such officers, has been paid, or is proposed to be paid?

(5.) Is he aware of the fact that the Public Service Board has expressed strong antagonism to the payment of bonuses to permanent Civil Servants for the performance of duties of the character indicated?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Thirteen officers, namely:—Messrs. John Portus, F. A. Coghlan, W. Hall, J. P. Wylie, T. Kinnimont, W. Durie, T. B. Cooper, H. N. Southwell, C. R. Chapman, W. L. Vernon, T. Raw, A. J. Purduc, and F. J. King.

(3.) No.

(4.) The following amounts have been paid, namely:—T. Raw, £100; A. J. Purduc, £50; C. R. Chapman, £50; F. A. Coghlan, £40; W. Hall, £40; F. J. King, £30; W. Grace, £20; E. R. Cambridge, £15; E. Winch, £10; W. A. Dettman, £10; and the claims of two or three other permanent officers for gratuities are still under consideration.

(5.) Yes.

#### 5. PAPERS:—

Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table:—Return (*in part*) to an Order made on 21st September, 1898,—“Monthly Returns of Accidents,” (Public Works Department—June, 1901).

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Kidd laid upon the Table,—Proclamation under the Imported Stock Acts, 1871-1896, regarding the importation of cattle from a certain portion of Queensland.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

#### 6. RAILWAY ACCIDENT NEAR SYDENHAM (*Normal Motion*):—

Mr. HOLLIS moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

(1.) All papers and correspondence to and from the Colonial Treasurer in connection with the railway accident near Sydenham, on 15th February, 1901.

(2.) The evidence given before, and findings of, the Coroner's Court of this accident.

(3.) The evidence and findings of the Board of Experts, appointed by the Railway Commissioners to inquire into the same.

(4.) The speed records of suburban passenger trains as obtained by the speed indicator fitted to “F” class engine on the various lines for the testing of the speeds, and the reports or papers in connection with the speed tests.

Question put and passed.

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## 7. 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, 10th September.

## 8. TRUCK ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Cann moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

## 9. USURY LIMITATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. John Hurley moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

*Point of Order*:—Mr. Moore, referring to Standing Order No. 246, pointed out that this Bill should have been introduced in a Committee of the Whole, in accordance with that Standing Order.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said that the Bill, if passed into law, would undoubtedly interfere with trade, and was therefore improperly before the House.

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

Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.

## 10. TIED HOUSES BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Meagher, 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 the powers of bonds and contracts in reference to what is known as Tied Houses, and the placing of same on a more equitable basis.

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 the powers of bonds and contracts in reference to what is known as Tied Houses, and the placing of same on a more equitable basis.

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

(2.) Mr. Meagher then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to restrict the powers of bonds and contracts in reference to what is known as Tied Houses, and the placing of the same on a more equitable basis*,"—which was read a first time.

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

## 11. CONTAGIOUS DISEASES PREVENTION BILL:—Mr. John Hurley moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the prevention of contagious diseases.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 35.

Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Sullivan,
Mr. See,	Mr. T. H. Griffith,
Mr. Coleman,	Mr. Walsh,
Mr. Daniel O'Connor,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Dight,	Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Affleck,	Mr. Broughton,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. McIntyre,	Mr. John Hurley,
Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. John Storey,

Mr. Webster,
Mr. Law,
Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Collins,
Mr. Gillies.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Alexander Campbell.

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Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Meagher,
Mr. Newman,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. Scobie.

*Tellers,*

Mr. D. R. Hall,
Mr. Ferguson.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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12. **AGRICULTURAL LEASES BILL:**—*Mr. Crick*, for *Mr. Bennett*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate conditions between landowners and tenants of agricultural lands.  
Question put and passed.
13. **WOMEN'S FRANCHISE BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of *Mr. See*, *Mr. Speaker* left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to extend the Parliamentary Franchise to Women; and for purposes consequent on or incidental to that object.  
*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 extend the Parliamentary Franchise to Women; and for purposes consequent on or incidental to that object.  
On motion of *Mr. See*, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
14. **CLOSER SETTLEMENT BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of *Mr. See*, *Mr. Speaker* left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to authorise the acquisition of private lands, or lands leased from the Crown for purposes of settlement, and to provide for dealing with and disposing of such lands.  
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On motion of *Mr. Crick*, the resolution was read a second time (after Debate), and agreed to.
15. **RABBIT PEST BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of *Mr. Crick*, *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 deal with the Rabbit Pest; to authorise certain advances in connection therewith; and for other purposes incidental thereto.  
*Mr. Speaker* resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.
16. **ADJOURNMENT:**—*Mr. See* moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-one minutes after Ten o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 11.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 14 AUGUST, 1901.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Men wounded in South Africa:—Mr. McIntyre asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he make arrangements to have periodic statements sent by wire from South Africa as to the condition of New South Wales men that have been wounded?

Mr. See answered,—The matter shall have my attention.

- (2.) Representation of Licensed Fishermen's Union on Fisheries Commission:—Mr. Dacey asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he see that the Licensed Fishermen's Union are allowed representation on the Fisheries Commission, when there is a seat vacant?

Mr. See answered,—When a vacancy occurs the matter will receive consideration.

- (3.) Keeping Horses and Vehicles by Country Police:—Mr. Dacey asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that in country districts a policeman is not allowed to keep a horse and vehicle for the pleasure of his family; if so, will he consider the advisability of removing the embargo?

Mr. See answered,—The Inspector-General of Police reports as follows:—Irregularities having arisen in connection with the keeping of private horses at police stations, such is not allowed, unless exceptional circumstances render it necessary.

- (4.) Allowance to Police during Escort Duty:—Mr. Dacey asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that while the travelling allowance for the Police is fixed at 5s. per day, constables doing escort duty are only allowed 2s. 6d. per day; if so, why are these constables not allowed the 5s. per day?

(2.) Is it a fact that constables doing escort work have to be on duty the day before the escort starts, and, after travelling all night, resume duty the next day?

(3.) Is it a fact that some married men receive lodging allowance, while others, who are as much entitled to it, receive none?

(4.) Are officers allowed to discriminate in the granting of allowances?

Mr. See answered,—The following information has been furnished by the Inspector-General of Police:—

(1.) 5s. is allowed, according to scale, when Police are absent day and night.

(2.) No.

(3.) 1s. per diem lodging allowance is granted to Police unprovided with quarters; but in country districts where there are quarters provided for single men who are appointed as such to their stations, and who marry, the public expenditure is not permitted to be increased thereby, but such men, on marrying, have to wait either for vacant married men's quarters or until vacancies occur.

(4.) The decisions of Superintendents of Police are subject to revision by the Inspector-General.

- (5.) Police attending Roll Calls on Stations:—Mr. MacDonell asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that it is the custom for Police to attend all roll calls at stations, as if those employed at shearing were persistent law breakers?

(2.) Is this done by direction of the Department, or by the request of the station owners?

(3.) Will he take steps to put a stop to such a practice?

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- Mr. See answered,—The following Answers have been furnished by the Inspector-General of Police :—
- (1.) The Mounted Police on patrol usually call at stations where shearing is in progress, but they are instructed not to meddle in disputes.
- (2 and 3.) By instructions from Superintendents in charge of districts.
- (6.) Machinery Sheds to Public Schools for Technical Education :—Mr. Hollis asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—In view of the fact that a large number of students for the Engineering Trades, and other classes of Technical Education, cannot, for want of accommodation, obtain admission to the Ultimo Technical College, will he attach machinery sheds to the Public Schools at populous centres—like Newtown—and make such provision as will ensure the benefits of technical education being conveyed to those desiring it?
- Mr. Perry answered,—The whole question of the extension of Technical Education is now under consideration.
- (7.) Old-age Pensions Boards :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, for Mr. Richards, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Have the gentlemen comprising Old-age Pensions Boards received any remuneration for their services?
- (2.) At what rate, or how, is it intended to remunerate the members of such Boards?
- Mr. See answered,—
- (1.) No.
- (2.) Approval has been given to the payment of members of District Boards at the rate of one guinea each per meeting; but the whole subject is being dealt with in the Amending Bill which will shortly be introduced.
- (8.) Detention of William Cresswell in Parramatta Lunatic Asylum :—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that after the decision of a Royal Commission appointed under the Great Seal, and the unanimous vote of Parliament in support of that decision, William Cresswell is still detained as an inmate at Parramatta Lunatic Asylum?
- (2.) If such is a fact, who is responsible for the detention of Cresswell as against the recommendation of such Royal Commission?
- (3.) Will the Government take immediate steps to carry out the decision of the Royal Commission and the express vote of Parliament, and on completion of the necessary bonds set William Cresswell at liberty forthwith?
- Mr. See answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
- (2 and 3.) In order that Cresswell may be released, an application must be made to the Supreme Court, substantiated by certain evidence. Mr. Priestman was advised by the Crown Solicitor of this necessity, but has not up to the present been able to secure the requisite affidavits.
- (9.) Spark-arresters for Locomotives :—Mr. Nielsen asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Has his attention been drawn to the fact that during last summer a great many fires, causing much loss of property, occurred in the vicinity of the railway lines, presumably caused by sparks from passing locomotives?
- (2.) Will he have an inquiry made as to the advisability of having all locomotives passing through the country districts provided with spark-arresters similar to those in use in America?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—
- (1.) I am informed that a number of fires have occurred near railway lines, but the origin of such fires in many cases is doubtful.
- (2.) All locomotives working trains in this country are fitted with the best known and most suitable spark-arresting appliances.
- (10.) Erection of Pig-sty across Stable Creek, Molong District :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is he aware that a stone pig-sty (containing eight pigs) has recently been erected across Stable Creek, district of Molong, county of Gordon, thereby polluting the water in the creek, to the danger of public health?
- (2.) Will he see that immediate steps are taken to have this nuisance remedied?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—
- (1.) This Department has not been made aware of any such nuisance.
- (2.) Immediate inquiry will be made.
- (11.) Rabbits in the Molong District :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Can he furnish any information as to the correctness or otherwise of a statement lately appearing in the *Evening News* to the effect that there are over 6,000,000 rabbits in the Molong district?
- (2.) Is he aware from what source the above information originated, or if the Department has received any official notification on the subject; if so, from whom?
- (3.) If the above statement is correct, as alleged, that there are 6,000,000 rabbits in the Molong district, will he, for the information of the public, state the estimated or approximate number of rabbits that are at present in existence in other districts throughout the Colony, and by what method such computations or estimates are made, and by whom?
- Mr. Perry answered,—
- (1.) No; nothing is known of the matter in the Department.
- (2.) No.
- (3.) It is not possible to furnish this information.

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- (12.) Girls selling Flowers in Hotels:—Mr. Nelson asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is he aware that a large number of children, chiefly girls, are wandering from one hotel to another all through the City at night selling flowers and wares of various kinds?
  - (2.) Is he aware that it is demoralising and injurious to the best interests of the children?
  - (3.) Will he instruct the Police to take stringent measures to stop the evil complained of?
- Mr. See answered,—The following Answers have been supplied by the Inspector-General of Police:—
- (1.) Yes, probably about twenty.
  - (2.) Probably it may be.
  - (3.) The Police have no legal power to interfere with such girls unless they come within the provisions of the Industrial Schools Act, but they are kept under careful observation by the Police.
- (13.) Allowance to Maintenance Men keeping Horses:—Mr. Young asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the maintenance men work in gangs?
  - (2.) If so, is it a fact that the foremen of such gangs are compelled to keep a horse and cart?
  - (3.) Is he aware that foremen get paid for such horse and cart?
  - (4.) Is he aware that the men working in such gangs have also to keep a horse for the convenience of the Department, and are not allowed anything for horse keep?
  - (5.) Will he consider the justice of allowing these men something for the keep of their horses?
- Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—
- (1.) Yes, in some cases.
  - (2.) No.
  - (3.) When horse and cart are necessary, the man supplying same is paid.
  - (4.) No; they may, however, keep horses for their own convenience.
  - (5.) Where horse and cart are supplied by one of the members of the gang, there is no necessity for the other men to keep horses, and payment cannot be allowed in such cases, but I will consider the matter in other cases.
- (14.) Purchase of Horses by the Imperial Government:—Mr. Young asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Will he state the nature of his instructions, if any, from the Imperial Government in reference to the purchase of horses?
  - (2.) What price per head did the Imperial authorities offer for suitable horses?
  - (3.) Was there a syndicate of Members of this House formed for the purpose of procuring the number of horses required?
- Mr. See answered,—No instructions whatever have been issued in regard to this matter. It is purely a private undertaking, in which the Government is in no way concerned.
- (15.) Evasion of the Provisions of the Early Closing Act in Bathurst:—Mr. Young asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) Is he aware that the provisions of the Early Closing Act are being systematically evaded in Bathurst?
  - (2.) Is he aware that employes are not permitted to show the full number of hours worked?
  - (3.) Is he aware that employes are being coerced into working on the Wednesday half-holiday?
  - (4.) Will he take steps to appoint more inspectors or in some other way enforce the Act?
- Mr. Perry answered,—
- (1.) No.
  - (2 and 3.) The Early Closing Inspector at Bathurst states that it is not correct that the provisions of the Act are systematically evaded in that district. He is making inquiries as to employes being coerced to work on the Wednesday half-holiday.
  - (4.) If found necessary.
- (16.) Consolidation of the Statutes:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he be good enough to furnish the names, accompanied by a statement of the sums of money drawn for services rendered, by the professional gentlemen who have been entrusted with the task of consolidating the Statutes of this State?
- Mr. See answered,—Mr. J. Meillon, £1,450; Mr. D. G. Ferguson, £1,450; Mr. A. J. Kelynack, £1,275; Mr. H. M. Hamilton, £1,109 13s. 6d.; Mr. W. Blackett, £1,250; Mr. J. F. Bethune, £1,050; Mr. J. M. Harvey, £1,000; Mr. F. H. Salisbury, £1,130 8s.
- (17.) Associate to the Chief Justice—Aide-de-Camp to the Lieutenant-Governor:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) What is the salary attached to the position of Associate to the Chief Justice; and what is the name of the occupant of that post?
  - (2.) What salary attaches to the position of Aide-de-Camp to the Lieutenant-Governor of the State of New South Wales; and what is the name of the occupant of that position?
- Mr. See answered,—Mr. H. S. Darley holds the position of Associate to the Chief Justice, for which he receives a salary of £290 a year. He is also Aide-de-Camp to the Lieutenant-Governor, but no salary is attached to the position. I may say that if my honorable friend would only ask me privately with regard to information of this kind, I should be very happy to afford it, and I am sure I am only voicing the opinion of Honorable Members generally when I say that no more honorable gentleman ever held a public position in this country than our present Lieutenant-Governor.
- (18.) Exchanges of Land:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) How many proposed exchanges of land are at present awaiting completion or investigation?
  - (2.) Is it a fact that some of these proposed exchanges have been pending for years past, and that meanwhile the land proposed to be surrendered by the Crown and the private landholder has been shut against settlement?

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*Mr. Bennett* answered,—Taking the approval of the Governor-in-Council as completion of the exchange, and omitting exchange proposals which have been refused, there are about 293 cases pending. These include applications received recently, and indeed up to the present date. Some of these have been pending some considerable time, and as applicants recognise that they retain control over the land until the exchanges are completed, they are under an inducement to avoid matters being pushed to completion. I have, however, determined to take a firm stand in these cases, and to allow no unnecessary delay.

- (19.) Borough Council of Waverley :—*Mr. Nielsen*, for *Mr. Kelly*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) At what date did the Borough Council of Waverley obtain the Governor's Warrant to borrow £60,000?
  - (2.) What was the actual revenue of the borough at that time?
  - (3.) When was the renewal of that Warrant granted, and what statement was made then as to the revenue that could be properly mortgaged under the Municipalities Act?
  - (4.) Does the Government propose taking any steps to protect the borough in view of its present inability to meet its indebtedness?

*Mr. See* answered,—

- (1.) Governor's Warrant, September, 1893, but only £50,000 was raised.
- (2.) Total revenue, general and special rates, for Municipal year ending February, 1894, was £9,610 (excluding Government subsidy, £1,477).
- (3.) Renewal granted by Governor's Warrant, dated 31st December, 1900. The total revenue for general and special rates for Municipal year ended 4th February, 1901, was £10,041.
- (4.) This is a matter in which the Government is not called upon to interfere.

- (20.) Attorney-General and Solicitor-General :—*Mr. Cohen* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Under what authority, Statutory or Common Law, were the Attorney-General and Solicitor-General appointed before 18 and 19 Vic. c. 54?
- (2.) Under what authority, Statutory or Common Law, did His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor appoint *Mr. Pollock* as Solicitor-General?
- (3.) Has *Mr. Pollock* resigned the office of Secretary to the Attorney-General's Department; if so, when?
- (4.) Will he include the papers containing *Mr. Pollock's* resignation among the papers he promised *Mr. Cohen* he would lay upon the Table of this House?

*Mr. See* answered,—

- (1.) The prerogative of the Crown.
- (2.) The prerogative of the Crown, as controlled by the Constitution Act.
- (3.) The 22nd July. (See Answer given to Question No. 9 on the 7th instant.)
- (4.) No formal resignation is necessary. *Mr. Miller* has been gazetted Under Secretary of the Department of the Attorney-General and of Justice. (See Answer to Question No. 12 of yesterday.)

- (21.) Appeal Board for the Police :—*Mr. Sullivan* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he consider the advisability of establishing an Appeal Board for the Police on the lines of the Railway Appeal Board, with a Stipendiary Magistrate as chairman?

*Mr. See* answered,—This would necessitate an alteration in the law. I will confer with the Inspector-General on the subject.

- (22.) Charges imposed under the Metropolitan Traffic Act :—*Mr. Sullivan* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he take steps to have the resolution of this House abolishing the charges imposed under the Metropolitan Traffic Act carried into effect?

*Mr. See* answered,—I have called for reports, which are now before me for consideration.

- (23.) Day-labour Employment :—*Mr. Sullivan* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he ascertain if some of the Supervising Inspectors and Clerks of Works are giving preference to their relatives on some of the day-labour jobs?

*Mr. O'Sullivan* answered,—If the Honorable Member will state a case in which this has been done, I will have a thorough inquiry made into it. At present I do not know of one.

- (24.) Dismissal of Constable George McDonald :—*Mr. Sullivan* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he produce the papers relative to the dismissal of Constable George McDonald from the Sydney Foot Police (Central Police Station)?

*Mr. See* answered,—There is no objection to the production of these papers.

- (25.) Account owing to *Mrs. Hooper*, Lithgow, by the Board of Health :—*Mr. John Hurley* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Will he cause replies to be given by the Board of Health in respect to letters written by *Mr. Thomas Evans*, Council Clerk, Lithgow, and from *John Hurley*, in regard to an account due to *Mrs. Hooper*, of Lithgow, in December of last year?

(2.) And when is it probable that the sum due will be paid to *Mrs. Hooper*?

*Mr. See* answered,—

(1.) There is no record of any letter from the Council Clerk to the Health Department. The reply to *Mr. Hurley* has been delayed pending inquiry into the matter.

(2.) Vouchers from *Mrs. Hooper* have not yet been received, but will be dealt with at once when received.

- (26.) Infliction of Corporal Punishment in Public Schools :—*Mr. Levy* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Regulations under the Public Instruction Act relating to the infliction of corporal punishment are being repeatedly violated in nearly all the public schools of this city?

(2.) If so, will he give instructions that these regulations should be strictly carried out?

*Mr. Perry* answered,—Complaints respecting the undue infliction of corporal punishment in Sydney schools are very infrequent—but inquiry will be made. (27.)

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(27.) Wages of Men working with Trigonometrical Surveyors:—Mr. Nielsen asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is he aware that the men working with the trigonometrical surveyors are being paid at the rate of 5s. per day, and an amount of 10s. 6d. per week is deducted from this for board?

(2.) Will he take steps to ensure these men being paid the minimum wage as recognised by the Government, namely, 7s. per day?

Mr. Bennett answered,—

(1.) Some men are paid at 6s. and some at 5s. per day, not for six days in the week, as in the Works Department, but for seven days in the week. I believe about 10s. 6d. per week is deducted for board.

(2.) The men are engaged by the surveyors, and are not Government employees in the ordinary sense of the term, though the Department recoups the surveyors for the wages paid. To compel the surveyors to pay higher wages would, therefore, mean additional expense to this Department, and if the increase were made general it would represent about £2,000 per annum. I cannot promise to incur this expense. It will be understood that there is no difference between 7s. a day for six days and 6s. a day for seven days in the week. The difference in the rate of 5s. and 6s. a day is due to the difference in the men, the time they have been employed, &c.

(28.) Amendment of Old-age Pensions Act:—Mr. Moore asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will the Government take into consideration the desirableness of amending section 51 of the Old-age Pensions Act, with a view to extending the benefits of the Act to old and deserving colonists, who are now disqualified only by reason of their inability to comply with the provision relating to naturalised subjects?

Mr. See answered,—It would appear desirable that some amendment of section 51 should be made. The matter will receive attention in the Amending Bill which is now being prepared.

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

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table,—By-laws in connection with the Wilcannia Water Supply. Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. See laid upon the Table,—Copies of papers relating to the appointment of Hugh Pollock, Esq., Barrister-at-Law, as Solicitor-General. Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. WOMEN'S FRANCHISE BILL:—Mr. See, pursuant to leave granted on 13th August, 1901, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to extend the Parliamentary Franchise to Women, and for purposes consequent on or incidental to that object*,"—which was read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

5. MAITLAND HOSPITAL ENABLING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. See moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the Committee of the Maitland Hospital to apply certain moneys for the purpose of the erection and furnishing of a new hospital. Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. See then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable the Committee of the Maitland Hospital to apply certain moneys for the purpose of the erection and furnishing of a new hospital*,"—which was read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

6. CAPITAL PUNISHMENT ABOLITION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Haynes moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to abolish capital punishment in certain cases. Question put and passed.

7. CASINO MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Carroll, for Mr. Pyers, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to reduce the area of the Municipality of Casino. Question put and passed.

Mr. Carroll then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to reduce the area of the Municipality of Casino*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 5th October.

8. MONEY-LENDERS AND INFANTS LOANS BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to regulate the business of money-lenders, and to render penal the inciting infants to borrowing money*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 5th August, 1901.

W. J. TRICKETT,  
Deputy-President.

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

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

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9. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Newcastle East, Mr. Dick, 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 positive injustice suffered by the pilot boatmen of Newcastle through overwork and long hours," and the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—Mr. Dick moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and negatived.
10. **SYDNEY CORPORATION (FURTHER AMENDING) BILL**:—  
(1.) Mr. See moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Sydney Corporation (Amending) Act, 1900.  
Question put and passed.  
(2.) Mr. See then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Sydney Corporation (Amending) Act, 1900*,"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
11. **CITY OF SYDNEY MUNICIPAL LOAN BILL**:—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 to enable the Municipal Council of Sydney to raise by debentures a sum not exceeding £200,000 for certain purposes.  
Question put and passed.
12. **MOORE-STREET IMPROVEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL**:—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 to further amend the Moore-street Improvement Act of 1890.  
Question put and passed.
13. **BLOCKHOLDERS BILL**:—Mr. Crick 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 setting apart certain Crown lands for working men's blocks; for providing loans to the lessees of such blocks; and for other purposes.  
Question put and passed.
14. **STOCK DISEASES (TICK) BILL**:—*Mr. See*, for Mr. Kidd, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Thursday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make provision for the prevention and cure of certain diseases in stock; and to amend the "Diseases in Sheep Act of 1866," the "Diseases in Sheep Acts Amendment Act of 1878," and the "Diseases in Sheep Acts Amendment Act of 1882."  
Question put and passed.
15. **CLOSER SETTLEMENT BILL**:—Mr. Crick, pursuant to leave granted on 13th August, 1901, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorise the acquisition for purposes of settlement of private lands or lands leased from the Crown, and to provide for dealing with and disposing of such lands*,"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
16. **RABBIT PEST BILL**:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Crick, and read by Mr. Speaker:—  
FREDK. M. DARLEY, *Message No. 40.*  
*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 deal with the Rabbit Pest; to authorise certain advances in connection therewith; and for other purposes incidental thereto.  
*State Government House,*  
*Sydney, 14th August, 1901.*  
Ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.
17. **RABBIT PEST 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 to further consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to deal with the Rabbit Pest; to authorise certain advances in connection therewith; and for other purposes incidental thereto.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.  
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, 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 deal with the Rabbit Pest; to authorise certain advances in connection therewith; and for other purposes incidental thereto.  
On motion of Mr. Crick, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
18. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—  
(1.) Friendly Societies (Further Amendment) Bill; second reading;—until Wednesday, 28th August (after Debate).  
(2.) Industrial Arbitration Bill; second reading;—until Wednesday next.  
(3.) Supply; resumption of the Committee;—until To-morrow.  
(4.) Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee;—until To-morrow.  
(5.) Legitimation Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading; until Tuesday, 10th September.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

14th August, 1901.

19. **THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC**:—Mr. Meagher moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House it is necessary that a Royal Commission should be appointed to inquire into the liquor traffic in the State of New South Wales.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Hogue moved, That the Question be amended by the addition at the end thereof of the words "including the sale of intoxicants in clubs."

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

Debate continued.

Mr. Young moved, That this debate be now adjourned.

Question put and negatived.

Debate continued.

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

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Question, as amended, put,—That, in the opinion of this House, it is necessary that a Royal Commission should be appointed to inquire into the liquor traffic in the State of New South Wales, including the sale of intoxicants in clubs.

The House divided.

Ayes, 12.

Mr. Fallick,  
Mr. Macdonald,  
Mr. Oakes,  
Mr. Hogue,  
Mr. Mahony,  
Mr. Fegan,  
Mr. John Hurley,  
Mr. Carroll,  
Mr. McCoy,  
Mr. Williams.

*Tellers,*

Mr. Jessep,  
Mr. Moore.

Mr. Coleman,  
Mr. Morton,  
Mr. Eden George,  
Mr. Waddell,  
Mr. Bennett,  
Mr. Broughton,  
Mr. See,  
Mr. Perry,  
Mr. O'Sullivan,  
Mr. Scobie,  
Mr. Donaldson,  
Mr. Macdonell,  
Mr. Daley,  
Mr. McGowen,

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Mr. Hollis,  
Mr. Henry Clarke,  
Mr. Sullivan,  
Mr. Webster,  
Mr. Crick,  
Mr. Latimer,  
Mr. McIntyre,  
Mr. Dick,  
Mr. Cann,  
Mr. Nielsen,  
Mr. Clara,  
Mr. Dight,  
Mr. Alexander Campbell,  
Mr. Estell,

Mr. Edden,  
Mr. Miller,  
Mr. Meagher,  
Mr. Walsh,  
Mr. Nelson,  
Mr. Brinsley Hall,  
Mr. D. R. Hall,  
Mr. Chapman.

*Tellers,*

Mr. W. F. Hurley,  
Mr. Millard.

And so it passed in the negative.

20. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. See moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly at twenty-seven 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,  
*Speaker.*



New South Wales.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 15 AUGUST, 1901.

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

MINERS' ACCIDENT RELIEF ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Kidd, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 41.*

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 Miners' Accident Relief Act, 1900.

*State Government House,  
Sydney, 15th August, 1901.*

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

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Dawes' Battery:—Mr. Daley asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) In whom is Dawes' Battery vested?
- (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to make the said battery a public recreation-ground?
- (3.) Has the Harbour Trust any control over its foreshores?
- (4.) Is he aware that the Military authorities there have erected barricades across a right-of-way of fifty years' standing, and will he order the immediate removal of same?

Mr. See answered,—

(1 and 2.) By the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act, all land in the exclusive occupation of the Military authorities became vested in the Federal Government on the transfer of the Department. The Defence Department has been so transferred.

(3.) The Harbour Trust has been vested with the control of the land east of and including the approach to the new horse ferry landing, and to high-water mark along the northern boundary of the reserve west of such landing. The battery proper has no foreshore.

(4.) No barricade has been erected—the ordinary gates on the military portion of the reserve are kept closed. I may add that I am in communication with the Premier of the Commonwealth in reference to this piece of land, and I hope to have it re-transferred to the State.

(2.) Acting Gaolers in charge of Police Gaols:—Mr. Dacey asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) What are the hours of duty of acting gaolers in charge of Police Gaols?
- (2.) Are they off duty at all during the twenty-four hours; if so, during what hours?
- (3.) Is it a fact that acting gaolers have been cautioned against leaving the gaol premises at all during the day?
- (4.) Are the instructions, as to hours of duty, and absence from the gaol premises, uniform in all Police Gaols?
- (5.) Will he give instructions that constables in charge of Police Gaols are to be allowed reasonable freedom during some part of the twenty-four hours?

Mr. See answered,—

The following replies have been furnished to me by the Inspector-General of Police:—

(1, 2, and 3.) The duties of police acting gaolers are laid down in the Prisons Regulations. When there are prisoners in confinement the acting gaolers are required to be relieved before going off duty or leaving the premises.

- (4.) As a rule, yes; but necessarily vary where the duties are nominal or very light.
- (5.) Such is allowed at present.

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(3.) Metropolitan Tram Service :—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What have been the number of deaths and serious accidents to the public in connection with the Metropolitan Tram Service since 1st January, 1901?

Mr. Waddell answered,—There will be no objection to comply with this request if moved for in the usual way.

(4.) Metropolitan Transit Commission Funds :—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What was the amount of money in the hands of the Metropolitan Transit Commission when the control of the vehicular traffic was handed over to Police control under the present Traffic Act?

(2.) How and to whom was the money distributed, and what balance, if any, remains undistributed?

Mr. See answered,—The following Answers have been supplied by the Inspector-General of Police :—

(1.) £3,605 3s. 10d.

(2.) £3,129 11s. 5d. was paid in accordance with the provisions of the Act to Transit Officers who were retired, and £475 12s. 5d. similarly to old licensed drivers incapacitated for work. No balance remains.

(5.) *Historical Records* :—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What amount has been paid to any person or persons in London for collecting the information for compiling the *Historical Records*, and who has been receiving the same?

(2.) The same information with regard to any person or persons in the Colony?

(3.) What is the cost per volume, as compared with the amount received per volume?

(4.) When will he be able to give the information as to whether the expenditure is to be continued or not?

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

(6.) Noxious Weeds Pest :—Mr. Affleck asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is he aware that noxious weeds, being breeding covers for noxious animals, are as great a pest to country residents as noxious animals?

(2.) Will he take steps to at once deal with the noxious weeds pest, by the introduction of a Bill for the purpose of clearing the lands of the country of the same?

Mr. Bennett answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) My Honorable Colleague will give the matter full consideration.

(7.) Electric Light, Government Printing Office :—Mr. Gillies asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has he received a communication from the Government Printer re the inefficiency of the electric light supplied at the Government Printing Office, and its injurious effects upon the eyesight of the employees, but more especially the compositors?

(2.) Has the complaint in question received consideration; and, if so, what action is being taken to remedy the source of complaint?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes; alterations were made in the disposition and working of the plant, and I understand that the result has been satisfactory.

(8.) Children boarded out by the State :—Mr. Nielsen, for Mr. Holman, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that where children are boarded out by the State with their mothers, an allowance of only 2s. or 2s. 6d. per week per child is made?

(2.) Is it a fact that strangers under similar circumstances are allowed 7s.?

(3.) Is there any reason for this discrepancy?

(4.) Will he take steps to raise the allowance to parents to the same level?

Mr. See answered,—The following information has been furnished by the State Children Relief Board :—

(1.) The allowances made on account of children boarded out with their mothers vary according to the nature of the cases.

(2.) The usual allowance for the maintenance of boarded-out children is 5s. a week; but in the case of infants and sick children the rate is increased.

(3.) The Board deals with each case on its merits.

(4.) This matter rests with the Board.

(9.) Coal shipped over Wharfs at Darling Island :—Mr. Winchcombe asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Has his attention been drawn to the fact that the Harbour Trust Commissioners have imposed a charge of 3d. per ton on all coal shipped over the wharfs at Darling Island?

(2.) Will he take steps to secure that no charge shall be made for export wharfage on coal, which will place Sydney exporters at a disadvantage as compared with exporters from Newcastle?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) The Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners have not imposed any wharfage charges on coal; such charges are imposed by Act of Parliament, namely, the Wharfage and Tonnage Rates Act of 1880. In any case, these charges are not enforced for the first time. A reference to the Goods Rates Book of the Railway Commissioners will show that the Railway Commissioners, up to the present time, have paid the wharfage charges on coal and wool carried by the railways to Darling Harbour for shipment. The rates paid, however, by the Commissioners were only half of the

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the statutory charges, namely, 1½d. per ton of coal, instead of 3d. as provided by the Act. The Railway Department communicated with the Trust with the object of ascertaining whether the Harbour Trust Commissioners would continue this concession of half-rates, but the Trust declined to do so, as they did not see why they should make a concession of a considerable amount of revenue to the Railways in order to increase the profits of that Department at the expense of the Trust. Although the Commissioners have had no reply to their communication, it would appear, from what has transpired in the Press, that the Railway Commissioners have notified the Colliery proprietors that henceforth they themselves will have to pay the wharfage rates; but as the Railway Commissioners have hitherto paid the Government a wharfage rate of 1½d. per ton on coal shipped from Darling Harbour, it is presumed that a corresponding reduction will be made in the haulage rates.

(2.) The Commissioners desire to impress upon the Government the fact that the only way in which the Ports of Newcastle and Sydney can be placed on an equal footing is either to abolish all wharfage charges at Sydney, and so throw the whole burden of the maintenance of the wharfs of this Port, as well as of the interest on the many millions invested in such wharfs, upon the general taxpayer, or to impose wharfage rates at Newcastle. At the present time no wharfage rates are imposed at the Northern Port. If an exception be made in the case of coal, the Government will, no doubt, be asked to carry out this policy to its logical conclusion, namely, the abolition of all wharfage rates in Sydney. This has been furnished to me by the Harbour Trust Commissioners; but I am not in sympathy with the answer given.

(10.) Police Pension Fund:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to bring in a Bill for the purpose of placing the Police Pension Fund on a solvent basis this Session?

(2.) Will the Government issue an order that for the future all Police engaged shall not participate in a pension fund; but must do as the Public Service Board compels Civil Servants to do now, viz., insure their lives, in lieu of pensions, for the future?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The Police Force differs from the Civil Service. The men are exposed to unusual risks of injuries inflicted by criminals and by exposure, and when incapacitated for duty and unfit to earn a livelihood they have to be provided for in their old age by pension. The gratuities received by widows are small in amount, and are generally supplemented by life insurances.

(11.) Retirement of Mr. S. H. Lambton:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has Mr. S. H. Lambton retired from the Public Service of this State; and, if so, upon what pension?

(2.) Has he been appointed to a public position by the Federal Government, in connection with the Postal and Telegraphic Department; and, if so, at what salary?

(3.) Does Mr. Lambton draw both his pension as an ex-Public Servant, and a salary as an officer of the Federal Government?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) Yes. The amount of his pension is £613 6s. 8d. per annum.

(2 and 3.) I have not been able to get the Questions answered. I referred the matter to Mr. Lambton, who replied that he is not in a position to furnish an answer on matters which concern the Federal Government. I shall endeavour to obtain the information from the Federal Government. I am not aware whether Mr. Lambton is employed by the Federal Government, though I have heard indirectly that he is. I will find out.

(12.) Report of the Superintendent of the Labour Bureau for 1900-1901:—Mr. Gillies, for Mr. Carruthers, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Has the Report of the Superintendent of the Labour Bureau for 1900-1901 yet been made; if so, will he kindly lay same upon the Table of both Houses of Parliament?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—No; but instructions will be given for the report to be expedited, and, when received, copies will be laid upon the Table as usual.

(13.) Northern Road from Windsor to Goulburn:—Mr. T. R. Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Will he take steps to have the Northern Road from Windsor to Goulburn—that portion commencing at Kingswood, and running towards Richmond, about 3 miles—put in a passable state?

(2.) Is he aware that there is great traffic on this road, and, only for people being allowed to pass through private property, it would be impossible to get to the station?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—I will have a report made upon the state of the road and see what can be done with regard to its repair after the Estimates are passed.

(14.) Northern Road from Windsor to Goulburn:—Mr. T. R. Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware of the bad state of the Government road known as the Northern Road, from Windsor to Goulburn, commencing at Kingswood and running to Bringelly?

(2.) Is it a fact that this main Government road has been impassable for the last three years, and farmers, orchardists, dairymen, and wood-senders have been compelled to abandon their properties on account of not being able to get their produce to the railway station at Kingswood?

(3.) Is it a fact that over 1,000 tons of goods were sent from Kingswood Railway Station during the years 1896, 1897, and 1898?

(4.) Is it a fact that, on account of the bad roads, this traffic has been reduced to about 100 tons per week instead of 1,000 tons?

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- (5.) Will he take immediate steps to have this road put in order at once, so that fruit-growers, farmers, dairymen, and wood-senders can get their produce to market?
- (6.) Is he aware that not one shilling has been expended on this road since 1896, and it has been in a disgraceful state?
- Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—I am calling for a report upon the condition of the Bringelly Road, and will be prepared to put the repairs required there in hand after the Estimates are passed.
- (15.) Ministers of the Crown appearing in Police Courts against the Police:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Has his attention been directed to a report in the morning papers of certain strictures passed upon one of his colleagues—the Attorney-General, the Honorable B. R. Wise—before the Full Court on Tuesday, by Sir Julian Salomons, who remarked that “it was a shocking thing to the public sense that the Attorney-General of the State should appear in Court against the Police”?
- (2.) Is it intended that steps be taken to prevent Ministers of the Crown from in future appearing in such cases against the Police?
- Mr. See answered,—The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice informs me that the Police were in no way interested in the case, which was between two private persons.
- (16.) Old-age Pensions Boards:—Mr. Edden asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) How many Boards have been established under the Old-age Pensions Act, and where?
- (2.) The names of the members of the Boards, and the salary each member receives?
- Mr. See answered,—Fifty-three District Boards, apart from the Central Board, have been appointed. I shall presently lay upon the Table, in the form of a return, the other information asked for by the Honorable Member.
- (17.) Tradesmen required on State Works:—Mr. Sullivan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it his intention, or will he consider the advisability of appointing practical persons to select the various tradesmen required on State works, there not being any practical men on the Labour Commission?
- Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—Messrs. Schey and Brennan, two of the Labour Commissioners, are practical men, and competent to make the selections referred to. As a matter of fact, however, nearly all the men put upon relief works are either labourers or quarrymen.
3. PAPERS:—
- Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) By-laws under the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Acts, 1892-1897.
- (2.) Report of the completion of the White's Creek Storm-water Channel, Brennan-street Branch. Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- Mr. See laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Report on the Coast Hospital, Little Bay, for the year 1900.
- (2.) Further particulars respecting the Historical Records of New South Wales.
- (3.) Information respecting Jurors serving on Coroner's Inquest on the Sydenham Railway Disaster.
- (4.) Rule of the Supreme Court, dated 17th July, 1901.
- (5.) List of Members of District Old-age Pension Boards.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
4. AGRICULTURAL LEASES BILL:—Mr. Bennett, pursuant to leave granted on 13th August, 1901, presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to regulate conditions between landowners and tenants of agricultural lands*,”—which was read a first time.
- Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
5. STOCK DISEASES (TICK) BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Kidd, and read by Mr. Speaker:—
- FREDK. M. DARLEY,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.* *Message No. 42.*
- 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 make provision for the prevention and cure of certain diseases in stock; and to amend the Diseases in Sheep Act of 1866, the Diseases in Sheep Acts Amendment Act of 1878, and the Diseases in Sheep Acts Amendment Act of 1882.
- Government House,*  
*Sydney, 25th July, 1901.*
- Ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.
6. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Money-lenders and Infants Loans Bill (*Council Bill*) postponed until Tuesday, 27th August.
7. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Kahibab, Mr. Edden, 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 failure of the Mines Department to carry out section 38 of the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1896, at the Burwood Colliery, Newcastle District.”
- And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—
- Mr. Edden moved, That this House do now adjourn.
- Debate ensued.
- Question put and negatived,

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## 8. CITY OF SYDNEY MUNICIPAL LOAN BILL :—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to enable the Municipal Council of Sydney to raise by debentures a sum not exceeding £200,000 for certain 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 enable the Municipal Council of Sydney to raise by debentures a sum not exceeding £200,000 for certain purposes.

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

(2.) Mr. See then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable the Municipal Council of Sydney to raise by debentures a sum not exceeding £200,000 for certain purposes*,"—which was read a first time.

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

## 9. MOORE-STREET IMPROVEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL :—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to further amend the Moore-street Improvement Act of 1890.

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 further amend the Moore-street Improvement Act of 1890.

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

(2.) Mr. See then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to further amend the Moore-street Improvement Act of 1890*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 29th August.

10. BLOCKHOLDERS BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for setting apart certain Crown lands for working men's blocks; for providing loans to the lessees of such blocks; and for other purposes.

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

11. WOMEN'S FRANCHISE BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Eden George moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Debate ensued.

Question put and voices given,—Mr. Speaker stated his opinion that the *Ayes* had it.

Whereupon Division called for, and Mr. Speaker having in accordance with Standing Order No. 213, directed the Members to take their seats to the right and left of the Chair respectively, declared the determination of the House to be in the *Affirmative*, as there were only seven Members in the minority who had challenged his decision.

The following are the names of the Members in the minority, viz. :—Mr. Miller, Mr. Scobie, Mr. Macdonell, Mr. Macdonald, Mr. Webster, Mr. Clara, and Mr. Williams.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Wednesday next.

12. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. See moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

F. W. WEBB,

*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

WILLIAM McCOURT,

*Speaker.*



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No. 13.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 20 AUGUST, 1901.

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

TEMORA 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. 43.*

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 sanction the construction of a line of railway from Temora to Wyalong; to amend the provisions of the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as they relate to the duty of the Constructing Authority to make and maintain fences along the said line; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; and for other purposes.

*State Government House,  
Sydney, 15th August, 1901.*

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

2. BLOCKHOLDERS BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Crick, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 44.*

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 provide for setting apart certain Crown Lands for working men's blocks; for providing loans to the lessees of such blocks; and for other purposes.

*State Government House,  
Sydney, 15th August, 1901.*

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

3. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Male Staff at the Coast Hospital:—Mr. Dacey asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) How many of the male staff at the Coast Hospital are married men?
- (2.) How many of them are provided with married men's quarters?
- (3.) Is it a fact that some of them are charged for single men's quarters, notwithstanding that no such quarters are available for their use?
- (4.) Is it a fact that married men cannot get house accommodation within about 4 miles of the Hospital?
- (5.) Does this militate against these men being with their families at night?
- (6.) Is it a fact that they receive no allowance for the meals which they have in their own homes?
- (7.) Is it the intention of the Government to provide quarters for the married members of the staff; if so, when?
- (8.) Will he endeavour to get the amount charged for quarters readjusted, with a view to making it more equitable?
- (9.) Did the Public Service Board, at the time of the plague, direct that a vacancy at the Quarantine Station should be filled by the promotion of one of the Coast Hospital Staff; and is it a fact that Dr. Thompson objected to the proposed transfer?

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Mr. See answered,—The Chief Medical Officer of the Government has furnished me with the following Answers :—

(1, 2, and 3.) There are twelve married men on the Coast Hospital staff, of whom four are provided with married quarters. It is not the case that some of the remaining eight are charged for single men's quarters, notwithstanding that no quarters are available for them.

(4 and 5.) The distance from the Hospital to Botany terminus is rather less than 3 miles. No house accommodation is available nearer than that.

(6.) Yes; breakfast, dinner, and tea being provided and eaten at the Hospital.

(7 and 8.) The Chief Medical Officer has already recommended that the deduction for quarters should cease to be made in the case of those men who are married and who have homes outside the Hospital. It is not proposed to provide married quarters for all the married members of the staff.

(9.) No; but four members of the Coast Hospital staff applied for transfer to Quarantine Station, and this transfer was not approved by the Chief Medical Officer for want of necessary qualifications on the part of the applicants, and for other reasons set forth in the minute made by him on this subject, and dated 24th October, 1900.

(2.) Removal of Prisoners from No. 4 Police Station :—*Mr. E. M. Clark*, for *Mr. Daley*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that the unfortunate drunks and other prisoners confined in No. 4 Police Station, are publicly removed each day at or about 9 a.m., whilst hundreds of school children and others witness the spectacle in such a populous street as George-street?

(2.) Will he give instructions to remove such prisoners at an earlier hour, or devise some means to obviate such degradation in future?

Mr. See answered,—The following report from Superintendent Larkins contains full information regarding the procedure, which the Inspector-General of Police informs me can scarcely be altered or improved :—

(1.) All prisoners confined at No. 4 Police Station are removed to the Water Police Court every week day in the police van. The van reaches the station about 9 a.m., and draws up at the main entrance in George-street North. The prisoners walk across the footway and take their seats in the vehicle. The daily average is about twelve prisoners, and the time occupied in marching them from the station to the van is under two minutes. Their removal as a rule attracts very little attention.

(2.) The premises will not allow of any other means being adopted to get the prisoners into the van without coming into public view. I cannot say whether arrangements could be made for the van to call at an earlier hour.

(3.) Civil Servants' Contributions to the Superannuation Fund :—*Mr. E. M. Clark* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Does the Attorney-General intend during this Session to bring in a Bill to authorise the repayments to Civil Servants of their contributions to the Superannuation Fund?

(2.) In view of the widespread dissatisfaction that exists in the Service, amongst officers on salaries under £200, will the Attorney-General instruct the Public Service Board to deal with the appeals against the regrading immediately?

(3.) Is it a fact when the Public Service Board graded the Departments in 1896 certain salaries were allotted for various positions, and are the officers at present occupying those positions receiving the salaries then allotted; if not, why?

(4.) Is it a fact that any grade was debarred from consideration under the regrading; if so, why?

(5.) If such distinction was made will the Attorney-General bring under the notice of the Public Service Board the following facts in connection with the appeals, viz.:—That many of the officers in grade D (salary £101 to £150) have as much as ten and twelve years' service, and are over 25 years of age?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) The matter will receive consideration.

(2.) I am not aware of the "widespread dissatisfaction" referred to by the Honorable Member, but I will ask the Public Service Board to deal with the appeals as soon as they conveniently can.

(3, 4, and 5.) The Public Service Board have furnished me with the following information :—The procedure adopted by the Public Service Board in grading the salaries of officers of the various Departments in 1896, is fully explained in their report for that year (see page 5). It is there stated that in determining the salaries assignable to the various officers, the Board had always in view the rule laid down by section 10 of the Act—that is, that the office itself should be considered entirely apart from its occupant, and the salary fixed for the post and not for the person who chanced to fill it. Since that grading took place, however, a system of periodical increments of salary has been put in force, the object of which is that officers in the lower grades with no other qualifications than good conduct and efficiency shall advance to a certain maximum salary. Part of this system is that positions in the grades covered by the increment system shall be filled as they become vacant by officers who are subject to the increment system, as it would be impossible to grant officers both increments of salary under the regulations and also special increases on the occurrence of vacancies. It is not a fact that any grade was debarred from consideration under the regrading recently carried out by the Board. The salaries of officers of all grades of the Service received due consideration.

(4.) Increments to Public Servants :—*Mr. John Hurley* asked the Colonial Secretary,—With reference to the promise made by the Attorney-General to the deputation from the Public Service Association in regard to the retrospective nature of Regulation No. 105 of the Public Service Regulations dealing with increments, will he say what steps, if any, have been taken in the matter?

Mr. See answered,—The question of placing a further sum of money on the Estimates is under consideration. The Public Service Board have reported that the amount required to pay the increments in question for the half of the financial year ended the 31st December, 1900, would approximately be £1,787 11s. 8d. ;

(5.)

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(5.) Cost per year of Crown Solicitor's Office :—Mr. Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—  
(1.) What is the total cost to the country per year of the Crown Solicitor's Office, including fees to Counsel?

(2.) Do clerks articled to the Crown Solicitor pay a premium; and, if so, who gets it?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) The cost varies according to the amount of litigation. The cost of the office for the year ended the 30th June last, was as follows :—Salaries of the Crown Solicitor and his officers, £11,205 7s. 7d.; fees to counsel, £4,473 4s. 6d.; total, £15,678 12s. 1d.

(2.) Clerks articled to the Crown Solicitor do not pay a premium. As a matter of fact, no clerks have been articled to the Crown Solicitor for over five years past.

(6.) Liability of the Commonwealth Government for Improvements to the Navigation of Inland Rivers of New South Wales :—Mr. Quinn asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has he obtained the Attorney-General's opinion concerning the liability of the Commonwealth Government for improvements to the navigation of inland rivers within the borders of this State; and, if so, what is that opinion?

(2.) The control of the Military and Defence Forces of the State having passed to the Federal Government, will he consider whether that Government is liable for the payment of the New South Wales Contingent, still in South Africa, from the date upon which the Federal Government took over the Defence Department; and whether the Federal Government is not similarly liable for all pensions and all expenses, direct and indirect, incurred in connection with those contingents subsequent to the transference of the control of military matters to the Commonwealth?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) The opinion of the Attorney-General on points of law cannot be given in answer to Questions. The Honorable Member is in error if he thinks the control of inland rivers has passed to the Commonwealth Government.

(2.) This matter shall have my attention.

(7.) Rookwood Asylum :—Mr. McGowen, for Mr. Holman, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has his attention been directed to a letter, purporting to come from an inmate of Rookwood Asylum, in which complaints are made of the diet, clothing, and cleanliness of the institution?

(2.) Will he ascertain what improvements can be effected in these particulars, and have them carried out?

(3.) Will he place a small sum on the Estimates for the supplying of books to the library at the Asylum?

Mr. See answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table a report which I have received from the Director of Government Asylums regarding this question.

(8.) Permanent Officers engaged in connection with the Commonwealth Celebrations :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Were not the officers to whom bonuses were granted for special services in connection with the Commonwealth Celebrations paid the salaries in full attached to the permanent positions they occupy in the Public Service?

(2.) Under such circumstances why was it deemed necessary that any bonuses should be granted at all?

(3.) How many cases are still under consideration in which it is proposed that bonuses should be granted?

(4.) What special grants have been, or are proposed to be, made to Messrs. Portus and Southwell?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Bonuses were paid to the officers for services rendered after regulation hours. Such services resulted in officers working until one and two o'clock in the morning. This was necessary to get the decorations, illuminations, and administrative duties completed in proper time.

(3.) Three, namely, Messrs. Portus, Southwell, and Butterfield.

(4.) No special grants have been made; but it has been suggested by Mr. Portus that he should receive £500 for the responsible and arduous duties he performed, necessitating his working 1,200 hours overtime, and that Mr. Southwell should receive £100, and Mr. Butterfield £10.

(9.) Wages of Men working with Trigonometrical Surveyors :—Mr. Nielsen asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is he aware of the fact that of the men working with the trigonometrical surveyors, only the head men of the gang receive 6s., and all the others only 5s., per day?

(2.) Is it not a fact that these men, although engaged by the surveyors, are practically paid by the Government?

(3.) Will he see that their wages are increased, so that they will receive the equivalent of the recognised minimum wage of 7s. per day?

Mr. Crick answered,—I believe that some of the men referred to are paid 6s. and some 5s. per diem, and the surveyors employ the men independently of the Department, and submit vouchers to the Department for payment. In view of the expediency of throwing land open to settlement, it would be inexpedient at present to disturb existing arrangements in the matter of payment of surveyors' labourers, as the cost of survey would be thereby increased. I will, however, further consider the matter after the Estimates are passed.

(10.) Shipment of Gold from the State :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Has his attention been directed to one of the largest gold shipments from Sydney to San Francisco, viz., £500,000, which left Sydney on Tuesday, the 13th instant, by the Oceanic Company's B.M.S. "Ventura"?

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- (2.) Will he make inquiries as to whether this large shipment of gold is likely to have any serious effect on the money market or the industrial institutions in the State and the gold currency?
- (3.) What percentage of gold do the associated Banks hold in respect to their liabilities and deposits?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—
- (1 and 2.) I do not think there is any cause for alarm at the large shipments of gold referred to by the Honorable Member. The fact that there is a Mint at Sydney causes a great deal of gold to be imported, and this is afterwards exported when coined. The stock of gold in the State is practically the same now that it was six years ago, when there were large accumulations, consequent on the banking crisis.
- (3.) I would refer the Honorable Member to the returns appearing in the *Government Gazette* of 15th August, 1901.
- (11.) Opening Graves in the Devonshire-street Cemetery:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Has it been found that the opening up of hundreds of graves and the exhuming and the removal of the remains of dead bodies therefrom, and the disturbance of the soil in the Devonshire-street Cemetery, at Redfern Station, where thousands of citizens are passing to and fro daily and weekly to the City, has any effect on public health or the spread of the germs of disease?
- (2.) Will he have inquiries made as to whether it is possible that the opening up of graves and the disturbance of the soil in this Cemetery have had anything to do with the alleged influenza wave and fatal outbreak of pneumonia, typhoid, &c., that have occurred in Sydney and suburbs during the last few months?
- (3.) Is it not a fact the researches of Pasteur and other scientists have proved that in the soil in which animals dead from anthrax had been buried, one, three, and twelve years previously, they found the specific bacillus, and demonstrated its virulence by inoculation into guinea pigs?
- (4.) Is it a fact, as the bacteriologist assures us, that the recent outbreak of bubonic plague in Sydney originated from rats, fleas, &c.; if so, will the bacteriologist tell us what effect disturbance of the soil in this Cemetery has had on public health or the spread of micro-organisms or disease?
- (5.) Will he obtain a report from the Board of Health on the above subject?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—The attention of the staff of the Health Department has been turned to the exhumations going on at Devonshire-street, and no reason whatever has appeared for ascribing to them any bad influence on the public health. On the other hand, a severe epidemic of influenza is well known to have been in progress for several weeks, and it has been attended, as usual, with a great deal of pneumonia—in many cases fatal. Influenza spreads by contagion from person to person, and not otherwise.
- (12.) Country Applicants for Positions in the Public Service:—Mr. McIntyre asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will arrangements be made so that applicants for positions in the Public Service who reside in country districts may be examined at local centres?
- Mr. See answered,—The Public Service Board have furnished me with the following information:—Whenever practicable, arrangements are made for examinations to be held at local centres, and the convenience of country candidates is considered as much as possible. It occasionally happens, however, that, owing to the nature of the test, a local examination cannot be arranged for.
- (13.) Site set apart for new Parliament Houses:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Under what conditions have the Railway Commissioners acquired the use of portion of the site set apart for new Parliament Houses, and upon which they have recently erected an electric power-house?
- (2.) Will he have any objection to lay upon the Table of this House all papers, correspondence, &c., relating to the matter?
- Mr. See answered,—
- (1.) I am informed that in connection with the extension of the electric tramway system it is necessary to have convenient sub-stations, one being required in the vicinity of Macquarie-street. The small piece of vacant land, in area about one-twelfth of an acre, at the rear of Richmond-terrace and used as a back-yard, was eminently suitable, and the Railway Commissioners, in the public interests, asked that it should be granted them as a site for a sub-station, and the then Premier agreed, so long as the land was not required for other purposes. It was subsequently leased to the Commissioners at £50 per annum. A slightly building has been erected; it is free from any smoke, noise, or risk, and will be most useful in assisting in conducting the electric trams. It may be added the present over-head poles and wiring are temporary, and will be removed as soon as the underground cables are installed.
- (2.) There will be no objection.
- (14.) Country Old-age Pensioners:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Has he noticed repeated complaints in the Press from the country districts to the effect that great inconvenience is caused Old-age Pensioners by reason of the fact that they have to travel long distances to the nearest town at which pensions are payable before they can obtain their monthly allowances?
- (2.) Is he aware of the fact that pensioners resident at Capertee, Wallerawang, and other places along the Mudgee line have to travel to Mudgee at considerable loss of time and monetary cost before they can obtain their pensions?
- (3.) Cannot some scheme be devised whereby pensioners might be paid by Post Office order direct, or in cash through the postmaster of the nearest township?
- Mr. See answered,—
- (1.) The Old-age Pensions Act provides that payment shall be made at a Bank only. Arrangements are being made with a view of distributing the payments as widely as possible. There are at present two hundred and eighty-one (281) paying offices in the State, including nine (9) in the Metropolitan (City and Suburban) District. (2.)

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(2.) The Capertee Government Savings Bank is a paying office for pensions. At present the nearest paying office to Wallerawang is the English, Scottish, and Australian Bank at Lithgow. Claimants are not required to travel from Wallerawang to Mudgee. The paying offices in the Mudgee district are ten, namely:—Bank of New South Wales, Mudgee and Gulgong, and Government Savings Banks, Capertee, Cobbora, Coolah, Hargraves, Hill End, Home Rule, Leadville, and Rylstone. Wallerawang is in the Bathurst district.

(3.) The matter of simplifying the method of payment is being considered in connection with the Amending Bill.

(15.) Police Salaries:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he consider the expediency of paying the Police Force fortnightly instead of monthly as at present?

Mr. See answered,—The Inspector-General of Police has furnished me with the following report:—No application has ever been made. Paying the Police fortnightly would enormously increase the work of this Department and the Treasury, there being 600 Police Stations, and upwards of 2,000 men.

(16.) Superintendent of Quarantine Station, North Head:—Mr. Levy asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that the Superintendent of the Quarantine Station at North Head is not a medical man?

Mr. See answered,—Yes.

(17.) Forewoman Laundress at Quarantine Station, North Head:—Mr. Levy asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that the position of forewoman laundress at the Quarantine Station at North Head, rendered vacant some three months ago by the death of the last occupant, has not been filled; and, if so, why not?

Mr. See answered,—The position became vacant on 4th July last. Steps are being taken to fill the vacancy.

(18.) City Cable Tramline—Rose Bay Tramline:—Mr. Quinn asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) The length of tram route from foot of King-street to Power-house, Rushcutters' Bay?

(2.) The length from the Power-house to cable tram terminus, Ocean-street?

(3.) The length from the Power-house to terminus of Rose Bay tram?

(4.) Has the additional machinery ordered from America for electric power twelve months ago yet arrived; if not, when is it expected?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed that the distance from—

(1.) Foot of King-street to Rushcutters' Bay Power-house is 144 chains.

(2.) Power-house to cable terminus, Ocean-street, 44 chains.

(3.) Power-house to terminus at Dover-road, Rose Bay, 232 chains.

(4.) Portion has arrived, and the remainder is expected about the end of the present year.

(19.) Hospitals for the Insane Employees:—Mr. Moxham asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Have the Medical Superintendents in the Lunacy Department been given power to reduce the number of charge attendants and senior attendants after the Public Service Board have fixed the number as one-fifth charge, one-fifth senior, and three-fifths junior and probationer attendants?

(2.) Has the Inspector-General, or have the Medical Superintendents, authority from him, or power to prevent, the employees of the Hospitals for Insane from enjoying gazetted public holidays?

(3.) Is he aware that when holidays are granted to Lunacy employees only about one-fifth of the staff participate in such holidays, while the remaining four-fifths never get another day in lieu thereof?

Mr. See answered,—The following information has been furnished by the Inspector-General of the Insane:—

(1.) The number of charge and senior attendants, as fixed by the Public Service Board, is "not more than one-fifth" charge, "not more than one-fifth" senior, and "not less than three-fifths as junior attendants, nurses, and probationers." This regulation has not been departed from.

(2 and 3.) The employees in the Hospitals for the Insane are given the gazetted public holidays, only as many as are required for the care of the patients and institutions being retained on duty.

(20.) Bogan Gate to Bulbodney Railway Bill:—Mr. Clara asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he resubmit the Bogan Gate to Bulbodney Railway Bill this Session?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—I will submit the matter to the Cabinet at a later period of the Session.

#### 4. PAPERS:—

Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Statement of Bank Liabilities and Assets for quarter ended 30th June, 1901.

(2.) Statement of Public Companies' Liabilities and Assets for quarter ended 30th June, 1901.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. See laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report respecting Rookwood Asylum.

(2.) Reports regarding payments of Old-age Pensions.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Perry laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report of the Superintendent of the Nautical S.S. "Sobraon," for the year ended 30th April, 1901.

(2.) Report of the Superintendent of the Industrial School for Girls, Parramatta, for the year 1900.

(3.) Report of the Superintendent of the Carpenterian Reformatory for the year 1900.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. 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.

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6. **DARLING HARBOUR AND ROCKS RESUMPTIONS (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Bruncker moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing what sums of money (if any) have been paid to the original owners and lessees of the several properties resumed in connection with the Darling Harbour and Rocks resumptions, and what payments have been received by the Government from the occupants of the said properties, by way of rental or otherwise.  
Question put and passed.
7. **COMMONWEALTH CELEBRATIONS (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Bruncker moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing what sum of money was expended from the public funds for used and unused accommodation, engaged under authority of the Government, for the convenience of distinguished and other visitors in connection with the Commonwealth celebrations.  
Question put and passed.
8. **MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF INVERELL REDUCED AREA BILL (Formal Motion)**:—  
(1.) Mr. McIntyre 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. McIntyre 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 on Tuesday, 5th October.
9. **MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS ACT AMENDMENT BILL (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. E. M. Clark moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Medical Practitioners Act.  
Question put and passed.
10. **UNCLAIMED MONEYS BILL (Formal Motion)**:—  
(1.) Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for giving publicity to information relating to unclaimed funds, and for other purposes.  
Question put and passed.  
(2.) Mr. Fitzpatrick then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for giving publicity to information relating to unclaimed funds, and for other purposes*,"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 24th September.
11. **TRAM ACCIDENTS (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. E. M. Clark moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing the deaths and accidents from trams within the Metropolis since 1st January, 1900.  
Question put and passed.
12. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Public Works Committee Election Bill postponed until Tuesday, 22nd October.
13. **TRUCK ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—Mr. Cann moved, without Notice, That the Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Truck Act Amendment Bill, which lapsed by reason of there being no Report from the Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, 13th instant, be restored, and stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday, 27th August.  
Question put and passed.
14. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Rylstone, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, 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 inadequate protection from fire of the valuable records and Library of Parliament."  
And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—  
Mr. Fitzpatrick moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and negatived.
15. **SUNDAY LABOUR**:—Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, every railway employee, policeman, and other public servant, whose duties compel him to work on Sundays, should, in payment for such Sunday labour, receive wages at least 25 per cent. above the rate paid him for week-day work.  
Mr. McGowen moved, That the Question be amended by the addition at the end thereof of the words "and shall be paid as overtime, independent of the week's work."  
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be added be so added.  
Debate continued.  
Question,—That the words proposed to be added be so added,—put and passed.  
Question, as amended, proposed.  
Debate continued.  
Question as amended,—That, in the opinion of this House, every railway employee, policeman, and other public servant, whose duties compel him to work on Sundays, should, in payment for such Sunday labour, receive wages at least 25 per cent. above the rate paid him for week-day work, and shall be paid as overtime, independent of the week's work,—put and passed.
16. **THE CITY RAILWAY**:—Mr. Carruthers moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House,—  
(1.) The construction of the City Railway is an urgent public requirement in the interests of the safety and convenience of a very large portion of the community.  
(2.) A definite proposal to construct such railway ought, at the earliest opportunity, to be submitted to the Public Works Committee.  
Debate ensued.  
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 14.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 21 AUGUST, 1901.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Harbour Dues charged to His Majesty's Warships and Troopships :—Mr. Wright asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What is the amount of harbour dues (if any) charged in Sydney Harbour to His Majesty's warships; the same information in regard to His Majesty's troopships?  
 (2.) What charge (if any) is made for docking His Majesty's war and troopships?  
 (3.) The like information for warships and troopships of any foreign nation?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) The Harbour Trust Commissioners cannot afford any information regarding harbour dues, as such charges are collected by the Customs Department, which has been taken over by the Federal Government.  
 (2 and 3.) Actual expenditure only. Dock dues are not charged.

- (2.) Hours of Employees in the Punt Service, Middle Harbour :—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that men employed in the Punt Service at Middle Harbour are compelled to work seventy-seven hours per week?  
 (2.) What are the hours worked in connection with other Government Punt Services?  
 (3.) Is it a fact that the question of sixty hours' service per week has been favourably considered by several private ferry companies?  
 (4.) What reason is there for the Government to employ labour in this service any different than the standard hours admitted in other Departments and demanded in connection with private services?  
 (5.) Is it a fact that the number of extra hours worked annually in the Service referred to at Middle Harbour would be 884, and that as the men receive three weeks holidays, equal to 231 hours, it is contended that that is sufficient to make up for the extra hours worked?  
 (6.) Will he take steps at once to shorten the hours in connection with the Punt Service to sixty hours per week?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

- (1.) No; but the requirements of the Service necessitate their being on duty, though not working all the time, seventy hours per week.  
 (2.) The hours during which it is necessary for punt employees to be on duty on other punt services vary from fifty to seventy hours per week, according to the importance and requirements of traffic at each ferry.  
 (3 and 4.) I have not any means of knowing what hours the employees on private ferry companies work, but no comparison, in view of the different kinds of duty performed, could be drawn between the employees in the ferry service of the Government and those of private ferry companies.  
 (5.) The hours the Government employees are on duty annually in the ferry service aggregate 688, and not 884. As compensation, three week's leave of absence on full pay is granted each man, and this is considered sufficient by the head of the Department, in view of the exceptionally light nature of the duties performed, the permanent employment given, and the good wages paid. In dealing with this subject it must be borne in mind that, although the employees are on duty more than an average of eight hours per day, they are working only a comparatively small portion of the time.

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(6.) I will consider the subject of alteration, but in view of the fact that if anything is done to reduce the hours of labour at Middle Harbour, the same rule would require to hold good in other cases, it will be difficult to make an improvement. The only alteration that could be made would be to put on three shifts of workmen, but as the punts are run at the present time at a loss to the Government, putting on the additional workmen, which would thereby be rendered necessary, would incur a further annual loss on this ferry alone of £260, while if the alteration were made to apply to the other ferry services, the total loss would be enormous.

(3.) Distribution of £5,000 to Retired Civil Servants in lieu of leave:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What are the names of retired Civil Servants who received the distribution of £5,000 voted upon last Estimates in lieu of leave; what were their lengths of services and amounts paid to each?  
 (2.) Will he cause a sum of money to be placed upon the next Estimates sufficient to meet the cases of other officers similarly situated to those who have received their shares of the £5,000 distribution?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) I shall presently lay upon the Table a statement showing the information.  
 (2.) It has already been decided to place an amount upon the Estimates for the purpose.

(4.) Arrears for Land and Income Tax Assessment:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Will he state the names or number of persons and amounts in arrears for Land and Income Tax to the end of the financial year 1900?  
 (2.) Is it a fact that those in arrears number amongst them Members of Parliament, past and present; and, if so, why have the payments not been enforced?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I have received the following replies from the Commissioners of Taxation:—The Commissioners of Taxation consider that they are precluded by the terms of the Land and Income Tax Assessment Act of 1895 from publishing the names or any particulars concerning taxpayers in arrears. On the 1st August, 1901, there was owing on account of Income Tax for the years 1896-1900, the sum of £17,600 1s. 10d., and on account of Land Tax the sum of £25,042 5s. 6d. for the years 1896-1899. All arrears of Income Tax, and a large proportion of the arrears of Land Tax, are now in the hands of the Crown Solicitor for recovery.

(5.) Electoral Roll, Electorate of St. Leonards:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) When was the Electoral Roll of the electorate of St. Leonards prepared for the Federal and State elections of 1901?  
 (2.) What was the number enrolled on those different occasions?  
 (3.) Is it a fact that a recent correction of the roll was made and officially reported; if so, when, and what number had been found as removed from the district or transferred?  
 (4.) Is it a fact that a large number, if so, how many, had removed from the district without obtaining transfers to other electorates?  
 (5.) Will he so amend the Electoral Act, compelling all persons removing from one electorate to another to give notice of such removal to the Police within sixty days of same?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) The General Roll for the St. Leonards Electorate, which was prepared during January last, and an additional roll which was prepared up to the date of the writ for the Federal Elections (5th March, 1901) were used at the Federal Elections. The same General Roll, and an additional roll, up to the date of the writ for the State Election, were used at the State General Election.

(2.) Federal Election, 3,233; State Election, 3,366.

(3 and 4.) Yes. A collection was made during the month of April and a scrutiny of the rolls during July last. The rolls marked by the Police show 43 dead, 150 transferred to other electorates, and in addition thereto 441 permanently left the district. A transfer of an Elector's Right cannot be obtained until after one month's residence in another electorate. A new General List is now being printed, and the names of all persons who have transferred their Electors' Rights have been omitted therefrom; those of deceased persons will be expunged at the Revision Court; and those of persons who have permanently left the district will be objected to with a view to expunction from said list.

(5.) The matter will receive consideration.

(6.) Public Works Committee:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) How many times did the Public Works Committee hold meetings, inquiring into public works, between the 1st January and the 30th June last?  
 (2.) Who were the members attending such meetings, and on what dates were the meetings held; what was the amount received by each member between the above dates?  
 (3.) What amount in fees did each member receive from the date of appointment till they ceased to exist as a Public Works Committee?

Mr. See answered,—This information is being prepared, and will be laid upon the Table in the form of a return.

(7.) Boys released from Nautical Training-ship "Sobraon":—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, for Mr. Whiddon, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) How many boys were released from the Nautical Training-ship "Sobraon" between 1st January, 1900, and 30th June, 1901?

(2.) How many of these lads were liberated to their own families, and were the families resident in Sydney or the suburbs?

(3.) Were any apprenticed out; if so, how many, and to what occupation, and to what localities were these boys sent?

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Mr. Perry answered,—

(1.) 306, including apprentices.

(2.) (a) 116; (b) Yes, in a large number of cases.

(3.) 134. I append a list of occupations and localities:—Return showing occupations of employers to whom boys from the Nautical School-ship "Sobraon" were apprenticed from 1st January, 1900, to the 30th June, 1901, and the localities to which they were sent:—

Bank Manager ... ..	Iuverell	Farmer ... ..	Duranbah
Merchant ... ..	Pymble	Farmer ... ..	Fig Tree
Farmer ... ..	Quiriudi	Orchardist ... ..	Riverstone
Farmer ... ..	Frederickton	Farmer ... ..	West Maitland
Farmer ... ..	Kempsey	Maintenance man ... ..	Tamworth
Farmer ... ..	Koorawatha	Farmer ... ..	Dunoon
Farmer ... ..	Albion Park	Farmer ... ..	Foxground
Grazier ... ..	Tucka Tucka	Farmer ... ..	Woodfordleigh
Farmer ... ..	Bendolba	Farmer ... ..	Bilambil
Farmer ... ..	Albion Park	Farmer ... ..	Amaroo
Farmer ... ..	Albion Park	Farmer ... ..	Barrengarry
Farmer ... ..	North Yanco	Hairdresser ... ..	Lithgow
Farmer ... ..	Jamberoo	Wine merchant ... ..	Chatswood
Farmer ... ..	Nambucca	Farmer ... ..	Kangaroo Valley;
Farmer ... ..	Wellington	Farmer ... ..	Largs
Farmer ... ..	Wallendbeen	Farmer ... ..	Robertson
Farmer ... ..	Bangalow	Bank manager ... ..	Young
Farmer ... ..	Marengo	Grazier ... ..	Gobarralong
Farmer ... ..	Tenterfield	Gardener ... ..	Croydon
Farmer ... ..	Lismore	Farmer ... ..	Manilla
Farmer ... ..	Kiama	Farmer ... ..	Gollan
Boarding-house ... ..	Blackheath	Commission agent ... ..	Ryde
Farmer ... ..	Hillston	Farmer ... ..	Robertson
Farmer ... ..	Comorong	Minister (Clergyman) ... ..	Coonamble
Farmer ... ..	Casino	Farmer ... ..	Bective
Inspector of Schools ... ..	Blackheath	Farmer ... ..	Macksville
Farmer ... ..	Lismore	Dairy farmer ... ..	Jamberoo
Grazier ... ..	Warren	Farmer ... ..	Marengo
Farmer ... ..	Cowra	Orchardist ... ..	Glenorie
Dentist ... ..	Kempsey	Farmer ... ..	Coraki
Farmer ... ..	Albion Park	Farmer ... ..	Albion Park
Farmer ... ..	Frederickton	Farmer ... ..	Mudgee
Contractor ... ..	Sydney	Baker ... ..	Ashfield
Dairyman ... ..	Gundurimba	Orchardist ... ..	Glenorie
Farmer ... ..	Warneton	Farmer ... ..	Ballina
Farmer ... ..	Copmanhurst	Minister (Clergyman) ... ..	Rolland's Plains (farm work)
Storekeeper ... ..	Boggabri	Farmer ... ..	Moonbi
Farmer ... ..	Bendick Morrell	Baths ... ..	Farm Cove
Farmer ... ..	Bellinger River	Grazier ... ..	Cootamundra
Farmer ... ..	Macksville	Farmer ... ..	Wallabadah
Farmer ... ..	Kiama	Farmer ... ..	Blandford
Draper ... ..	Marsfield	Farmer ... ..	Comerong
Farmer ... ..	Raleigh	Farmer ... ..	German's Creck
Farmer ... ..	Casino	Farmer ... ..	Coonamble
Farmer ... ..	Kangaroo Valley	Grazier ... ..	Wattamolla
Farmer ... ..	Singleton	Dairy farmer ... ..	Dubbo
Farmer ... ..	Frederickton	Farmer ... ..	Meryla
Farmer ... ..	Tuggerah Lakes	Farmer ... ..	Gunbar
Farmer ... ..	Myra Vale	Farmer ... ..	Comerong Island
Farmer ... ..	Comerong	Farmer ... ..	Coradgery
Farmer ... ..	Lismore	Farmer ... ..	Mulgrave
Farmer ... ..	Comerong	Farmer ... ..	O'Connell
Farmer ... ..	Bendick Morrell	Minister (Clergyman) ... ..	Yarraman
Farmer ... ..	Palmer's Island	Grazier ... ..	Wellington
Farmer ... ..	Brushgrove	Farmer ... ..	Wilson's Downfall
Farmer ... ..	Hillgrove	Farmer ... ..	Barrengarry
Doctor ... ..	Temora	Farmer ... ..	Camden
Farmer ... ..	Kiama	Farmer ... ..	Manilla
Milk vendor ... ..	Glebe	Farmer ... ..	Inverell
Farmer ... ..	Mitchell's Island	Grazier ... ..	Myra Vale
Farmer ... ..	Lawrence	Farmer ... ..	Kiama
Gentleman ... ..	Raymond Terrace	Farmer ... ..	Pennant Hills
Farmer ... ..	Dapto	Orchardist ... ..	Carlingford
Farmer ... ..	Lismore	Not stated ... ..	Dawes' Point
Station manager ... ..	Jerilderie	Do ... ..	Bungendore
Farmer ... ..	Moonbi	Saddler ... ..	Lewisham
Grazier ... ..	Forbes	Bank manager ... ..	

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- (8.) Railways and Tramways Revenue and Expenditure:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What was the total revenue received on the railways for the years ending the 30th June, 1900 and 1901, for passenger traffic only?
  - (2.) The same information with respect to the tramways?
  - (3.) What was the total expenditure for the years ending 30th June, 1900 and 1901, on the railways for the passenger traffic only?
  - (4.) The same information with regard to the tramways for the same periods?
  - (5.) If possible, give the information for quarterly periods?
  - (6.) What is the difference in position between a labourer under the Engineer-in-Chief for Existing Lines and the Maintenance Branch in the Tramway Department?
  - (7.) Why is the former paid 6s. 6d. per day and the latter 7s. per day?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—
- (1 to 5.) I will presently lay upon the Table the Report of the Railway Commissioners for the past year, which shows the comparative figures for 1900, and gives full information as to the railways and tramways.
- (6 and 7.) The same classification prevails in both Branches.
- (9.) Receipts in connection with the Spit Tramway:—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In estimating the receipts for the Spit Tramway, was allowance made for the estimated receipts on the North Sydney-Mosman's and Mosman's Bay tram-lines, caused by people using these lines when going to the Spit Tramway?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—In estimating the earnings of any section on the railways and tramways, it is the practice to give the returns as they affect the section concerned. On the whole of the North Shore lines the increase in traffic has not met the additional cost of working. The return on capital cost, comparing 1901 with 1900, has fallen from £2 16s. 7d. to £1 6s. per cent.
- (10.) Children begging in the Streets:—*J. C. L. Fitzpatrick*, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he draw the attention of the Inspector-General of Police to the circumstance of large numbers of children of both sexes still being permitted to beg in the streets, and to the large number of others allowed to sell goods up to a late hour of the night?
- Mr. See answered,—The subject will engage the special attention of the Police.
- (11.) Members of Commercial Travellers' Association serving on Juries:—Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he take into consideration the advisability of having members of the Commercial Travellers' Association exempted from serving on juries, seeing that it entails great inconvenience on them?
- Mr. See answered,—This is already provided for in the Bill which is prepared to consolidate and amend the Jury Laws.
- (12.) Coal shipped over Wharfs at Darling Island:—Mr. Winchcombe asked the Colonial Secretary,—With regard to the charge for wharfage on coal shipped at Darling Island, seeing that he expressed himself as not in sympathy with the Answer furnished on this subject last week by the Harbour Trust Commissioners, will he take steps to have the proposed charge of 3d. per ton suspended pending further inquiry by himself into the circumstances of the case?
- Mr. See answered,—This matter is under consideration by the Government.
- (13.) Police Licensing Inspectors:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Are police licensing inspectors expected to perform the duties associated with this branch of their work without receiving any extra remuneration therefor?
  - (2.) Prior to 1894, was it not the rule to pay licensing inspectors an annual sum ranging from £10 to £20 for the performance of these extra duties?
  - (3.) Is it not a fact that a great amount of extra work and responsibility is in this direction imposed upon police officers throughout the State; and, in view thereof, will he give consideration to the suggestion that some pecuniary allowance be made such officers in future?
- Mr. See answered,—
- (1.) Yes, except in Sydney, Newcastle, and Broken Hill, where the duties are heavy.
  - (2.) Yes.
  - (3.) The duties are inconsiderable, and are considered to form a legitimate portion of their Police work.
- (14.) Resumption of Land in the Rocks Area:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) In regard to the claims made by owners of land in the Rocks area, how does the value claimed compare with the value returned for land-tax purposes?
  - (2.) Is he able to mention any specific case or cases in which marked disparity is shown between the values now claimed and the values returned for the purpose above indicated?
- Mr. See answered,—This information is unobtainable, as the returns for land-tax by the owners are known only to the Land-tax Commissioners, who regard the information as strictly confidential.
- (15.) Revaluation of Private Lands in the State:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that it is not intended to carry out in its entirety the revaluation of all privately-owned lands in this State, and which pay, or are liable to pay, land-tax?
  - (2.) To what districts is this revaluation being limited?
  - (3.) Is it a fact that nine of the large estates in the Colony are to be revalued?

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- (4.) Is he aware of the circumstance that many of these large holdings were shockingly undervalued when the original valuation was effected?
- (5.) Will he take steps in the direction of having the whole of these large estates dealt with by qualified valuers without delay?
- Mr. See answered,—
- (1.) The revaluation of all privately-owned lands which pay, or are liable to pay, land-tax in the Eastern and Central Divisions will be effected; but it is thought that most of the lauds in the Western Division have not increased in value owing to the disastrous droughts.
- (2.) The revaluation will not be limited to any districts.
- (3.) I am not aware of the estates to which the Honorable Member refers; but so far no estates have been singled out for treatment apart from the districts in which they are situated.
- (4.) I am not aware.
- (5.) Steps have been already taken in the direction suggested.
- (16.) Granville South Public School:—Mr. Nobbs asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) Is he aware that for some considerable time past the conveniences at Granville South Public School have not been anything like the requirements to meet the demands?
- (2.) Is it not a fact that during the severe winter the little children attending said school have been taught in the dilapidated weather-shed at the rear of the school?
- (3.) Has not the Department's attention been from time to time called to the matter, and to the necessity for additions to such school?
- (4.) Is it a fact that over seventy children were turned away from said school on Monday last on account of the want of such accommodation, and were told to go to other schools in and about the neighbourhood of their respective residences?
- Mr. Perry answered,—There is ample accommodation at South Granville for all the children belonging to that district. Lately, however, owing to the popularity of the teacher, a large number of children from Granville and Goughtown, where there is school accommodation in excess of requirements, have crowded into the school at South Granville, to the great inconvenience of the local scholars. The teacher has been instructed not to permit this any longer. At Goughtown there is accommodation for 222 pupils and an attendance of only 151; at Granville Superior Public School there is accommodation for 859, with an attendance of only 570. The children excluded from South Granville school live nearer to Granville or Goughtown schools than to South Granville.
- (17.) Right of Entry of Federal Members to State Libraries and Refreshment Rooms:—Mr. Moxham asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is he aware that all the federated State Parliaments besides our own have courteously given the Federal Members the right of entry to the State Libraries and Refreshment Rooms?
- (2.) Will he take steps to make the same offer on behalf of New South Wales?
- Mr. See answered,—This has already been done.
- (18.) Girls selling Flowers in Hotels:—Mr. W. F. Hurley, for Mr. Nelson, asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the answer given to Mr. Nelson on the 14th instant, viz., that the Police have no legal power to prevent young children from wandering about hotels at night, will he see that the law is so altered at an early date so that the Police shall have the necessary power, and also that the power is rigidly enforced?
- Mr. See answered,—The Police have been instructed to pay strict attention to the matter, and to enforce the provisions of the Children's Protection Act and other laws.
- (19.) Proposed Removal of Police Magistrate's Residence from Raymond Terrace to Dungog:—Mr. Price asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he produce all papers in connection with the proposed removal of the Police Magistrate's residence from Raymond Terrace to Dungog, such papers to include the letter from the Honorable W. Bennett, M.L.A., to the Honorable R. G. D. FitzGerald, then Minister of Justice?
- Mr. See answered,—Yes. I am not aware of the letter referred to. There is no such letter in the Official Register of Records.
- (20.) Ministers of the Crown appearing in Court Cases:—Mr. Price asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Has his attention been directed to Members of the Administration appearing in cases in which the Crown is interested?
- (2.) If so, is he favourable to Members of the Government appearing in the Law Courts either for or against public officials or Government Departments?
- Mr. See answered,—
- (1.) I know of no case in which any Member of the Administration has appeared in a case in which the Crown is interested.
- (2.) I am not favourable to this practice.
- (21.) Administration of the Railway Department:—Mr. Price asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is he aware that considerable dissatisfaction exists in connection with the administration of the Railway Department?
- (2.) Will he appoint a Royal Commission to inquire into (a) the qualifications of the Chief Commissioner, Mr. Oliver, for the position which he holds; (b) the inadequate train service on the Illawarra and suburban lines, and also on the Newcastle suburban lines; (c) the inconvenience experienced by persons interested in the transit of stock; (d) the losses sustained in connection with the carrying of dairy and farm produce, and the compensation paid; (e) the disabilities under which those engaged in the mining and the coal trade labour in connection with the

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the railway service; (*f*) the system adopted in connection with the grading of the railway employees, and the promotion of juniors to senior positions; (*g*) the qualifications of those holding responsible positions in the New South Wales Government Railways for carrying out the duties in connection with the Railway Department?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

- (1.) I am not aware.
- (2.) No.

(22.) Prosecution of a Mail-carrier for stealing<sup>a</sup> Four-pence from a Mail-bag:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has his attention been directed to the fact that a mail-carrier was prosecuted before Acting Judge Armstrong, at Burrowa, on a charge of stealing four-pence from a private mail-bag?
- (2.) Was he not acquitted on the ground that the jury deemed the evidence insufficient to establish the charge?
- (3.) Was the Attorney-General responsible for the filing of the bill on which the accused in question was charged?
- (4.) Was the accused an officer of the Postal Department; and, if so, what was his salary?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) Presumably the Honorable Member is correct. If a jury does its duty this is the only ground on which it can acquit.
- (3.) The Attorney-General, as Ministerial head of the Crown Law Office, is responsible for all acts of his officers.
- (4.) The accused was not an officer of the Postal Department, but was employed by the mail contractor.

(23.) Increases to Messengers of the Lands Department:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that certain messengers in the Department of Lands have received an increase of salary by the recent regrading of that Department, the maximum salary hitherto being considered £125 per annum?
- (2.) Is it a fact that these messengers have been notified of a vacancy for the position of chief messenger in the Department of Navigation, whilst others who were on the supposed maximum, and who have greater length of service, have not?
- (3.) Will he be good enough to see that all other messengers shall be placed on the same footing and receive the like increment; and also, that their claims for promotion shall be duly considered?

Mr. See answered,—The Public Service Board have furnished me with the following information:—

- (1.) The maximum salary to which messengers of the senior grade can advance by increments, under the terms of the regulations, is £120 per annum, not £125. Certain of the messengers of the Lands Department, who were in receipt of £125 per annum, and who had been for many years in the Service, received, in connection with the recent regrading, increases of £5 per annum, making their salaries £130.
- (2.) The facts are as follows:—A vacancy having occurred in the position of chief messenger, Department of Navigation, at a salary of £150 per annum, all the messengers of the Service in receipt of £130 per annum and over, and less than £150, were asked whether they desired to be considered as applicants for promotion to the vacancy.
- (3.) The salaries of all officers of the Service, including messengers, were recently considered by the Public Service Board in connection with the quinquennial regrading of the Service, under the provisions of section 9 of the Public Service Act, and increases were allowed where the circumstances warranted such action. The regrading having been completed, no further action in this direction can be taken at present, except as the result of the hearing of appeals which have been received from officers. Whenever vacancies occur the claims of all officers eligible for promotion thereto receive due consideration.

(24.) Administration of the Public Service Act:—Mr. Price asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Attorney-General is the officer administering the Public Service Act?
- (2.) If so, will he be good enough to ascertain if regulations have been issued under section 48, Part III, of the Public Service Act, 59 Victoria No. 25?
- (3.) Is he aware that section 48, subsection 3, makes provision for the issue of regulations for determining the relative positions in order of precedence in each grade?
- (4.) Have such regulations been issued between the years 1895 and the present date; if not, why not?
- (5.) Will he take steps to see that the Public Service Board administers the law as laid down in the Act, and issue the regulations?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice is the Minister charged with the administration of the Public Service Act.
- (2, 3, and 4.) The Public Service Board have furnished me with the following information:—Subsection 3, of section 48, of the Public Service Act of 1895 gives the Public Service Board power to make regulations for determining the relative positions in order of precedence of teachers in each grade of the Educational Division; but none has been made. Such a regulation would be of little use, as changes are constantly being made in the staff of teachers, which numbers something like 5,000 persons. Regulations have, however, been made setting forth the way in which promotions shall be effected, and lists are kept showing the seniority of teachers in each grade. In making recommendations for promotion, due regard is paid to relative seniority and fitness, as required by section 42 of the Act.

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2. DEFENCE LANDS REVESTING 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 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 declare certain resumptions and notices of resumptions for purposes of defence to be void and of no effect.

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

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Bennett laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
- (2.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for a Public Park at Kempsey.
- (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 Alterations in 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.
- (6.) Amended Regulation No. 248 under the Crown Lands Acts.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return showing names of retired Civil Servants who received the distribution of £5,000, voted upon last Estimates, in lieu of leave.
- (2.) Report of the Railway Commissioners on Railways and Tramways for the year ended 30th June, 1901.
- (3.) Return to an Order made on 29th November, 1900,—“Complaints made by workmen at “Eveleigh Works.”

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. ELECTION PETITION (*Sydney—Flinders Division*):—

- (1.) Mr. See, *by command*, laid upon the Table an Election Petition, which had been addressed to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, from John Charles Waine, of Moore Park Road, alleging that at the last General Election Hezekiah Evers, Ernest Henry Gardner, James Henry Lawrence, Arthur David Nelson, F. John Sommerhoff, and Petitioner were severally candidates to be elected as Members of the Assembly for the Electoral District of Flinders; that at the nomination for the said election Petitioner was duly nominated and proposed as such Member; that before and at the time of the said nomination and from thence Petitioner was and is a person duly qualified by law to be elected; that the Returning Officer declared the number of votes polled for the respective candidates to be—for Hezekiah Evers, 124; Ernest Henry Gardner, 191; James Henry Lawrence, 125; Arthur David Nelson, 601; John Sommerhoff, 82; and for Petitioner 598; and 14 informal, and he thereupon declared the said Arthur David Nelson to be duly elected, and endorsed on the Writ the name of Arthur David Nelson as the person elected, and returned the Writ; that Petitioner has been informed, and verily believes it to be a fact, that in consequence of many mistakes made in counting the ballot-papers and deciding upon the votes for the respective candidates, and in consequence of unqualified persons being permitted to record votes, the said Arthur David Nelson did not poll 601 votes; that many of the ballot-papers were declared to be informal which as a matter of fact were not informal, and that such votes should have been counted in favour of Petitioner; that many ballot-papers were not initialled and punctured by the Deputy Returning Officers; that certain persons were permitted to record votes who should have been prohibited from voting; that certain persons were permitted to vote who were not qualified by law to vote; that the ballot-box used at one of the polling-booths in the said election was not opened to inspection by the Poll Clerk and Scrutineers previously to its being locked; that at one of the polling-booths the ballot-box used was not locked and remained so unlocked until about four p.m.; that the Deputy Returning Officer at one of the polling-booths accompanied a certain voter into the room or compartment set apart for voting, and, after assisting him to vote, returned with the ballot-paper folded up and placed same in the ballot-box without showing same to the Poll Clerk and Scrutineers; that a voter at one of the polling-booths on the day of the election went into the booth to record his vote, and, after tendering his Elector's Right to, and receiving his ballot-paper from, the Deputy Returning Officer, left the polling-booth with the ballot-paper in his possession, and never deposited the ballot-paper in the ballot-box; that a certain voter went into one of the polling-booths and received his ballot-paper from the Deputy Returning Officer, who, after handing him the ballot-paper, found that the voter should record his vote in another booth, and thereupon the Deputy Returning Officer accompanied the voter to the other booth; that the Deputy Returning Officer at one of the polling-booths accompanied a voter into the box or compartment set apart for voters for the purpose of voting, and showed the voter how to vote; that the Deputy Returning Officer at one of the polling-booths allowed, whilst open votes were being recorded, other persons (not being persons by law entitled to be present) to remain in the booth; that the Poll Clerk at one of the polling-booths, in the absence of the Deputy Returning Officer for a certain

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time during the hours of polling, initialled certain ballot-papers which had not been initialled by the Deputy Returning Officer; that many persons who were not then legally qualified to vote voted at the election, and that, had those persons not been allowed to vote, Petitioner would have had a majority of votes; that the number of unqualified persons who were allowed to vote, and whose votes were counted, exceed the number of four; that a greater number of votes than six were counted and allowed, although invalid; that the votes polled were incorrectly counted, and that on a proper count of all the lawful votes Petitioner would have had a majority of votes in his favour; that on a lawful counting of the votes polled Petitioner had a majority, and the Returning Officer should have so declared and afterwards have endorsed the Writ with the name of Petitioner as the person elected. Petitioner therefore prays—(1) that this Petition may be dealt with according to law; (2) that an inquiry be made as to the various allegations contained in this Petition; (3) that a recount of the said ballot-papers and the votes recorded thereby may be made by the Committee of Elections and Qualifications; (4) that it may be declared that the said Arthur David Nelson was not duly elected to serve in the said Assembly, and that the return of the said Arthur David Nelson as such a Member may be declared null and void; (5) that it may be declared and determined that Petitioner was duly elected at the said election to serve and be a Member of the said Assembly for the said Electoral District of Flinders, and is entitled to take his seat accordingly in the said Assembly; and that such further or other relief in the premises may be granted as may be deemed just and necessary in accordance with the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893 and the Acts amending the same.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. See, that the Petition be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

(2.) *Appointment of First Meeting of Committee*:—Pursuant to the requirement of the 125th section of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893, Mr. Speaker appointed the first meeting of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, to take place at 11.30 o'clock, a.m., on Tuesday next, in No. 3 Committee Room.

5. NEWSPAPER ARTICLES BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Quinn moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide that the true name of the author of a newspaper article shall be prefixed or affixed to the article.  
Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Quinn then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide that the true name of the author of a newspaper article shall be prefixed or affixed to the article,*"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 10th September.

6. COST OF WATER AND SEWERAGE WORKS, WATER CONSERVATION, AND ARTESIAN BORES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Wright moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—

(1.) The amount of money spent to date on the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Works.

(2.) The like information respecting the Newcastle and Hunter River Works.

(3.) The cost to date of Water and Sewerage Works for country towns, excluding Newcastle and Maitland.

(4.) The cost to date of water conservation in the country, including artesian bores.

Question put and passed.

7. DEATH OF BLACK BOY FROM ISLANDS ON BOARD STEAMER "TITUS" (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. J. C. L.

Fitzpatrick moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House all documents, correspondence, &c., in the possession of the authorities relating to the case of a black boy from the Islands, who died on board the steamer "Titus" on the voyage to Sydney early during the present year, and who was buried at sea.

Question put and passed.

8. DEVONSHIRE-STREET CEMETERY 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 provide for the removal of human remains, and certain slabs and tombstones, from the Devonshire-street Cemetery, and for the reinterment of such remains; and to save the Secretary for Public Works and other persons harmless in respect of certain acts done by them in connection with the said cemetery.

Question put and passed.

9. TEMORA TO WYALONG RAILWAY BILL:—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient that the construction of a line of railway from Temora to Wyalong, as recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Samuel Smith moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Wednesday, 4th September.

10. MINING BILL:—Mr. See, for Mr. Kidd, 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 consolidate and amend the law relating to mining; to establish mining appeal courts; to give further facilities for the development of mining; and for other purposes.

Question put and passed.

11. MINES INSPECTION BILL:—Mr. See, for Mr. Kidd, 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 regulation and inspection of mines other than coal and shale mines; to regulate the treatment of the products of such mines; and for purposes incidental to, or consequent on, those objects.

Question put and passed.

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12. WOMEN'S FRANCHISE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. See, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—  
And the Question being again proposed,—  
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 22 AUGUST, 1901, A.M.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 51.

Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Evans,	Mr. Onkes,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Estell,
Mr. Broughton,	Mr. Chapman,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. See,	Mr. Miller,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Jessep,
Mr. Egan George,	Mr. Moxham,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Affleck,	Mr. Maedonell,	Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Law,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Fallick,	Mr. D. R. Hall,
Mr. Newman,	Mr. Collins,	Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Williams,	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Ashton.
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Phillips,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Daley,	Mr. Clarr,	
Mr. Young,	Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Meagher,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Nielsen.
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Gilbert,	

Noes, 7.

Mr. Brinsley Hall,  
Mr. McIntyre,  
Mr. Rose,  
Mr. Brincr,  
Mr. Carroll.

*Tellers,*

Mr. Donaldson,  
Mr. Walsh.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

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

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.*

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*



New South Wales.

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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 22 AUGUST, 1901.

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

## QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Crown Lands:—*Mr. Edden*, for *Mr. Quinn*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—The area of abandoned or unoccupied Crown lands within the cretaceous or artesian water bearing formation?

*Mr. Crick* answered,—About 2,800,000 acres. The larger part of this area is comprised within what is known as the Pilliga Scrub, near Narrabri—about 1,700,000 acres. Efforts to dispose of this area under improvement lease have hitherto failed. Most of the remainder, about 617,600 acres, is in the north-west corner of the Colony, adjoining the Queensland boundary. Portions of this area have been held under various tenures, and abandoned. The balance consists of smaller isolated areas.

- (2.) Rainfall of Australia:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Has the Government Astronomer noted that within the last few months, while excessive heat is reported by cable to have prevailed in the Northern Hemisphere, that unusually bleak weather (during the same period) with heavy falls of snow, accompanied with strong westerly winds, and with but little rain, has taken place in Australia, and whether these phenomena are in any way connected?

(2.) If so, will he direct the Government Astronomer, by use of the cable to India and elsewhere, to endeavour to furnish monthly or quarterly forecasts of the seasons dealing with the general trend of the weather, in addition to the daily publication of the local or isothermal lines, which are but eddies of the general current of the weather?

(3.) Generally speaking, has it been found that the rain of Australia is caused by the heated atmosphere of the Tropics carrying moisture southwards and meeting the cool dry air from the Antarctic, which causes it to condense and fall?

(4.) Is it noted that during last summer north-east winds were unusually light, and the dry southerlies unusually frequent in Sydney; also, that this winter south-westerly winds have been unusually strong and frequent; if so, would not this explain why New South Wales has recently suffered from prolonged dry weather?

(5.) Can any other cause be assigned for the prevalence and occurrence of the continued dry weather than the above, and from which the Colony has recently been suffering?

(6.) For what period does the Indian monsoon usually blow, or does it vary from season to season in strength, in time it commences, and in duration; and does its variation affect the supply of moisture it carries over the Southern Temperate Zone; if so, has it been found that the rainfall of Australia is affected thereby, and to what extent?

*Mr. Perry* answered,—I will lay upon the Table a report from the Government Astronomer in answer to these Questions.

- (3.) Police Superannuation Fund:—*Mr. Nobbs* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is there a Bill prepared for regulating the Police Superannuation Fund?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government during the present Session to introduce a Bill for regulating the Police Superannuation Fund; if not, when is it intended to do so?

*Mr. See* answered,—£16,000 has been placed upon the Estimates towards this object.

- (4.) Crown Lands Acts:—*Mr. E. M. Clark*, for *Mr. Price*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has he any objection to laying upon the Table of this House a return showing—

(1.) The various transactions in connection with leases and exchanges under the Land Act of 1895?

(2.) The name of the holder and the financial corporation or persons to whom such land is mortgaged?

(3.) The name of the applicant for such exchanges?

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- (4.) The names of the agents acting for such applicants ?
- (5.) The districts in which such exchanges were applied for ; also the area, estimated values, and district ?
- (6.) Particulars of all exchanges granted and such as are now pending ?
- (7.) The names of the holders of leases which became surrendered under the operations of the Crown Lands Act of 1884 ?
- (8.) The extensions granted in connection with such leases ?
- (9.) The rentals charged for such extension of leases ?
- (10.) The names of the applicants for such extensions ?
- (11.) The names of the agents acting for applicants applying for such extensions ?
- (12.) The names of the financial corporations or persons having mortgages over such leases ?

Mr. Crick answered,—There is no objection to supplying the information, except the large amount of time and expense which the work would involve. It is not clear to me what object is to be served by the supply of the information, which I must ask the Honorable Member to move for in the shape of a return, and at the same time request him to re-consider his Question, with a view to making it clear and limiting it in scope.

- (5.) Public Service Board :—*Mr. E. M. Clark*, for Mr. Price, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Will he be good enough to ascertain from the Honorable the Attorney-General (who is entrusted with the administration of the Public Service Act), if it is in harmony with the Act that a dual position should be held by the Chief Inspector of Public Instruction, viz., that of Member of the Public Service Board and Chief Inspector ?
  - (2.) Is the Chief Inspector, as a Member of the Public Service Board, obliged to hear appeals from himself in his individual capacity as an officer of the Public Instruction Department ?
- Mr. See answered,—
- (1.) There is nothing in the Act to prevent the Chief Inspector for Public Instruction acting temporarily as a Member of the Public Service Board.
  - (2.) Mr. Bridges informs me that he does not, as Chief Inspector, deal with any matter which requires to be referred to the Public Service Board.

- (6.) Borrowing Money by Public Servants :—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) What are the regulations, if any, of the Public Service Board in regard to the repudiation by Civil Servants of their responsibilities in the matter of money borrowed ?
  - (2.) Is he aware of the fact in this connection that complaints have been made to the Board, notably in regard to certain Public Servants in the Southern district ; and will he urge the Board to take such action as they may think necessary to remove the cause for such complaint ?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) There is no regulation in force relating to this matter.
- (2.) The Public Service Board inform me that they often receive complaints that officers neglect to pay debts due. The invariable reply given is that no action can be taken in such matters until judgment has been obtained, and has been left unsatisfied by the debtor for a period of one month, and that the matter should then be brought under the notice of the Head of the Department in which the officer concerned is employed. Under section 49 of the Public Service Act, if an officer permanently employed in the Service is guilty of leaving the final judgment of any Court of Law for the payment of any debt unsatisfied for the period of one month, he is liable to dismissal, or such other punishment as may be determined upon under the provisions of the section. Before, however, the Board can take any action under the section, the officer concerned must be suspended by the Head of his Department, and the matter remitted to them to be dealt with as the section provides.

- (7.) Remuneration to Mr. Portus in connection with Commonwealth Celebrations :—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Before paying to Mr. Portus the sum of £500, calculated at the rate of about 8s. 6d. per hour, for 1,200 hours overtime, which that officer himself suggests as remuneration for special work done in connection with the Commonwealth Celebrations, will he submit the matter to Parliament, placing the amount proposed to be paid on the Estimates for that purpose ?

Mr. See answered,—This matter has not been dealt with by the Government, but it will be dealt with, and I can give the honorable gentleman my assurance that there will be no extravagant payment made to any member of the Public Service who performed duties in connection with the Commonwealth Celebrations. My honorable friend can rest assured, as far as I am concerned, that no extravagant expenditure will be incurred, and, so far, this matter has not received the serious attention of the Government. I may add that no payment will be made that is not first submitted to Parliament.

- (8.) Land almost adjoining Newcastle West Post Office :—*Mr. E. M. Clark*, for Mr. Gilbert, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Has a piece of land almost adjoining the Newcastle West Post Office been sold by the Railway Commissioners to the Citizens' Life Assurance Company ; and, if so, when ?
  - (2.) Were the Railway Commissioners ever approached by any other company or individual re the purchase of land in the same locality, and did the Commissioners absolutely decline to sell ?
  - (3.) Are the Railway Commissioners prepared to sell the whole, or any portion, of the land lying between the Newcastle West Post Office and the Carrington Bridge Crossing ?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1 and 2.) Yes, with the approval of the Governor and Executive Council. The land was offered by public auction at Newcastle on the 6th November, 1900, and sold to the highest bidder.
- (3.) The Commissioners are not prepared to sell the whole of the land referred to. As regards any particular portion, the Commissioners cannot, in the absence of definite particulars, say what they would be prepared to recommend.

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(9.) Randwick and Kensington Racecourses:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Under what terms and conditions are the grounds known as Randwick and Kensington Racecourses, and the Association and Agricultural Grounds, held by their different proprietors?

(2.) Will he take steps to have one of these grounds set apart on certain days in the year, particularly the 1st August (Friendly Societies' Holiday), for the use of such societies?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) For the Randwick Racecourse and the Sydney Cricket Ground, deeds have issued. The Australian Jockey Club Act applies to the former. The Kensington Racecourse is held under a special lease under the Crown Lands Acts, and the Agricultural Ground is held by virtue of the Act 57 Victoria No. 15.

(2.) I will consider the matter, but under existing conditions I doubt whether the privileges of the holders of the lands in question can be interfered with.

(10.) Land Taxation:—Mr. Haynes asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Government have determined, for the purposes of the Land Taxation, to appraise only small inland holdings, and exclude the large estates from revaluation?

(2.) Is it a fact that, with respect to the large estates, the reports of local District Surveyors are to be relied on, while special valuers are to be engaged revaluing the small holdings?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) No.

(11.) Inspector-General of Police:—Mr. Haynes asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the present Inspector-General of Police is to be retired forthwith?

(2.) Is it a fact that the appointment has been offered to Colonel Mackay; if so, on what grounds?

(3.) Will he state the intentions of the Government in regard thereto?

Mr. See answered,—This is entirely new to me. I have not heard of the Inspector General's intended retirement. I have certainly not heard that the Government intend to appoint Colonel Mackay, and I ought to know if that were their intention. As far as I am aware the Honorable Member's Questions are based upon a merely chimerical idea.

(12.) Forest Conservation:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he take steps during the present Session of Parliament to introduce a measure of Forest Conservation and the cultivation of our State timbers?

Mr. Crick answered,—I will give the matter consideration.

(13.) Workmen's Railway Tickets:—Mr. Nobbs asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he consider the desirableness of consulting the Railway Commissioners with a view to the removal of restrictions which now apply to workmen's tickets on the railways of this State, so as to allow holders thereof to travel once each way on such tickets to or from the metropolis by any ordinary passenger train?

Mr. See answered,—I have spoken to the Railway Commissioners, who consider that the present regulations as to the issue of workmen's tickets are very liberal. The extension as desired would lead to a wholesale abuse of the system, and, consequently, considerable loss to the railway revenue. The greatest difficulty is to define what constitutes a workman.

(14.) Native Flora of the Illawarra District:—Mr. Morton asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is he aware that the native flora of the Illawarra District is being ruthlessly destroyed by tourists and others?

(2.) Will he make endeavours to preserve to the public in suitable localities some of the remaining areas whereon there still exists much of the typical flora of the district?

Mr. Crick answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) I will make inquiries into the matter.

(15.) Police Force:—Mr. Meagher asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that some three years ago an amount was placed on the Estimates for the purpose of providing 1s. a day allowance to plain-clothes constables?

(2.) Will he see a similar allowance is made to detectives, who, as a rule, are more expense out of pocket than plain-clothes men in working out intricate cases?

(3.) Are detectives not in many cases saddled with the responsibility of obtaining information and prosecuting inquiries in cases unsuccessfully dealt with by plain-clothes constables?

(4.) Is it a fact detectives have longer hours than plain-clothes constables, inasmuch as plain-clothes constables are only expected to do eight hours' work, while detectives are expected to work from 9 a.m. till midnight?

(5.) Will he consider the advisability of allowing detectives grades of allowances as in Melbourne, say, 2s. 6d., 3s. 6d., and 5s. 6d. per day?

(6.) In view of the arduous and delicate labours of detective inspectors, will he consider the advisability of allowing £25 a year for expenses over and above uniform officers of the same rank?

Mr. See answered,—The Inspector-General of Police has furnished the following answers:—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) I will consider the advisableness of this.

(3.) It occasionally happens that in important cases detective officers are detailed to assist in such investigations.

(4.) Detectives probably give attention to duty for longer hours than plain-clothes constables, who, however, frequently work overtime.

(5.) From a comparison of the rates of pay and allowances received by detective officers in New South Wales, and the corresponding positions in Victoria, it appears the total emoluments are nearly equivalent—higher in some grades, slightly lower in others.

(6.) There are but three detective officers who have no claim to such an allowance. (16.)

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(16.) **Flagsmen, Tramway Lines**.—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he bring under the notice of the Railway Commissioners the necessity of making better provision on our tram-lines for protecting flagsmen, who are exposed to all kinds of weather without shelter or protection, especially the men stationed at the corner of Elizabeth and Hunter streets?

*Mr. See* answered,—I will be glad to do so; in fact I may say that I have already done so.

2. **PAPERS** :—

*Mr. Crick* laid upon the Table,—Abstract of Crown Lands authorised to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

*Mr. Perry* laid upon the Table,—Report of the Government Astronomer respecting the recent meteorological conditions.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. **WOMEN'S FRANCHISE BILL**.—The Order of the Day having been read,—*Mr. See* moved, "That" this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

*Mr. Winchcombe* 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 clause 4,"—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 passed.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 56.

*Mr. Perry,*  
*Mr. Broughton,*  
*Dr. Ross,*  
*Mr. O'Sullivan,*  
*Mr. Hayes,*  
*Mr. See,*  
*Mr. Daniel O'Connor,*  
*Mr. Mahony,*  
*Mr. Eden George,*  
*Mr. Brunker,*  
*Mr. Cann,*  
*Mr. Newman,*  
*Mr. Evans,*  
*Mr. Raymond,*  
*Mr. Gilbert,*  
*Mr. Young,*  
*Mr. W. F. Hurley,*  
*Mr. Henry Clarke,*  
*Mr. Bennett,*  
*Mr. Hollis,*

*Mr. Scobie,*  
*Mr. Arthur Griffith,*  
*Mr. Morton,*  
*Mr. Davidson,*  
*Mr. Lonsdale,*  
*Mr. Afleck,*  
*Mr. Byrne,*  
*Mr. Jessep,*  
*Mr. Williams,*  
*Mr. Sleath,*  
*Mr. Nobbs,*  
*Mr. Nicholson,*  
*Mr. Burgess,*  
*Mr. McFarlane,*  
*Mr. Anderson,*  
*Mr. Quinn,*  
*Mr. Nielson,*  
*Mr. Samuel Smith,*  
*Mr. Edden,*  
*Mr. Meagher,*

*Mr. Collins,*  
*Mr. Latimer,*  
*Mr. Sullivan,*  
*Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,*  
*Mr. Howarth,*  
*Mr. Fallick,*  
*Mr. J. F. Smith,*  
*Mr. McGowen,*  
*Mr. Clara,*  
*Mr. Dacey,*  
*Mr. Estell,*  
*Mr. Macdonald,*  
*Mr. D. R. Hall,*  
*Mr. Frank Farnell.*

*Tellers,*

*Mr. Cohen,*  
*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.*

Noes, 18.

*Mr. Haynes,*  
*Mr. Rose,*  
*Mr. McIntyre,*  
*Mr. Mackenzie,*  
*Mr. Winchcombe,*  
*Mr. Carruthers,*  
*Mr. John Hurley,*  
*Mr. Briner,*  
*Mr. Quirk,*  
*Mr. Brinsley Hall,*  
*Mr. Donaldson,*  
*Mr. Barnes,*  
*Mr. McLaurin,*  
*Mr. Price,*  
*Mr. Carroll,*  
*Mr. T. H. Griffith.*

*Tellers,*

*Mr. Levy,*  
*Mr. Moore.*

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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 extend the Parliamentary Franchise to Women, and for purposes consequent on or incidental to that object.*"

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 extend the Parliamentary Franchise to Women, and for purposes consequent on or incidental to that object,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 22nd August, 1901.*

4. **RE-DISTRIBUTION OF THE STATE OF NEW SOUTH WALES INTO ELECTORAL DISTRICTS** :—*Mr. See* moved, pursuant to Notice, That the re-distribution of the State of New South Wales into Electoral Districts for the purposes of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893, and the Parliamentary Electorates Re-distribution Act of 1900, embodied in the report of the Electoral Districts Commissioners, duly presented to this House under the said Acts, is hereby "approved."

Debate ensued.

*Point of Order* :—*Mr. Cohen* submitted that the Motion was out of order, inasmuch as the provisions of the Acts referred to therein had not been complied with.

Debate ensued.

*Mr. Speaker* stated that a legal question was involved in the point submitted, and not a question of order, and he must decline to rule in the matter.

*Mr. Sleath* moved,—That the Question be amended by leaving out the word "approved" and inserting the words "referred back to the Commissioners for further report,"—instead thereof.

Question proposed,—That the word proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.

Debate continued.

*Mr. Mahony* moved,—That this Debate be now adjourned.

Debate ensued.

Question,—That this Debate be now adjourned,—put and passed.

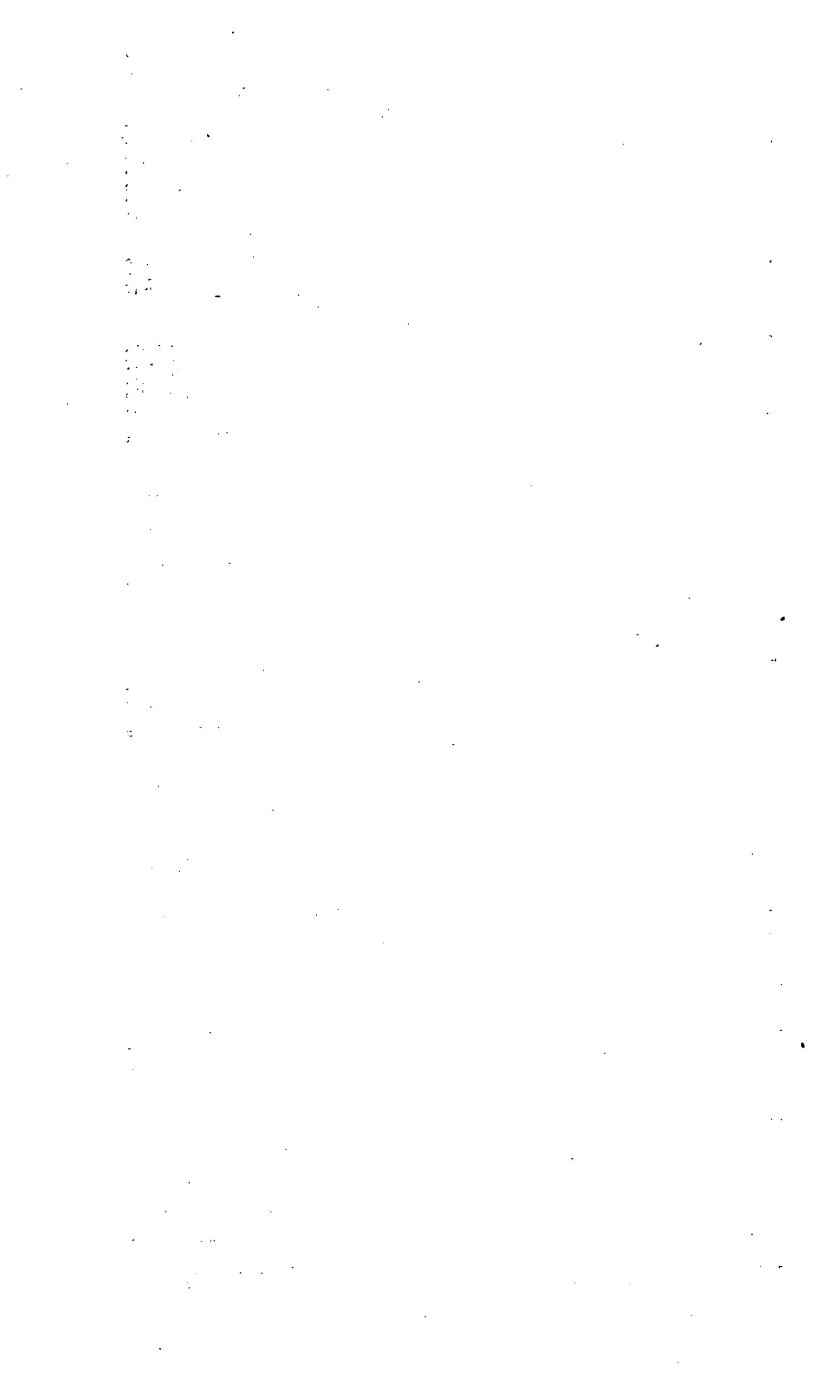
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5. **ADVISORY ENGINEER FOR WHARFAGE ACCOMMODATION AND "THE ROCKS" RESUMPTION:—**  
Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of the Government entering into an arrangement with a view of obtaining the services of an eminent engineer to advise as to the improvement of the wharfage accommodation in Darling Harbour and other portions of the foreshores of Port Jackson, in so far as they are used for wharfage purposes; also the laying out and improving of that portion of Sydney known as "The Rocks" resumption.  
Question put and passed.
6. **DEFENCE LANDS REVESTING 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 declare certain resumptions and notices of resumptions for purposes of defence to be void and of no effect.  
Question put and passed.
7. **DEVONSHIRE-STREET CEMETERY 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 provide for the removal of human remains, and certain slabs and tombstones, from the Devonshire-street Cemetery, and for the reinterment of such remains; and to save the Secretary for Public Works and other persons harmless in respect of certain acts done by them in connection with the said cemetery.  
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 for the removal of human remains, and certain slabs and tombstones, from the Devonshire-street Cemetery, and for the reinterment of such remains; and to save the Secretary for Public Works and other persons harmless in respect of certain acts done by them in connection with the said cemetery.  
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 provide for the removal of human remains, and certain slabs and tombstones, from the Devonshire-street Cemetery, and for the reinterment of such remains; and to save the Secretary for Public Works and other persons harmless in respect of certain acts done by them in connection with the said cemetery,*"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
8. **BLOCKHOLDERS BILL:—**  
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, to further consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for setting apart certain Crown lands for working men's blocks; for providing loans to the lessees of such blocks; 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 provide for setting apart certain Crown lands for working men's blocks; for providing loans to the lessees of such blocks; and for other purposes.  
On motion of Mr. Crick, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.  
(2.) Mr. Crick then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for setting apart certain Crown lands for working men's blocks; for providing loans to the lessees of such blocks; and for other purposes,*"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
9. **CLOSER SETTLEMENT BILL:—**The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Crick moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Thursday next.
10. **POSTPONEMENTS:—**  
(1.) The remaining Orders of the Day of Government Business;—until Tuesday next.  
(2.) The Notices of Motions Nos. 1, 2, and 3 of General Business;—until Tuesday next.
11. **TIED HOUSES:—**Mr. Meagher moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice,—  
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the matter of Tied Houses, and the relations in regard thereto existing between brewers and licensees.  
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. McGowen, Mr. Waddell, Mr. Carroll, Mr. E. M. Clark, Mr. Power, Mr. Fegan, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Jessop, Mr. Edden, and the Mover.  
Question put and passed.
12. **ADJOURNMENT:—**Mr. See 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 eighteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely, Mr. Brunker, Mr. Alexander Campbell, Mr. Carroll, Mr. Clara, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Eden George, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Hollis, Mr. John Hurley, Mr. McGowen, Mr. Meagher, Mr. Daniel O'Connor, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Price, Mr. Sec, Mr. J. F. Smith, Mr. Sullivan, and Mr. Williams,—  
Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at three minutes before Eleven o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*



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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 27 AUGUST, 1901.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Regrading of the Railway Service:—Mr. Hollis asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it the intention, as reported in the *Daily Telegraph*, of 17th August, of the Railway Commissioners to amend the existing classification?

(2.) If so, will he state the section of the Railway Act which gives the Railway Commissioners the necessary authority to do this?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) The report referred to states that the Railway Commissioners had appointed a Board to inquire into the regrading of the salaried staff, with a view to amending the existing classification, and the Board is now engaged upon the inquiry, with a view to report.

(2.) Any amendment of the classification which may be decided upon by the Commissioners will require to be given effect to as provided by sections 75 and 77 of the "Government Railways Act of 1888."

(2.) Test Inoculations at Bruton Stock Inoculating Station, Casino:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House a copy of the report by the Government Veterinary Surgeon (Mr. J. D. Stewart, M.R.C.V.S.), in connection with a series of test inoculations that have been carried out at Bruton Stock Inoculating Station, Casino?

Mr. Kidd answered,—I shall presently lay upon the Table of the House a copy of a report which gives the information desired by the Honorable Member.

(3.) Losses through the Drought:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—Has the Government ever had any estimate made of the losses arising from the severe drought to the pastoral, agricultural, and commercial interests of this State; if so, can he fix an estimate, or approximate estimate, of the losses this State has sustained by the severity of the drought?

Mr. Kidd answered,—The only information available is that printed in the "Wealth and Progress of New South Wales," and the attention of the Honorable Member is drawn to volume 1898-9, page 682, for particulars as to loss of sheep through several bad seasons. The returns as to cattle are given on page 697 of the same work. The area under wheat for several years, together with the average crop per acre, is given on page 748. These are, of course, only a few of the industries affected by the drought, and it is quite impossible to give even an approximate estimate of the losses arising to the whole of the pastoral, agricultural, and commercial interests of this State.

(4.) Sanitary Inspector's Examination:—Mr. Whiddon asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What was the result of the Sanitary Inspector's examination held on 17th December, 1900?

(2.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House a copy of the Examiners' report, also copy of the questions set?

(3.) Were the appointments made by the Public Service Board in accordance with the Examiners' report; if not, why not?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1 and 2.) A Sanitary Inspector's class was formed at the Technical College last year by Mr. Bruce, Teacher of Sanitary Engineering, after consultation with, and at the request of the then Mayor of Sydney, Sir Matthew Harris. One of the objects of that class was to qualify candidates to perform

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perform the duties of Sanitary Inspector under the Sydney Municipal Council, and an examination was held on 17th December last. The only report furnished by the examiners is embodied in the memorandum of results of the examination—a copy of which, and also of the questions set, I will presently lay upon the Table.

(3.) Under the Sydney Corporation (Amending) Act, the City Council nominates persons for the position of Inspector of Nuisances or Sanitary Inspector of the City, and the nominations submitted by them were approved by the Governor-in-Council. The matter is one which does not come within the province of the Public Service Board.

(5.) Employees of Hospitals for Insane:—Mr. Moxham asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has the Superintendent or Medical Officer of the Hospital for Insane power to reduce the charge and senior attendants after the Public Service Board have fixed same at 1s. 5d. charge, and 1s. 5d. senior?

Mr. See answered,—The Question appears to have been wrongly stated by the Honorable Member. I must refer him to the reply I gave to Question No. 19 asked on Tuesday, the 20th instant.

(6.) Employees of Hospitals for Insane:—Mr. Moxham asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that attendants at Hospitals for Insane are compelled to perform continuous night duty from 6 p.m. till 6.30 a.m. for thirty-one consecutive nights?

(2.) Will he give instructions that sixty hours per week be considered a week's work, and any additional time be paid for as overtime?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) Attendants take night duty for one month at a time, in rotation, each one being called on once or twice only in each year. They are given seven days' leave on the conclusion of the month's night duty. The duration of the duty depends on the length of time worked by attendants on day duty.

(2.) The matter will receive attention.

(7.) Miners' Accident Relief Act:—Mr. Fegan, for Mr. Macdonell, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is he aware that some mine-owners are shutting their surface hands outside the operation of the Miners' Accident Relief Bill?

(2.) Are mine-owners acting within the law in so doing?

(3.) Will he take steps to prevent the continuance of such treatment, if it is not in accordance with the law, and will he take immediate steps to amend the law, if it is in fault?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2 and 3.) The legality or otherwise of the action is in some doubt, but the difficulty will be met by the amending Bill which I propose to give notice of to-day.

(8.) Acting Gaolers in charge of Police Gaols:—Mr. Dacey asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What are the hours of duty of acting gaolers in charge of police gaols?

(2.) What provision (if any) is made for relieving them?

Mr. See answered,—The following information has been furnished by the Inspector-General of Police:—There are no fixed hours. At some lock-up gaols there are at times no prisoners confined, when the constables, acting gaolers, perform ordinary police duties for eight hours. At other places there are gaol warders to assist, when the acting gaolers would take eight hours' duty. When the constable, acting gaoler, is alone, and there are confinees, he has to remain on the premises until it is possible to provide a constable to relieve him, but the other police may at times be absent on urgent police duties.

(9.) Bakers of Sydney:—Mr. Dacey asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Do the bakers of Sydney work seven days per week?

(2.) How many hours do they work on a Sunday?

(3.) What is the nature of the work which they perform on Sunday?

Mr. Perry answered,—

(1.) They work on seven days in the week, but on Saturday only, as a rule, for a few hours to finish the previous night's work, the greater part of that day and the whole of the night being taken off in substitution for Sunday.

(2 and 3.) The Sunday is treated as an ordinary week-day without any difference in the work. I may add that, in accordance with an agreement recently arrived at between the Master Bakers' Association and the journeymen, the hours per day to be worked in future will be eight.

(10.) Quarantining of "Hughes' Family Hotel," Argyle and Harrington Streets:—Mr. Daley asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) In view of the compensation paid to shopkeepers and others for losses sustained during the plague, is it the intention of the Government to make some reasonable compensation to the licensee of "Hughes' Family Hotel," Argyle and Harrington streets, whose hotel was quarantined for twenty-one days during the last small-pox outbreak?

(2.) Did the Rocks Resumption Board demand and receive the rent for the said period of twenty-one days?

(3.) Has the licensee made any application for compensation; and, if so, with what result?

Mr. See answered,—I am informed that no claim has been made to the Public Works Department for any compensation, nor is there any record of there having been any report prepared upon this case. With regard to Question No. 2, the rent was demanded and paid for the period referred to.

(11.) Government Contracts with Messrs. Goodlet and Smith (Limited):—Mr. Nobbs asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What is the nature of the contracts entered into by the Government with Messrs. Goodlet and Smith (Limited) for the supply of cement and bricks during the past two years?

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- (2.) What were the prices stipulated to be paid per cask for the cement, and per thousand for the bricks ?  
 (3.) Is he aware that the standard wage for unskilled labour in this factory is 5s. 6d. per day of eight hours ?  
 (4.) Will he provide that in future contracts the unskilled labourers employed in the manufacture of these articles be paid the minimum wage as fixed by him ?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

- (1.) Numerous offers of this firm have been accepted for supplying cement for public works of the State during the last two years, but no contracts have been let to the firm for bricks during the period mentioned.  
 (2.) The prices for cement obtained have varied from 10s. 9d. to 11s. 9d. per cask.  
 (3.) I am not aware. I will make an inquiry, and apply the proper remedy if it is requisite.  
 (4.) Answered by No. 3.

(12.) Steam Launch "Eva":—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What was the price given for the steam launch "Era;" from whom was she purchased, and when ?  
 (2.) To what use is this boat being put at the present time ?  
 (3.) What was the date on which Parliamentary authority was given for the purchase of the "Era," and on whose recommendation was such purchase made ?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) The "Eva," not the "Era," was purchased from Mr. T. A. Dibbs for £2,000, the amount having been sanctioned by Parliament in the Loan Bill for 1899–1900. The purchase was recommended by the late Under Secretary for Public Works, and approved of by the late Premier, Sir W. J. Lyne, and the present Minister for Works, and, I may add, the Government.  
 (2.) The "Eva" is at present under repairs, but when in commission she is used for Ministerial inspection of works in Sydney, and is available for the officers of the Department who pay wages and make inspection of reclamation works, &c. On occasions, the steamer has been lent to Members of Parliament for outings of a public character, and was extensively used during the Federal celebrations, and in connection with other events, for taking representative visitors around Port Jackson.  
 (3.) The "Era" was bought to replace the "Leila," since transferred to the Harbour Trust.

(13.) Trade and Commerce of the River Darling:—Mr. Scobie asked the Secretary for Lands,—It having been decided to extend the Victorian Railway system to a point known as Yelta, on the River Murray, and opposite to Wentworth, will he state what action will be taken to protect New South Wales interests in the trade and commerce of the River Darling and its districts ?

Mr. Bennett answered,—The question of carrying the railway across the river to Wentworth is about to be reported upon by the Engineers-in-Chief of the two States, and when the report is received the matter will receive consideration.

(14.) Land Appeal Court:—Mr. Davis asked the Secretary for Lands,—What is the total cost of the administration of the Land Appeal Court ?

Mr. Bennett answered,—The total cost for each year from 1897 to 1900, inclusive, is as follows:—1897, £6,069 17s. 7d.; 1898, £6,272 18s. 8d.; 1899, £6,075 7s.; 1900, £6,126 8s. 8d. The details of the expenditure for 1900, are:—Salaries of President and Commissioners (paid from special appropriation under Act 55 Vic. No. 23), £4,000; salaries of Registrar, Clerks, and Messenger, £907 2s. 1d.; fee of the Counsel for the Crown and legal expenses, £663 16s. 4d.; travelling expenses (including cost of conveyance by rail, &c.), £372 7s. 9d.; general expenses, £183 2s. 6d.; total, £6,126 8s. 8d.

(15.) Public Works Committee:—Mr. Daley, for Mr. Morton, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) The names of the members of the present Assembly who have been members of the Public Works Committee ?  
 (2.) The respective amount of fees drawn by each member ?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—If the Honorable Member will move for a return in the usual way the information will be supplied.

(16.) Accommodation for Shearers Bill:—Mr. Nielsen asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—When does he propose to bring in the Bill to provide that adequate accommodation be provided for shearers and other bush-workers by their employers ?

Mr. Perry answered,—This Bill will be introduced at an early date.

(17.) Messengers in Government Departments:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Referring to the Questions asked by Mr. E. M. Clark, on the 21st instant, why were messengers in other Departments on the £125 grade debarred from the increase of £5 which was granted to the messengers in the Department of Lands by the recent regrading, and who have longer service and have always shown the most exemplary conduct ?  
 (2.) Will he be good enough to see that they receive the like increment, the majority of whom had their salaries greatly reduced when the Board came into existence ?  
 (3.) Will he also see that the position of chief messenger, Department of Navigation, is not filled until their claims have been dealt with ?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) I would refer the Honorable Member to the Answer given by me to his Question No. 23 of the 21st instant, and would again point out that the salaries of all officers of the Service, including messengers, were recently considered by the Public Service Board in connection with the quinquennial regrading of the Public Service.

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- (2.) As before stated in the reply alluded to, no action can be taken at present in this direction, except as the result of the hearing of appeals which have been received from officers.
- (3.) The Public Service Board inform me that in filling the position of chief messenger, Department of Navigation, due regard will be had to the claims of all officers who by seniority and fitness are entitled to consideration.
- (18.) Snagging on the Rivers Darling and Murray:—Mr. Scobie asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it his intention to resume snagging operations on the Rivers Darling and Murray; and, if so, when?
- Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—The snagging operations in these rivers will be resumed so soon as funds are available after the passing of the next Estimates.
- (19.) Officers and Employees, Railway and Tramway Departments:—*Mr. Scobie*, for Mr. Estell, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House a return showing all payments made for the year ending 30th June, 1901, to officers and employees of the Railway and Tramway Departments, other than ordinary wages or overtime, or such allowances for house-rent, &c., as is usual, giving names, amounts paid, and reasons therefor?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—I would refer the Honorable Member to the Schedule to the Railway Estimates, which is submitted annually with the Estimates-in-Chief, and which will, I think, give him the information required.
- (20.) Residential Blocks for Coal-workers, Newcastle District:—*Mr. Scobie*, for Mr. Estell, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he have a report made upon the advisability of acquiring lands for residential purposes for the coal-workers of the Newcastle district, after the principle of the Blockholders Bill now before the House in the interests of the metropolitan working men?
- Mr. Bennett* answered,—My honorable colleague will consider the matter when the Bill becomes law.
2. PAPERS:—
- Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Return showing results of examination, Sanitary Inspector's Class, Sydney Technical College, held on 17th December, 1900.
  - (2.) Questions set at the examination for Sanitary Inspectors, 17th December, 1900.
  - (3.) Correspondence respecting the site occupied by the Electric Sub-station in the vicinity of Macquarie-street, Sydney.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- Mr. Kidd laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Report by the Government Veterinary Surgeon respecting the experiments at Bruton Inoculating Station.
  - (2.) Report of the Stock and Brands Branch of the Department of Mines and Agriculture for the year 1900.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
3. WAGGA WAGGA CATTLE DRIVING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
- (1.) Mr. Gormly moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confine the driving of cattle, sheep, and travelling stock through the town of Wagga Wagga to certain streets of the said town.  
Question put and passed.
  - (2.) Mr. Gormly then presented a Bill, intitled "A Bill to confine the driving of cattle, sheep, and travelling stock through the town of Wagga Wagga to certain streets of the said town,"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 17th September.
4. SERVANTS REGISTRY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Anderson 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 charges made by registry offices in regard to obtaining employment for servants, and for the registration and regulation of such offices.  
Question put and passed.
5. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Botany, Mr. Dacey, 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 management of the vehicular traffic of Sydney."  
And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members, Mr. Dacey moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
*Point of Order*:—Mr. Moore submitted that this motion was substantially the same as that which the House affirmed, on motion of Mr. Dacey, on 6th August, 1901, and was, therefore, out of order under Standing Order No. 187.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. Speaker declared the motion to be out of order, for the reasons advanced.
6. STATE LABOUR SELECTION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Carruthers moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. E. M. Clark moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday, 5th November.
7. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. See 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.
- F. W. WEBB,  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.
- WILLIAM McCOURT,  
Speaker.

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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 28 AUGUST, 1901.

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

## QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Old-age Pensions:—Mr. Bruncker asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What is the estimated amount that will be required to cover the payment of 2 per cent. to the Bank of New South Wales in terms of the arrangement made by the Government with that institution for its services in connection with the Old-age Pensions Act?

Mr. Waddell answered,—It is not practicable to give at present, with any degree of accuracy, an estimate of the amount that will be required for Old-age Pensions. It is expected that about £30,000 will be required for next month's payments. On that basis the commission to the Bank would amount to £7,200 a year.

- (2.) Solicitors appearing for the Crown in Land Board Cases:—Mr. Byrne asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is he aware that a solicitor is engaged to appear for the Crown before the Land Board at Hay at the hearing of re-appraisement cases?

(2.) Is a solicitor engaged in a similar capacity before other Land Boards?

(3.) Will this solicitor act for the Crown at Deniliquin, Balranald, and Wentworth?

(4.) Why is it considered necessary to employ a solicitor at all?

(5.) What fees are to be paid him for his services?

Mr. Hayes answered,—Yes. This course appeared expedient in order to relieve the District Surveyor, who had newly taken up duties. In other districts the District Surveyor has been appearing for the Crown; but, strictly speaking, it should hardly fall within the scope of a District Surveyor's duties to conduct cases before a Land Board. My Honorable Colleague is considering the question as to how far the solicitor's services are to be availed of, and has called for information on the subject, and will answer the Honorable Member more fully later on.

- (3.) Old-age Pensions:—Mr. Byrne asked the Colonial Secretary,—That in view of the very large number of deserving colonists who have been in the State the statutory number of years, but in consequence of their being foreigners, are debarred from the benefits of the old-age pensions, by virtue of their not being naturalised, will he bring in a Bill to allow those men and women to participate in its benefits?

Mr. See answered,—It is proposed to consider the matter of naturalisation in connection with the Amending Bill, which is being prepared.

- (4.) Expired Pastoral Leases, Hay District:—Mr. Byrne asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) When does he propose to throw open for settlement the expired pastoral leases in the Hay district?

(2.) Is he in favour of selectors whose holdings abut on to such falling-in leases, or on exchanged land, being allowed to increase their areas, without competition, from such lands?

Mr. Hayes answered,—

(1.) A number of the leases in the Central Division were brought under the notice of the Western Division Commission, and this fact has stayed the hands of the Department, which was in readiness to throw the lands open.

(2.) My Honorable Colleague is in favour of the *bona fide* selector in residence on his lands being given an opportunity of increasing his holding.

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- (5.) **Hardwood Timbers of New South Wales:**—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Can the Superintendent of Fire Brigades say, from his experience of late heavy fires in the city, anything of the advantage of hardwood girders or timber as against iron?
  - (2.) Is it a fact that Germany is now purchasing large quantities of hardwood timber from this State for building and other purposes, and that one very large railway station has already been built there of this timber?
  - (3.) Will he cause an inquiry to be made into the value of our native timbers as a commercial product, with a view to follow in the footsteps of other countries now extensively engaged in the planting out and cultivation of their valuable native timbers?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) From a fireman's point of view, hardwood is preferable to iron for building purposes generally, as in order to adapt iron for any purpose heat has to be applied. It is well known that iron when hot will not bear its own weight, and therefore cannot be expected to carry a load. Wood when exposed to heat will char on the surface. Charcoal is a non-conductor of heat, and thus the major portion of the wood is protected from the heat which forms the charcoal. It is now generally recognised that iron used for building purposes requires protection against the action of heat. Where iron is largely used in a building, and a fire takes place, the walls almost invariably collapse.

(2.) I understand that large shipments of hardwoods have been made to Germany per Messrs. Staerker and Fisher, of this city, and that the German Government have used turpentine timber from this State in the construction of warships, on account of its fire-resisting qualities.

(3.) The whole question is engaging the attention of my Honorable Colleague, the Secretary for Lands.

- (6.) **Hours of Labour:**—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Referring to the Answer to Mr. Rose, M.P., on the 14th June, 1900, in regard to the hours of labour of vanmen, that such a class of labour would be regulated by a Bill providing for a limitation of hours, and to his Answer to Mr. Rose, M.P., on the 27th June, 1900, in regard to the long hours of omnibus drivers—that the matter would be dealt with by legislation, and to his Answer to Mr. E. M. Clark, M.P., on the 14th November, 1900, in regard to the working hours of tanners and curriers—that a Bill had been prepared and would be introduced when the state of public business permitted, and to his Answer to Mr. E. M. Clark, M.P., on the 29th November, 1900, as to the long hours worked by labourers and carters in cordial factories, when he said that the hours were undoubtedly long, and that he had ready a measure dealing generally with the hours of employment in various trades and callings,—when will he introduce a measure in fulfilment of these promises?

Mr. Perry answered,—It is anticipated that when the Arbitration Bill has become law all matters such as this will be dealt with by the Arbitration Board. Should delay take place in the passing of that Bill, I have a measure ready to introduce.

- (7.) **Gambling:**—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Seeing that the Police have of late made several raids on alleged gambling shops in the City, and a large number of persons found therein placed under arrest and fined, will he take into consideration the advisableness of putting down every other kind, source, and device of gambling that are becoming so prevalent in our midst?
  - (2.) Has his attention been directed to an article appearing in the *Australian Star*, on Monday last, the 26th instant, headed "a chance for smokers," in which the American Tobacco Company offer to give smokers an order on Falk & Co. for a cabinet photograph of themselves if they will return to them 200 of the fans cut out of the faces of Vanity Fair cigarette boxes?
  - (3.) Will he consult the Attorney-General, or law officers of the Crown, as to whether this offer is not equally illegal, demoralising, and a species of temptation and gambling as that of betting in "tote" shops, or betting on racing, &c., and not one equally entitled to be treated and dealt with as a source of crime and gambling?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) The law, as far as it will apply to prevent gambling, will be enforced.

(2 and 3.) Inquiry will be made whether or not this is contrary to the Lotteries Act.

- (8.) **Adulteration of Food, &c.:**—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he see that some provision is made for the appointment of a staff of thoroughly competent persons to act as inspectors of all food and liquor consumed by the public, and for the better protection and safeguarding public health against adulterations and the increasing abuse of preservatives?

Mr. See answered,—The staff at present at the disposal of the Department of Public Health, comprising 24 inspectors, 5 veterinary surgeons, and 4 analysts, in addition to the medical officers, was selected on the grounds of special competency for duties under the Acts dealing with food supplies. The provisions made in the proposed Public Health Amendment Bill will tend to secure competent local inspection.

- (9.) **Resident Police Magistrate, Molong:**—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he, in the interest of the general public and the administration of justice, see that steps are taken to make provision on the Estimates for the appointment of a resident Police Magistrate for the district of Molong to visit the adjoining towns of Cudal, Cumnock, Obley, Canowindra, and Eugowra, in place of, as at present, having the Police Magistrates of Orange, Dubbo, Cowra, and Forbes visiting these places?

Mr. See answered,—I desire to refer the Honorable Member to Answer given to his Question on this subject on the 12th September, 1900. Since that date nothing has taken place which would render necessary any alteration in the existing arrangements. I may add that this is a Departmental question, and if there is any further information which can be obtained for my honorable friend, I shall be very glad to furnish it.

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- (10.) Juvenile Offenders:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he obtain from the Attorney-General or Department of Justice a return showing,—
- (1.) The number of boys and girls, under 16 years of age, that have been brought before the Police Courts in Sydney and suburbs during the last six months, ending 28th August, 1901, and fined; the amount of fine inflicted in each case respectively, and the nature of the offence for which they were convicted, and the period of imprisonment allotted to each in default?
  - (2.) The same information in regard to the number of boys and girls who were sent to the "Sobraon" or reformatories in place of being fined?
- Mr. See answered,—A return will be obtained in due course, that is, as soon as possible, and laid upon the Table.
- (11.) Labourers, Railway Department:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Why is one class of labourers in the Railway Department paid 6s. 6d. and the other 7s. per day, seeing the Answer given to the Question asked on the 27th August was that both class of labourers were equal at work?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed that the classification provides that men shall commence at 6s. 6d. in each branch, rising to 7s. and 7s. 6d. per day. It is quite possible under the classification that men in either Branch may be receiving 6s. 6d. or 7s. per day.
- (12.) Carpenters, Tramway Department:—Mr. Hollis asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that carpenters in the permanent-way Branch of the Tramway Department are paid 9s. per day, being 1s. per day less than the same class of employees in other branches of the Railways or Tramways, and the Union rate as recognised by the Builders' and Contractors' Association?
  - (2.) If so, will he take steps to see these men are paid the Union rate?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed there are a number of carpenters employed in the Permanent Way Branch of the Tramways who are paid 9s. per day, which is equal to the average rate prevailing in private establishments.
- (13.) Accidents to Waterside Workers:—Mr. Kelly, for Mr. Power, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is he aware that accidents are very frequent amongst the waterside workers through defective machinery ropes, gear, and appliances?
  - (2.) Will he take steps to minimise these accidents by the appointment of a practical man as an inspector of all these matters?
- Mr. See answered,—The Commissioners have appointed an Inspector of Machinery in connection with the property under their jurisdiction.
- (14.) Director of Government Charities:—Mr. Dacey asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Has the office of the Director of Government Charities been removed to Parramatta?
  - (2.) Is it true that the poor of Sydney are now directed to apply to Mr. Hanson, at Parramatta?
- Mr. See answered,—No.
- (15.) Married Employees, Coast Hospital:—Mr. Dacey asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Public Service Board to adopt the recommendation of the Chief Medical Officer upon the subject of ceasing to deduct money for quarters in the case of married men at the Coast Hospital who have homes outside the Hospital; if so, when?
- Mr. See answered,—The Public Service Board have furnished me with the following reply:—Cases of the kind will, as they are brought under the notice of the Public Service Board, receive full consideration.
- (16.) Police Travelling Allowance:—Mr. Dacey asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Are the Police entitled to 5s. travelling allowance for one day and one night?
  - (2.) If so, is it true that some of them only receive 5s. for two days and one night?
  - (3.) Will he state what is meant by "allowance according to scale"?
- Mr. See answered,—The following information has been furnished by the Inspector-General of Police:—
- (1.) Yes; the allowance is calculated as for a night's absence when travelling.
  - (2.) If the absence extends for the whole of two days and one night, an extra amount is allowed.
  - (3.) The scale is approved by the Government, and is as follows:—Superintendents, 15s. per diem; inspectors, sub-inspectors, and detectives (the latter when on special duty, subject to approval in each case), 10s. per diem; sergeants of police, 6s. per diem; senior-constables and constables, 5s. per diem.
- (17.) Wharfage Rates:—Mr. John Hurley asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) What are the rates at present charged at the Sydney Wharfs under the control of the Harbour Commissioners, on coal, coke, wool, grain, and other produce for export, specifying the rate per ton, per bale, or other measure of quantity in each case?
  - (2.) The same with regard to imports to Sydney?
  - (3.) Are any wharfage rates levied on exports and imports at Newcastle by any Government authority or Department?
  - (4.) The same information in regard to the port of Wollongong, and the various wharfs or jetties under Government control on the Northern rivers?
  - (5.) Are any export or import rates charged at any wharf (exclusive of Sydney) which has been erected by a Government Department in any part of the State?
- Mr. See answered,—
- (1.) All exports are free of wharfage if shipped to any port in New South Wales to be used or consumed in that State. On other exports the following wharfage rates are chargeable:—Coal, 3d. per ton; coke 1d. per ton (if manufactured from coal which has paid inward wharfage, otherwise 6d. per ton); wool, 4d. per bale; grain, 10d. per ton (including barley, beans, corn, dholl, gram,

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- maize, malt, oats, peas) ; potatoes, 10d. per ton ; sago, 1d. per bag ; bran and pollard, 10d. per ton ; butter  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per cwt. gross ; cheese, loose or in cask,  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per cwt. ; cheese in case, 1d. per package ; flour, 10d. per 2,000 lb. gross (in bags) ; flour, in barrels, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. each ; hay, 10d. per ton ; onions,  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per cwt. ; rice, 10d. per ton.
- (2.) Double the rates mentioned in answer to Question No. 1, except in regard to coke, upon which the inward wharfage is 1s. per ton.
- (3.) No.
- (4.) No wharfage dues are charged at Wollongong, but are charged at jetties at Coff's Harbour and Woolgoolga.
- (5.) Export and import rates are charged at the public wharf at Bourke, and the two above-mentioned wharfs.
- (18.) Compensation to ex-civil Servants in lieu of Absence :—*Mr. Latimer*, for *Mr. Oakes*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Will the Government make provision for the payment to ex-civil servants of compensation to cover leave of absence due at the time of retrenchment ?
- (2.) Have there been any payments made as above to any retrenched civil servants ; if so, how many, and to what amount ?
- Mr. Waddell* answered,—
- (1.) The matter is under consideration.
- (2.) This information was laid upon the Table of the House by me on the 21st instant.
- (19.) Railway Department Employees :—*Mr. Frank Farnell* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What officers in the service of the Railway Commissioners have the power to suspend and deduct pay from subordinates ?
- Mr. Waddell* answered,—The officers at the head of each branch of the Railway Service, and any officer in charge of a railway station, as provided in sections 68 and 69 of the Government Railways Act.
- (20.) Pupil-teachers' Examination :—*Mr. Daley* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that no pupil-teachers' examination has been held for the past three years ?
- (2.) Will any such examination be held this year ?
- (3.) Will any applicant, in consequence of the examination not being held for the said period of three years, and, therefore, over the prescribed age, be allowed to compete, and be eligible for appointment ?
- Mr. Perry* answered,—
- (1.) No.
- (2.) Yes ; in October next.
- (3.) No.
- (21.) Young-Koorawatha Railway Line :—*Mr. Arthur Griffith*, for *Mr. Holman*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the railway embankment on the Young-Koorawatha line, known as the High Embankment (opposite the old racecourse), has become undermined with rabbit burrows ?
- (2.) Do not the Railway authorities consider such a condition of affairs (if existent) highly dangerous ?
- (3.) Will he request the Commissioners to have the spot made the subject of a thorough inspection ?
- Mr. Waddell* answered,—
- (1 and 2.) The Railway Commissioners are advised that the Railway Embankment is not undermined as represented.
- (3.) Constant inspection is made of all parts of the railway lines, but in view of the question raised, a special examination of the locality will be made.
- (22.) Case of *Rex v. Woodfall* :—*Mr. Arthur Griffith*, for *Mr. Holman*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Has the attention of the Attorney-General been directed to the medical evidence in the case of *Rex v. Woodfall* ?
- (2.) Will the Government bring in a Bill to alter the legal definition of insanity in accordance with the light thrown on the question by the medical witnesses in that case ?
- (3.) Will they provide for the legal recognition of "impulsive insanity," even when not accompanied by intellectual derangement ?
- Mr. Waddell* answered,—
- (1.) No.
- (2 and 3.) Full consideration will be given to this matter when the Attorney-General receives a copy of the Judge's notes, which will be obtained.
- (23.) Crown Lands, Parish of Binda, County of Forbes :—*Mr. Arthur Griffith*, for *Mr. Holman*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) How long has the matter of throwing open portion 2, of parish of Binda, county Forbes been under consideration at the office of the District Surveyor, Forbes ?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the adjoining landholder has used the land for grazing purposes during the whole period ?
- (3.) Has any payment been made to the Government by this landholder ?
- Mr. Hayes* answered,—The portion referred to has passed out of the possession of the Crown. If the Honorable Member intended to refer to portion 2, parish of Goolagong, which seems probable, my Honorable Colleague states that the portion has been re-measured as portions 27 and 58, and has been advertised to be available for homestead selection on the 17th October next, about which time there will be a Land Board sitting at Grenfell. The land was the subject of an exchange, and was not under the control of the Department until it was surrendered to the Crown, and the Department could not, therefore, prevent anyone using it. (24.)

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(24.) Goorianawa, Gora, and Youlbung Holdings:—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick*, for *Mr. Richards*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) When will the land within Goorianawa and Gora Holdings, resumed areas Nos. 208A and 229A, and partly within the resumed area of Gora Holding No. 229, be available for settlement lease or otherwise, such lands containing 20,000 acres?

(2.) The same as to 28,400 acres, within the late leasehold area of Youlbung Holding No. 449?

*Mr. Hayes* answered,—

(1.) On the 17th instant, 5,250 acres, parishes of Goorianawa, Yarragin, and Gora, county of Baradine, valued at £1 3s. 4d. per acre, and 20,600 acres valued at £1 per acre, parishes of Goorianawa, Gora, Rundle, and Yearanan, county of Baradine, were set apart so as to give the adjoining resident conditional purchase holders with insufficient areas an opportunity to extend their holdings. When the applications of the adjoining resident conditional purchase holders have been satisfied, the disposal of the balance of the 5,250 acres, and the 20,600 acres will be dealt with.

(2.) On the 17th instant, an area of 25,400 acres was set apart in order to give adjoining resident conditional purchase holders with insufficient areas an opportunity to extend their holdings under section 12 of the Crown Lands (Amendment) Act, 1899. It seems probable that after the applications for additional conditional purchases or conditional leases have been satisfied little, if any, land will be left.

(25.) Rifles and Warlike Stores:—*Mr. Quinn* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a number of rifles ordered from England, and at present in the Ordnance Store, have arrived without sight-protectors, and cannot be issued; if so, how many?

(2.) Who is responsible for the inspection of rifles and warlike stores ordered by the Government of New South Wales, and what are the terms upon which he performs his duties?

*Mr. See* answered,—

(1.) The rifles ordered from England are being marked in the Store, and cannot be issued until this is done. The sight-protectors are on their way: 4,000.

(2.) The War Office Inspector employed, under agreement by the Agent-General.

(26.) The Plague:—*Mr. Affleck* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has the Government yet considered the Question *Mr. Affleck* asked on the 6th August, viz.:—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill for the purpose of making the owners of the filthy properties in which the plague was rampant to pay a proportion of the cost the Government has incurred in cleansing the same?

(2.) If they have not, is it their intention to introduce such a Bill this Session?

*Mr. See* answered,—This subject has not yet been seriously considered by the Government. It is one of the most difficult matters that could be considered by them. Who is to define which particular individual in this area had filthy properties in which the plague was rampant? The Government practically proclaimed the whole infected area dirty, on account of the disease existing in the district. That might be the misfortune of a man who held property in that part of the city. Certain steps were taken by the Government for the good of the people, and in many instances the premises were destroyed, not because there was an amount of filth existing on certain premises, but cases were brought under notice where boarding-houses and eating-houses were of a most notoriously dirty character. I will give the matter my serious consideration, and if it is possible to pay these unfortunate persons something, I shall be glad to see what can be done.

(27.) Actuarial Investigation, Friendly Societies:—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has any report been prepared by *Mr. Coghlan*, Government Statistician, upon a recent actuarial investigation in connection with certain New South Wales Friendly Societies; and, if so, will he cause same to be laid upon the Table of this House?

*Mr. See* answered,—The whole matter is now under consideration, and before the Bill is further proceeded with the fullest information will be afforded.

(28.) Adulteration of Jams:—*Mr. Frank Farnell* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is he aware that a great deal of adulteration takes place in connection with the manufacture of jam in this State?

(2.) Will he take the necessary steps to protect the public, and introduce a Bill for the purpose of dealing with the matter?

*Mr. Kidd* answered,—The matter of adulteration of food is one which the Public Health Act deals with. Under Part VIII of that Act a penalty for the sale of adulterated articles is imposed, and power is also given to the Board of Health or the local authorities to prosecute. The Board may also be set in action in the manner provided by Section 58 of the Act referred to.

(29.) Use of Waters, Colo River, for generating Electricity:—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has any application been made under the Water Rights Act by any Company, Syndicate, or individual, for power to divert or otherwise use the waters of the Colo River for the generating of electricity or for other purposes?

(2.) If such application has been made, how has it been treated; if granted, upon what conditions?

*Mr. Hayes* answered,—My Honorable Colleague has ascertained from the Works Department that an application under the Water Rights Act was made by Messrs. Roberts and Gregory for a license to construct a dam on the Colo River for hydraulic power and storage purposes. This has been granted for a period of two years, subject to the work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Public Works Department.

(30.) Tram Service:—*Mr. Hogue* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is he aware that there is a growing desire among suburban residents for later trams than are now provided; also for more tram accommodation, particularly between 5 and 6 o'clock p.m.?

(2.) Will he endeavour to extend the time for starting the last trams to midnight? *Mr.*

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- Mr. Waddell answered,—
- (1.) The Commissioners have had under consideration for some time the question of an "all night tram service" between the city and the more thickly-populated suburbs where the electric system is completed; but to introduce it with the steam trams would be expensive. They have hesitated to adopt it partially; but as the matter has recently been given some prominence, they will arrange a trial on the more important electrical lines, viz., Dulwich Hill and Leichhardt.
- (2.) In regard to the traffic between 5 and 6 p.m., as more power and cars are available, greater accommodation will be given, and the traffic is being carefully watched.
- (31.) Site of the Federal Capital:—Mr. Carruthers asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) What steps have the Government taken to bring a final decision the question of the site of the Federal Capital in New South Wales?
- (2.) Will it not simplify matters if the Federal Government be invited to state what sites it approves of, so that action may be taken to legally make offer of the same?
- (3.) In view of the disadvantages to this State from a delay in this matter, will he urge upon the Federal Government the expediency of action on its part in obtaining reports for its guidance on the available sites?
- Mr. See answered,—I desire to inform the honorable gentlemen that some weeks ago I did communicate with the Federal Premier, and I told him that three sites had been recommended for the Federal Capital, and that I had reserved the land in the neighbourhood of those sites, namely, the Conoblas, Eden-Bombala, and Yass. I further added that any other site that might be thought more desirable than those which were mentioned would receive the favourable consideration of the Government. Mr. Oliver, who, unfortunately, has been ill for some time, and who, I hope, will soon recover, has given very great attention to this subject of the site for the capital of federated Australia. All the information that I have received from any quarter, or any representation made to me on the subject, I have forwarded to Mr. Oliver. I have been in communication with the Federal Premier and the Home Secretary, and, as far as the State Government are concerned, they have given every facility, and have afforded every opportunity to the Federal Government to make a choice. I have been informed that it is the intention of the Federal Government and Parliament to make a trip in a short time to New South Wales for the purpose of seeing for themselves which is the most suitable site. I can only add, on behalf of the Government and people of New South Wales, that whatever site is selected by the Federal Government, no opposition will be offered by this Government to that selection.
- (32.) Railway Eight-hour Day:—Mr. T. R. Smith asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that Railway eight-hour day only extends to Penrith?
- (2.) Will he see that the eight-hour day is extended, to all the railway men, to Eskbank?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed that the eight-hour holiday is given to the men in the districts in which the demonstrations have been held and holidays proclaimed. The extension of the concession, therefore, depends upon the circumstances under which the demonstrations are held.
- (33.) Duplication of Western Railway Line:—Mr. John Hurley asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What are the rates of wages paid to pick and shovel men on the duplication of Western Line?
- (2.) What are the hours of labour?
- (3.) What are the rates of pay for man, horse, and cart per diem?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed that,—
- (1 and 2.) Seven shillings per day of eight hours is paid to able-bodied men.
- (3.) Ten shillings per day.
- (34.) Floating Fire Steamer for Port Jackson:—Mr. Samuel Smith asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- Is it his intention to place a sum of money upon the Estimates to procure a floating fire steamer for use upon the harbour of Port Jackson, and the prevention of fires upon the water front?
- Mr. See answered,—The Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners have recommended that a sum of money be placed on the Estimates for this purpose, and are taking action in the direction indicated.
- (35.) Subsidies to Teachers in Sparsely-settled Districts:—Mr. Nielsen asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) Did he not, about two years ago, propose to provide for the payment of small subsidies to teachers in sparsely-settled districts where schools cannot be established owing to the lack of a sufficiently concentrated population?
- (2.) Is he still of the same opinion on this subject?
- (3.) If so, will he have placed upon this year's Estimates a sum of money for that purpose?
- Mr. Perry answered,—I did propose such a scheme, but from inquiries made, and judging also from the numerous applications received, I found that the expense would be so great as to render its adoption impracticable. A large addition to the Department's vote would be necessary, and the advantage to be derived would not be commensurate with the expenditure involved.
- (36.) Administration of the Health Act:—Mr. Arthur Griffith asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- Has he yet decided when and on what basis he intends to deal with applications from Municipal Councils for reimbursement of expenses incurred in administering the Health Act?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—This matter has not yet been decided, but I am obtaining information which will, I think, enable me to deal with applications made by Municipal Councils.
- (37.) Special Lease to W. Winn and W. F. Lee, Maitland Land Court:—Mr. Haynes asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- Re special lease to W. Winn and W. F. Lee (01-4), 320 acres, for purposes of sawmills, unexpectedly brought before the Maitland Land Court instead of the Stroud Court, will he withhold his approval till a petition on the subject reaches him from the local teamsters and others?
- Mr. Hayes answered,—The Land Board dealt with this case on the 17th instant, but further action will be suspended for the present.

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2. PAPER:—Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—Return to an Address adopted on 6th August, 1901, "Case of the Police *versus* Jones and Others."  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
3. RABBIT BILL:—Mr. Crick, pursuant to leave granted on 14th August, 1901, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to deal with the Rabbit Pest; to authorise certain advances in connection therewith; and for other purposes incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed and read a second time To-morrow.
4. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Gormly, as Chairman, brought up the Second Report from the Printing Committee.
5. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—
- (1.) Marriage Bill:—
- MR. SPEAKER,—  
The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the law relating to Marriage; to amend the Marriage Act, 1899, and the Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages Act, 1899; and for purposes consequent on or incidental to those objects,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.
- Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 28th August, 1901.
- JOHN LACKEY,  
President.
- Bill, on motion of Mr. See, read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
- (2.) Real Property and Conveyancing (Amendment) Bill:—
- MR. SPEAKER,—  
The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to give certain officers and persons the powers and duties of the Registrar-General; to prescribe the oath to be taken by Deputy Registrars-General; to provide that statutory declarations and the oath of a sworn valuator may be made and taken before certain officers; and to validate certain acts, acknowledgments, instruments, documents, writings, declarations, and oaths,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.
- Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 28th August, 1901.
- JOHN LACKEY,  
President.
- Bill, on motion of Mr. See, read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
- (3.) Forfeiture of Leases Bill:—
- MR. SPEAKER,—  
The Legislative Council having passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act for granting relief against forfeiture of leases, and for otherwise amending the law as to property,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.
- Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 28th August, 1901.
- JOHN LACKEY,  
President.
- Bill, on motion of Mr. See, read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
6. MINERS' ACCIDENT RELIEF ACT AMENDMENT BILL, (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Kidd 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 Miners' Accident Relief Act, 1900.  
Question put and passed.
7. LEGAL PROFESSION AMALGAMATION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
- (1.) Mr. Frank Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate the practice of the legal profession by amalgamation of the separate branches thereof; and for other purposes connected therewith.  
Question put and passed.
- (2.) Mr. Farnell then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to regulate the practice of the legal profession by amalgamation of the separate branches thereof; and for other purposes connected therewith,*"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 22nd October.
8. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
- (1.) Money-lenders and Infants Loans Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading;—until Tuesday, 24th September.
- (2.) Truck Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—until Tuesday, 22nd October.
9. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That the undermentioned Members be appointed to constitute, in conjunction with three Members of the Legislative Council, the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, as provided for by the Public Works Act, 1900, namely:—James Sinclair Taylor McGowen, Esq., Henry Clarke, Esq., John McFarlane, Esq., John Stuart Hawthorne, Esq.
- Point of Order*:—Mr. Affleck, quoting Standing Orders Nos. 344, 345, submitted that this motion conflicted with them, and was, therefore, irregular.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. Speaker decided against the objection.

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Debate ensued.

And Mr. Edden requiring that the Committee be appointed by Ballot,—

Question,—That the undermentioned Members be appointed to constitute, in conjunction with three Members of the Legislative Council, the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works as provided for by the Public Works Act, 1900, namely,—put and passed.

Whereupon the House proceeded to Ballot; and Mr. Speaker declared the following to be the Committee duly appointed:—

John Stuart Hawthorne, Esquire, John McFarlane, Esquire, James Sinclair Taylor McGowen, Esquire, Samuel Wilkinson Moore, Esquire.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Newcastle West, Mr. Gilbert, 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 neglect shown by the Local Authority and the Board of Health in failing to enforce the provisions of the Public Health Act in regard to the Melville-street Swamp nuisance.”

And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

11. **INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

12. **DEVONSHIRE-STREET CEMETERY BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. O’Sullivan 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. 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 with an amendment.

On motion of Mr. O’Sullivan, the report was adopted.

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

13. **BLOCKHOLDERS BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Crick moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

Question put and passed.

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

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 29 AUGUST, 1901.

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

EDDY ORPHANAGE BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. See, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 46.*

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 establish an orphanage, to be known as the Eddy Orphanage for the care of the orphans of railway and tramway employees, so employed under the Government Railways Act of 1888; to appoint trustees to the said orphanage; to vest land in the said trustees; to acquire, hold, sell, convey, and otherwise deal with such lands, and to erect buildings thereon; and, further, to provide for the government and management of such orphanage; and for other purposes incidental to and consequent upon the said object.

*Government House,*  
*Sydney, 29th August, 1901.*

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

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

- (1.) Mining Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 47.*

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 consolidate and amend the law relating to mining; to establish Mining Appeal Courts; to give further facilities for the development of mining; and for other purposes.

*State Government House,*  
*Sydney, 16th August, 1901.*

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

- (2.) Mines Inspection Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 48.*

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 make better provision for the regulation and inspection of mines other than coal and shale mines; to regulate the treatment of the products of such mines; and for purposes incidental to or consequent on those objects.

*Government House,*  
*Sydney, 29th July, 1901.*

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

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## 3. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Hours of Labour:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—  
 (1.) Is it a fact that men employed in connection with wood and coal yards, and in business of a like character, as carters and otherwise, have to work much longer hours than under the provisions of the Factories and Shops Act?  
 (2.) Will he take steps to bring this kind of labour under the same conditions as that of the Factories and Shops Act?

Mr. Perry answered,—

- (1.) Carters are not in any way affected by the provisions of the Shops and Factories Act.  
 (2.) It is anticipated that the cases of these and others similarly situated will be met by the Industrial Arbitration Bill.
- (2.) Hours of Labour:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Is it a fact that while a number of proprietors of ferries on our harbour have extended to masters and engineers the advantage of sixty hours labour per week, that firemen and deck-hands employed with them have to work much longer hours, and will he take steps to introduce legislation dealing with this class of labour, with a view to make the hours of all labour on ferry services uniform?
- Mr. Perry answered,—The adjustment of the hours of labour in the cases referred to is at present uncontrolled by legislation, but it is anticipated that one of the results of the Arbitration Bill, when passed, will be the fixing of recognised hours of labour in the various trades and callings.

- (3.) Central Police Court:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—  
 (1.) Is he aware of the fact, as reported in the *Australian Star* of the 26th instant, under the heading of Central Police Court, that the principal grievance which accused persons labour under (when placed in the dock) was the apparent inability of the Court-house to carry the Magistrate's voice as far back as the dock, much to the inconvenience of prisoners before the Bench, owing probably to the acoustic properties of the Court-house being bad?  
 (2.) Is he aware that the voice of the presiding magistrate at times was inaudible even at the Press table, and the deposition clerk was compelled to strain his sense of hearing to the utmost to glean what was whispered, or the nature of the evidence, so much so that the intentions of the Bench were liable to be occasionally misunderstood?  
 (3.) Will he see that the matter is inquired into and reported on by some competent person, with the view of having this defect rectified?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) I am informed that the acoustic properties of the Court-rooms are not good. Efforts have been previously made to improve them.  
 (2.) No.  
 (3.) Yes.
- (4.) Education Conference:—Mr. McGowen, for Mr. Holman, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—  
 (1.) Whether any steps, and if so, what steps, are being taken to give practical effect to the suggestions made at the recent educational conference for the improvement of the methods of the Department?  
 (2.) Has the Department any officers who are experts in the question of manual training for the young; and, if so, which officers are they?  
 (3.) Is it the intention of the Department to introduce manual training, as recommended at the Conference?  
 (4.) Is it the intention of the Department to continue the present methods of inspection and payment by results?  
 (5.) Are those systems regarded as satisfactory by the present heads of the Department?  
 (6.) Are the present methods of preparing pupil-teachers to be continued by the Department?  
 (7.) In view of criticisms at the recent Conference, is that system regarded as satisfactory by the present heads of the Department?

Mr. Perry answered,—The policy of the Department in connection with these matters will, whenever the changes are deemed desirable, be submitted to the Cabinet in the usual way, and, if approved, be duly announced.

- (5.) Proposed Railways from Liverpool to Mulgoa and from Liverpool to Blayney:—Mr. T. R. Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works,—  
 (1.) Will he have the proposed railway from Liverpool to Mulgoa placed before the Public Works Committee at an early date?  
 (2.) Does he intend carrying out his promise to the deputation that waited upon him in June last with reference to a trial survey of a railway from Liverpool, Hoxton Park, Luddenham, Mulgoa, Burragorang, Oberon, Burruga Copper-mines, and Blayney?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

- (1.) I will submit the matter to the Cabinet.  
 (2.) A trial survey for this line will be made.
- (6.) Money owing by the Government to Thomas Drummond:—Mr. T. R. Smith asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—  
 (1.) Is it a fact that Thomas Drummond made application for money that was due to him by the State some weeks ago, and cannot get any reply, or the money?  
 (2.) Is he aware of the disgraceful state this lad was in when he was sent to his brother at Lawson, without clothes and boots?

Mr. Perry answered,—Not as far as my Department is concerned. No boy of the name of Thomas Drummond has been an inmate of either the "Sobraon" or the Carpenterian Reformatory.

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(7.) Jurors, Sydenham Disaster Inquiry:—*Mr. McGowen*, for *Mr. Carruthers*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What fees have been paid to the jurors in the Sydenham Disaster Inquiry during the past twelve months for their attendance on Coroners' juries?

(2.) Will the Government take action to prevent the continuance in the future of the practices of the Coroner's Court which have tended to create a class of professional jurors?

*Mr. See* answered,—

(1.) The information will be obtained and furnished to the Honorable Member as early as practicable.

(2.) The City Coroner states that the practices of the Coroner's Court have not tended to create a class of professional jurors. The practice of the Court is that no person is summoned to serve on a jury more than once in each month, and this practice has been adhered to as strictly as circumstances would permit.

(8.) Extension of Light Railways:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he see that steps are taken to have a trial survey made at an early date of the extension of a light line of railway from Molong *via* Cumnock, Dilga, Baldery, Mount Aubrey, Obley, Harvey's Range to Peak Hill, thence on to Bulbodney, with a view of enabling settlers in these districts an opportunity of getting their produce conveyed to market, and opening up a large extent of country rich in pastoral, agricultural and mineral wealth?

*Mr. O'Sullivan* answered,—I will have an inquiry made into the merits of the proposal.

(9.) Subsidy due to Molong Hospital:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Colonial Secretary,—When is the subsidy due to the Molong Cottage Hospital likely to be paid, and what is the cause of the delay in remitting the money to the treasurer?

*Mr. See* answered,—There has been no delay in paying subsidy due to Molong Hospital. The claim was received on the 12th instant, and as soon as checked will be paid. As the subsidy to all Hospitals in the State is claimed during July and August, the claims can only be taken in order of date and receipt in the Department.

(10.) Friendly Societies Act:—*Mr. Affleck* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) In registering a benefit society under the Friendly Societies Act, does the Registrar require, under the 12th clause, that every branch society should get an actuary's report, or that then an actuary's report should be provided?

(2.) If every branch society has to submit such, will the Government appoint an actuary for the purpose of reporting on country branches?

*Mr. See* answered,—One certificate for the order registering is required. The "Friendly Societies Act" allows the registration of the central body and all its branches in the one application.

(11.) Tug Service, Bellinger and Nambucca Rivers:—*Mr. Briner*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that the Bellinger and Nambucca Rivers are now without a tug service, and that the Bellinger has been so neglected for six months?

(2.) In view of the unsatisfactory nature of the subsidised tug service on the rivers named, will he consider the advisability of having suitable paddle-tugs built and worked by the Department of Navigation?

*Mr. O'Sullivan* answered:—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) This is a matter for the consideration of the Department of Finance and Trade.

(12.) Bullock Island Dyke:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for *Mr. Gilbert*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is the work done at the Bullock Island Dyke, by the grab-dredge "Delta" of a permanent character?

(2.) For what time during the past twelve months has each crane, from No. 15 to No. 4, been out of work owing to the presence of the "Delta"?

(3.) What is the reason that the travelling crane, which was tested about a month ago, is not yet at work?

(4.) What is the maximum draught of vessels that can be loaded at the travelling crane berths?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—To obtain the information necessary to answer these Questions, a reference would have to be made to Newcastle. I would, therefore, suggest to the Honorable Member that he should give fresh notice of the Questions for next week, and ask them of the Honorable the Minister for Public Works, in whose Department the matter rests.

(13.) Accident to O'Shea, Government Quarry, Macleay River:—*Mr. Briner* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has his attention been drawn to the recent accident at the Government Quarry, new entrance, Macleay River, by which a man named O'Shea was blown to pieces?

(2.) As O'Shea left a widow and four young children in poor and painful circumstances, will he place a small sum on the Estimates, or grant such sum at once to afford them temporary relief?

*Mr. O'Sullivan* answered,—

(1.) Yes; I was informed of this lamentable accident.

(2.) I have given instructions for an amount of £150 to be noted on this year's revenue estimates as a gratuity for the widow and orphans.

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- (14.) Proposed Railway Extension from Guyra:—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he consider the advisability of submitting to the Public Works Committee, as early as possible, the proposed line of railway from Guyra, *via* Coff's Harbour, to South Grafton, more than 60 miles of which line would form part of the North Coast railway?  
Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—The proposed line will be submitted to the Cabinet in connection with the Tenterfield to Casino line as a choice of connections with the North Coast.
- (15.) Pastoral Leases, Central Division:—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House a return showing the dates on which the different pastoral leases in the Central Division terminated, the area of land contained in such leases, and what portion of these lands have been made available for settlement?  
Mr. Crick answered,—I have given directions for the return to be prepared. I will lay it upon the Table of this House when it is complete.
- (16.) Berry Jerry and Aragoal Holding, Wagga Wagga Land District:—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Lands,—  
(1.) Has a quantity of land been surveyed for settlement in Berry Jerry and Aragoal Holding, Wagga Wagga Land District; and, if so, when was the survey made, and how much land was contained in the survey?  
(2.) If a survey for settlement has been made, what has been the cause of the land not having been made available before this time?  
Mr. Crick answered,—Yes; an area of 13,159 $\frac{1}{2}$  acres has been measured on the Holding referred to, but a question has arisen whether a Forest Reserve which affects the land should be curtailed, and the matter is under reference to the Land Board for investigation.
- (17.) Superannuation Fund:—Mr. Collins asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he take steps during the present Session to introduce legislation (1) to provide for a refund to those officers who have ceased to contribute to the Superannuation Account under the permission given by the Public Service Act of 1895 and the Public Service (Railways) Superannuation Act of 1896, together with interest thereon, as prescribed by those Acts, such refund to be made either in cash or by negotiable Government security; (2) to give officers now contributing an opportunity of withdrawing therefrom, and receiving a refund of their contribution in the manner specified in (1)?  
Mr. See answered,—To agree to this suggestion means the placing of the Fund in a worse position than it is at the present time, and it would require an Act of Parliament, which I do not feel justified in introducing at the present time without a full investigation into the matter.
- (18.) Reclamation Works, Double Bay:—Mr. Whiddon, for Mr. Latimer, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—  
(1.) In what year was the sum of £10,000 voted for reclamation works at Double Bay?  
(2.) Why has the work not been carried out?  
(3.) Is that sum available now to carry out the reclamation?  
(4.) If so, when will the work be commenced?  
Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—  
(1.) 1899.  
(2.) The commencement of the work was delayed pending arrangements being made with the owners and occupiers of property whose frontage rights would be affected.  
(3.) No.
- (19.) Retrenched Civil Servants:—Mr. Affleck, for Mr. Oakes, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government, in view of the Supreme Court decision, *Josephson v. Young*, to pay those retrenched Civil Servants the balance of money due to them on such decision?  
Mr. See answered,—The retrenched Civil Servants whose cases were similar to that of Mr. Josephson, have received the money due to them.
- (20.) Swearing-in Pavilion, Centennial Park:—Mr. Whiddon, for Mr. Latimer, asked the Colonial Secretary,—  
(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to reproduce the Swearing-in Pavilion at Centennial Park in marble?  
(2.) If not, what steps does he purpose taking in order to permanently mark the most historic spot in Australia?  
Mr. See answered,—This is a large order. I have a report from the Government Architect, in which he says:—"In anticipation of some steps being taken I have prepared a special drawing with suggestions for its re-design for a permanent building with suitable surroundings. I have also prepared a suggestive sketch showing a way of building, in permanent form, a flight of steps and pavilion in the Outer Domain as a memorial of the landing of the first Governor-General of Australia, and subsequently of their Royal Highnesses." I do not feel disposed at the present juncture to undertake a very large expenditure in this direction; but the Government will give the matter full consideration. There are so many claims on the Government that to comply with all the requests made would mean that we should want to increase our revenue by more than one-half.
- (21.) Coal and Coke used by Railway Department:—Mr. Edden asked the Colonial Treasurer,—  
(1.) What amount of coal and coke was used by the Railway Commissioners during the year 1900?  
(2.) The name of the companies supplying same?  
(3.) The name of each mine, and the amount supplied by each mine and coke company or person?  
(4.) The price paid per ton to each company at pit's mouth for same; also price of coke?  
(5.) Was the coal supplied screened coal?  
(6.) Was the coal brought from each mine at the Commissioners' own cost?  
Mr. Waddell answered,—The information asked for is too extensive to be given in a reply to a Question, but will be supplied as a return if moved for in the usual way. (22.)

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(22.) Exchanges of Land :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Lands,—What course does he intend to take with reference to exchanges of land proposed prior to the 1st January this year, and which are incomplected by the 31st December, 1901?

Mr. Crick answered,—All possible expedition will be used in completing pending exchanges, and where I find that the delay attending an exchange will block settlement, I will bring the matter to completion by refusal, if necessary.

(23.) Old-age Pensions :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has he noticed the remarks anent the operation of the old-age pension system in Victoria, of the Premier of that State who, during the course of his budget speech, said “ He proposed to bring in a provision by which those who are sons and daughters of claimants shall have to show cause as to why they should not contribute towards the maintenance of their parents ”?

(2.) In this connection, is he aware of the fact that in this State this same cause for complaint exists, and that many pensioners are coming in upon the fund who have well-to-do sons and daughters, who might reasonably be expected to contribute towards their maintenance in old age?

(3.) Will he cause all such cases to be closely investigated by the District Boards, with the object of refusing pensions where such are not legitimately warranted?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) I understand that there are some pensioners who have well-to-do relatives.

(3.) There is no provision in the “ Old-age Pensions Act ” for special treatment of cases referred to in Question No. 2. An amending Bill is being prepared. I may add that I think it is a great shame that sons and relatives, who are well off, should allow their parents and connections, whom they ought to provide for, to become pensioners upon the State. In the meantime, however, we have to administer the law as we find it. I intend before very long to bring in a Bill to make well-to-do people provide for the maintenance of their relatives, especially of parents.

(24.) Old-age Pensions :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he able to give the House a rough estimate of the actual cost, for the first year of its operation, of the old-age pension system?

(2.) What was the amount set down when the Act was passed as being sufficient to meet all anticipated claims?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) In view of the large number of pension claims still being received daily, and the number still undealt with by District Boards, it is not practicable to give an estimate at present.

(2.) Sir William Lync stated, on the second reading of the Bill, that it was impossible to make any accurate calculation, but he thought the expenditure would not exceed £400,000 per annum. I may add that I had a conversation with the Registrar to-day, and, as far as I could ascertain, there will be something like 12,000 persons who will come under the Old-age Pensions Act. That would represent an annual amount, not of £400,000, but £300,000. It is impossible to form an accurate estimate at present; but I believe that conjecture is fairly correct.

(25.) Rabbit Bill :—Mr. Fleming asked the Secretary for Lands,—

When will the Rabbit Act, promised to a deputation of farmers and settlers last July, be brought up for the consideration of this House?

Mr. Crick answered,—It was brought up last night.

(26.) Government Experimental Farm for the Upper Hunter :—Mr. Fleming asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is there any foundation of truth in the report of a proposed Government Experimental Farm on the Upper Hunter; if so, where will it be situated?

Mr. Kidd answered,—No proposal has been made by the Department of Agriculture to start an Experimental Farm on the Upper Hunter at present.

(27.) Messengers in Government Departments :—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—

Referring to the Answer to Mr. E. M. Clark, on the 27th instant, in regard to the increments to messengers in Government Departments, will he see that all those messengers who are on the maximum salary of £125 per annum, and whose appeals are now before the Public Service Board, receive a similar increase to that given to the messengers in the Lands Department, viz., from £125 to £130 per annum?

Mr. See answered,—As already stated in reply to a previous Question, this matter will be considered when the appeals of the officers concerned are being dealt with. As the Honorable Member knows these officers are practically under the Public Service Board, and he is also aware what little power we have to deal with the Public Service Board, as they work under an Act of Parliament.

(28.) Rocks Resumption Advisory Board :—Mr. T. R. Smith asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Do the Government intend to give the Rocks Resumption Advisory Board executive power; if so, when is the Bill likely to be submitted to Parliament?

(2.) When will plans for laying out the resumed area be submitted to Parliament?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) It is very improbable that the executive powers of this Board will be increased.

(2.) The work of remodelling this large area is a work which cannot be done hurriedly. At present all the surveys are nearly complete, and the Board hope to furnish the scheme of rearrangement in general in a month's time; but the working out of details will take some time yet. I had an interview yesterday with the Under Secretary for Public Works, and I asked him to expedite this matter as much as possible, in order that the plans may be placed before Parliament.

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- (29.) Late Marine Board:—*Mr. McGowen*, for Mr. Samuel Smith, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—  
 (1.) Have the Public Service Board completed their report upon the inquiry into the administration of the late Marine Board and the action of the engineer surveyors of the Navigation Department?  
 (2.) Will he lay the report upon the Table of the House?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—The Public Service Board inform me that their report upon this inquiry is nearly completed, and that it will be forwarded to the Government at an early date.

4. PAPERS:—*Mr. See* laid upon the Table,—  
 (1.) Regulations under the Dentists Act, 1900.  
 (2.) Particulars respecting the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.  
 (3.) Despatch respecting Convention between the United Kingdom and the Republic of Costa Rica for the reciprocal protection of Trade Marks and Designs.  
 (4.) Report of the Fire Brigades Board, Sydney, for the year 1900.  
 (5.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Merewether.  
 (6.) By-laws of the Borough of Lithgow.  
 Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. ADJOURNMENT:—*Mr. Speaker* stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Petersham, *Mr. Cohen*, 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 appointment of *Mr. Hugh Pollock* as Solicitor-General."  
 And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—  
*Mr. Cohen* moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question put and negatived.

6. INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of *Mr. See*, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—  
 And the Question being again proposed,—  
 The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.  
*Mr. Eden George* moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.  
 Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Wednesday next.

7. ADJOURNMENT:—*Mr. See* moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.  
*Mr. Deputy-Speaker* counted the House, and there being only sixteen Members present, exclusive of *Mr. Deputy-Speaker*, namely,—*Mr. Briner*, *Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick*, *Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick*, *Mr. Fleming*, *Mr. Gillies*, *Mr. Jessop*, *Mr. McIntyre*, *Mr. McLaurin*, *Mr. Meagher*, *Mr. Nobbs*, *Mr. Daniel O'Connor*, *Mr. O'Sullivan*, *Mr. Price*, *Mr. See*, *Mr. Samuel Smith*, and *Mr. Walsh*,—  
*Mr. Deputy-Speaker* adjourned the House at three minutes after One o'clock, a.m., until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
 Speaker.

New South Wales.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 3 SEPTEMBER, 1901.

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

SHEARERS' ACCOMMODATION BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Perry, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 49.*

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 provide for the proper and sufficient accommodation of shearers.

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

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Government Tug Work, Botany Bay:—Mr. Dacey asked the Secretary for Public Works,—  
(1.) Is it true that the Government have to hire boats, besides employing boats belonging to the Government, in the tug and other work in Botany Bay?  
(2.) What is the total cost of the service which these boats, both Government and hired, rendered during the last financial year?  
(3.) Is it true that there is no Government boat in this bay to render assistance in times of danger; if not, is he aware that the absence of such a boat militates against the development of this splendid harbour?

*Mr. Perry* answered,—

- (1.) Yes.  
(2.) £113 10s.

(3.) No Government boat is kept in Botany Bay, and the Principal Engineer for Harbours and Rivers states that, in his opinion, a boat is not required.

- (2.) Sign-boards, Grenfell-Koorawatha Railway:—Mr. Holman asked the Colonial Treasurer,—  
(1.) Has his attention been called to the highly defective spelling on the sign boards along the Grenfell-Koorawatha line?  
(2.) Is he aware that their example is having a depressing effect upon the educational standard of the vicinity?  
(3.) Will he consult with the Commissioners as to having correctly-spelt English on such notice boards?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—I am informed the defect resulted from the loss of a packet of metal letters "G," and it is being rectified by the addition of the terminal letter.

- (3.) "Rocks" Resumed Area:—Mr. Daley asked the Colonial Secretary,—  
(1.) What method is adopted by the valuers in determining their estimates of the several properties in the "Rocks" resumed area?  
(2.) Where the difference between the claims sent in and the Government offer is not very material, what steps will the Government take to obviate legal proceedings?  
(3.) Where the property resumed is encumbered by mortgage, and the Government is collecting all the rents, what steps will the Resumption Board take to pay the mortgage, and will the Government reimburse the mortgagor for any excess of interest over the 4 per cent.?

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(4.) In the case of mortgaged property where the owners have been compelled to quit by the Government, and the said owners not having been paid for their property, will the Government indemnify such owners against the mortgagees?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) The fair market value of the properties is offered, plus the customary allowance of 10 per cent. for forced surrender.
- (2.) The claimants are invariably invited to confer with the Valuation Board with a view to amicable settlements.
- (3 and 4.) Arrangements are being made to pay off all mortgages where the value of the property exceeds the mortgage.

(4.) Bullock Island Dyke:—Mr. Gilbert asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is the work done at the Bullock Island Dyke, by the grab-dredge "Delta," of a permanent character?
- (2.) For what time during the past twelve months has each crane, from No. 15 to No. 4, been out of work, owing to the presence of the "Delta"?
- (3.) What is the reason that the travelling crane, which was tested about a month ago, is not yet at work?
- (4.) What is the maximum draught of vessels that can be loaded at the travelling crane berths?

Mr. Perry answered,—

- (1.) The work was done by the grab dredge "Nu" and is of a permanent character.
- (2.) No. 7 crane was blocked from 1st September to 14th September, 1900; No. 6 crane was blocked from 11th October to 19th December, 1900; No. 5 crane was blocked from 17th January to 5th June, 1901; No. 4 crane was blocked from 21st June to 16th July, 1901.
- (3.) The test mentioned was only of a temporary nature. It is expected that the cranes will be ready for use about the end of the year.
- (4.) At present there is only sufficient accommodation for vessels drawing 20 feet; but when the dredging is completed, vessels drawing 23 feet will be able to be loaded there.

(5.) Labour Commission:—Mr. Whiddon asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What are the number of officials engaged in connection with the clerical work of the Labour Commission?
- (2.) What is the cost of same per annum?
- (3.) How many meetings of this Board are held weekly?
- (4.) What are the individual fees paid for each sitting?
- (5.) What has been the total cost of this Commission, including clerical assistance, since its inauguration by the Lyne Government, up to the 30th June, 1901?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

- (1.) Up to the 14th ultimo—one secretary, one junior clerk, and for a time, one temporary clerk.
- (2.) £350, and 10s. per diem for temporary clerk when employed.
- (3.) Two.
- (4.) Chairman, £3 3s.; two other members, each £2 2s.
- (5.) £1,507 8s. 2d.

(6.) Stamp Duties Act:—Mr. Whiddon asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Referring to the promise given by Sir William Lyne, during the passage of the Stamp Amendment Act, for Commonwealth purposes last year, will he take into his serious consideration the justice of amending the Stamp Duties Act, with the view of preventing the injustice often imposed on collectors and other employees, through their employers not providing them with the necessary duty stamps, in this way preventing the serious injustice upon employees, as shown by the number of prosecutions, which have often carried very heavy fines?
- (2.) Will he, in the amending of this Act, make provision for the onus being thrown upon the employer and not the employee, where duty stamps are not provided in the transaction of the employer's business?

Mr. See answered,—It is not necessary to amend the law in the direction referred to, as the present law affords the protection asked for. If unstamped receipts are given by employees, duly authorised to give receipts, proceedings can be taken against the employers.

(7.) Contingents to South Africa:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What number of men were sent away with the various war contingents to South Africa?
- (2.) What number have returned to this State in the various contingents?
- (3.) Is it a fact that a large number have remained in South Africa?
- (4.) Is it a fact that a large number of those who returned have again gone back to South Africa?
- (5.) Has any difficulty been found in providing for the employment of a large number of returned soldiers?
- (6.) Will he take steps without delay to make provision for a class of men who have proved themselves so well qualified for citizenship and defence to prevent their migration from this State?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) 252 officers, 4,504 N. C. officers and men, total 4,756.
- (2.) 109 officers, 2,160 N. C. officers and men, total 2,269.
- (3.) No; but cannot definitely say, as, allowing for deaths, 133 officers and 2,203 men (total 2,336) still remain in South Africa, presumably on duty, with the exception possibly of a few who may have been invalided to England.
- (4.) No; only 7 officers, and 129 N. C. officers and men, total 136.
- (5 and 6.) Great difficulty has been experienced in finding employment for all the returned soldiers, but the matter is receiving my attention.

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- (8.) Probationary Constables:—*Mr. Sleath*, for *Mr. Walsh*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that probationary constables (after having the deduction made from their salaries to cover the provisions of the Superannuation Fund) are in receipt of 5s. 10d. per diem; and, if so, will the Government take steps to place the men on the minimum wage of 7s. per day?

*Mr. See* answered,—The following information has been furnished by the Inspector-General of Police:—No; they receive 5s. 10d. per diem after deducting 3 per cent. superannuation and 1s. per diem lodging allowance when attached to stations, unless provided with barrack accommodation, also free issue of uniform. It will be seen that probationary constables (who are more or less under instruction and not efficient), do receive an equivalent of 7s. per diem.

- (9.) Magistrates of the State:—*Mr. Sleath*, for *Mr. Walsh*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—  
 (1.) When and how can the Magistrates of this State be resworn?  
 (2.) Will he ascertain how long after the demise of our late Sovereign the Magistrates of this State can act officially without being resworn?

*Mr. See* answered,—A Bill will be introduced to relieve magistrates from the obligation to be resworn, and any fees which have already been paid in this respect will be refunded?

- (10.) Municipalities, Metropolitan and Suburban Areas:—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) How many municipalities are there within the Metropolitan and Suburban areas; what is the total revenue raised?  
 (2.) Is it not within the province of the Government to initiate and carry to fruition a movement having for its object the amalgamation of these municipalities?  
 (3.) Is it a fact that a very considerable amount of money now paid in salaries to council clerks, overseers of works, &c., would be thus saved?  
 (4.) Is it not a fact that, under the present order of things, a large proportion of the revenues raised by these municipalities is expended in the way of salaries to officers of the several councils?

*Mr. See* answered,—

- (1.) Forty-two; £421,544.  
 (2.) Yes.  
 (3.) It is not probable that much would be saved. Small municipalities are more economically managed than large would be.  
 (4.) No; the average amount at present spent in salaries and office expenses of the municipalities referred to is less than 10 per cent. of the total expenditure.

- (11.) Police Force:—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the frequency with which assaults upon citizens and robberies from the person and from households have of late been committed in city and suburbs, will he take steps towards increasing the numerical strength of the Police force?

*Mr. See* answered,—Fifty-three additional men have been provided for on the Estimates, which will shortly be submitted to Parliament.

- (12.) New Public Library:—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—  
 (1.) What steps, if any, has he taken in the direction of carrying out the idea of building a new Public Library?

- (2.) Has a site yet been selected for this proposed structure; and, if so, will he state its location?  
 (3.) Will provision be made in the plans for a special wing for the housing of the Mitchell Library of rare Australian works, manuscripts, &c.?

*Mr. Perry* answered,—No decision has yet been arrived at by the Government in this matter, which is one involving considerable expenditure, and calling for the most careful consideration.

- (13.) Contracts for Railway Sleepers:—*Mr. E. M. Clark*, for *Mr. Norton*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is the Western Timber Cutters and Carters Association a contractor for Government supplies?  
 (2.) Is the Association recognised as a contractor or Messrs. Peters and Ringk?  
 (3.) Were the two separate contracts for 10,000 sleepers each for Balladorin recognised as contracts undertaken by the Association?  
 (4.) Were the 60,000 sleepers delivered at Coalbaggie, Balladorin, and Gilgandra recognised as an Association contract; and, if not, why not?  
 (5.) Did the Department at any time notify the secretary of the Association that it would not recognise that organisation as a party to any contracts for the supply of railway sleepers?  
 (6.) If so, on what grounds does the Department base its refusal?

*Mr. Perry* answered,—

(1 and 2.) The Association is not recognised by the Works Department as a contractor, but Messrs. Peters and Ringk, and Messrs. Peters, Ringk, and Luxton (executive officers of the Association) are recognised contractors.

(3.) A tender signed by Thomas L. Peters, C. D. Ringk, and Thomas R. Luxton personally, for the supply of 10,000 sleepers at Balladorin, was accepted on 13th December, 1900, and a contract taken in their names as principals. An urgent order was, however, given to the Association as such about September, 1900, for supply of 10,000 sleepers at Balladorin, but no contract was entered into.

(4.) This was not recognised as an Association contract. The contract was prepared in the names of the successful tenderers, viz., Thos. L. Peters and C. D. Ringk.

(5.)

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(5 and 6.) The Department notified the secretary of the Association that it was against its practice to treat with the Association *eo nomine*. The reason is that the Association is not registered under the Companies Act, and consists of more than twenty persons. The members of the Association (who are sleeper-cutters) vary from time to time, and complications would certainly arise as to who would be the proper persons to obtain payment. The Association was, therefore, asked to appoint some of its officers to sign tenders and enter into contracts personally, which course has been adopted.

(14.) State Agricultural Farms:—Mr. Haynes asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) What is the estimated annual cost of the maintenance of the State agricultural farms, omitting those at Richmond, and at Wagga Wagga?

(2.) Respecting the same, will he give the totals separately?

(3.) Will he also give an estimate of the total annual cost of the proposed additional State farms?

Mr. Perry answered,—

(1.) The revenue expenditure for maintenance on these farms amounted to £7,502 5s. 9d. for the year ending June last.

(2.) Bathurst, £3,059 8s. 10d.; Wollongbar, £1,698 13s. 4d.; Coolabah, £803 14s. 6d.; Pera, £715 13s. 9d.; Moree, £322 12s. 3d.; Berry Stud Farm, £902 3s. 1d.

(3.) No definite arrangements have been made for additional farms, and it is not possible, at present, to furnish an estimate.

(15.) Third-class Engineers, Dredge Service:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has the Public Service Board decided not to alter the Dredge Service Regulations to permit third-class engineers to qualify for advancement in the Dredge Service?

(2.) Were representations made to him in favour of such change by a deputation from the masters and engineers of Harbour and Rivers Steamers Association, and did he refer the matter for consideration of the Public Service Board?

(3.) Did Mr. A. B. Portus, head of the Dredge Service, make any minute or recommendation on the matter; and, if so, what was the nature of same?

Mr. Perry answered,—

(1.) Every facility is given to employees who desire to qualify for advancement in the Dredge Service, and it is not therefore considered necessary to suggest any amendment in the Regulation.

(2.) A deputation from the Harbours and Rivers Master and Engineers' Association waited on me to ask that the standard required by the existing Regulations be lowered to permit of those third-class engineers, who are not mechanics, rising higher than is now allowed. The matter was referred to the Public Service Board, as that body is charged by Statute with the duty of making Regulations for the Dredge Service.

(3.) Yes. Mr. Portus was directed by the Board to report upon the request preferred by the deputation. He reported as follows:—"I have carefully considered all the arguments *pro* and *con re* the alteration suggested in the Dredge Regulations, to permit holders of third-class certificates to take charge of engines up to fifty nominal horse-power on the Government steamers, and, having in view the efficiency and safety of the uninsured plant, and remembering the equitable adjustment which the Public Service Board five years ago made between skilled and unskilled labour in the Dredge Service. (The relative minimum wage of skilled and unskilled labour is 10s. and 7s., and in the Dredge Regulations provision is made for firemen, and third-class engineers to rise to £156 per annum, or, say, 10s. per day. The mechanical engineers are employed at £168 per annum upwards.) I am clearly of opinion that the existing Regulations should not be departed from. Fifty (50) nominal horse-power ordinarily represents three hundred (300) actual horse-power (six times), but in some of the Government tugs the developed power is ten (10) times the nominal power. These vessels are fitted with special appliances for forced draft. Extra strain is thereby put on the working parts of the engines, necessitating constant adjustment, such as can only be properly effected by a skilled workman; and it would be very imprudent to send steamers of this kind 300 miles along the coast to be worked for months at an out-station without a single mechanic on board, as would happen if I were directed to put third-class employees on the 'Dooribang' and 'Galatea.' Managers of coastal steam companies, such as the North Coast and Newcastle Companies, have vessels on the coastal trade under 50 nominal horse-power; and although, by the unwise (in my opinion) provision of the Navigation Act, they could send these vessels to sea without a first or second-class engineer on board, they never think of doing so. If that precaution is taken with uninsured steamers, how much more necessary is it to exercise similar prudence with the uninsured vessels of the Department? The case of the third-class engineers would have been very different if their qualifications were three (3) years' experience in the actual construction of machinery and one (1) year in the practical working of engines and boilers, instead of, as specified, three (3) years constructing or one (1) year practical working. The double qualification insures comparative safety at sea; the single qualification does not." The Board thereupon decided that they could not amend the Regulations in the manner proposed.

(16.) Resumption of Land for Railway Purposes, Penrith:—Mr. T. R. Smith asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) When the land for railway purposes at Penrith was resumed from Mr. Woodriff was the portion known as Station-street resumed for access to railway station?

(2.) What was the measurement of the block resumed for access from Great Western Road to railway station?

(3.) Was the land resumed for access to railway station formed and metalled by the Government for the Railway Department?

(4.) Did the Penrith Council take this street over from the Railway Department?

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Mr. Waddell answered,—

- (1.) I am informed that portion of the land referred to was resumed.
- (2.) About 1,250 links long by 1 chain wide—an area of about  $1\frac{1}{4}$  acre.
- (3.) In view of the time that has elapsed since the road was made (1862), it is regretted a definite reply cannot be given to the question.
- (4.) The Penrith Council took over the street, which was aligned on the 20th September, 1877.

(17.) Public Parks, Nepean Electorate:—Mr. T. R. Smith asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) When will the grants for public parks within the Nepean electorate be handed over to trustees?
- (2.) Is he aware of the great damage done to tracks and roads leading to waterfalls and look-outs on the mountains and gullies about Wentworth Falls, Lawson, and Springwood, through the late rains?

Mr. Crick answered,—

- (1.) This matter is entirely dependent on the Estimates.
- (2.) No.

3. JUVENILE SMOKING SUPPRESSION BILL:—Mr. Edden presented a Petition from the Women's Christian Temperance Union and Residents of Newcastle and Suburbs, praying that, in view of the many evils arising from the pernicious habit of cigarette smoking amongst the young, a law may be passed that will prohibit the sale and use of cigarettes and tobacco to children under sixteen years of age.  
Petition received.
4. CAPITAL PUNISHMENT ABOLITION BILL:—Mr. Haynes, pursuant to leave granted on the 14th August, 1901, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to abolish Capital Punishment in certain cases*,"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 19th November.
5. ELECTION PETITION (*Condoublin*):—Mr. See, *by command*, laid upon the Table an Election Petition which had been addressed to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor from Andrew Stewart, of Woollahra, alleging that at the last General Election of Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, Patrick James Clara, William Michael Nash, David Henry Tasker, and William Boyce Wilkinson, and Petitioner were severally candidates to be elected as Member of the said Assembly for the Electoral District of Condoublin; that at the nomination for the said election Petitioner was duly nominated and proposed as such Member; that before and at the time of such nomination and from thence Petitioner was and is a person duly qualified by law to be elected; that the Returning Officer on the day of the declaration of the Poll declared the number of votes polled for the respective candidates to be, for Patrick James Clara, 575 votes; for William Michael Nash, 96 votes; for David Henry Tasker, 268 votes; for William Boyce Wilkinson, 95 votes; and for Petitioner, 560 votes; and he declared the number of informal votes to be 11; and declared Patrick James Clara to be duly elected, and afterwards endorsed on the Writ the name of the said Patrick James Clara as the person so elected, and returned the said Writ; that the Returning Officer publicly declared that Patrick James Clara polled 575 votes, and Petitioner has been informed, and verily believes it to be the fact, that Patrick James Clara did not poll that number of votes; that certain of the ballot-papers were declared to be informal which as a matter of fact were not informal, and that such votes should have been counted in favour of Petitioner; that many of the said ballot-papers used at the said election were not initialled and punctured, nor were electors' rights punctured, signed, and dated by the Deputy Returning Officers; that certain persons were permitted to record votes who should have been prohibited from voting; that certain persons were permitted to vote who were not qualified by law to vote; that many electors and other persons voting in the said election were allowed to vote on expired electors' rights; that the number of persons who were allowed to vote under expired electors' rights, and the number of unqualified persons who were allowed to vote, and whose votes were counted and allowed by the Returning Officer, exceed the number of 15; that a greater number of votes than 15 were counted and allowed although such votes were not in accordance with the provisions of the said Act, and were by that Act made invalid; that a number of unnaturalised aliens were permitted to vote; that votes were cast in the said election by persons who were incapacitated by blindness and other physical causes from voting in the usual way, and by persons who were unable to write, and that such votes were not recorded in the manner prescribed by the said Act; that the required number of certified rolls, as prescribed by the said Act, were not provided at the polling-places; that, at certain of the polling-booths in the said election, no check Rolls were used, nor were marks made upon a certified copy of the roll for the said Electorate at such booths against the names of the persons voting, upon their depositing their ballot-papers in the ballot-box; that David Henry Tasker was, until and after the 10th day of June last, the Returning Officer, and David Henry Tasker was disqualified by the provisions of the said Act from being a candidate for election at the said election, or being elected or returned as such Member aforesaid, inasmuch as the said David Henry Tasker did not resign the position of Returning Officer at least fourteen days before the day of nomination for the said election; that certain irregularities were committed in connection with the said election contrary to the provisions of the said Act. Petitioner therefore humbly prays as follows—(1) That this Petition may be dealt with according to law; (2) that the return of the said Patrick James Clara as a Member of the Legislative Assembly for the said Electoral District of Condoublin may be declared null and void for the reasons aforesaid; (3) that a recounting of all ballot-papers may be made by the Committee of Elections and Qualifications; (4) that for the reasons aforesaid it may be declared that the said Patrick James Clara was not lawfully elected, and is not such a Member of the Legislative Assembly for the said Electoral District of Condoublin; (5) that it may be declared

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and determined that Petitioner was duly elected at the said Election to serve and be a Member of the said Legislative Assembly for the said Electoral District of Condoublin, and is entitled to take his seat accordingly in the said Legislative Assembly.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. See, that the Petition be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

6. **ELECTION PETITION (Annandale)** :—Mr. See, *by command*, laid upon the Table an Election Petition which had been addressed to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, from Isaiah Reginald Cohen, of Annandale, alleging that at the last General Election of Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, Petitioner, William Henry Mahony, and Richard Henry Kimber were severally candidates to be elected as Member of the said Assembly for the Electoral District of Annandale; that at the nomination for the said election Petitioner was duly nominated and proposed as such Member; that before and at the time of such nomination and from thence Petitioner was and is a person duly qualified by law to be elected; that the Returning Officer on the day of the declaration of the poll for the said Electoral District declared the number of votes polled for the said respective candidates to be for William Henry Mahony, 1,187 votes; for Petitioner, 1,082 votes; and for Richard Henry Kimber, 9 votes; and he declared the number of informal votes to be 12; and declared William Henry Mahony to be duly elected, and afterwards endorsed on the Writ the name of the said William Henry Mahony as the person so elected, and returned the said Writ; that the Returning Officer publicly declared that William Henry Mahony polled 1,187 votes, and Petitioner has been informed, and verily believes it to be the fact, that William Henry Mahony did not poll that number of votes; that many of the ballot-papers used at the said election were not initialled and dated by the Deputy Returning Officer; that certain persons were permitted to record votes who should have been prohibited from voting; that certain persons were permitted to vote who were not qualified by law to vote; that certain electors who did not vote in such election were personated by other persons who recorded votes in their names; that a number of electors and persons voting at such election received more than one ballot-paper respectively, and deposited the same in the ballot-box; that many electors and other persons voting in the said election were allowed to vote on production of expired electors' rights; that a number of electors and other persons voted more than once; that at certain of the polling-booths in the said election check-rolls for the said Electoral District were not used; that at certain of the polling-booths for the said Electoral District the ballot-papers were not initialled when issued to the voters, but were initialled some time previously, and accumulated in large numbers in anticipation of being required for voters; that the number of votes cast by unqualified persons, by persons who voted more than once in the said election, by persons who should have been prohibited from voting, and by persons who personated electors and other persons, and whose votes respectively were counted and allowed by the Returning Officer, were more than sufficient to turn the result of the election in favour of Petitioner; that certain electors were intimidated and threatened with loss during such election, and have been inflicted with loss on account of having voted for Petitioner; that the Deputy Returning Officer at the School of Arts, Sydney, a polling-booth appointed and used in the said election, was not present at the said polling-booth during the whole of the time the polling was proceeding at such polling-place, nor was the Returning Officer, or any other Deputy Returning Officer, present at the said booth during the absence of the said Deputy Returning Officer; that certain irregularities and offences were committed in connection with the election contrary to the provisions of the said Act. Petitioner therefore humbly prays—(1) that this Petition may be dealt with according to law; (2) that the return of the said William Henry Mahony as a Member of the Legislative Assembly for the said Electoral District of Annandale may be declared null and void for the reasons aforesaid; (3) that a re-counting of all ballot-papers may be made by the Committee of Elections and Qualifications; (4) that, for the reasons aforesaid, it may be declared that the said William Henry Mahony was not lawfully elected, and is not such a Member of the Legislative Assembly for the said Electoral District of Annandale; (5) that it may be declared and determined that Petitioner was duly elected at the said election to serve and be a Member of the said Legislative Assembly for the said Electoral District of Annandale, and is entitled to take his seat accordingly in the said Legislative Assembly.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. See, that the Petition be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

7. **PAPERS** :—

Mr. See laid upon the Table,—Report respecting cheap whisky and brandy in Bonded Stores.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Perry laid upon the Table,—Proclamation under the Imported Stock Acts, 1871–1896, notifying the countries and places from which foreign stock are admitted and prohibited; Regulation under the Imported Stock Acts, 1871–1896, as to tests to be applied and terms of Quarantine; and Proclamation under the Imported Stock Act of 1871, notifying a place as a Quarantine for Imported Stock.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

8. **LIQUOR TRAFFIC (Formal Motion)** :—Mr. Fegan moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—

- (1.) The number of licensed houses in the State on 1st January, 1901.
- (2.) The number of licensed houses in each municipality.
- (3.) The number of publicans.
- (4.) The number of brewers.
- (5.) The number of colonial wine licenses.
- (6.) The number of spirit merchants and distillers.
- (7.) The number of permits for clubs in each district not included in any municipality.

Question put and passed.

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9. AGRICULTURAL HOLDINGS BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Price moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Agricultural Tenants' Holdings Act, and such other statutes as may be necessary in connection therewith.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Price then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Agricultural Tenants' Holdings Act, and such other statutes as may be necessary in connection therewith,*"—which was read a first time.

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

## 10. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Wilcannia, Mr. Sleath, 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 refusal of the Police Department to grant an escort for the White Cliffs-Wilcannia mail coach."

And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

## 11. NATIONAL BANK:—Mr. Rose moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the nucleus of a National Bank should be provided for "by" amalgamating the New South Wales and Government Savings Banks.

Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "by" and inserting the words "an extension of the operations of the Savings Bank of New South Wales,"—instead thereof.

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

Debate ensued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 49.

Mr. Eden George,  
Mr. See,  
Mr. Waddell,  
Mr. Perry,  
Mr. Cann,  
Mr. Jessop,  
Mr. Crick,  
Mr. Rose,  
Mr. Daniel O'Connor,  
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,  
Mr. W. F. Hurley,  
Mr. Coleman,  
Mr. Brinsley Hall,  
Mr. Chapman,  
Mr. Barnes,  
Mr. Brunker,  
Mr. Cohen,

Mr. Scobie,  
Mr. Nielsen,  
Mr. Sullivan,  
Mr. Power,  
Mr. Morton,  
Mr. Winchcombe,  
Mr. Affleck,  
Mr. Latimer,  
Mr. Nobbs,  
Mr. Newman,  
Mr. Mackenzie,  
Mr. Burgess,  
Mr. Anderson,  
Mr. Gilbert,  
Mr. Davidson,  
Mr. Carroll,  
Mr. J. F. Smith,

Mr. Miller,  
Mr. Phillips,  
Mr. McCoy,  
Mr. Meagher,  
Mr. Willis,  
Mr. John Hurley,  
Mr. Fallick,  
Mr. Holman,  
Mr. Ferguson,  
Mr. McGowen,  
Mr. John Storey,  
Mr. D. R. Hall,  
Mr. Daley.

Tellers,

Mr. Hollis,  
Mr. Moore.

Noes, 5.

Mr. Edden,  
Mr. Hogue,  
Mr. Estell.

Tellers,

Mr. Collins,  
Mr. Arthur Griffith.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question then put and passed.

## 12. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. See moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

13. ALLEGED IRREGULAR AND IMPROPER DELIVERY OF LETTERS AND TELEGRAMS:—Mr. Affleck moved, pursuant to Notice, *as amended by consent*:—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the subject of alleged irregular and improper delivery of letters and telegrams "relating to the Coningham Divorce Case," which had passed through the Post and Telegraph Offices, and of the subsequent disposal of such letters and telegrams.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Crick, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Meagher, Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick, Mr. Hogue, Mr. Carroll, Mr. John Hurley, Mr. Lonsdale, and the Mover.

Mr. Crick moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out the words "relating to the Coningham Divorce Case."

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

Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Question, as amended, put,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the subject of alleged irregular and improper delivery of letters and telegrams which had passed through the Post and Telegraph Offices, and of the subsequent disposal of such letters and telegrams.

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(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Crick, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Meagher, Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick, Mr. Hogue, Mr. Carroll, Mr. John Hurley, Mr. Lonsdale, and the Mover.

The House divided.

Ayes, 26.

Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Winchcombe,
Mr. Seo,	Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Waddell,*	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Coleman,	Mr. John Hurley,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Rose,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. John Storey.
Mr. Jessep,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Phillips,	Mr. Afleck,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Ferguson.
Mr. Scobie,	
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	
Mr. Davidson,	

Noes, 13.

Mr. D. R. Hall,
Mr. Daley,
Mr. Eden George,
Mr. Power,
Mr. Daniel O'Connor,
Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Carroll.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Sullivan,
Mr. Meagher.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

14. TIED HOUSES BILL (No. 2):—Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide that certain covenants, agreements, conditions, provisos, and stipulations in restraint of liberty to purchase beer, wines, spirits, or other fermented or spirituous liquors, shall be void; and for purposes incidental to or consequent on that object.  
Question put and passed.
15. CLAIM OF GLEBE BOROUGH COUNCIL IN RESPECT OF SEWERAGE WORKS:—Mr. Hogue moved, pursuant to Notice,—  
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claim upon the Government by the Glebe Borough Council for compensation in respect of sewerage works.  
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. John Hurley, Mr. Wright, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Mahony, Mr. Whiddon, Mr. Nobbs, Mr. Law, Mr. D. R. Hall, and the Mover.  
Question put and passed.
16. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. See moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-six minutes before One o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m., This Day.
- F. W. WEBB,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*
- WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*

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FIRST SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER, 1901.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Treasury Accounts :—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Has the Treasurer yet furnished the Auditor-General with the accounts for the year ending the 30th of June last; if not, will he be likely to do so early, so that the Members may have the Auditor's report at an early date?

(2.) If the accounts have been supplied, have they been so on the lines recommended by the Auditor-General in his letters of the 14th November and 27th December, 1899; if not yet furnished, when will they be submitted as recommended in these letters, so that Members may be able to understand them?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) The Public Accounts for the year ended 30th June, 1901, will be transmitted to the Auditor-General within the time proscribed by the 29th section of the Audit Act of 1898, *i.e.*, not later than the 30th instant.

(2.) The Accounts will be in the form in which they have been submitted since the cash system came into operation, and in accordance with the Audit Act.

(2.) Valuation of Lands for Taxation Purposes :—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to have the lands of the State again valued this year for taxation purposes under the Land and Income Tax Act?

(2.) If so, what is to be the procedure—are the owners to be called on to send in their valuation as on a previous occasion, and are the Government to appoint valuers; and by what system are these Government valuers to be appointed?

(3.) If the intention is not to get the owners' values, nor yet appoint valuers, how do the Government propose to get the values of such land?

(4.) If valuers are to be appointed, when will the appointments be made, and by what time must the valuations be completed?

Mr. Sec answered,—

(1.) The work of assessment has already been taken in hand.

(2.) Land owners will not be required to send in valuations.

(3.) The assessors attached to the Department are now making valuations, and additional valuers will shortly be employed as required, on the recommendation of the Commissioners and the Public Service Board.

(4.) There is no specific date by which the valuations must be completed.

(3.) Hours of Labour :—Mr. Affleck asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is it a fact that dairymen and those who are employed by them do not come under the Early Closing Act?

(2.) Is it a fact that dairymen's employees have generally to work from three or four o'clock in the morning till about six o'clock in the evening; if not so, what hours do they really work?

(3.) Is it a fact that those employed by dairymen have to work seven days a week?

(4.) Is it a fact that those employed by dairymen do not get either a holiday or a half holiday at any time?

(5.) If the dairymen and employees come under the Early Closing Act, will he see that the provisions of that Act are strictly carried out as far as that class of workmen are concerned, with regard to the hours of labour, and the half or whole holiday per week is concerned?

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Mr. Perry answered,—

(1.) The Early Closing Acts apply to shopkeepers and their assistants. All dairymen do not come within this class, but in the case of milk-carters, where milk is sold by a dairy to its customers, the Act requires that they shall be allowed either four half-holidays, from the hour of 2 o'clock in the afternoon on some week-days in each month, or a whole holiday on one week-day in each month of employment.

(2.) The hours vary, but they are undoubtedly long.

(3.) Cows have to be milked, and the milk delivered on seven days of the week.

(4.) Not so far as I am aware. In the case of milk-carters, see answer to Question 1.

(5.) See answer to Question 1. The Acts do not limit the hours of labour in the case of this class of workmen. If these employees complain to the Department that they are not receiving their proper holidays, I will send an inspector round with instructions to prosecute.

(4.) Carpenters, Public Works Department :—Mr. Hollis asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What amount per day is the wages paid to carpenters in his Department as the recognised Trade Union rate?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—Ten shillings per day.

(5.) Adulteration of Food, &c. :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—In the Answer furnished to Dr. Ross' Question, *re* adulterating food, &c., of the 28th August, it is stated "that the staff at present at the disposal of the Department of Health comprises twenty-four inspectors, five veterinary surgeons, and four analysts, in addition to the medical officers selected on the ground of special competency,"—

(1.) Will he state from what fund, and by whom, the twenty-four inspectors are paid, the name of each inspector, and the salary each receives respectively?

(2.) The same information in regard to the five veterinary surgeons?

(3.) The same information in regard to the four analysts?

(4.) Will he furnish the name of the medical officers alluded to in the foregoing Answer, and the amount of salary each receives respectively?

(5.) Will he, too, state for the information of the House and the public what special duties or functions these twenty-four inspectors and other officials have to perform?

(6.) Will he state the number of convictions that have taken place, and the amount of fines inflicted under the provisions of the Food and Liquor Adulteration Act during the last twelve months?

(7.) Will he state if any of the foregoing officers or officials are appointed for country districts; if so, the number, and where stationed?

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

(6.) Hardwood Timbers of New South Wales :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) At the rapid rate at which our valuable indigenous timber—cedar and hardwood—is being cut and disappearing of late years, can he form any estimate, or approximate estimate, how long the supply of sleepers for railway purposes, &c., are likely to last?

(2.) The present area of our timber reserves?

(3.) Will he see that some steps are taken to conserve our most useful and valuable indigenous and hardwood timber for future use and home consumption?

(4.) Can he furnish any data of the quantity and value of our indigenous timber that has been exported during the last two or three years?

Mr. Crick answered,—

(1.) There is little cedar left on lands easy of access; but it is considered that in forests now being worked, and in areas not yet opened up, there is still a very large supply of hardwood timber available for railway sleepers.

(2.) The area of forest reserves on 31st December, 1900, was 6,355,605 acres.

(3.) I have the whole matter under consideration, and am fully alive to the importance of it, but am impressed with the fact that while on the one hand those interested in the timber industry openly advocate forest conservation, a consistent resistance is offered to attempts on the part of the Government to obtain a reasonable revenue from timber.

(4.) Approximately during the last two years, 8,500,000 superficial feet of the all-round value of about 12s. per hundred, or a total of £51,000.

(7.) Public Gates on road from Eugowra to Goolagong :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has the Department of Lands granted permission to any person to erect public gates on the road from Eugowra to Goolagong; if so, to whom, when permission was granted, and the number of gates sanctioned to be erected thereon?

(2.) The same information with regard to the erection of gates, road from Eugowra to Cookamidgery Railway-station?

(3.) Is it not a fact that the Secretary of the Progress Committee, on behalf of the residents of Eugowra and surrounding districts, has for many years been complaining of the obstruction and danger to the travelling public arising from the existence of these gates, and will he see that immediate steps are taken to have them removed in the interests of the public, and the persons punished for the erection of these obstructions?

Mr. Crick answered,—

(1.) Messrs. Chatman, Couch, and others have obtained permission from the Local Land Board under provisions of the Crown Lands Acts, to enclose the road—the gates have not, however, been made public gates under the Public Gates Act.

(2 and 3.) Representations with regard to these alleged obstructions have been made by the Progress Committee through the Honorable Member who asks the Question, and an intimation has been made that this Department does not accept the responsibility of maintaining public roads free

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free from obstruction, but that if the names and postal addresses of the persons responsible for the obstructions complained of are supplied to the Department, such persons will be warned of their liability to prosecution where gates have been erected without authority. The information required has not, however, so far been supplied. If the Honorable Member supplies the name I will send an officer up to inquire.

(8.) Robberies in the City and Suburbs :—Mr. Levy asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Will he, in view of the alarming prevalence of thefts of various descriptions in the city and suburbs at the present time, take some more effective steps to prevent a continuance of this evil?
- (2.) Has his attention been called to the opinion of an experienced detective expressed in the *Evening News* of the 2nd instant, "that at least 50 per cent. of the robberies in Sydney would stop immediately if something were done by the Government to regulate and license second-hand dealers, who openly inform the detectives that they will buy as cheaply as they can, and neither know nor care where the stuff comes from"?
- (3.) Will he consider the expediency of introducing legislation to this effect?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) The Police report that there is no unusual prevalence of crime in Sydney.
- (2 and 3.) The matter will receive consideration.

(9.) Police Force :—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is a special allowance made to constables doing traffic duty for the arduous and dangerous nature of their work?
- (2.) Is this allowance only made to certain of them; for instance, does the man on duty at Circular Quay, at the North Shore Ferry, receive the allowance, whilst the man at Circular Quay, near the Manly Wharf, does not?
- (3.) Will he extend the principle, so that all the Police engaged on traffic duty may receive an allowance?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The allowance was granted to the Police stationed in certain important posts where the duty is exceptionally severe, and not without personal danger.
- (3.) The Inspector-General does not recommend the extension of payment suggested, as he considers that the other traffic work is not in any respect more arduous than ordinary Police duty.

(10.) Mineral and Gold Leases in the Barrier District :—Mr. Sleath asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) The number of mineral and gold leases in the Barrier District?
- (2.) The date of issue of same?
- (3.) The date on which such leases expire?

Mr. O'rick answered,—The information asked for will be supplied in the form of a return, there will be no objection, and it will be prepared as soon as possible.

(11.) Over-crowding in Theatres :—Mr. Levy asked the Colonial Secretary,—What regulations, if any, are in existence for the prevention of over-crowding in theatres?

Mr. See answered,—Regulations have been in existence since 1887, specifying the area for each individual, and the number to be accommodated, before a license for any building is granted or renewed. The Inspector of Theatres has the control and supervision of all licensed places of public amusement. These regulations are printed on the back of the license.

(12.) Dulwich Hill Tramway Extension :—Mr. Cohen asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is the survey of the proposed loop-line to Dulwich Hill completed?
- (2.) What route does he intend to submit to the Public Works Committee?
- (3.) When will the extension from Dulwich Hill to the junction of New and Old Canterbury Roads be started?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

- (1.) Levels have been taken along the route.
- (2.) From the Enmore tram terminus along the Addison-road to the Livingstone-road, along the latter to the New Canterbury Road, along the New Canterbury Road to the Dulwich Hill tram terminus.
- (3.) No decision has been arrived at with reference to this extension but it will be considered with others when funds are available.

(13.) Public School, Mount Tamer :—Mr. Young asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the Public School at Mount Tamer is closed, and the teacher removed to Bathurst?
- (2.) Is it his intention to reopen such school?
- (3.) Why was no intimation given to parents or children that the school was to be closed?
- (4.) What is the reason of the school being closed?

Mr. Perry answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) No.
- (3.) Intimation of the intention to close the school was given to the principal resident, Mr. Croaker, by letter dated 16th July last.
- (4.) The small number of pupils—the average attendance being eight only. The District Inspector reports that the children can readily attend either White Rock or Milltown School.

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(14.) Treasury Funds :—Mr. Cohen asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Treasury is so depleted of funds that the Government had to borrow from the banks the money to pay the salaries last month?
- (2.) If so, under what authority was the loan effected?
- (3.) What is the rate of interest payable in respect thereof?

Mr. Waddell answers,—

- (1.) No; but it may be stated that pending the transfer of the balance to the State, of revenue collected on behalf of the Commonwealth, it was found necessary to arrange temporarily for a small overdraft.
- (2.) The overdraft was arranged for on the authority of the Government.
- (3.) 1 per cent. in excess of the rate allowed by the Banks on fixed deposits.

(15.) Railway Passes for Hospital Nurses :—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that in the State of Queensland ladies employed in the avocation of hospital nurses are permitted to enjoy railway passes during holidays at half fares?
- (2.) In view of the nobleness of the work of nurses in this State, will he take steps to have the same advantages extended to them?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) I am not aware that such a concession is allowed, nor of the conditions which permit of it being granted.
- (2.) The Railway Commissioners, to whom I have referred, point out that it would be giving an undue preference to a particular class of persons, which would be contrary to the provisions of the Railway Act.

(16.) Exchanges of Land :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has any proposal for exchange of lands been made by a Mr. Buckland, of Pine Ridge Station, near Coolah; and what is the character of such proposal?

Mr. Crick answered,—Mr. Buckland submitted a proposal to consolidate his Pine Ridge property in the parishes of Dunedoo and Narangarie (counties of Lincoln and Napier) in exchange for the surrender of the outlying station lands. The proposal affects about 7,000 acres of Crown Lands and an equal area of station lands. The case is at present under reference to the District Surveyor for inspection of the lands and for report. Having sent the case to the District Surveyor for report, I cannot give a definite answer as to what action I will take until I receive that report; but the Honorable Member has already a sufficient indication of how I view these exchanges.

(17.) Increments to Public Servants :—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the Public Service Board introduced regulations in December last which were retrospective in action, and deprived officers in the lower grades of the Clerical Division of the Public Service—those in receipt of salaries between £50 and £150—of £5 of the £15 increase to which they were entitled from the previous July under the then existing regulations?
- (2.) Will he take steps to make reparation for this injustice by paying the additional £5 to the officers concerned, without delay?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) A new Regulation has been made by the Public Service Board, and will shortly be published, restoring the £15 annual increments from the 1st July, 1900.
- (2.) The additional amounts will be paid as early as practicable.

## 2. PAPERS :—

Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, 1900, of land for the widening of Gipps-street, Sydney.
- (2.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, 1900, of land for the construction of the Marrickville Storm-water Channel.
- (3.) Return (*in part*) to an Order made on 21st September, 1893,—“Monthly Returns of ‘Accidents’ (Public Works Department, July, 1901).”

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. See laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Wilcannia.
- (2.) Return respecting the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.
- (3.) Particulars regarding Staff at disposal of the Health Department.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. SHEARERS' ACCOMMODATION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Perry 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.

4. EDDY ORPHANAGE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—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 to establish an orphanage, to be known as the Eddy Orphanage, for the care of the orphans of Railway and Tramway employees, so employed under the Government Railways Act of 1888; to appoint trustees for the said orphanage; to vest land in the said trustees; to acquire, hold, sell, convey, and otherwise deal with such lands, and to erect buildings thereon; and further to provide for the government and management of such orphanage; and for other purposes incidental to and consequent upon the said object.

Question put and passed.

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5. COAL MINES (PAYMENT OF WAGES) BILL. (*Normal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Fegan moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to prescribe the days for the payment of wages in mines of coal and mines of shale; and to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1896.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Fegan then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to prescribe the days for the payment of wages in mines of coal and mines of shale; and to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1896,*"—which was read a first time.

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

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

## (1.) District Courts Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

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

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 4th September, 1901.*

JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

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

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

## (2.) Police Offences Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

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

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 4th September, 1901.*

JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

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

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

## (3.) Government Railways Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

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

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 4th September, 1901.*

JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

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

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

## (4.) Anatomy Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

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

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 4th September, 1901.*

JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

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

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

## (5.) Public Gates Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

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

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 4th September, 1901.*

JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

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

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

## (6.) Party Processions Prevention Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to the prevention of Party Processions, and certain other public exhibitions,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

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JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

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

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## (7.) Obscene and Indecent Publications Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to the prevention and suppression of obscene and indecent Publications,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 4th September, 1901.*

JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

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

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

## (8.) Vagrancy Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

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

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 4th September, 1901.*

JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

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

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

7. 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 action of the authorities in bringing publicans before the Police Court on alleged charges of selling adulterated beer, and then withdrawing same."  
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.

8. INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. See, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—  
And the Question being again proposed,—  
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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 Bill.

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

9. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. See moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*

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FIRST SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER, 1901.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Road Maintenance Men:—*Mr. Willis*, for *Mr. T. R. Smith*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that road maintenance men working alongside of railway lines are compelled to pay their railway fares out of their wages, some weeks as much as from 5s. to 6s. out of their 7s. per day wages?

(2.) Have some of these men a length of 11 miles running along the railway line to look after?

(3.) If a man with 11 miles of road to look after walks that distance before he can complete his work, has it been found that he is able to do justice to the Department?

(4.) Will he order free passes to these men as used prior to 1893?

*Mr. O'Sullivan* answered,—

(1.) No; they are compelled neither to travel by rail, nor pay their own fares. When specially required to travel by rail their fares are paid by the Department.

(2.) Yes; more or less.

(3.) A man with 11 miles of road has not to walk that distance daily, and he does fuller justice to the road and to the Department by walking and remaining on his road rather than by travelling by rail. Close and constant inspection of his length, obtainable only by travelling it are essential parts of the duties of these men.

(4.) It is not considered advisable to provide passes for these men. It would only tend to promote travelling about by rail rather than attending to their duties, and would be an unnecessary expense to the Department.

(2.) Old-age Pensions:—*Mr. Walsh*, for *Mr. Gilbert*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) (a) What is the annual value of old-age pensions granted up to 1st September; (b) the annual value of pensions refused up to that date?

(2.) What was the total cost of carrying out the provisions of the Old-age Pensions Act up to 1st September?

*Mr. Sec* answered,—As returns have not been received from District Boards, it is not practicable to give the information asked for at present. I shall lay upon the Table a return giving the information desired by the Honorable Member, as soon as it can be obtained.

(3.) Labour Commission—Labour Bureau:—*Mr. Whiddon* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What was the annual remuneration paid to *Mr. W. F. Schey* while acting in the capacity of Chairman or President of the Labour Commission?

(2.) What salary is *Mr. W. F. Schey* to receive as Superintendent of the Labour Bureau?

(3.) What salary did *Mr. Joseph Creer* receive for filling the same position?

(4.) What remuneration is *Mr. Joseph Creer* to receive as Chairman or President of the Labour Commission?

(5.) Will he have any objection to state the reasons for these changes?

*Mr. O'Sullivan* answered,—

(1.) The past year has been a very busy one with the Labour Commissioners, owing to the starting of their organisation, and the necessity for meeting frequently; consequently they have had more meetings than they will have in the future. *Mr. Schey* received £469 7s. in fees for the financial year beginning on the 1st July, 1900, and ending on the 30th June, 1901.

(2.) *Mr. Schey* receives no salary as Superintendent of the Labour Bureau. The position held by *Mr. Creer*, viz., Superintendent, Labour Bureau, is to be abolished.

(3.) £400 per annum.

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- (4.) Mr. Creer is not to fill such a position. He has been retired from the Public Service from and after the 14th November next, but he may be appointed a Labour Commissioner.
- (5.) To simplify the handling of the difficult question of dealing with the unemployed, and hold one body and office responsible instead of having two branches as heretofore, and further, as Mr. Creer is nearly 70 years of age, it was deemed desirable to effect a reorganisation in the Bureau which will result in a considerable saving in salaries and wages—over £600 per year.

(4.) Male Staff, Coast Hospital :—Mr. Dacey asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Did some of the male staff at the Coast Hospital write to the Public Service Board in April last, asking to be furnished with married men's quarters, and complaining about being compelled to keep two homes; if so, what was the nature of the Board's reply?

(2.) Did the Chief Medical Officer recommend that the deduction for quarters should cease to be made in the case of those men who are married, and who have homes outside the hospital; if so, was that recommendation sent on to the Public Service Board?

(3.) Did Mr. Dacey, on the 28th ultimo, ask if the Public Service Board intended to adopt the Chief Medical Officer's recommendation, and, in reply, did the Public Service Board furnish the Colonial Secretary with the following :—“Cases of this kind will, as they are brought under the notice of the Public Service Board, receive full consideration”?

(4.) Do the Public Service Board deal with matters without giving them full consideration; if not, will he direct the Board to explain in what way their answer meets Mr. Dacey's Question?

Mr. See answered,—The Public Service Board have furnished me with the following information :—It is a fact that in March last, not April, the Public Service Board received, through the Head of the Department a communication from certain of the married men at the Coast Hospital, in regard to the deduction made from their salaries for quarters, and the Board then stated that the matter would be considered when the staff of the Hospital was being graded. When the grading was effected, the Board reduced the charge for quarters in the case of one of the men in question, in accordance with the recommendation of the Head of the Department. The Head of the Department made no recommendation in the other cases, and consequently no action was taken with respect to them. Recently some further representations have been made on the subject, and the Board are now in correspondence with the Chief Medical Officer with the view of the whole matter being settled on a satisfactory basis.

(5.) Tramway Employes :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, for Mr. Eden George, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Have the Railway Commissioners taken any steps to comply with the resolution passed by this House, viz. :—“That tramway employes working on Sundays should receive 25 per cent. advance for such work upon the rate paid for week day service”?

Mr. See answered,—

The quotation by the Honorable Member is not the resolution which was adopted by the House. I am informed that the matter, so far as it relates to the railway and tramway men, is receiving the attention of the Railway Commissioners.

(6.) Employees, Hospitals for Insane :—Mr. Moxham asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What are the names of the charge attendants that have resigned or been retired during the last two years ending 30th June, 1901, from the following hospitals, namely :—Parramatta, Rydalmere, Gladesville, and Callan Park?

(2.) The same information in reference to the senior attendants?

(3.) The names of those appointed to any vacancies that have been made in each institution?

(4.) To which position have they been appointed, and dates of such appointment?

Mr. See answered,—This information is being prepared, and will be laid upon the Table in the form of a return, on Tuesday next, if possible.

(7.) Superannuation Fund :—Mr. Dacey, for Mr. Broughton, asked the Colonial Secretary,—As it is the intention of the Government to introduce legislation dealing with the Superannuation Fund, will it take into its consideration the desirableness of providing for—(a) the guarantee of existing pensions; (b) a guarantee for prospective pensions; (c) an immediate refund of ex-contributors' money in cash or Government securities?

Mr. See answered,—No immediate legislation is necessary; but the Government recognises that all the obligations under the Civil Service and Public Service Acts must be kept. The best method of dealing with the Fund is now under consideration.

(8.) Fishermen, Dora Creek :—Mr. Dacey, for Mr. Sullivan, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Why did the Fisheries Department issue summonses against four fishermen of Dora Creek for conspiracy, instead of proceeding under the Fisheries Act—under the former they being liable to suffer long terms of imprisonment for a minor offence?

(2.) The names of the Commissioners who authorised such action?

(3.) Is it a fact that there has not been a quorum of the Fisheries Commission for some time past?

Mr. See answered,—The following information has been furnished by the Secretary to the Fisheries Commission :—

(1 and 2.) The Fisheries Department did not issue summonses against four fishermen, of Dora Creek, for conspiracy.

(3.) No.

(9.) Railways :—Mr. Raymond asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What was the capital cost of the line from Orange to Molong, of the line from Molong to Forbes, and of the line from Parkes to Condobolin?

Mr. See answered,—I am informed that the cost to the 30th June last was as under :—Orange to Molong, cost of construction, rolling stock, and general equipment, £287,896; Molong to Forbes, cost of construction, rolling stock, and general equipment, £131,872; Parkes to Condobolin, cost of construction, rolling stock, and general equipment, £138,981. (10.)

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- (10.) Justices of the Peace, New South Wales :—Mr. Ashton asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) What is the total number of Justices of the Peace in this State, inclusive of those last gazetted?
  - (2.) What number was appointed during the period of the Lyne administration?
  - (3.) The same in regard to the present administration?
  - (4.) By what principle (if any) are appointments to the Commission of the Peace governed?
- Mr. See answered,—
- (1.) 8,263; but all of them have not yet been resworn.
  - (2.) 2,180.
  - (3.) 657.
  - (4.) Appointments of this kind are vested in the Governor-in-Council.

- (11.) Solicitor-General :—Mr. Levy asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is the present Solicitor-General a Minister of the Crown?
  - (2.) If so, has a Minister of the Crown ever before been appointed to hold his office "during good behaviour"?
- Mr. See answered,—No.

2. TRUCK ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—Mr. Cunn presented a Petition from certain workers in the mines at Broken Hill, praying that the Truck Act Amendment Bill may be passed into law, to enable Petitioners, as heretofore, to contribute small regular donations to the Broken Hill and District Hospital.  
Petition received.
3. PRINTING COMMITTEE :—Mr. Willis brought up the Third Report from the Printing Committee.
4. PAPER :—Mr. Crick laid upon the Table,—Notice of intention to declare that Additional Conditional Purchase No. 1900-11, portion 75, and Conditional Lease No. 1900-11, portion 76; Land District of Waleba, applied for by John James McCormack, on behalf of the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney, Limited, shall cease to be voidable.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
5. TIED HOUSES :—Mr. Mcagher (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Select Committee on "Tied Houses" have leave to sit during any adjournment of the House.  
Question put and passed.
6. MINERS' ACCIDENT RELIEF (BULLI FUND) BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—
- (1.) Mr. Fegan moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the transfer of the Bulli Colliery Disaster Fund to the fund constituted by the Miners' Accident Relief Act, 1900.  
Question put and passed.
  - (2.) Mr. Fegan then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the transfer of the Bulli Colliery Disaster Fund to the fund constituted by the Miners' Accident Relief Act, 1900,*"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
7. ALLEGED FALSE ENTRIES MADE AT THE REGISTRAR-GENERAL'S OFFICE (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House all papers, including reports by Sergeant Bradley and D. G. Garvan, in the matter of one Cooper, of Balmain, and having reference to alleged false entries effected at the office of the Registrar-General during the years 1881 and 1883.  
Question put and passed.
8. ACCIDENT TO JOHN MEIKLEJOHN, WALLSEND COLLIERY (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Estell moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Inspector Dixon's report on the accident which occurred in the Wallsend Colliery on Tuesday, 23rd April, 1901, to a lad named John Meiklejohn.  
Question put and passed.
9. RETIREMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC SERVICE (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Ashton moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
- (1.) (a) The number of persons who retired from the Public Service under the provisions of section 43 of the Civil Service Act of 1884; (b) the aggregate sum annually payable thereto at present date.
  - (2.) (a) The number of persons who retired from the Public Service under the provisions of sections 44 and 45 respectively, of the Civil Service Act of 1884; (b) the name, age, and date of retirement of each such person, and the amount of pension payable to him at date of retirement; (c) the names of all such persons at present drawing their pensions.
  - (3.) (a) The number of persons whose services were dispensed with under the provisions of section 46 of the Civil Service Act of 1884; (b) the name, age, and date of retirement of each such person; the amount of pension payable to each such person at date of retirement; and the name of the Department in which he was employed at date of retirement; the names of all such persons at present drawing pensions.
  - (4.) (a) How many persons, if any, have been required by the Governor to resume duty under section 47 of the Civil Service Act of 1884; (b) the names of such persons, if any, who have been (1) asked to resume duty; (2) who have resumed duty, and for what period; (3) who have declined to resume duty.
  - (5.) (a) The name, age, and date of retirement, and length of service, of every person who under the Public Service (Superannuation) Act of 1899 has received (1) a gratuity, and (2) a pension; (b) the amount of gratuity paid to each such person; (c) the gross amount of pension now being drawn by each such person; (d) the net amount of same.
- Question put and passed.

5th September, 1901.

10. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate charges made by registry offices in regard to obtaining employment for servants, and for the registration and regulation of such offices;—postponed until Tuesday, 19th November.
11. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Wellington, Mr. Haynes, 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 invasion of State rights by proposed Federal legislation with respect to the Postal, Telegraph, and Telephone services."  
And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—  
Mr. Haynes moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
*Point of Order*:—Mr. Edden submitted that the motion was not "a definite matter," as required by the Standing Order, but embraced three subjects for discussion.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. Speaker ruled that the motion was not definite enough to comply with the Standing Order, and was therefore out of order.
12. **DEVONSHIRE-STREET CEMETERY 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 provide for the removal of human remains and certain slabs and tombstones from the Devonshire-street Cemetery, and for the re-interment of such remains; and to save the Secretary for Public Works and other persons harmless in respect of certain acts done by them in connection with the said cemetery.*"  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—  
**MR. PRESIDENT**,—  
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the removal of human remains and certain slabs and tombstones from the Devonshire-street Cemetery, and for the re-interment of such remains; and to save the Secretary for Public Works and other persons harmless in respect of certain acts done by them in connection with the said cemetery,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 5th September, 1901.*
13. **SHEARERS' ACCOMMODATION BILL**:—  
(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 to provide for the proper and sufficient accommodation of shearers.  
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.  
Ordered, on motion of Mr. Fitzpatrick, That the report be *now* received.  
Mr. Fitzpatrick then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—  
*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide for the proper and sufficient accommodation of shearers.  
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 to provide for the proper and sufficient accommodation of shearers,*"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
14. **CLOSER SETTLEMENT BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Crick, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—  
And the Question being again proposed,—  
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.  
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and negatived.  
Debate continued.  
Original Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. Crick, 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. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*

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No. 22.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER, 1901.

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

LIFE ASSURANCE (ADMINISTRATION) BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Sec. and read by Mr. Speaker:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 50.*

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 authorise Life Assurance Companies to distribute certain moneys payable under or in respect of life policies.

*State Government House,  
Sydney, 10th September, 1901.*

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

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Harbour Trust Commissioners:—Mr. Power asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Harbour Trust Commissioners intend allowing the steamers of the Parramatta and Lane Cove Rivers to run to and from Circular Quay?

(2.) Is he aware that Captain Edie, in his report on two occasions, informed the authorities that, in his opinion, it would be unwise to run those steamers to the Quay?

(3.) Is he also aware that nearly all these steamers are single-ended ones, which would necessitate them turning in the Quay?

(4.) If so, will he see that no unnecessary risks are taken even by the Harbour Trust?

Mr. Sec. answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) Yes; it has been arranged that the vessels shall turn alongside the jetty, not out in the Cove, and that the steamers of the two services shall depart at different hours.

(4.) Every precaution has been taken to avoid risks.

(2.) Powder Magazines, Goat Island:—*Mr. Willis*, for Mr. Daley, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Have the powder magazines been removed from Goat Island?

(2.) Is it the property of the State or Federal Government?

(3.) If it is still in the possession of the State of New South Wales, is it the intention of the Government to dedicate it as a public park?

Mr. Sec. answered,—The Mercantile Explosives Department vacated Goat Island in July, 1900, but the western end of the Island is occupied by the Military authorities as a powder magazine, and the Island, I am informed, is vested in the Harbour Trust Commissioners.

(3.) Experimental Farm, Billabong Creek, near Parkes:—*Mr. W. F. Hurley*, for Mr. Reymond, asked the Secretary for Mines,—When will the land set apart for an experimental farm on the Billabong Creek, near Parkes, be put to the use for which it was reserved?

Mr. Kidd answered,—I am unable at present to name any probable date when a farm will be established at this place. This reservation was made with a number of others in different parts of the State, and when the Government is dealing with the question of the establishment of additional experimental farms, the claims of this district will be considered with others.

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(4.) Postal and Telegraph Departments:—*Mr. W. F. Hurley*, for Mr. Richards, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that great delay occurs in the Federal Department, in Victoria, in dealing with papers sent from the Postal authorities in this State?

(2.) Is he aware that, in consequence of insufficiency of funds, the State Telegraphs Department is unable to carry out important telegraphic and telephonic connections sanctioned in inland centres?

(3.) Will he inquire whether rumours to above effect have any foundation, and, if established, will he communicate with the Federal authorities?

Mr. See answered,—This is a matter which concerns the Federal Government. I will communicate with them upon the subject.

(5.) Government Road Contracts:—*Mr. W. F. Hurley*, for Mr. Richards, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Will he make inquiry of country roads officers with a view to determining a minimum price for contractors to pay for stone-breaking on road contracts?

(2.) Is he aware that "sweating" prices are at present paid for such work, as the result of subletting?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) I find upon inquiry that it would hardly be possible to do this, the price being governed by the hardness of the stone used, which varies very greatly in different localities.

(2.) The prices are the result of open competition and tenderers will not as a rule take the work at a lower rate than they can make fair wages at, especially now that a minimum wage rate has been fixed. A sub-contractor is expected to pay the same rate as the original contractor, and if evidence can be adduced as to violation of that condition, a penalty will be imposed upon the offender.

(6.) Police Force:—*Mr. Whiddon* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Referring to the Question asked by Mr. Whiddon some time ago (and the Colonial Secretary's promise to have the matter attended to) with reference to the continuous duties of senior constables and sergeants at the Metropolitan and Suburban Police Stations, will he be good enough to state if any steps have been taken to meet the wishes of the large number of officers who are anxious that their duties should be divided into eight-hour watches?

Mr. See answered,—The following report has been furnished by the Inspector-General of Police:—Formerly the sergeants at the Central Police Station were on duty from 9 a.m. one day until 9 a.m. the next; but, on their application, eight hour shifts were approved. No similar application was made by the sergeants or senior constables in charge of other stations where the duties are very light; indeed application has been made by the non-commissioned officers at the Central to revert to the old arrangement, but I have not approved of it. The system will be tested by further experience.

(7.) New Show Ground, Blayney:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House all petitions, correspondence, Land Board Inquiry Report, and all other papers in connection with the dedication of a new show ground at Blayney, and the closing of one of the streets in that town in connection therewith?

*Mr. Bennett* answered,—My honorable colleague asks the Honorable Member to move for the papers in the usual way.

(8.) Inscribed Stock, Sydney Registers:—*Mr. McCoy* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) The amount of funded and inscribed stock on the Sydney registers on 30th June, 1901?

(2.) The total annual interest payable thereon?

(3.) What does the inscription and management of the inscribed stock on the Sydney registers cost the Government annually in the way of—(a) salaries, (b) Bank's commission on payment of interest, and otherwise?

(4.) What would the inscription and management of the same amount of stock in England by the Bank of England cost at the existing rates charged by that institution?

(5.) Will he consider the advisableness of confining the issue of loans to the Sydney market?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) £7,719,312.

(2.) Total annual interest, £262,375.

(3.) The work of inscription in Sydney does not entail additional cost to the Department beyond the expense of new registers, as the duty is performed by the office staff. A commission of  $\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. is paid to brokers on flotation. The cost of management in Sydney is for—(a) salaries, estimated, as the officers perform other duties, £570 per annum; (b) Bank commission on payment of interest,  $\frac{1}{4}$  per cent., equal £330 per annum; (c) other incidental expenses, £100 per annum, or an estimated annual charge for management of £1,000, being at the rate of £130 per million.

(4.) The cost of inscription and flotation of inscribed stock in England by the Bank of England is—for inscription,  $\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. Bank charge; broker's commission,  $\frac{1}{4}$  per cent.; stamp duty, 12s. 6d. per cent. The cost of management of stock inscribed in Sydney would, at the latest Bank of England rates, viz., £100 per million, amount to £1,514 per annum.

(5.) It is not considered that it would be advisable to do so at present.

(9.) Test Cases, Mercadool Holding:—*Mr. D. R. Hall* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has finality been reached in the test case of Wilson, the alleged "dummy" on the Mercadool Holding?

(2.) Was the Crown successful in convicting him; if so, have steps been taken to forfeit his holding?

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- (3.) Have steps been taken to forfeit the holdings of the twelve others whose cases appear to be parallel with that of Wilson?
- (4.) Do the Government purpose criminally prosecuting these men?
- (5.) Will the Government give an assurance to the House that, in future, convicted "dummies" and those employing them will be criminally prosecuted?
- (6.) What have the Mercadool cases cost the Department to date?

*Mr. Bennett* answered,—

(1.) Finality has not yet been reached in Wilson's case. In order to understand the position, it must be borne in mind that Wilson's case, as regards his selection, is divided into two parts—(1) as to whether Wilson, in taking up the selection, made a "false statement" within the meaning of section 26 of the Crown Lands Act of 1884; (2) as to whether the transferee of the selection had notice that Wilson had made a false statement in taking up the selection. The inquiry as to No. 1 has been determined against Wilson. In order to complete the matter, the Land Appeal Court will, on the 18th instant, make a formal entry in accordance with the ruling of the Privy Council, and at the same sittings proposes to enter upon the second question.

(2.) As the case is not yet complete, any action as to forfeiture would be premature.

(3.) The cases of the other selectors have been heard by the Land Board, but appeals were duly lodged, and it was arranged that these should stand over pending the determination in Wilson's case. The cases will now be placed in the List by the Court.

(4.) Criminal proceedings were instituted against all the selectors, but the Supreme Court ordered proceedings to be stayed until the civil proceedings were finally disposed of. The report of the case is in 17 New South Wales Law Reports, 307.

(5.) There will be no indisposition on the part of the Government to enforce the law; but it has to be borne in mind that evidence is frequently wanting to secure a conviction in certain cases, notwithstanding that the surrounding facts indicate that the provisions of the law have been disregarded.

(6.) £8,020.

- (10.) Homestead Selections:—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is he in favour or not of affording homestead selectors the right to convert their holdings into conditional purchases?

*Mr. Bennett* answered,—This is an important Question and before answering it my honorable colleague desires to give the matter the fullest consideration.

- (11.) Land Grants, New South Wales:—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Will he consider the advisability of having surveys made of all land grants throughout the State?

(2.) Is he aware of the fact that allegations are made to the effect that many such holdings exceed in area the acreage originally granted, land being included in same to which said holders have absolutely no title?

*Mr. Bennett* answered,—

(1.) The task of having surveys made would be so very great and expensive that my honorable colleague cannot give an encouraging reply to this question, particularly as it is not evident that any sufficient benefit would be derived from the work.

(2.) I believe that in some instances areas are occupied in excess of those granted; but not, my honorable colleague thinks, to so large an extent as some suppose. This condition of things was in part due to the imperfect method of surveying in existence some years ago.

- (12.) Police Magistrate, Lismore:—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has his attention been directed to the remark alleged to have been publicly made by *Mr. Adrian, P.M.*, at Lismore, during the hearing of a licensing case recently, to the effect that he would accept a reference as to character, &c., from any other person in the community in preference to one from a Member of Parliament; and will he cause inquiry as to whether this utterance was correctly reported?

(2.) Will he ask the *P.M.* in question for an explanation as to his reasons for making this statement?

*Mr. Sec* answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) The Police Magistrate has been asked to furnish a report upon the matter.

- (13.) Additional Conditional Purchases:—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Does he propose to accept the decision recently arrived at by the Land Board at Newra, to the effect that it is competent for the holder of an additional conditional purchase, he not being the original selector, and not being in residence at the time of making the application to have his holding reappraised under the recently-passed Act?

(2.) If so, is he able to afford any estimate regarding the number of such holders of conditionally-purchased land, who will thus be entitled to apply for re-appraisal?

*Mr. Bennett* answered,—

(1.) It is presumed that the Honorable Member refers to the appeal of *T. Ganderton*, dealt with by the Land Appeal Court on the 24th June last. In that case the Land Appeal Court decided that the Land Board might excuse from the conditions of residence prescribed by the Crown Lands (Amendment) Act 1899, a selector whose area is insufficient to maintain him. An appeal to the Supreme Court can be made only on a question of law and not on a question of fact; and unless a question of law were admitted to be involved, the decision of the Appeal Court could not be referred to a higher Court.

(2.) No.

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- (14.) Ironworks, Eskbank:—Mr. Cohen asked the Secretary for Public Works,—  
 (1.) Is it a fact that negotiations are in progress for the purchase of Mr. Sandford's ironworks at Eskbank on behalf of the Government?  
 (2.) If so, on what grounds is the acquisition of the said ironworks deemed to be expedient in the interests of the public?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—No; we have merely had an offer from Mr. Sandford, and an English representative, the Blythe River Company, and an American firm, to take up the steel rail contract, but nothing will be done in the matter until the Federal tariff is established.

- (15.) Devonshire-street Cemetery:—Mr. Davidson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—  
 (1.) Is he aware that tombstones from the Devonshire-street Cemetery have been broken up for ballast on the La Perouse Tramway?  
 (2.) Will he take steps to inquire into the matter, and put a stop to such proceedings, if they are still being continued?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—The Engineer-in-Chief for Railway Construction reports that no tombstones have been broken up for ballast on the La Perouse line, or for any other work in connection with the Devonshire-street Cemetery. I might add that any person proved guilty of such desecration would be summarily dealt with.

3. OPENING SITTINGS OF THE HOUSE WITH PRAYER:—Mr. Cohen presented a Petition from the members of the Petersham Annual Christian Conference, comprising Ministers and members of the various Protestant Churches of New South Wales, praying the House to take the necessary steps at an early date to enact that the Parliamentary proceedings shall be opened with prayer. Petition received.
4. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS (*Election Petition—Waine v. Nelson—Sydney-Flinders Division*):—Mr. Wright, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, to whom was referred on 21st August, 1901, the Petition of John Charles Waine, against the return of Arthur David Nelson, Esquire, as Member for the Electoral District of Sydney-Flinders Division.

And the said Report was read at length by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, as follows:—

"The Committee of Elections and Qualifications duly appointed on 24th July, 1901, to whom was referred, a Petition from John Charles Waine, against the return of Arthur David Nelson, Esquire, as Member for the Electoral District of Sydney-Flinders Division, have determined and do hereby declare:—

"1. That Arthur David Nelson, Esquire, the Sitting Member, was duly elected as Member for the Electoral District of Sydney-Flinders Division.

"2. That the Petition of John Charles Waine is not frivolous or vexatious.

"3. That the Committee make no award as to costs.

"F. A. WRIGHT,

"Chairman.

"No. 3 Committee Room,

"Legislative Assembly, Sydney, 5th September, 1901."

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. PAPERS:—

Mr. Kidd laid upon the Table,—Report by Mr. J. H. Ronaldson, M.E., on the Coal-weighing arrangements at the Burwood Colliery.  
 Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. See laid upon the Table,—Return respecting employees in Hospitals for the Insane.  
 Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, 1900, of land for certain drainage works at Bondi.

(2.) Return respecting the amounts (including Cemetery fees) paid to 29th August, 1901, to applicants for the removal from Devonshire-street Cemetery to other Cemeteries, of human remains and stonework.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

6. HORSE-RACING AND BOOKMAKERS BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. John Hurley moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the regulation of horse-racing and bookmakers, and to make provision for jockeys, trainers, and other persons connected therewith.  
 Question put and passed.

7. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Wellington, Mr. Haynes, 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 need for an immediate change of policy in regard to the establishment of State Agricultural or Experimental Farms."

And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

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8. JUVENILE SMOKING SUPPRESSION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Dr. Ross moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

*Point of Order*:—Mr. McCoy pointed out that the Bill was out of order, because certain clauses therein were beyond the Order of Leave and the Title.

Mr. Speaker decided that the objection was not well founded.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 44.

Mr. Bennett.	Mr. McIntyre,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Coleman,	Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Broughton,	Mr. McCoy,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Collins,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. D. R. Hall,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. John Hurley,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Briner,	Mr. Daley,
Mr. Sec,	Mr. Gilbert,	Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Daniel O'Connor,	Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Eden George,	Mr. John Storey,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Byrne,	Mr. Law,	Mr. Scobie.
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Estell,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Edden,	Mr. Sullivan,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Holman,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Nicholson,	
Mr. Nielsen,		

Noes, 4.

Mr. Levy,  
Mr. Hogue.

*Tellers,*

Mr. Morton,  
Mr. Walsh.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

9. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. See moved, That this House do now adjourn.

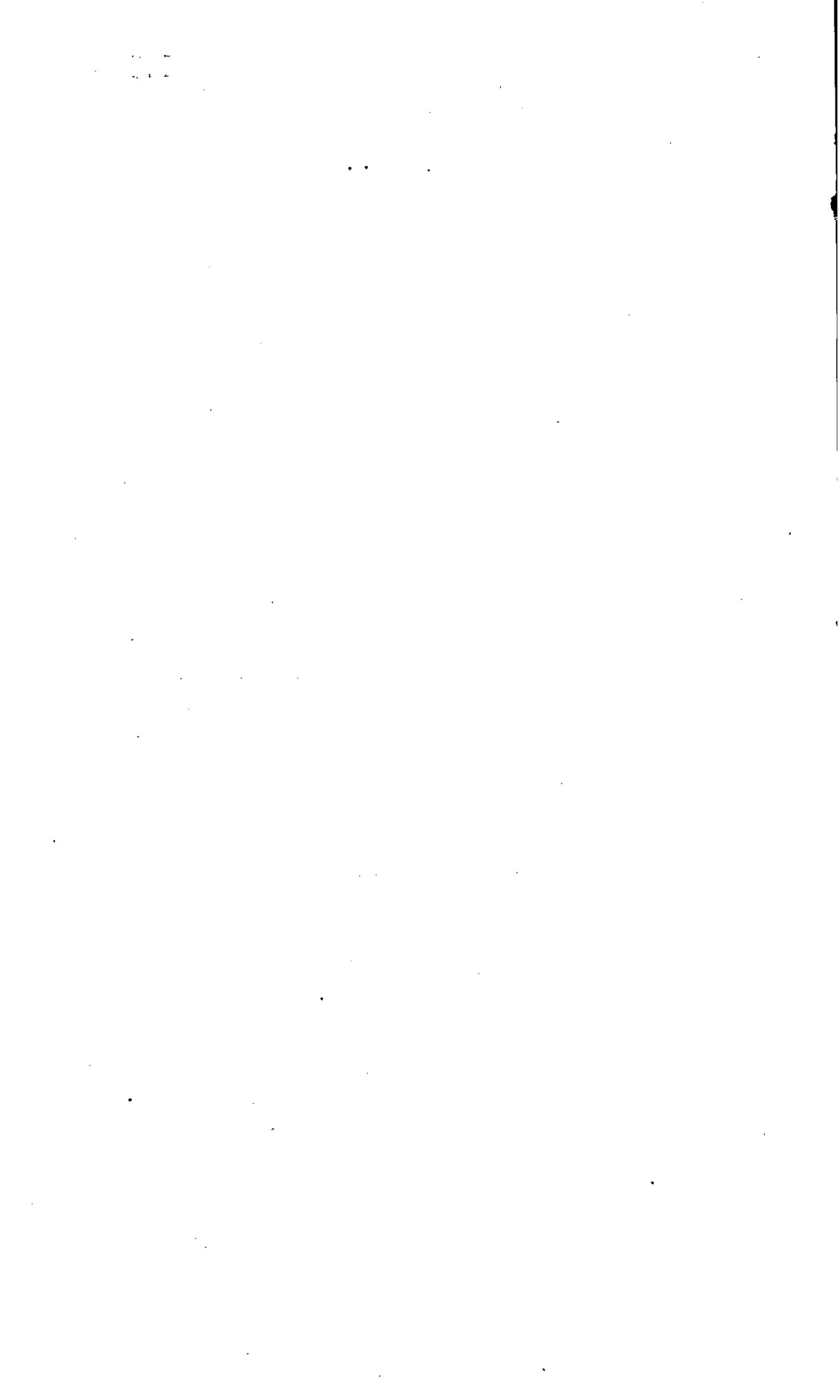
Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*



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No. 2.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER, 1901.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Breelong Murders:—Mr. Richards asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What was the total cost to the country in connection with the Breelong murders?
- (2.) How much was paid to civilians who took part in the pursuit of the Governors?
- (3.) What amount, irrespective of salaries, was paid to the Police Force?
- (4.) What amount per day, travelling allowance, was paid to officers and Police, specifying respective grades?

Mr. See answered,—The following information has been furnished by the Inspector-General of Police:—

- (1.) £6,371.
- (2.) £701 10s.; also £2,100 as rewards.
- (3 and 4.) £2,531 7s. 6d. This comprises ordinary travelling allowance at the following rates:—Superintendents, 15s. per diem; Inspectors and Sub-Inspectors, 10s. per diem; Sergeants, 6s. per diem; Constables, 5s. per diem.

(2.) History for use in Public Schools:—Mr. Affleck asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) What has become of the History for the use of schools that so much money was paid for?
- (2.) Is it intended that the said History shall be used in schools; if so, when?
- (3.) What has been the total cost of such to date?

Mr. Perry answered,—

- (1.) The History has been completed.
- (2.) It is now being distributed to the different schools.
- (3.) If the Honorable Member will repeat this Question at a later date I shall be able to get the information.

(3.) Sunday Trading:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has he seen a letter published in a newspaper, signed "A Britisher," in reference to Sunday-trading?
- (2.) Is it a fact, since Sir William Lyne has left the Government, the Police vigilance in connection with Sunday business in shops has been abandoned?
- (3.) Is the statement made in the said letter a fact?
- (4.) Will he give orders to have the Sunday properly observed, by the compulsory closing of the shops alluded to, and see that all persons, without exception, are punished if breaking the law?
- (5.) Is it the intention of the Government to bring in a Bill dealing with this Sunday opening; if so, when?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) No; the late Premier thought it inadvisable for the Police to prosecute all persons selling on Sundays indiscriminately.
- (3.) Inquiries will be made.
- (4.) It would, in the opinion of the Inspector-General of Police, be inadvisable to carry the law to such an extreme by preventing small dealers from supplying temperance drinks, fruit, &c., in the Domain, parks, or suburban places of resort.
- (5.) The matter will receive consideration. I may add that I have not interfered in the slightest degree with the administration of the law.

(4.)

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(4.) Tram-lines:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Have a large portion of the tram-lines in the city been paved with wooden blocks (which are subject to decay and decomposition), and which in wet weather become very greasy and dangerous to vehicular traffic, and in dry weather from dust and disagreeable odours arising from animal excreta, are a source of danger to public health?
- (2.) Will he take into consideration the desirableness of bringing under the notice of the Railway Commissioners the necessity of having freshly made lime-water used for watering tram-lines in place of the ordinary city water, during warm weather?
- (3.) Has it been found that lime-water in solution is a valuable antiseptic and hygienic agent in the destruction of micro-organisms; if so, has it been found that its prophylactic qualities when so used are of great utility in preventing the spread of disease arising from the nuisance of street dust and *débris*, &c.?
- (4.) Has it been found that the solution of lime has the effect of preventing the decay and decomposition of wooden blocks exposed to the weather, and prevents the blocks from becoming greasy in wet weather?
- (5.) Will the Railway Commissioners have the matter inquired into?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

- (1.) I am informed a large portion of the tram lines has been paved with wooden blocks, but it cannot be admitted that the provision is inconvenient or dangerous as alleged.
- (2 to 5.) I will be glad, however to refer the whole matter to the Railway Commissioners, and ask them to make inquiry on the points raised by the Honorable Member.

(5.) Stock Inspectors:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that stock inspectors, who form a valuable branch of the State Civil Service, are not recognised or regarded as civil servants strictly speaking within the meaning of the Act; if so, how is it that the Government so frequently ask them to undertake duties such as the inspection of prickly-pear infested land, the inspection of dairies, and the condemnation of cattle, &c., without remuneration?
- (2.) Will he state the number of inspectors that are at present employed in the State, by whom are they employed and paid, out of what fund, and the amount of salary and travelling allowance each receives respectively annually?
- (3.) Will the Government see that steps are taken to have the Stock and Agricultural Department reorganised, with the view to a more efficient system of management being established in the shape of a National or State Department of Agriculture distinct from the Mines?

Mr. Kidd answered,—The information desired by the Honorable Member will be prepared and laid upon the Table of this House in the shape of a return.

(6.) Employees, Fitzroy Dock:—Mr. John Storey asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact the employees at Fitzroy Dock are compelled, when absent from work through illness for one day, to produce a certificate, the cost of which is 2s. 6d.?
- (2.) Is this considered fair, in view of the fact that the men receive absolutely no remuneration for time lost?
- (3.) Will he cause inquiries to be made with a view of the abolition of the same?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2 and 3.) The regulations of the Dock provide that "any workman who may be unable, through sickness or otherwise, to attend to his duties must send a written notice to his foreman within twenty-four hours of his absence. Should his absence extend over two or more days through illness, he may be required to produce a medical certificate that he is unfit to attend." There must be some guarantee against malingering, though I feel bound to say that at Cockatoo Island there has been one suspected case, and that, upon investigation, proved to be a real illness.

(7.) Darling Harbour Resumptions:—Mr. E. M. Clark, for Mr. Daley, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Will he consider the advisability of continuing the sittings of the Resumptions Compensation Committee until all disputed claims are tried?
- (2.) Has he given instructions to increase the Crown Solicitor's staff, as promised by him, in view of the numerous claims yet unreported upon?
- (3.) Can he give any estimate as to the length of time it will take to go into the claims of the small shopkeepers whose leases have been broken by the resumptions?
- (4.) Is there any truth in the report that the Government will be compelled to borrow money to pay the compensations, and that it is the want of funds which is the cause of all the delay in the settlement?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) It has been determined to continue the sittings of the Resumption Valuation Board until all the owners have been dealt with.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) All the claims of the small shopkeepers who have leases can be dealt with immediately.
- (4.) No; there is no truth in the statement that it is for want of funds. We have already floated a loan for the purpose of paying them.

(8.) Fitzroy Dock:—Mr. John Storey asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the men at Fitzroy Dock, when working overtime, are compelled to work from 1 p.m. till 9:30 p.m. without a break for tea?
- (2.) If so, will he cause inquiries to be made with a view to giving the employees a proper tea-hour?

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Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) I am informed it is only in cases of breakdowns this occurs, when there is not sufficient time to notify the men that they will be required to work overtime, and it happens they live at too great a distance to go home to tea, and have in consequence to go without, and therefore require no tea-hour. This, however, does not often happen. If the foremen know that men are required to work overtime, they are always notified in order that they may bring their tea. The tea-hour is then taken.

(9.) Land Exchanges :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Lands,—

Will he be good enough to furnish information as to when the Collaroy Company's (Merriwa) and Cox Brothers' (Rylstone) land exchanges will be completed?

Mr. Hayes answered,—The papers in the Collaroy Company's Case were received to-day, the Governor-in-Council having just approved of the exchange. Surrenders will now be prepared for signature, and, when these are signed, the land will be at the disposal of the Department. The Messrs. Cox Brothers' exchange has so far been completed that deeds are in course of preparation. The area involved is only 240 acres. It has been decided to distribute the land, less what is required for road purposes, among certain settlement leaseholders who hold adjoining land.

(10.) Marriage Bill :—Mr. Power asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) How many, and what are the names of the denominations of religion proposed to be effected under the provisions of the Marriage Bill?

(2.) Will he be pleased to give the names of the persons now gazetted for the celebration of marriages whose licenses are to be taken away under this Bill?

(3.) Will he state if he has received a written statement from the Rev. George Hay, of the Independent Presbyterian Church, Canterbury, and his parishioners, anent this Bill; and, if so, will he be so good as to have it printed and laid upon the Table of this House for the perusal of Members?

Mr. See answered,—

(1 and 2.) The Bill affects all denominations affected by the present Marriage Law, and no others. Should the Bill become law in its present shape, it will have the effect of cancelling the registration of Ministers of every denomination, so called, of which there is not more than one Minister at present registered. There are seven (7) such denominations, but under the provisions of the Bill the Governor-in-Council can declare any such denomination to be a religious denomination for the purposes of the Act and a Minister thereof can then obtain registration.

(3.) Yes.

(11.) Taxation Department :—Mr. Nobbs, for Mr. Carruthers, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he see that the increments that are to be awarded in the grading of the Taxation Department date from 1st July, 1900, in conformity with his recent utterance that the annual increments of £15 had been restored to the Public Service, and would operate from date mentioned?

Mr. See answered,—The Public Service Board has furnished me with the following reply :—There seems to be some misconception in this matter, as the questions of the grading of officers to the permanent staff of the Taxation Department, and the payment of increments of £15 per annum to junior clerks under the provisions of the Public Service Regulations have no relation to each other. The Act which was passed at the end of last Session, and assented to on the 30th November, 1900, provided that notwithstanding the provisions of the Public Service Act, the Governor, on the recommendation of the Board, might appoint, as a permanent officer, any person temporarily employed in the office, and recommended to be so appointed by the Commissioners of Taxation. With a view of carrying out the provisions of this Act the Public Service Board have inquired into the duties of the various officers, and have conferred with the Commissioners of Taxation, and their recommendations for the formation of a permanent staff will be submitted to the Government as soon as certain information, which the Board have asked the Commissioners of Taxation to supply, has been furnished. The Board have already arrived at a determination as to the rates of salary to be paid, and they propose that such rates shall take effect from the 1st January of this year, which is the date from which the quinquennial regrading of the officers of the Service generally, under the provisions of the Public Service Act, took effect.

(12.) Appointment of Law Clerks :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Did the Public Service Board recently advertise for two law clerks, competent to investigate and report on titles?

(2.) How many applicants were there, and amongst them were there any practising solicitors?

(3.) Did the Public Service Board delegate the duty of selection to a sub-Board; and, if so, who constituted that Board?

(4.) Who were the selected candidates; and what were their qualifications?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) There were sixty-seven applicants, some of whom were practising solicitors.

(3.) The Public Service Board inform me that they followed the course which they always adopt in connection with the selection of applicants for positions requiring technical qualifications, viz., obtained a report from a committee qualified to judge of the merits of the applicants. In this case the committee who were appointed to advise the Board consisted of Mr. Hugh Pollock, Solicitor-General; Mr. J. S. Cargill, Acting Chief Clerk of the Crown Law Department; and Mr. E. P. Simpson of Messrs. Minter, Simpson, & Co.

(4.) The Committee reported that in their opinion the most suitable of the applicants for appointment were Mr. Edward Augustus Beeby and Mr. William Fraser McManamey. Mr. Beeby at the time he applied was in private practice as a solicitor in Sydney, and Mr. McManamey was in employment as legal clerk in the office of Messrs. Lawrence and McLachlan, doing similar work to that required in the Crown Law Department.

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(13.) Railway Department:—*Mr. W. F. Hurley*, for Mr. John Hurley, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Have the Railway Commissioners decided to regrade the officers and clerical staff of their Departments?

(2.) If so, what number comprise such Board, and their respective names?

(3.) When regraded, will the persons interested be afforded an opportunity to appeal, if they so desire?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—

(1 and 2.) I am informed the Railway Commissioners have decided to consider the question of regrading the Railway and Tramway salaried staff, and have appointed the Chief Accountant and the Chairman of the Staff Committee, with the head of each branch concerned, to collect the necessary information.

(3.) Yes, if they are prejudiced by the regrading.

(14.) Public School Teachers:—*Mr. McGowen*, for Mr. Holman, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) When will the increased salaries to Public School teachers be paid?

(2.) From what date will they be reckoned as starting?

*Mr. Perry* answered,—This cannot be decided until after the Estimates have been passed by Parliament.

(15.) Rabbits in Shoalhaven Electorate:—*Mr. Dick*, for Mr. Morton, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is he aware of the extensive existence of rabbits in the Sassafras portion of the Shoalhaven Electorate?

(2.) If not, will he have a report made on the subject?

*Mr. Hayes* answered,—A report has been received from Mr. Inspector Rotton, which shows that rabbits are increasing in the locality referred to. He suggests trapping, poisoning, and shooting, and thinks that, as the country is very rough and broken, and the land held in comparatively small holdings, rabbit-proof fencing would be out of the question.

(16.) Old-age Pensions:—*Mr. McIntyre* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Are several Old-age Pension Boards holding that women married to aliens, who have been naturalised for the requisite period, are not naturalised within the meaning of the Old-age Pensions Act?

(2.) Will he see that the provisions of the Naturalisation Act in this respect are observed?

*Mr. See* answered,—

(1.) It is not known that any Old-age Pension Board has so ruled.

(2.) The Central Board will see that the Act referred to is correctly interpreted.

(17.) Railways:—*Mr. Dick*, for Mr. Morton, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In view of his statement that he will submit proposed railways to the Cabinet, will he take their opinion immediately on the extension of the South Coast line into Nowra, as already recommended by the Public Works Committee?

*Mr. O'Sullivan* answered,—Yes; this extension will receive consideration, and be submitted to the Cabinet in due course. It is one of the most promising lines in the country. I can hardly promise it this Session.

(18.) Parliamentary Buildings:—*Mr. Dick*, for Mr. Walsh, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

Will the Government give favourable consideration to a proposal to build an additional wing to the Parliamentary Buildings, and to furnish the same for the accommodation of Members after late sittings, so as thereby to save considerable expense by dispensing with special trams and trains?

*Mr. O'Sullivan* answered,—This is not the first that I have heard of such a proposal, but I am afraid it would be impracticable in the old building, as there is not sufficient space available. Such an idea must await the erection of the new Parliament House. I may add that the proper way of getting rid of the necessity for such action would be to expedite public business so that we might get away at 11 o'clock.

(19.) Officers, Harbour Trust:—*Mr. Dick* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Have the officers of the Harbour Trust who were transferred from the Works Department yet resigned their positions in that Department?

*Mr. See* answered,—I am informed that, in accordance with the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, it was not necessary for any officers of the Public Works Department who were appointed to the Trust, to resign their positions in that Department, as they are simply transferred to the Commissioners, and all their rights under the Public Service Act of 1895 are accrued to them.

2. TIED HOUSES:—Ordered, on motion of Mr. Meagher, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having appointed a Select Committee on "Tied Houses," and the Committee being desirous to examine the Honorable John Thomas Toohy, a Member of the Legislative Council, in reference thereto, requests that the Legislative Council will give leave to its said Member to attend and be examined by the said Committee on such day and days as shall be arranged between him and the said Committee.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*

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## 3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Kidd laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 5th September, 1901,—“Accident to John Meiklejohn, Wallsend Colliery.”

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Hayes laid upon the Table,—Abstract of Crown Lands authorised to be dedicated to public purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. See laid upon the Table.—

(1.) Police report respecting the arrest of a man for kissing his wife in the street.

(2.) Particulars respecting Old-age Pensions.

(3.) Return showing the number of boys and girls under 16 years of age brought before the Police Courts in Sydney and suburbs during the six months ended 31st August, 1901.

(4.) Return showing fees paid to the Jurors in the Sydenham Railway Disaster Inquiry for their attendance on Coroner's Juries during twelve months ended 31st July, 1901.

(5.) Reports respecting Questions asked without notice.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS—*Railway from Manilla to Barraba—(Formal Motion)*:—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient that a line of railway from Manilla to Barraba, as referred by the Legislative Assembly to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out, provided the land necessary for the purpose be conveyed to the Crown free of cost, as recommended by the said Committee.  
Question put and passed.

5. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Newspaper Articles Bill, postponed until Tuesday, 5th November.

6. LIFE ASSURANCE (ADMINISTRATION) BILL:—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 to authorise life assurance companies to distribute certain moneys payable under or in respect of life policies.  
Question put and passed.

7. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS (*Removing the Public Abattoir from Glebe Island*):—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 removing the public Abattoir from Glebe Island, and re-erecting the same on a more suitable site in the vicinity of the Corporation Sale-yards or other suitable locality.

*Point of Order*:—Mr. Cohen, drawing Mr. Speaker's attention to section 28 (a) of the Public Works Act, submitted that the Minister in moving this motion had failed to comply with the conditions prescribed in those sections requiring an explanation comprising an estimate of the cost of the proposed work when completed, &c.

Mr. Speaker referred to the ruling which he gave last Session on the same point, and considered that the Minister had given the explanation required; he saw no reason to alter the ruling which he then gave.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

8. MESSAGES FROM THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor were delivered by Mr. O'Sullivan, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) Temora to Barellan Railway Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 51.*

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 sanction the construction of a line of Railway from Temora to Barellan; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as relates to the duty of the Constructing Authority to make and maintain fences along the said line; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to provide for the imposition of a tax on certain lands in connection with such line; and for other purposes.

*State Government House,*

*Sydney, 5th September, 1901.*

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

- (2.) Tuckian Flood Escape Scheme Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 52.*

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 sanction the construction of certain works in connection with the Tuckian Flood Escape Scheme, with the object of providing for the better discharge of flood waters from the Richmond River; and for purposes consequent upon and incidental to that object.

*State Government House,*

*Sydney, 29th August, 1901.*

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

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## 9. TIED HOUSES :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

In answer to the Message from the Legislative Assembly, dated 11th September, 1901, requesting leave for the Honorable John Thomas Toohey, a Member of the Legislative Council, to attend and be examined before a Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly on "Tied Houses," the Council acquaints the Assembly that leave has been granted to its said Member to attend and be examined by the said Committee if he think fit.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 11th September, 1901.

JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

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

## (1.) Vine and Vegetation Diseases Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

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

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 11th September, 1901.

JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. See, read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

## (2.) Infant Convicts Adoption Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments providing for the care and education of infants who may be convicted of felony or misdemeanour*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 11th September, 1901.

JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. See, read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

## (3.) Fines and Penalties Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to the recovery, appropriation, and remission of fines and penalties*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 11th September, 1901.

JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. See, read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

## (4.) Deserted Wives and Children Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

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

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 11th September, 1901.

JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. See, read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

## (5.) Net-fishing (Port Hacking) Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to the prohibition of Net-fishing in Port Hacking*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 11th September, 1901.

JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. See, read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

## (6.) Inheritance Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

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

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 11th September, 1901.

JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. See, read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

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## (7.) Interpleader Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

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

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 11th September, 1901.*

JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. See, read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

## (8.) Judgment Creditors Remedies Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

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

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 11th September, 1901.*

JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. See, read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

## 11. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS :—

(1.) *Tuckian Flood Escape Scheme* :—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient that the construction of works in connection with the Tuckian Flood Escape Scheme, as recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out.

Question put and passed.

(2.) *Additions to Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney* :—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing additions to Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney.

Question put and passed.

(3.) *Hunter River Flood Prevention* :—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing works for the mitigation of effects of floods in the Hunter River. Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

(4.) *Railway from Temora to Gunbar* :—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient that a line of railway from Temora to Gunbar, referred by the Legislative Assembly to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out by the construction of the line for about 60 miles in the direction of Barellan, provided that it be made legally binding on the landholders in the area benefited by the line to contribute towards any deficiency, as recommended by the said Committee.

Debate ensued.

*Point of Order* :—Mr. Cohen pointed out that this motion did not agree with the terms of the reference to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, and was, therefore, out of order.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker said he would decline to rule against the motion on the ground stated, as under the Public Works Act the House had power to alter the motion if not in proper form.

Debate continued.

Mr. Eden George moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Wednesday next.

(5.) *Southern Breakwater, Entrance to the Clarence River* :—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 breakwater on the southern side of the entrance to the Clarence River, as recommended by Sir John Coode.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

## 12. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Business postponed until To-morrow.

(1.) The remaining Government Business.

(2.) The remaining Orders of the Day of General Business.

## 13. CLAIMS OF CONTRACTORS, MOSMAN AND MIDDLE HARBOUR SEWERAGE :—Mr. E. M. Clark moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Messrs. Rogers, McEwan, O'Rourke, and Maddison in regard to contracts Nos. 198 and 202, Mosman and Middle Harbour, as against the Sewerage Construction Branch of Public Works Department.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Meagher, Mr. Davis, Mr. Power, Mr. Daley, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Fallick, Mr. Pyers, Mr. Latimer, and the Mover.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

## 14. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That this House do now adjourn.

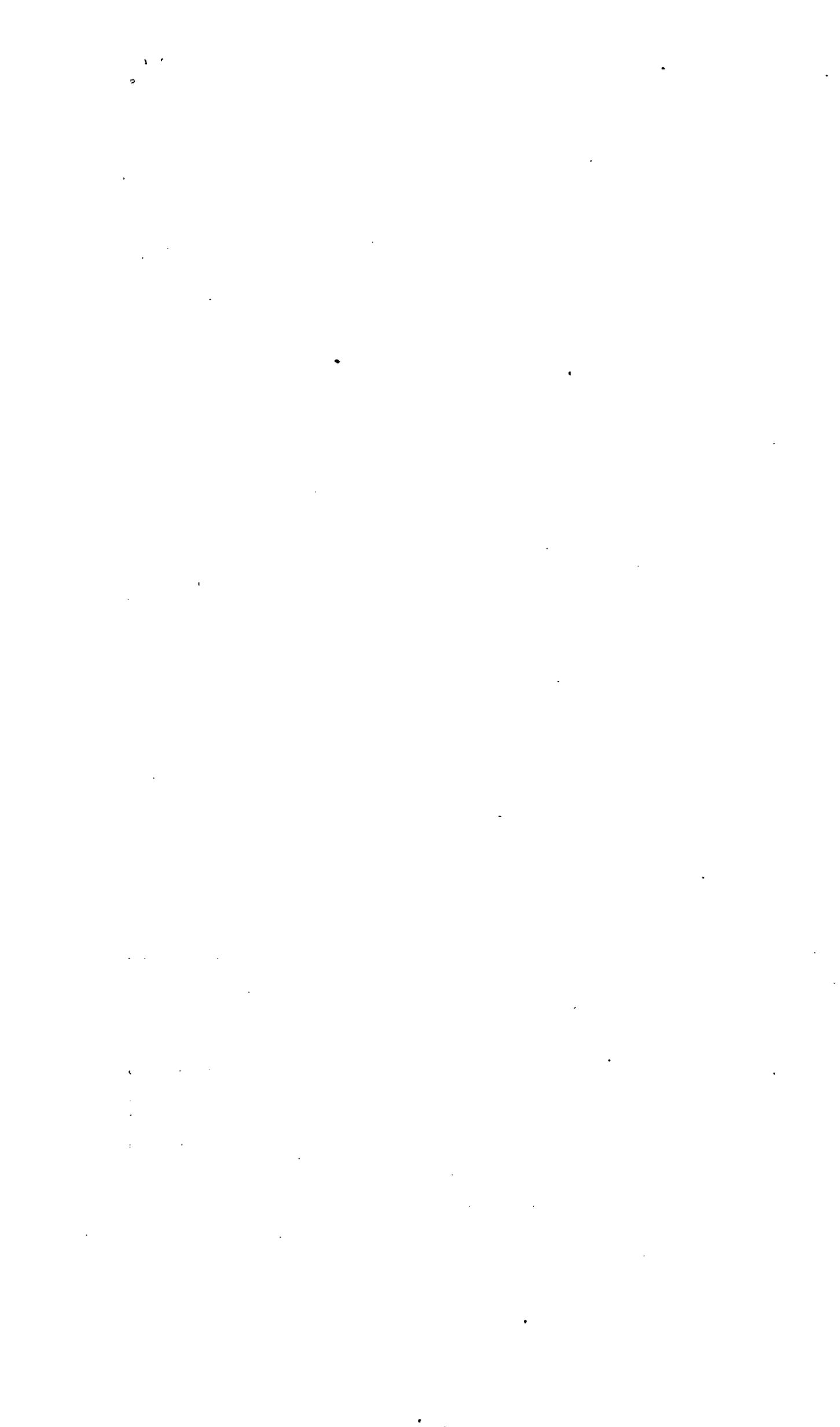
Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly at Eleven o'clock until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*



New South Wales.

No. 24.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER, 1901.

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

MESSAGES FROM THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor were delivered by Mr. O'Sullivan, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) Bogan Gate to Bulbodney Railway Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 53.*

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 sanction the construction of a line of railway from Bogan Gate to Bulbodney; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the duty of the constructing authority to make and maintain fences along the said line; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to provide for the imposition of a tax on certain lands in connection with such line; and for other purposes.

*State Government House,  
Sydney, 12th September, 1901.*

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

- (2.) Manilla to Barraba Railway Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 54.*

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 sanction and provide for the construction of a line of Railway from Manilla to Barraba; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the duty of the constructing authority to make and maintain fences along the said line; and for other purposes.

*State Government House,  
Sydney, 5th September, 1901.*

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

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Public School Teachers:—*Mr. Gillies*, for Mr. Holman, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Will he extend to pupil-teachers the same favourable treatment that he has lately given other country Public School teachers?

(2.) Is it not considered that the present hours spent in work and study by this class of State employee are far too exhausting for the adolescent of either sex, and will he take steps to reduce them?

(3.) Will he allow travelling expenses to pupil-teachers coming in for annual examination?

(4.) Will he raise the allowance to pupil-teachers to a decent living wage, and thereby enable children of poor parents to accept such positions?

Mr.

12th September, 1901.

Mr. Perry answered,—

(1 and 4.) It is not proposed to make any alteration in the rate of payment. In addition to salary, pupil-teachers receive systematic instruction, and valuable assistance in qualifying them for their profession. The supply of applicants is already far in excess of the demand.

(2.) No.

(3.) This is already done in the case of first-class pupil-teachers, who are required to attend at the inspectors' head-quarters for their final examination. Pupil-teachers of other classes are examined near their homes, under the supervision of local committees.

(2.) City Corporation:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Does the City Corporation or Council receive any annual subsidy from the Government; if so, what amount?

(2.) Are any of the sanitary inspectors employed by the City Council paid by the Government; if so, how many, and the amount each receives respectively?

(3.) Do the Government pay salaries to any sanitary inspectors employed by provincial municipalities and inland corporated towns; if so, how many, and amount paid to each respectively?

(4.) What reason can the Government assign for paying out of the Consolidated Revenue the salaries of sanitary inspectors employed by the City Council and not to sanitary inspectors in country corporations and municipalities?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) Yes; one inspector of nuisances at £400 per annum, and fourteen sanitary inspectors, each at £156 per annum. A moiety only of these salaries is payable by the Government.

(3.) No.

(4.) Half the salaries of the sanitary inspectors employed by the City Council is payable by the Government in terms of section 29 of the Sydney Corporation (Amending) Act, 1900. I understand such inspectors do not perform duties other than those appertaining to their position. In country corporations sanitary inspectors, as a rule, are required to perform multifarious duties, and as they do not receive a separate salary for each office held, it is impossible to apportion the amount payable by the Government for their services as sanitary inspectors. I might mention that information is being obtained which will enable country and suburban municipalities to be recouped a portion of the expenses incurred in carrying out the provisions of the Public Health Act, and in that case the Government will be contributing towards the payment of salaries of sanitary inspectors employed in country corporations.

(3.) Police Force:—Mr. Byrne asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is there a monetary allowance to inspectors and sub-inspectors of Police in the Metropolitan District in connection with the Liquor Act of 1898?

(2.) Are country inspectors and sub-inspectors also given similar allowances; if not, why?

Mr. See answered,—The following information has been furnished me by the Inspector-General of Police:—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) No; the duties in the country are inconsiderable, and are considered to form a legitimate portion of their Police work. At Newcastle and Broken Hill, where the duties are heavy, allowances are paid.

(4.) Retired Public Servants:—Mr. Quinn asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the regulation made by the Public Service Board relative to extended leave of absence, is such regulation, viz., No. 47, intended to apply to all those who have been retired by the Board?

Mr. See answered,—The regulations are not retrospective.

(5.) Railway Carriage of Rabbits:—Mr. Nielsen asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is he aware of the fact that the Railway Commissioners charge 2d. per pair carriage on dead rabbits sent to Sydney for food?

(2.) Will he endeavour to get this charge either remitted altogether, or reduced to a nominal sum, so as to encourage those engaged in destroying the pest to continue doing so?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) I am informed the charge is at the rate of 1d. per pair for distances not exceeding 150 miles, and 2d. per pair for greater distances. If consigned in large quantities a tonnage rate is charged, which is cheaper than the foregoing for long distances.

(2.) The charge is considered to be a reasonable one for the service rendered, and the Commissioners cannot see their way to reduce it.

(6.) Union Label System—Marking Chinese-made Goods:—Mr. Gillies, for Mr. Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Will he bring in a Bill at the earliest opportunity providing for the Union Label system?

(2.) Will he also bring in a Bill to compel the marking of Chinese-made goods?

Mr. See answered,—The following information has been furnished by the officer in charge of the Department of Labour and Industry,—

(1.) The system referred to is not dependent on legislation for its introduction.

(2.) The practice referred to has been in force in Victoria for some years, but according to the last Factory Report in that State, does not appear to be effectual in preventing the sale of Chinese furniture. The whole matter will come before the Royal Commission now sitting in Victoria, but until some authentic information is obtained on the working of this principle in the sister State, it would perhaps be unwise to introduce legislation here,

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(7.) Police Force:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for *Mr. David Storey*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—  
 (1.) Will he favourably consider recompensing members of the Police Force for working twelve to fourteen hours per day, in the distribution of Electors' Rights, during the months of February and March last?

(2.) When does he intend to pay the gratuity of 10s. which he promised to the Police Force prior to the last General Election, for extra work performed during the visit of their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York?

*Mr. See* answered,—

(1.) The Superintendent of the Metropolitan District reports that most of the Police in the Metropolitan District delivering Electors' Rights in February and March last did a couple of hours a day extra; but the duties were not as heavy as ordinary beat work. Under these circumstances, the Inspector-General does not feel justified in recommending extra payment.

(2.) Already paid.

(8.) Railway and Tramway Service:—*Mr. Young* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a standard height and weight for all employees joining the Railway and Tramway Service has been adopted?

(2.) If so, will he state what that standard is, and if it is uniform throughout the whole of the Service?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—I am informed that the recognised standard of height for the Traffic and Tramway Branches (Out-door Staff) is 5 feet 6 inches; for railway cleaners (juniors) a minimum of 5 feet 4 inches is observed. For mechanical and labouring grades no standard is fixed, but the physique of candidates influences selection.

(9.) Experimental Farm, Bathurst:—*Mr. Young* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is he aware that the employees on the Experimental Farm at Bathurst have to wait till the middle of the month for their wages?

(2.) Will he take steps to have the men paid at the beginning of the month?

(3.) Will he also state why men who are dismissed or leave cannot get their wages at the time of dismissal or when they leave?

*Mr. Kidd* answered,—

(1.) The men, as a general rule, have for the last six months been paid during the first week of each month.

(2.) The Farm Manager has been instructed to send the vouchers in, so that payments can be made on the first of the month.

(3.) An advance has been made to the Farm Manager, so that in future payments can be made when men leave.

(10.) Justices of the Peace:—*Mr. Raymond* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Have Justices of the Peace who were appointed before the death of Her Majesty the late Queen Victoria to be resworn; if so, when?

*Mr. See* answered,—On the 3rd September last I was asked the following Question by *Mr. Walsh*:—

(1.) When and how can the Magistrates of this State be resworn? (2.) Will he ascertain how long after the demise of our late Sovereign the Magistrates of this State can act officially without being resworn? To this I answered: A Bill will be introduced to relieve Magistrates from the obligation to be resworn, and any fees which have already been paid in this respect will be refunded. I may tell my honorable friend that this will be done.

(11.) Officers of the Federal Government:—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has he noticed the opinion vouchsafed by *Mr. Barton*, the Federal Premier, to the effect that no charge for Income Tax can legally be imposed upon public officers in the employ of the Federal Government?

(2.) Will he take the requisite steps towards securing the opinion on this point of the Crown Law authorities and also of the Taxation Commissioners?

*Mr. See* answered,—

(1.) Yes; as reported in the daily press.

(2.) The subject is now receiving consideration.

(12.) Lady Teachers, Public Schools:—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Is it proposed in the case of lady teachers (assistants of the 3rd class) to revert to the salaries (£114) paid prior to the carrying out of retrenchment in 1893; and, if so, when will this be done?

*Mr. Perry* answered,—Not at present.

(13.) Prince Alfred Hospital:—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What is the total amount of Government money that has been granted to Prince Alfred Hospital?

(2.) What representation has the Government on the board which manages the affairs of the Hospital?

*Mr. See* answered,—This information will be prepared and laid upon the Table in the form of a return. It is a very admirable institution.

(14.) Draughtsman for the Land Office, Hay:—*Mr. Lonsdale* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has his attention been called to the fact that the Public Service Board have called for applications from persons desirous of entering the service as a draftsman at the Hay Land Office—salary, £180 per year?

(2.) Are there not men on the £170 grade capable of filling this position?

(3.) Before the appointment is made will he insist upon the Board giving the certificate according to the Act that the officers on the lower grades are not competent to fill the position?

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*Mr. Bennett* answered,—The circumstances of the case are briefly these: A temporary draftsman has for some years past been employed in the District Survey Office at Hay. His services are required, and he has been applying to have his position made permanent, and he is practically, though not technically, one of the Staff of the Department. The position is one requiring more than the ordinary experience and capability of a junior officer. The procedure required by the Public Service Act, sections 28 and 29, is being followed. The position has been advertised, and officers of the lower grades are not debarred from competing in the examination which is to be held to test the qualifications of candidates. The position will fall to the successful candidate, whoever he may be.

(15.) Ballast for Darling Island:—*Mr. Law* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Government are paying *Mr. Saunders* 1s. 6d. a load for ballast and 1s. a load for carting the same to Darling Island?

(2.) Is it a fact that equally good ballast can be secured from the Government quarry at Glebe Island and conveyed by punt to Darling Island at a cost of 1s. 6d. a load?

(3.) If so, will he, in the interests of economy and justice, see that the Glebe Island stone is used?

*Mr. O'Sullivan* answered,—This refers to a work being carried out by the Harbour Trust. I would therefore suggest to the Honorable Member that he should ask my honorable colleague, the Premier and Chief Secretary, to obtain replies from the Trust.

(16.) Public Schools:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for *Mr. Gilbert*, asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

(1.) Who is responsible for the system of removing indiscriminately children of 8 years and over from infants' departments to form special classes in boys' and girls' departments?

(2.) Is it a fact that to make (on paper) large boys' and girls' departments where there is insufficient accommodation these special classes are taught in infants' departments?

(3.) Have the objections to this system made by the Teachers' Conference been considered; if so, with what result?

(4.) Is he aware that that system is having the effect of driving children from the public schools to private schools?

*Mr. Perry* answered,—

(1.) The Chief Inspector, as the head of the Teaching Branch. The standard of proficiency contemplates that at 7 years of age pupils will be fit for promotion. Children of 8 years of age cannot be regarded as infants. The children referred to are those whose early education has been neglected, and in all probability will be under instruction for only a short time, and are therefore placed in a special class to get more instruction in reading, writing, and arithmetic, than can be given in an infants' school.

(2.) No; but if it were so, no objection would be taken, as the whole of the school-buildings must be used to the best advantage.

(3.) I am not aware of any objections by the Teachers' Conference. If they had any objections I would not take any notice of them.

(4.) No.

(17.) Commonwealth Officers:—*Mr. Levy* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is he aware that the Federal Prime Minister has publicly expressed the opinion that the salaries of Commonwealth officers are not taxable by the States, and that thus all the officers in the Postal, Customs, Defence, and other Commonwealth Departments will not be liable to pay income tax?

(2.) Does he agree with this contention; and, if so, on what grounds?

(3.) If this opinion is correct, can he give an estimate of the amount of revenue which will be thereby lost to the State of New South Wales?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—

(1.) I have read the statements as reported in the daily press.

(2 and 3.) The subject is now receiving consideration, but I have not yet had time to obtain an advising from the Law Officers of the Crown.

(18.) Population of Sydney:—*Mr. Daniel O'Connor* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What was the number of the population of Sydney within a 10-mile radius according to the last census?

(2.) Why has the estimate of the population of Sydney been made heretofore on a 7-mile radius, while in Melbourne and Brisbane a 10-mile one is adopted?

*Mr. Sec* answered,—

(1.) A statement showing the population of Sydney within a 10 miles radius will be prepared and laid upon the Table of the House in a day or two.

(2.) The estimate of the population of Sydney has been made on the basis of grouping together the city and those municipalities and districts which could reasonably be considered as suburban in character. No arbitrary radius of 7 miles has been adopted.

(19.) C.P. Inspector for Tamworth Land District:—*Mr. Moore* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is he aware that considerable public inconvenience has been caused by the protracted delay in filling the vacant position of C.P. Inspector for the Tamworth Land District?

(2.) Why has not an acting Inspector been appointed to fulfil the duties in the meantime?

(3.) When will the position be filled?

*Mr. Bennett* answered,—The position in question was rendered vacant by the sudden and unexpected resignation of the officer who held it. Arrangements have been made to carry out the work by temporarily transferring the duties to a gentleman who carried them out on a previous occasion, so that inconvenience will be prevented in the meantime.

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(20.) Revenue collected by the Commonwealth:—Mr. Cohen asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Has his attention been called to the statement of the Federal Treasurer that, if it will be more convenient, the payment of the balance to the States of the revenue collected by the Commonwealth can be made week by week?

(2.) Will he request that the payment due to this State be made accordingly, so as to obviate the necessity of his having to make financial arrangements at the expense of the people of this State?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) I believe there was a paragraph in the newspaper referring to this matter, but no official communication has been received, so far as I am aware.

(2.) No; this is not considered necessary. The circumstances in connection with the financial arrangements were quite exceptional, and are not likely to again occur.

3. THE LAND LAWS:—Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick presented a Petition from certain blockholders of Ganmain, representing that their land had been capitalised at an excessive value; that conditional purchasers have been starved off the land since the experiment of re-adjustment; that the land should be capitalised on a sliding scale; that charges have been made for ringing and scrubbing; and that the country is in a worse state than prior to the lessees occupation; and praying for an equitable reappraisal.  
Petition received.

4. ALLEGED IRREGULAR AND IMPROPER DELIVERY OF LETTERS AND TELEGRAMS:—*Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick*, for Mr. Affleck, 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 4th September, 1901, a.m.  
And the report having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. PAPER:—Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table,—Accounts of the South Head Roads Trust for half-year ended 30th June, 1901.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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

7. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Legitimation Bill (*Council Bill*) postponed until Tuesday, 19th November.

8. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for St. Leonards, Mr. E. M. Clark, 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 giving effect to the report of a Royal Commission recommending the release of William Cresswell from the Parramatta Lunatic Asylum, adopted by this House on the 9th August, 1900."

And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

9. GENERAL POST OFFICE (APPROACHES IMPROVEMENT) ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT 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. 55.*

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 further to amend the General Post Office (Approaches Improvement) Act, 1889, and the General Post Office (Approaches Improvement) Act Amendment Act, 1892; to rectify the boundaries of Martin-lane; also to carry out an exchange of certain land abutting on such lane for other land at the intersection of George-street with Martin-place, to be dedicated as a public thoroughfare; and for other purposes.

*Government House,**Sydney, 12th September, 1901.*

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

10. INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER, 1901, A.M.

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

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*



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FIRST SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

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TUESDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER, 1901.

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

DEATH OF WILLIAM MCKINLEY, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA :—Mr. See (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That Mr. Speaker be requested to communicate to Mrs. McKinley, through His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, the deepest sympathy of the Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, on behalf of themselves and the people of the State, at the sad and tragic death of her illustrious husband; and to the people of the United States of America their profound regret and sorrow at the loss which the Nation has thereby sustained. And the motion, having been seconded by Mr. Hogue, was put and carried unanimously.

2. DEATH OF THE HONOURABLE SIR JOSEPH PALMER ABBOTT, K.C.M.G.:—Mr. See (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That Mr. Speaker be requested to communicate to Lady Abbott the profound sympathy and sorrow of the Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales at the untimely death of her illustrious husband. And the motion, having been seconded by Mr. Hogue, was put and carried unanimously.

3. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. See moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and carried unanimously, the Members and Officers of the House rising in their places.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*

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FIRST SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER, 1901.

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

PAPER:—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Special Interim Report by the Auditor-General upon the Public Accounts of Receipts and Disbursements within the Financial Year ended 30th June, 1901, transmitted to the Legislative Assembly under Clause 46 of the Audit Act, 1893, No. 5. Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

2. MESSAGES FROM THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor were delivered by Mr. O'Sullivan, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) Metropolitan Sewerage Validating Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 56.*

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 provide that, with respect to certain sewerage works, certain powers, authorities, duties, and obligations shall be deemed to have been and shall be exercisable by and imposed on the Minister, notwithstanding that no executive authority has been given for the scheme for the same.

*State Government House,*

*Sydney, 17th September, 1901.*

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

- (2.) Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts Amendment Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 57.*

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 Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1889, and the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act Extension Act of 1894; to amend the law relating to water supply, sewerage, and drainage; and for other purposes.

*State Government House,*

*Sydney, 17th September, 1901.*

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

3. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Experimental Farm, Salisbury Plains:—*Mr. Gillies*, for Mr. MacMahon, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is it his intention to establish an experimental farm on the site set apart for that purpose at Salisbury Plains; if so, when; if not, why?

(2.) Is he aware that no other site of a reasonable area can be obtained containing the three representative soils of New England?

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- Mr. Kidd answered,—Several areas have been reserved for some years for experimental farms in New England, and, as I promised a deputation at Tamworth recently, I will make a personal inspection of the sites so reserved. I purpose doing this as soon as the condition of public business will permit me. The Salisbury Plains site, with others, will have careful consideration.
- (2.) Rocky River Gold-field, Doherty's Hill:—Mr. MacMahon asked the Secretary for Mines,—Will he grant the free use of a diamond drill for the purpose of testing the lead to or from the Rocky River gold-field at Doherty's Hill and other points on the field?
- Mr. Kidd answered,—This place has already been well prospected by aid from the Government, a large number of parties having received aid out of various Prospecting Votes, with practically no results. It is not usual to grant the free use of diamond drills, and to put one at this place could result in no good.
- (3.) Rocks Resumed Area:—Mr. Daley asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House a list of property-owners in the Rocks resumed area at the date of the resumption, 29th December, 1900?
- (2.) If the titles are found good, and the Government make an offer, are the Crown Law Officers empowered to at once pay over the amount so offered?
- Mr. See answered,—
- (1.) I will presently lay upon the Table a return giving the information asked for.
- (2.) The Works Department are so empowered.
- (4.) Late Plague-infected Area:—Mr. Nobbs, for Mr. David Storey, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) When will he lay upon the Table of this House (as promised by the Premier during debate on Supply) accounts in detail of payments made to various persons by way of compensation for disturbance during quarantine operations in the late plague-infected area?
- (2.) How many claims have been received since July 1st?
- (3.) Will he settle such claims, so that all that suffered loss through being quarantined may be treated alike?
- (4.) Is it his intention to compel owners of property who had their premises cleaned at the public expense, to recoup the State for part or whole of the cost incurred?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—
- (1.) A schedule showing all the claims and the amounts paid has been prepared, and will be laid upon the Table to-morrow, I hope. I may explain that each of such claims has been settled upon its merits after the fullest inquiry.
- (2.) Since the schedule referred to in No. 1 was completed, thirty-five claims have been submitted, representing £6,947 8s. 3d.
- (3.) Inquiries are being made for the due settlement of such claims.
- (4.) The Attorney-General advises that this cannot be legally done.
- (5.) Building at Redfern occupied by Civil Ambulance Corps:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary or Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What does the Government intend doing with the building at Redfern, at the corner of George and Pitt Streets, now occupied by the Civil Ambulance Corps?
- (2.) What rent, if any, is paid for the use of the building, and by whom?
- Mr. See answered,—
- (1.) The future use of the site will have to be determined by the Cabinet. For the present the Civil Ambulance Corps will remain there.
- (2.) No rent is charged the Civil Ambulance Corps for the use of the building in question.
- (6.) Darling Harbour Wharfs:—Mr. Nobbs, for Mr. David Storey, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In dealing with the Darling Harbour wharfs, is it his intention to charge loan account accrued interest from date of resumption by proclamation to date of settlement of each claim?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—It is not my intention to make such a charge in this case, although it has been the custom to do so hitherto.
- (7.) Members of the Legislative Assembly:—Mr. Nobbs, for Mr. David Storey, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he say if he intends to bring in a Bill this Session to effect a reduction in the numerical strength of Members of the Legislative Assembly?
- Mr. See answered,—If the honorable gentleman shows the same disposition to support Government measures as heretofore, probably his suggestion may be carried out.
- (8.) Tug Boats hired by Government:—Mr. Dacey asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What was the amount paid during the last financial year for the hire of tug boats in George's River, Cook's River, Muddy Creek, and the Alexandra Canal?
- Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—The total cost paid for above services for the last financial year was £325.
- (9.) Public Service Board:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Has leave of absence been granted to Mr. Wilson, a member of the Public Service Board?
- (2.) Was the Public Service Association asked by the Government, or any member thereof, to nominate an officer to occupy Mr. Wilson's place on the Board during that gentleman's absence; and if so, how many names were suggested, and whose were they?
- (3.) Will he give the reasons why one or other of the gentlemen nominated was not selected to act?
- (4.) Who was eventually selected for this temporary post?
- (5.) Is it usual in such cases for the Public Service Association to be consulted?

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Mr. See answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2 and 3.) No.

(4.) Mr. C. J. Saunders.

(5.) The Minister is always glad to hear the views of the Public Service Association on any matters affecting the interests of the Service.

(10.) Officers of the Taxation Department:—Mr. John Hurley asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Can he state the reason of the delay in grading the officers of the Taxation Department?

(2.) When is it likely that the work in connection therewith will be completed?

Mr. See answered,—Some delay has taken place in completing the grading of the officers of the Taxation Department, as information was required regarding the various officers employed which took some time to obtain. The particulars required by the Public Service Board have, however, now been furnished to them by the Taxation Commissioners, and the Board's recommendations on the subject of the grading of the staff will be submitted to the Government at once.

(11.) School and Teacher's Residence at Wongagong, near Forbes:—Mr. Reymond asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Are any steps being taken for the construction of a new school and a teacher's residence at Wongagong, near Forbes?

(2.) Is he aware that the urgent necessity for those buildings has been admitted by the officers of his Department?

Mr. Perry answered,—This matter has been considered, but cannot be finally dealt with until after the Estimates have been passed.

(12.) Mineral Leases held by Scottish-Australian Mining Company, Cardiff:—Mr. Estell asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) How many mineral leases with surface rights are held by the Scottish-Australian Mining Company in the vicinity of Cardiff?

(2.) Are any of those leases about to expire?

(3.) Will he, before granting any further leases to this company of these lands, consider the advisability of retaining the surface rights for the purpose of assisting settlement on the above-mentioned lands?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

(1.) Twenty-three.

(2.) Yes; one expires on the 31st December, 1901.

(3.) Yes.

(13.) Manly Steamers' Wharf:—Mr. E. M. Clark, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that on the Manly steamers' wharf, where large crowds of passengers congregate, horses and vehicles are admitted, imperilling human life?

(2.) Will he instruct the Police to inquire and see to an improvement?

Mr. See answered,—This matter has already received the attention of the Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners, who have notified the Port Jackson Steamship Company that upon expiry of the present lease, some months hence, one of the conditions upon which a renewal will be granted will provide that horses and vehicles must not be allowed on the jetty at Circular Quay.

(14.) Arrest of Emanuel Moss, at Tamworth:—Mr. Richards asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has the attention of the Attorney-General been called to the report of an arrest made at Tamworth on the 3rd instant, when a commercial traveller, one Emanuel Moss, representing a city firm of repute, was ruthlessly taken from his business and lodged in the lock-up?

(2.) If, as is stated, a gross injustice has been done to an innocent man, will the Government consider whether the case is one in which reasonable monetary consideration should be given to Moss?

Mr. See answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table copies of the reports connected with this case. Action has been held over by the Inspector-General of Police for the reason assigned. No claim has been made against the senior-constable who made the arrest, and who is responsible. The matter will be further considered.

(15.) Railway Extension to Walcha:—Mr. McMahon asked the Secretary for Public Works,— Will he take the necessary steps to have the proposal to extend the railway to Walcha submitted to the Public Works Committee at as early a date as possible for report?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—This proposal is now fully prepared, and will certainly be considered by the Cabinet when the railway policy is under discussion.

(16.) Incribed Stock, Sydney Registers:—Mr. McCoy asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Referring to the Answer given to part 3 (a) of Mr. McCoy's Question No. 8, of 10th instant, "Incribed Stock, Sydney Registers," viz., £570,—will he please state the names of the officers concerned and the amount estimated as received by each, indicating what connection each has with the work of managing and inscribing the stock?

(2.) What are the principal items in "Other incidental expenses, £100"?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) The amounts set down in my previous reply were stated to be only an estimate. The officers, as previously stated, who are engaged on the work, perform other duties in the Treasury. The officers who are engaged on work in connection with the issue and inscription of Stock, taken on the basis of comparison with the Bank of England, who perform all similar duties, are—Mr. F. Kirkpatrick, Under Secretary for Finance and Trade, who signs scrip, £1,000 per annum salary; Mr. C. E. F. Robberds, Officer in Charge of Correspondence Branch and Registrar of Funded Stock,

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Stock, who inscribes register transfers and issues interest warrants, £125 per annum salary; Mr. C. A. Heath, Deputy Registrar of Stock, who assists in inscribing and registering transfers, and in the issue of warrants, £300 per annum salary; Mr. J. S. Walford, Cashier, Revenue Branch, who receives deposits for purchase of stock, £400 per annum salary. The transactions in connection with the final issue of the Stock and the payment of interest pass through the hands of several other officers of the Department before being finally brought to account.

(2.) The amount given in my previous reply is, as I then stated, an estimate, and is taken to include average annual cost of new registers, forms, and stationery, and such petty expenses as are incidental to every clerical office.

(17.) Electric Tramway System to Balmain:—Mr. Law asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Can he state approximately the date of the inauguration of the electric tramway system to Balmain?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed that a definite date cannot be fixed, but it will probably be about June next. The whole question depends on the completion of the extension of the powerhouse now in hand.

(18.) Reports of the Agent-General:—Mr. Affleck, for Mr. Wright, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House the reports of the Agent-General, dated 22nd June, 1900, 2nd November, 1900, and 11th January, 1901?

Mr. See answered,—If the Honorable Member will move for these reports, I will endeavour to lay copies upon the Table.

(19.) Government Printing Office:—Mr. Eden George asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Were the temporary hands in the Government Printing Office granted a half holiday during the past week in accord with his request?

(2.) Will he see that in future the temporary hands are granted the same favours, as regards holidays, as are granted to the permanent hands?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) A half-holiday was granted to the temporary hands in the Government Printing Office, on verbal instructions issued by me.

(2.) The question of granting temporary employees the same privileges as regards leave of absence as are allowed to permanent officials is a very large one, affecting not only the Government Printing Office, but all the other Departments of the State. As the cost of granting such a concession to the employees of the Government Printing Office is stated to be £3,500 per annum, the cost for the whole of the Service generally would be very large, and the Public Service Board do not see that any grounds exist to warrant the expenditure which the granting of the privileges would entail.

(20.) Public Service:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Have bonuses yet been paid to any officers of the Public Service for work in connection with the Commonwealth celebrations; and, if so, to what extent?

(2.) Were the members of the Public Service Board consulted, as provided for by section 10 of the Public Service Act, before the proposal to pay or agree to such bonuses was considered and dealt with by the Cabinet; or were they consulted (as provided for by section 45) before the officers above alluded to were temporarily transferred; and, if not, why not?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) Yes; to T. Raw, £100; A. J. Purdue, £50; C. R. Chapman, £50; F. A. Coghlan, £40; W. Hall, £40; F. J. King, £30; W. Grace, £20; E. R. Cambridge, £15; E. Winch, £10; W. A. Dettman, £10.

(2.) The Public Service Board have furnished me with the following reply:—"The question of paying bonuses to certain officers of the Public Service for extra services rendered in connection with the Commonwealth celebrations has been submitted to the Public Service Board, and, after making full inquiries and satisfying themselves that payment was warranted, the Board approved of bonuses being allowed in the cases of certain officers. The Board are not aware whether the question was submitted to the Cabinet or not. The Board were not consulted before the officers referred to were transferred for duty in connection with the Commonwealth work. The matter is fully dealt with in the minute addressed to the Government on the 18th April, 1901, a copy of which is printed on page 5 of the Report of the Public Service Board recently laid upon the Table of the House."

(21.) Juvenile Smoking:—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) In view of the increasing prevalence of juvenile smoking, will he see that some steps are taken by the Department of Education to frame a regulation to prevent as far as possible children when attending public schools from smoking cigarettes, &c., as has lately been done in public schools in Edinburgh, Glasgow, and England?

(2.) Will he also see that some steps are taken for the printing and publication of literature on the subject, for distribution in our public schools, pointing out the evils arising from juvenile smoking?

Mr. Perry answered,—

(1.) Juvenile smoking does not take place during school hours, upon the school premises; and I have no power to interfere with persons smoking in the streets.

(2.) The matter will receive consideration.

4. OPENING SITTINGS OF THE HOUSE WITH PRAYER:—Mr. Jessep presented a Petition from the Evangelical Council of New South Wales, representing that the Sittings of the Imperial Parliament, the Federal Parliament, and the Congress of the United States of America are opened with prayer, and praying the House to adopt the same practice.  
Petition received.

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5. **TIED HOUSES** :—Mr. Meagher 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 22nd August, 1901, together with Appendices. Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
6. **PAPERS** :—
- Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, 1900, of land, for the drainage of the Asylum at Liverpool.
  - (2.) Report of Dr. F. Antill Pockley, M.B., C.M., Edin., M.R.C.S., Eng., on the lighting of the Parliamentary Buildings.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—Letter from Messrs. R. Hickson and T. F. Waller, endorsed by Mr. C. E. Parkinson, relative to the allegation made that claims submitted in respect of plague were recommended by two members of the Advisory Board in the face of the written protest of the third member of that Board.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- Mr. Kidd laid upon the Table,—Return respecting Stock Inspectors.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- Mr. Hayes laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale for the preservation of Water Supply or other Public purposes, in accordance with the 101st and 112th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
  - (2.) Abstract of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages under the 107th section of the Act 48 Victoria, No. 18.
  - (3.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th and 101st sections of the Act 48 Victoria, No. 18.
  - (4.) Amended Regulations Nos. 58a, 157a, and 109a, also amended Form No. 59, under the Crown Lands Acts.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- Mr. See laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Regulation under the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900.
  - (2.) By-laws of the Borough of Newcastle.
  - (3.) Correspondence respecting proposed legislation to register and control bottle and other second-hand dealers.
  - (4.) Return showing names of property-owners in the Rocks (Darling Harbour) resumed area.
  - (5.) Return to an Order made on 5th September, 1901,—“Alleged false entries made at the “Registrar-General's Office.”
  - (6.) Police reports respecting case of mistaken identity—arrest of Emanuel Moss at Tamworth.
  - (7.) Report of the Commissioner on several points raised by the Federal Premier respecting proposed Federal Capital sites.
  - (8.) Correspondence respecting the removal of the headquarters of the Police Magistrate from Raymond Terrace to Dungog.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
7. **POSTPONEMENT** :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Wagga Wagga Cattle Driving Bill postponed until Tuesday, 22nd October.
8. **MANILLA TO BARRABA 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 and provide for the construction of a line of railway from Manilla to Barraba; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the duty of the constructing authority to make and maintain fences along the said line; and for other purposes.
- Question put and passed.
9. **TUCKIAN FLOOD ESCAPE SCHEME 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 certain works in connection with the Tuckian Flood Escape Scheme, with the object of providing for the better discharge of flood waters from the Richmond River; and for purposes consequent upon and incidental to that object.
- Question put and passed.
10. **GENERAL POST OFFICE (APPROACHES IMPROVEMENT) ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT 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 further to amend the General Post Office (Approaches Improvement) Act, 1889, and the General Post Office (Approaches Improvement) Act Amendment Act, 1892; to rectify the boundaries of Martin-lane; also to carry out an exchange of certain land abutting on such lane for other land at the intersection of George-street with Martin-place, to be dedicated as a public thoroughfare; and for other purposes.
- Question put and passed.
11. **INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION 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 with amendments and an amended Title.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Wednesday next.

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

## (1.) Negotiable Instruments Procedure Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate enactments relating to remedies on bills of exchange, and other negotiable instruments, and orders for the payment of money,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

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JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

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

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

## (2.) Defamation Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

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

Legislative Council Chamber,  
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JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

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

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

## (3.) Parliamentary Evidence Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the law relating to the summoning, attendance, and examination of Witnesses before either House of Parliament or any Committee thereof,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 18th September, 1901.

JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

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

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

## (4.) Royal Commissioners Evidence Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the law relating to the taking of evidence by Commissioners under the Great Seal,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 18th September, 1901.

JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

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

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

## (5.) Interstate Debts Recovery Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to the enforcement in New South Wales of judgments obtained in other Australian States or New Zealand, and the recovery of judgments against debtors who have removed thereto from New South Wales,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 18th September, 1901.

JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

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

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

## (6.) Prohibition and Mandamus Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate enactments relating to proceedings in prohibition and on writs of mandamus,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 18th September, 1901.

JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

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

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

## (7.) Married Women's Property Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate enactments relating to rights and liabilities of Married Women,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

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JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

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

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## (8.) Dairies Supervision Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate enactments regulating the production, manufacture, and distribution of milk, cream, butter, and cheese,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

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JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

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

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

## (9.) Stock Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to diseases in cattle and sheep, to imported stock, to the registration of brands, and to the exportation of cattle,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

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JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

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

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

## (10.) Inclosed Lands 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 inclosed lands from intrusion and trespass,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

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JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

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

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

## (11.) Hawkers and Pedlars Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

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

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JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

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

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

## (12.) Public Institutions Inspection Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to the inspection of hospitals and other institutions aided from the public revenue,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

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JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

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

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

## (13.) Equity Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act for consolidating enactments relating to the practice, procedure, and powers of the Supreme Court of New South Wales in its equitable jurisdiction,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 18th September, 1901.

JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

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

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

## (14.) Careless Use of Fire Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to the prevention of the careless use of fire,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

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JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

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

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

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## (15.) Companies (Death Duties) Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate enactments relating to the registration of the offices of certain companies, and to the imposition of duties on the death of shareholders of those companies,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

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JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

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

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

## (16.) Drainage Promotion Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments for promoting the better drainage of lands,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

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JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

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

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

## (17.) Conveyancing and Law of Property (Supplemental) Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate certain enactments relating to conveyances, assignments, and titles to lands,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

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Sydney, 18th September, 1901.*

JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

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

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

## (18.) Birds 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 certain imported and other birds,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

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JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

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

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

## (19.) Prickly-pear Destruction Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to consolidate the enactments relating to the eradication of the prickly-pear,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

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Sydney, 18th September, 1901.*

JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

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

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

## (20.) Lotteries and Art Unions Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to the prevention of lotteries, and the legalising of art unions and similar associations,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

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JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

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

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

## (21.) Bread Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to the regulation of the making and sale of bread, and the prevention of the adulteration thereof, and of meal and flour,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

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JOHN LACKEY,  
President.

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

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13. **DISTRICT COURTS BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. See, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Wednesday next.
14. **POLICE OFFENCES BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. See, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Wednesday next.
15. **GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. See, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Wednesday next.
16. **ANATOMY BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. See, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Wednesday next.
17. **PUBLIC GATES BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. See, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Wednesday next.
18. **PARTY PROCESSIONS PREVENTION BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. See the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Wednesday next.
19. **OBSCENE AND INDECENT PUBLICATIONS BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. See, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Wednesday next.
20. **VAGRANCY BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. See, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Wednesday next.

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21. VINE AND VEGETATION DISEASES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. See, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Wednesday next.
22. INFANT CONVICTS ADOPTION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. See, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Wednesday next.
23. FINES AND PENALTIES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. See, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Wednesday next.
24. DESERTED WIVES AND CHILDREN BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. See, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Wednesday next.
25. NET-FISHING (PORT HACKING) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. See, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Wednesday next.
26. INHERITANCE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. See, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Wednesday next.
27. INTERPLEADER BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. See, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Wednesday next.
28. JUDGMENT CREDITORS REMEDIES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. See, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Wednesday next.
29. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. See moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
The House adjourned accordingly, at five minutes before Nine o'clock, p.m., until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

New South Wales.

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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER, 1901.

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

## QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Railway Employees:—*Mr. Kelly*, for *Mr. T. R. Smith*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that for years past great dissatisfaction has been felt, amongst the railway men of New South Wales, at the different Governments, not carrying into law the Eight Hour Bill?  
 (2.) Do the Government intend to introduce the Eight Hour Bill this Session of Parliament, so that drivers and firemen will get the same privileges as mechanics and other labouring men in the State are entitled to?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—

(1.) I am not aware that such is the case.

(2.) The Government have not yet been able to consider the matter; but I will shortly submit it to the Cabinet with a view to deciding on what shall be done.

- (2.) Railway Employees:—*Mr. Kelly*, for *Mr. T. R. Smith*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that engine-drivers driving important passenger trains are timed to run eleven hours forty-five minutes per day?  
 (2.) Is it a fact that firemen are timed to run twelve hours per day?  
 (3.) Is it a fact that several engine-drivers are compelled to be on their engines for thirteen hours some days?  
 (4.) Will he give the names and occupations of all railway men working over eight hours a day, the dates and hours during the months of July and August in No. 5 district?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—

(1 and 2.) I am informed that men are occasionally on duty for such periods, although not running all the time.

(3.) Occasionally when unforeseen delays occur on the journey at places where relief is not available.

(4.) With regard to the eight-hour system, as the Honorable Member is aware, it has had much consideration. Where the work is continuous and arduous the eight-hour system is in vogue, and is extended to nearly 70 per cent. of the staff. No doubt there are men in the district in which the Honorable Member is interested who would be included in the minority working over eight hours, and to whom the Railway Commissioners do not think it is reasonable the eight-hour system should apply.

- (3.) Parliamentary Special Trains and Trams:—*Mr. Walsh* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What is the approximate cost per night of Parliamentary special trains and trams?  
 (2.) How many hands are employed in connection with the running of the same?  
 (3.) What remuneration do they receive for their services?  
 (4.) What provision, if any, is made to enable those men to reach their homes after housing the trams?  
 (5.) Will the Government undertake to see that a special train is in readiness—should *Mr. Walsh* apply for one—to take him to his home in Tamworth, when special trains and trams are ordered for Honorable Members?  
 (6.) How many beds are at present set apart for Honorable Members, and at whose disposal are they?

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Mr. See answered,—

(1.) I am informed the approximate average cost of the special trains and trams is £10 each night actual expenses, no estimated provision being included for wear and tear of rolling-stock or permanent-way.

(2.) Twenty-five.

(3.) Men are paid according to the nature of the service rendered, the cost being included in the amount already mentioned.

(4.) No special provision is made. The staff concerned are expected to live convenient to their depôts.

(5.) No.

(6.) (a) Number of beds—ten; (b) at whose disposal—Mr. Speaker, the Chairman of Committees, the Colonial Treasurer, the Attorney-General, the Secretary for Mines, the Secretary for Lands, the Secretary for Public Works, the Minister of Public Instruction, the Government Whip, and the Leader of the Opposition.

(4.) Advances to Settlers Act:—Mr. MacMahon asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he amend the "Advances to Settlers Act" so as to enable settlers who are in necessitous circumstances arising from other causes than drought to obtain assistance?

Mr. Bennett answered,—My honorable colleague has now under consideration amendments in the direction suggested by the Honorable Member, and would ask him to repeat the Question next week.

(5.) Sloyd or Swedish System of Education:—Mr. Whiddon asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Has his attention been directed to the number of useful and highly instructive articles, lately appearing in the daily press of our city, notably, *Sydney Morning Herald*, 24th August, and 7th September, demonstrating the satisfactory results attained in the system of education and training for the young, known as the Sloyd or Swedish system?

(2.) Will he in view of the excellent results achieved in England, America, and the Continent, under this Sloyd system, consult with the heads of the Educational Department, with the object of having it investigated, in connection with the education and training of the boys and girls of our State; a system which it is generally believed, if properly taken in hand, will meet the problem that every Government has to contend with, namely, thousands of unemployed men, who, as a rule, are unskilled in the use of tools?

Mr. Perry answered,—Reports upon this system have been from time to time under the notice of the Department, and it has already been introduced, in a modified form, into State schools.

(6.) Officers, Taxation Department:—Mr. W. F. Hurley, for Mr. Archer, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he instruct the Taxation Commissioners to supply, without further delay, the information asked for by the Public Service Board, to enable them to grade the officers of the Taxation Department?

Mr. Waddell answered,—As stated by the Colonial Secretary on Wednesday last, in reply to a Question, the information asked for by the Public Service Board has already been supplied.

(7.) Superannuation Fund:—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) In view of the fact that the ex-contributors' money now in the Superannuation Fund is being drawn upon to pay existing pensions, will the Government issue Treasury Bills to ex-contributors for the amounts of their contributions, and interest allowed by law, thus guaranteeing a refund of their contributions?

(2.) As there are many officers now contributing to the Fund who would cease contributing if a further opportunity were given, will he introduce a short measure this Session allowing those officers in the railway and general service to cease contributing to the Fund, on the understanding that they will receive Treasury Bills for the amounts of their contributions to the Fund and interest, especially as such a course will relieve the State of a heavy liability?

(3.) When introducing such a measure will he see that the officers in the railway service are treated in the same manner as those in the general service, in regard to the gratuity for service prior to the passing of the Public Service Act of 1895?

Mr. See answered,—I would invite the attention of the Honorable Member to Answers given by me to Questions on this subject on the 20th and 29th August last, and 5th September instant.

(8.) Power-house, Waverley Park:—Mr. Gillies, for Mr. Dacey asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Did the Railway Department commence the erection of a building for a power-house in the Waverley Park, and subsequently abandon it for the purpose of erecting the building on another site; if so, what was the reason for the change of site, and how much did it cost?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed that the Tramway Department commenced the erection of a sub-station on a site which was thought to be unobjectionable near Ocean-street, within the tramway fences; but in deference to objections raised by the local Municipal Council, and residents living in the locality, another site was selected. An expenditure of £216 was incurred at the first site; but materials representing a portion of this have been recovered.

(9.) Post Offices of the State:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware of the fact that whilst Members of New South Wales Parliament, when they apply locally for grants for repairs, &c., to post offices in their electorates, are referred to the Federal Postmaster-General, tenders are being called by the New South Wales Minister for Works for the erection of a clock-tower at the Post Office, Grafton?

(2.) Will he be good enough to explain how it happens that this Federal work is being taken in hand by the State Government; and will he state whether or not it is to be paid for by the State or the Commonwealth; also, will applications for improvements of a similar nature be in future dealt with by the State Government?

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Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Because the tower and clock were authorised to be erected before the Postal Department was taken over by the Federal Government. The State will pay for erecting the tower. Any application made since the Federal Government took over this Department will be dealt with by that Government.

(10.) Sydenham Railway Accident:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—  
What amount was paid by the Railway Commissioners in the way of compensation to persons injured in the Sydenham railway accident; what was the highest amount paid, and the lowest; and amongst how many victims was the total distributed?

Mr. See answered,—I am informed that £14,224 was paid to forty-four persons, the highest payment being £1,800 and the lowest £10.

(11.) Ballast for Darling Island:—Mr. Law asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Government are paying Mr. Saunders 1s. 6d. a load for ballast and 1s. a load for carting the same to Darling Island?

(2.) Is it a fact that equally good ballast can be secured from the Government quarry at Glebe Island and conveyed by punt to Darling Island at a cost of 1s. 6d. a load?

(3.) If so, will he, in the interests of economy and justice, see that the Glebe Island stone is used?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) The Works at Darling Island are being carried out by the Harbour Trust Commissioners, who pay Mr. Saunders 1s. 9d. a load for ballast delivered in place on the works, or 9d. a load in the quarry.

(2.) During the time the Works Department were excavating at Glebe Island, ballast was supplied to the Darling Island works on punts at 1s. 6d. a ton, the cost of discharging the punts was 3d. a ton, and the cost of towing the punts to and from Glebe Island 1½d., making a total of 1s. 10¼d. per ton.

(3.) When the Glebe Island quarry work was suspended by the Works Department, owing to want of funds, the Harbour Trust Commissioners started to quarry stone for their own works at Darling Island, and still continue to quarry about the same quantity as used to be obtained from Glebe Island.

(12.) Police Force:—Mr. MacMahon asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) The number of Police employed collecting citizens' rolls?

(2.) Are men engaged in doing so in No. 2 Division brought out for duty on Sundays?

(3.) If so, is it by direction of Superintendent Larkins?

(4.) Are the general orders to the effect that men performing such duties should have intermediate Sundays off?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) There are twenty-four Police collecting citizen's roll.

(2, 3, and 4.) It has been usual to allow the Police so engaged their Sunday off, as the work is laborious, and instructions have been given to follow the usual practice in this instance.

(13.) Railway Charges for Conveyance of Fertilisers:—Mr. Haynes asked the Secretary for Mines,—

What determination has the Government come to, as a matter of assistance to agriculture, with respect to the existing high rates on the railway for the conveyance of fertilisers?

Mr. Kidd answered,—The matter has been referred to the Railway Commissioners, and is still under consideration by them.

(14.) Appointment of Mr. Johnston to Treasury Department:—Mr. Levy asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it intended to appoint Mr. Johnston, Accountant, Harbour Trust Department, to an important position in the Account Branch of the Treasury or elsewhere in that Department?

(2.) If so, what is the title of the position, and did the proposal emanate from the Public Service Board?

(3.) Are the officers in the Treasury, who are Mr. Johnston's seniors in the Service, so incompetent that the position which it is rumoured is to be allotted Mr. Johnston could not be offered to them?

(4.) If not, why are they passed over?

(5.) Does the Public Service Act contemplate the importation of an officer into a Department over the heads of gentlemen much his seniors in length of service, and quite his equals in ability?

(6.) Will he please state the date of Mr. Johnston's entry into the service, his salary and status, also the increases of salary he has since received, and his present salary?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1 to 5.) The Public Service Board have received from the Permanent Head of the Treasury Department a recommendation that Mr. Johnston, the Accountant of the Harbour Trust, be transferred to that Department and appointed as Clerk-in-Charge of Water Supply Accounts; but the Board, at present, at any rate, do not see their way to agree to the proposal. Apart from the question as to whether Mr. Johnston could legally be transferred, the Board are of opinion that there are other officers in the Service entitled to prior consideration.

(6.) Mr. Johnston was temporarily appointed as Clerk, Public Works Department, on the 2nd February, 1892, with a salary at the rate of £31 10s. per month. He was graded on the Permanent Staff from the 23rd December, 1895, as a Clerk at £360 per annum. On 1st July, 1900, his salary was increased to £500 per annum, which amount he received up to the date of his transfer to the service of the Harbour Trust.

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- (15.) Compositors, Government Printing Office:—*Mr. Affleck*, for *Mr. Oakes*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is he aware that there are at present a number of compositors working in the Government Printing Office who have failed to pass the recent provisional Public Service Board's test for employment in that Department?
  - (2.) When are the compositors who passed the recent provisional Public Service Board test likely to receive employment in the Government Printing Office?
- Mr. Waddell* answered,—
- (1.) Previous to the test which recently took place for employment in the Government Printing Office being held, a number of compositors were selected for temporary work by ballot. The result of the test has only just been received from the Examiners, and the Public Service Board are now consulting the Government Printer with a view of ascertaining whether there is any reason why those employed who did not pass the test should not be replaced by others who did.
  - (2.) The names of the applicants who have passed the test will be placed on the Board's register for temporary employment, when hands are required, in the order of marks they obtained.
- (16.) Public School Teachers:—*Mr. Nielsen*, for *Mr. Holman*, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) Are teachers allowed to accept salaried military positions?
  - (2.) What methods, if any, are used by the Department to make certain that the efficiency of teachers is not impaired by their holding positions in the Defence forces?
- Mr. Perry* answered,—
- (1.) No.
  - (2.) Teachers are not permitted to accept positions the holding of which would impair their efficiency.
- (17.) Carriage of Parcels at Redfern:—*Mr. Nielsen*, for *Mr. Holman*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Will he confer with the Railway Commissioners as to abolishing the present system of contracting for the carriage of parcels at Redfern, and performing the work by employees of the Commissioners?
  - (2.) Will he make sure that the employees of the present contractors are paid the union rate of wages for carriers?
- Mr. Waddell* answered,—
- (1.) I have conferred with the Railway Commissioners, who point out that the contract for the cartage of parcels at Sydney is let by public tender, and the present contractor gives satisfaction in the performance of that service. The Commissioners do not purpose to abolish the present system in favour of taking up the cartage delivery themselves.
  - (2.) I will refer the matter to the Railway Commissioners.
- (18.) Tuberculous Meat:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Has his attention been directed to the statement made by one of the greatest experts and scientists (*Dr. Koch*) at the late Congress held in London, on the question of tuberculosis, in which he gave it as his emphatic opinion that the use and consumption of tuberculous meat was in no way injurious to public health; if so, what action does he intend to take in the matter?
  - (2.) Will he, under such a statement, coming from so high an authority and scientist, see that steps are taken to abolish all inspectors of diseased animals and meat consumed by the public and inspectors under the Dairies Supervision Act?
- Mr. Kidd* answered,—
- (1.) Yes; attention has been directed to *Dr. Koch's* statement, with respect to tuberculosis, made at the Congress in London. At that conference *Dr. Koch* announced that human tuberculosis was not communicated to cattle; but he did not positively assert that the use and consumption of tuberculous meat was in no way injurious to public health. In any case we would wait the result of an inquiry into this question, which is to be immediately instituted on resolution of the Congress, by a Royal Commission, the members of which, it is understood, have been already appointed. I might add that the majority of the Congress was not in agreement with *Dr. Koch's* views on the subject.
  - (2.) No.
- (19.) Burrabogie Holding, Hay District:—*Mr. Byrne* asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the exchanged land on Burrabogie Holding, in the Hay District, be thrown open for settlement?
- Mr. Bennett* answered,—The necessary surveys in connection with the exchange have been made, and the examination of the plans is being proceeded with in the District Survey Office with all possible expedition; and as soon as the District Surveyor's report comes to hand, the necessary steps to complete the exchange and make the land available for settlement will be taken.
- (20.) Death of Coach-driver James Long:—*Mr. Byrne* asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Has his attention been drawn to the death of a coach-driver named James Long, caused by the bolting of the horses and capsizing of the coach near Gulgong, which appeared to be brought about through a defective brake?
  - (2.) Were the wheel horses provided with breeching in conformity with the regulation to such effect, made by the Postal Department for all contracts for mails in hilly country?
  - (3.) Will he cause further inquiry to be made into the death of this man?
- Mr. See* answered,—
- (1.) I have obtained a report on the occurrence, which I will presently lay upon the Table.
  - (2.) No.
  - (3.) A magisterial inquiry was held, and a finding returned that the deceased was accidentally killed by a coach capsizing on him. Further inquiry will be made.

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- (21.) Resident Police Magistrate, Singleton :—Mr. Dight asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) In view of the large number of Courts of Petty Sessions which the Police Magistrate of Maitland is expected to attend, and also of the multiplicity of offices held by that gentleman, including that of Coroner, as well as Chairman of Old-age Pensions Board, will the Government take the necessary steps for appointing a Resident Police Magistrate for Singleton, who can then attend at some of the outlying country Courts, as was done in former years when a Police Magistrate resided at Singleton?
  - (2.) Is he aware that the necessity for such an appointment has been several times brought under the notice of the Government, both by the Member for Singleton and also by the Magistrates residing in the district?
  - (3.) Is he aware that considerable inconvenience is caused at Singleton owing to the inability of the Police Magistrate to neglect business in other places in order to attend at Singleton?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) This matter has recently formed the subject of inquiry, but the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice does not think the time has yet come for incurring the expense of appointing a Police Magistrate for Singleton. Arrangements are being made to relieve the Police Magistrate of Maitland, who is required to visit Singleton, of certain of his present duties.
- (2.) Requests for the reappointment of a Police Magistrate at Singleton have been received on two occasions, the latter in 1899.
- (3.) I am not aware of any inconvenience; but the Police Magistrate will be authorised to travel to Singleton over night whenever necessary, and open the Court at 10 a.m. instead of 11 a.m.

- (22.) Clerks of Petty Sessions at head-centre of Old-age Pensions Districts :—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the Clerks of Petty Sessions at the head centre of the Old-age Pensions districts have the whole of the clerical work placed on them in addition to all their other duties?
- (2.) If so, are they paid extra for such duties; if not, is it his intention to allow in money for such services or provide clerical assistance in regard to such duties, especially seeing that the Boards are paid?
- (3.) When does he propose to introduce the promised amending Old-age Pensions Bill?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) The Clerks of Petty Sessions in the Police Magistrates' headquarters are Deputy Registrars under the Old-age Pensions Act, and perform the duties attached thereto.
- (2.) Clerical assistance has been provided in most offices. The work at present is in a tentative stage, and it is impossible to say at present what remuneration, if any, shall be paid. There is no doubt that many officers have had considerable work beyond the usual office hours.
- (3.) The proposed amending Old-age Pensions Bill is in the hands of the Parliamentary Draftsman. No definite time can be fixed for its introduction to the House. That depends to a large extent upon my honorable friend and his friends.

- (23.) Government Loans :—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What was the total amount of money raised by loan from the 1st July, 1889, to the 30th June, 1894?
- (2.) What was the total amount of money raised by loan from the 1st July, 1894, to the 30th September, 1899?
- (3.) What is the total amount of money raised by loan from 30th September, 1899, to the present date?
- (4.) How much of each of the above loans was paid towards the redemption of previous loans, each specified time given separately?
- (5.) If possible, state how much of the balance left was appropriated in each period towards public works of a really productive character?
- (6.) What is the total amount of the public debt at the present day, including the last loan of £4,000,000?
- (7.) What is the total amount chargeable as interest on the public debt at the present date, including that on the last £4,000,000 loan?

Mr. Waddell answered,—The information will be prepared in the form of a return, and laid upon the Table at an early date.

- (24.) Railway Employees :—Mr. Quinn asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What is the number of railway employees who have their lives assured, and what offices are they assured in, giving the respective numbers assured in each society.

Mr. Waddell answered,—The information asked for will be prepared and laid upon the Table in the form of a return.

- (25.) Public Service Board :—Mr. Gilbert asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that Mr. Bridges, who is acting temporarily as a member of the Public Service Board, is still carrying out any of the duties of Chief Inspector in the Department of Public Instruction?
- (2.) Such being the case, is it to be expected that teachers will fully avail themselves of the right of appeal to the Board, seeing that the Chief Inspector may sit in judgment on appeals against some of his own acts?

Mr. Perry answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Mr. Bridges assures me that he attends to no business in the Public Instruction Department that has to be sent on to the Public Service Board.

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- (26.) Officers, Taxation Department:—Mr. Oakes asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the Commissioners of Taxation were asked two months ago to supply certain information to the Public Service Board, to enable them to complete the grading of the Taxation Department, and that up to this date the information sought has not been supplied?
  - (2.) If so, will the State Treasurer direct that the information be supplied without further delay?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—As stated by the Colonial Secretary on Wednesday last, in reply to a Question, the information asked for by the Public Service Board has already been supplied.
- (27.) Solicitor-General:—Mr. Cohen asked the Colonial Secretary,—In pursuance of the promise made to this House that an opportunity will be given to test the legality of Mr. Pollock's appointment as Solicitor-General, will the Government arrange for Mr. Pollock to prosecute in his official capacity at one of the Circuit Courts shortly to be held?
- Mr. See answered,—Should any occasion arise this will be done.
- (28.) Indulgence Passages to Returned Soldiers:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that a large number of returned soldiers have been granted indulgence passages by the "Britannic," "Orient," and other boats, to South Africa; and, if so, what number have been so privileged?
  - (2.) Is it a fact that the only condition imposed on these men is a promise that they will join an irregular corps in South Africa for three months?
  - (3.) Have a large number of men also returned or are returning to South Africa in charge of horses shipped by Houlder Brothers?
  - (4.) Will he take steps, as far as possible, to provide for a class of desirable citizens, such as these men are claimed to be, so that they may continue citizens and soldiers of Australia rather than they should become permanently settled in South Africa, to the detriment of our own population?
- Mr. See answered,—
- (1.) 153 officers, non-commissioned officers, and men.
  - (2.) No.
  - (3 and 4.) I am not aware. The matter shall have my attention.
- (29.) Retired Civil Servants:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the late Treasurer lent to several retired Civil Servants moneys upon life policies and other securities of a character negotiated only by extortionate money lenders?
  - (2.) How many cases were there, what were the securities, the rate of interest, and the terms of repayment?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—In two cases only the late Colonial Treasurer (Sir William Lyne) authorised advances to be made to retired Civil Servants, on condition that the officers insured their lives, and assigned the policies and their pensions to the Colonial Treasurer. Interest on the loan is charged at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum, and the amount, if not repaid in cash by the parties, is to be adjusted by stoppage of pension as it accrues. I am not aware of the character of the security required by extortionate money-lenders.
- (30.) Exchanged Area on Nanami Holding, Molong:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is he aware that a large number of *bona-fide* selectors at Eugowra, on the Nanami Holding, district of Molong, county of Ashburnham, have been for several years anxiously waiting for the exchanged area on Nanami Holding to be thrown open for selection to enable them to increase the area of their present holdings?
  - (2.) Will he see that some definite and final steps are taken to expedite the settlement of this long pending and important matter that has been before the Department of Lands during the last eight or ten years?
  - (3.) Will he see that homestead selectors in this locality are dealt fairly with, and that they may be permitted to have increased areas added to their present holdings under the provisions of the Crown Lands Act of 1895, section 47?
  - (4.) Has the District Surveyor reported finally on the matter?
- Mr. Bennett answered,—
- (1 and 2.) The land affected by the exchange has been surrendered to the Crown and the necessary surveys, with a view of its being made available for settlement, have been completed. Provision has been made for six homestead selection blocks and four special area blocks.
  - (3.) An area of about 1,580 acres is to be set apart with a view to holders of adjoining conditional purchases being afforded an opportunity of extending their holdings, but the reports from the local officers indicate that the areas of the adjoining homestead selections are sufficient.
  - (4.) Yes.
- (31.) Government Railways and Tramways:—Mr. Law asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What is the number of tons of coal and coke consumed in connection with the Government Railways and Tramways, and the total cost of the same for the year 1899?
  - (2.) Will he give similar information for the year 1900?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—Information, in reply to the Honorable Member's Question, will be prepared and submitted in the form of a return.
- (32.) Tram-lines, Newcastle District:—Mr. Gilbert asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What is the amount paid by the Railway Commissioners to the Municipal Councils for watering the tram-lines in the Newcastle District?
  - (2.) What do the Commissioners estimate the cost of doing the work by means of a tram water-tank?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—
- (1.) I am informed the amount paid is £262 10s. per annum.
  - (2.) The cost of wages, stores, and water, is estimated at £1,102 per annum. The question, I may add, is to be further considered by the Commissioners when another watering tank is available. (33.)

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(33.) Returned Soldiers from South Africa :—Mr. Dight asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the statement made by him on the 29th August last that he proposed to put an amount of £12,000 on the Estimates for the consideration of Parliament, in order to do justice to those of the returned soldiers who went to South Africa, who are under the impression that they are entitled not only to 4s. 2d. per day, but 1s. 6d. per day in addition, will he also provide for the repayment to the members of the First Contingent of the amount paid out of pocket by them, viz., from £15 to £20 per man, as well as furnishing their own kits when going to Aldershot, seeing that they were the first Australians to offer their services, and thus attracted the attention of the world to Australia?

Mr. See answered,—I do not see my way clear to direct that this amount should be refunded. I understand that these Lancers went practically as volunteers, but their expenses were provided for by contributions to a general fund. They went at the expense of Colonel Burns, who took a great interest in the matter. I do not think it is an obligation on the part of the Government to treat these expenses as the Honorable Member proposes.

(34.) Tramway Service :—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Railway Commissioners to provide distributing power stations or a duplication of power-house, to prevent inconvenience to the tram service, similar to that arising out of the late fire?

(2.) Is it a fact that owing to the want of independent power the tram service between Milson's Point and Ridge-street, North Sydney, was inconvenienced in a like manner, and will the Railway authorities take steps to provide an independent electrical power for the North Shore tramway service?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) I am informed, in connection with the additions to the power-house now in progress, that provision is made for a second switchboard entirely separate from the existing one, and special arrangements are made, by the use of fire-proof partitions, to separate different portions of the equipment, so as to confine the damage by fire, if such occurred, to as small an area as possible. It is added that the recent occurrence, although not unprecedented, was most exceptional. The substations provided for the distribution of power will also be furnished with accumulators, so as to allow of the continuity of the service in the event of a temporary stoppage of the supply from the central power station.

(2.) The North Shore system was disarranged to some extent by the recent fire, but this branch will have the same security as other parts as already referred to. With regard to the establishment of a number of independent power-houses, such a system would be enormously costly, and would be contrary to modern practice.

(35.) Licensing Benches :—Mr. Gillies asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he cause instructions to be issued to the Licensing Benches of the State that no new licenses of hotels be issued pending the passing of a new Licensing Act?

Mr. See answered,—The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice, by whom the Liquor Act is administered, informs me that the granting of applications for publicans' licenses is, by law, vested in the discretion of the Licensing Courts, and that he has no power to interfere with the exercise of that discretion.

(36.) Darling Harbour Wharves Resumption Act :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) The total amount of money raised by Debentures, Inscribed Stock, or Treasury Bills, under the Act, No. 10, 1900, cited as the Darling Harbour Wharves Resumption Act?

(2.) The purposes to which the sums so raised have been appropriated?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) £3,000,000, raised by the issue of Inscribed Stock in London.

(2.) The sums so raised will be applied to meet loan Loan Services authorised.

(37.) Refuse from Hospitals in Sydney :—Mr. Jessop, for Mr. Latimer, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it not a fact that the various hospitals in Sydney sell by tender to pig and poultry farmers the unused food and other refuse from such institutions?

(2.) Will he, in the interest of public health, take such steps as will put a stop to this practice, and cause all refuse from such hospitals to be destroyed by fire?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) It is understood that the hospitals sell kitchen wastes such as unused food, bones, and fat. Regulations require all such materials to be cooked before being fed to pigs or poultry, whether obtained from a hospital or not.

(2.) There is no reason on public health grounds to interfere with this practice.

(38.) Land adjoining northern end of Richmond Terrace :—Mr. Law, for Mr. Daley, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Under whose control is that piece of land adjoining the northern end of Richmond Terrace?

(2.) Are the occupants of Richmond Terrace allowed access to such land for recreation purposes, or is it merely confined to certain individuals and their families?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) The Director of the Botanic Gardens.

(2.) The official residence of Dr. Paton, Government Medical Officer, adjoins the land. Recently the Railway Department resumed this officer's garden for the purpose of erecting an electric station, and the Director of the Botanic Gardens allowed Dr. Paton to enter the land for recreation purposes. No other occupant of Richmond Terrace has applied for or been furnished with a key.

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(39.) Designs for North Shore Bridge:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Secretary for Public Works,—  
(1.) Has the Government asked for fresh designs for the North Shore Bridge, and when is same to close?

(2.) What amount has been paid to the authors of previous designs in original competition?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) Fresh designs and tenders are now being invited for the North Shore bridge upon a carefully drafted specification prepared by the Advisory Board appointed by the Government. These have already been advertised in Great Britain, Europe, and America, and tenders will close on 28th February next.

(2.) Under the conditions of the previous competition two premiums were awarded, one of £1,000 and one of £500. Provision for the payment of these awards will be made on this year's Estimates.

(40.) Police Magistrate, Bathurst:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has he read in the *National Advocate* of the 16th instant the insults directed at our Public School system and the Protestants of the State, by what the Police Magistrate of Bathurst said at a public function held last Sunday is the custom in cemeteries?

(2.) Is a public servant of the State justified in levelling such insults publicly, even if it is on a Sunday?

(3.) Will he call for a report from the offending officer as to the language used; and if the statements were made as reported, will he take steps to prevent such insults taking place in the future by those in the pay of the Government?

Mr. See answered,—

(1 and 2.) I have not read the article in question; but no public servant would be justified in publicly directing insults against the public school system, or against the members of any religious body.

(2.) The matter will be fully inquired into.

(41.) Granville South Public School:—Mr. Whiddon, for Mr. Nobbs, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is he aware that, notwithstanding some forty or fifty children have been turned away from the Granville South Public School by his intructions, that there is still insufficient accommodation to meet the demand of pupils there?

(2.) Is he aware that of the large number turned away, some of them go to no Granville district Public School?

(3.) What does he propose to do in the matter, so that the children attending this school shall have every accommodation?

Mr. Perry answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) No.

(3.) The school has ample accommodation for the children residing in the locality.

(42.) Electric Tramway, Waverley and Bondi:—Mr. Jessep asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Can he state approximately the date of the inauguration of the electric tramway system to Waverley and Bondi?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed the conversion of the lines referred to is dependent on the completion of the installation of the additional machinery at the Ultimo power-house. It is expected power will be available so that the lines may be operated electrically by the end of June.

## 2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, 1900, of land for improvements to siding accommodation at Darling Harbour

(2.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Wyalong under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1897; By-laws of the Boroughs of Auburn and Rookwood, under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1897; By-laws of the Municipal District of Ryde, under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1897; By-laws of the Borough of Tamworth, under section 48 of the Public Health Act, 1896; and By-laws of the Borough of Shellharbour, under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1897.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. See laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Schedule of claims in connection with the Bubonic Plague Visitation, 1900.  
Ordered to be printed.

(2.) By-law of the Borough of Richmond.

(3.) By-laws of the Borough of Ashfield.

(4.) Correspondence, &c., respecting the Victorian Gold Jubilee Exhibition.

(5.) Return showing the population of Sydney and surrounding districts.

(6.) Abstracts from Census returns, 1901, of population of New South Wales.

(7.) Police Report respecting death of a coach-driver named James Long, near Gulgong.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

## 3. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS (*Election Petition—Cohen v. Mahony, Annandale*):—

Mr. Wright, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table, the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, to whom was referred, on 3rd September, 1901, the Petition of Isaiah Reginald Cohen, against the return of William Henry Mahony, Esquire, as Member for the Electoral District of Annandale.

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And the said report was read at length by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, as follows:—

“ The Committee of Elections and Qualifications, duly appointed on 24th July, 1901, to whom was referred a Petition from Isaiah Reginald Cohen against the return of William Henry Mahony, Esquire, as Member for the Electoral District of Annandale, have determined and do hereby declare:—

“ 1. That William Henry Mahony, Esquire, the Sitting Member, has been duly elected as Member for the Electoral District of Annandale.

“ 2 That the Petition of Isaiah Reginald Cohen is not frivolous or vexatious.

“ 3. That the sum of £15 be awarded to William Henry Mahony, Esquire, the Sitting Member, towards his costs and expenses, such amount to be paid by the Petitioner.

“ No. 3 Committee Room, Legislative Assembly,

“ F. A. WRIGHT,

“ Sydney, 19th September, 1901.”

“ Chairman.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. MEMBERS OF THE POLICE FORCE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Dacey moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
- (1.) The names, in the order in which they joined, of every member of the Police Force above the rank of first-class constable.
  - (2.) The date of joining.
  - (3.) The date of appointment to present rank.
- Question put and passed.
5. LISMORE STOCK BOARD (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Meagher moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House all papers and correspondence in connection with an application by farmers and settlers of the Tweed for secession from the Lismore Stock Board, upon the ground of their being compelled to contribute to a fund from which they receive no benefit.
- Question put and passed.
6. DISTRICT COURT AMENDING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Price moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the District Courts Act, and such other statutes as may be necessary in connection therewith.
- Question put and passed.
7. UNCLAIMED MONEYS BILL:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill discharged, on motion of Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.
- Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.
8. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Agricultural Holdings Bill postponed until To-morrow.
9. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Kahibah, Mr. Edden, 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., “ A brutal assault committed on Mr. Harry Evans and daughter, at Newcastle, on the 20th instant.”
- And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—
- Mr. Edden moved, That this House do now adjourn.
- Debate ensued.
- Question put and negatived.
10. TIED HOUSES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Meagher moved, That this Bill be “ now ” read a second time.
- Debate ensued.
- Mr. Eden George moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out the word “ now ” with a view to adding the words “ this day four weeks.”
- Question proposed,—That the word proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.
- Debate continued.
- Proposed amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
- Original Question put and passed.
- Bill read a second time.
- On motion of Mr. Meagher, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

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

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

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
Speaker.



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FIRST SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER, 1901.

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

VOTE OF CREDIT:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Waddell, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

Message No. 58.

*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, that provision be made for defraying the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the State for the months of September and October, or following month of the Financial Year ending 30th June, 1902, and for an Advance to the Colonial Treasurer.

*Government House,**Sydney, 25th September, 1901.*

Ordered to be referred to the Committee of Supply.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Consolidated Land Bill:—Mr. Affleck asked the Secretary for Lands,—When does he propose to introduce the new Consolidated Land Bill, promised in the Governor's Opening Speech, and will such Bill contain provision for the continuance of the reappraisements of land already taken up?

*Mr. Bennett* answered,—My Honorable Colleague has thought it expedient not to submit the Bill referred to until the report of the Western Division Commission has been received, as that report will probably indicate the necessity for amendments of the law.

(2.) Public Library:—*Mr. Affleck*, for Mr. Kelly, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House the correspondence between W. Clinton and the Librarian of the Lending Branch of the Public Library, dated respectively the 15th and 16th July, 1901, in reference to the withdrawal of a book?

(2.) Will he also lay upon the Table such book, so that Honorable Members may inspect therein the article, "Passages from the Diary of a Naval Surgeon," referred to in the correspondence?

(3.) Who selected the book for accession to the Lending Branch?

(4.) Can he state whether the selector or selectors perused the article, "Passages from the Diary of a Naval Surgeon," in such book before recommending it for accession to the branch?

(5.) When was the accession of the book made to the branch, and on whose authority?

(6.) Did any official of the branch peruse the article, "Passages from the Diary of a Naval Surgeon," in such book, before approving of its circulation in the branch?

(7.) How many times was the book issued to borrowers before it was withdrawn from circulation?

(8.) What is the method of procuring accession of literature for the Lending Branch, and of approving of it for circulation?

*Mr. Perry* answered,—

(1.) Correspondence appended.

(2.) The book has been destroyed by authority of the Trustees.

(3.) Book was submitted on approval among others by Messrs. Angus and Robertson, and accepted by the Trustees.

(4.) No.

(5.) 1st February, 1900. Trustees.

(6.) No.

(7.) Twenty-five.

(8.) Books are suggested both by borrowers and the Librarian of the Lending Branch, and approved by the Trustees.

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- (3.) Public Service Board :—*Mr. Levy*, for Mr. Collins, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Was a Commission, consisting of the members of the Public Service Board, appointed last year to inquire into certain serious charges against officers of the Department of Navigation?
  - (2.) Was the inquiry finished last April?
  - (3.) Have the officers whose conduct was called in question been dismissed from the Public Service?
  - (4.) Will he lay the report of the Commission upon the Table of this House?
- Mr. Waddell* answered,—The Public Service Board were not appointed a Commission, but in their ordinary capacity they held an investigation, at the request of the late Premier, Sir William Lyne, into the working of the Navigation Department. This inquiry was commenced in the latter part of last year, and the taking of evidence was completed at the end of April. The inquiry arose out of certain statements which had been made in regard to defective surveys of vessels, during the time the Marine Board were in existence, and it was deemed necessary, in the public interest, that an exhaustive investigation should be made. The evidence was very voluminous, and the report has necessarily taken some time to prepare, as the Board have many other duties to perform in their ordinary capacity as administrators of the Public Service Act. They inform me, however, that they anticipate it will be ready for submission to the Government in a few days.
- (4.) Devonshire-street :—*Mr. Affleck*, for Mr. Whiddon, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it intended that in the construction of the new railway station at Redfern that Devonshire-street is to be absolutely closed from Castlereagh-street to Pitt-street?
  - (2.) If so, in view of the enormous traffic from Surry Hills and Paddington, will he consider the wisdom of making provision for a subway for foot passengers, in order to prevent what would be a serious inconvenience to some thousands of residents in the eastern suburbs?
- Mr. O'Sullivan* answered,—
- (1.) It is strongly recommended by the Central Station Board and the Engineer-in-Chief that this street should be closed to wheel traffic. Provision will be made for the heavy traffic *via* Belmore Road which will be widened.
  - (2.) A subway for pedestrians will in any case be made where Devonshire-street is now.
- (5.) Members of the Legislative Assembly :—*Mr. Affleck*, for Mr. David Storey, asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of his proposal to introduce an amendment of the Electoral Law, will he say whether the Government has decided on a course of action with regard to a reduction of the Members of the Legislative Assembly?
- Mr. See* answered,—These matters are under consideration by the Government.
- (6.) Public School Teachers :—*Mr. Wright*, for Mr. Levien, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) Why have the teachers' increases of salary, as passed by the Public Service Board and approved of by him, not yet been paid?
  - (2.) Will the increases date from 1st July?
- Mr. Perry* answered,—
- (1.) These increases cannot be paid until the money has been voted by Parliament.
  - (2.) This cannot be decided until the Estimates have been passed. I should like to add that it would be just as well if the teachers ceased to worry Honorable Members about matters which have been answered over and over again.
- (7.) Labour Commissioners :—*Mr. Sleath*, for Mr. Samuel Smith, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What are the names of the Labour Commissioners?
  - (2.) What are the duties they perform?
  - (3.) What powers are they invested with?
  - (4.) How many meetings are held per week, and what fees do they each receive?
  - (5.) What salary does the Chairman receive?
  - (6.) The amount paid in fees to each Commissioner since his appointment?
  - (7.) Is the Labour Bureau controlled by the Commissioners?
  - (8.) Has the staff of the Labour Bureau been reduced or added to since the Commissioners took control?
- Mr. O'Sullivan* answered,—
- (1.) W. F. Schey, F. Brennan, Rev. W. I. Jarr-Smith.
  - (2 and 3.) They have charge of all matters relating to the unemployed, Labour Depot, Casual Labour Farm, &c.
  - (4.) Two. President, £3 3s.; other Commissioners, £2 2s. each.
  - (5.) Answered by No. 4. No salary; fees only.
  - (6.) W. F. Schey, £554 8s.; F. Brennan, £254 2s.; Rev. W. I. Carr-Smith, £124 2s.
  - (7.) Yes.
  - (8.) Reduced; the Superintendent, Labour Bureau, has been retired, and further reductions are contemplated by which about £600 per annum will be saved in salaries, in addition to other savings in rent, &c.
- (8.) Employees at Fitzroy Dock :—*Mr. Law*, for Mr. John Storey, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What is the amount of wages (if any) do the Government allow the employees at Fitzroy Dock when absent from work through illness caused by accident?
  - (2.) Are they entitled to full pay?
  - (3.) If so, is he aware that at present great dissatisfaction exists from the fact that some men receive full pay, while others receive only half, and others absolutely nothing, whose cases are analogous?
  - (4.) Will he cause inquiries to be made with a view to preventing, if possible, any injustice being done?
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Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) Full pay for such period as the case demands, but not to exceed two months to an employee incapacitated through injuries received while on duty through defective gear or the negligence of a fellow employee, and provided such accident has not been caused through contributory negligence on the part of such injured employee. Half pay for such period as the case demands, but not to exceed one month to an employee incapacitated through injuries caused by his own negligence or contributory negligence if the circumstances of the case appear unwarranted.

(2.) I am not aware.

(3.) See Answer to Question 1.

(4.) Inquiries will be made.

(9.) City Railway:—*Mr. E. M. Clark*, for Mr. Broughton, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) In view of the firing of the switchboard at Ultimo the other day, and the consequent breakdown of the city tram service, will he submit to Parliament, as soon as practicable, the scheme recently foreshadowed by him for the extension of the railway into the city, such extension not to interfere in any way with Hyde Park?

(2.) As the probable cost of the extension of the railway into the city will be about £700,000, will the Government float a loan locally, to be called the City Railway Extension Loan?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) I have given notice of motion to refer the scheme to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon.

(2.) Nothing can be done in this direction until the report of the Committee has been presented to and endorsed by Parliament.

(10.) Farmers' and Settlers' Association:—*Mr. T. R. Smith*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Secretary for Mines,—Will he cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, for the information of Honorable Members, a copy of the resolutions that were passed by the Farmers' and Settlers' Association Conference, held at Tamworth on the 18th July last, and subsequently presented to him by a deputation?

Mr. Kidd answered,—Yes, as early as possible.

(11.) Land Exchange by Mr. Buckland:—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) What stage has been reached by the proposal for land exchange submitted by Mr. Buckland, of Pine Ridge Station, near Coolah?

(2.) Has the matter yet been before the Land Board of the District; if not, when will it be under the Board's consideration, and where?

*Mr. Bennett* answered,—

(1.) The papers were sent to the District Surveyor at Tamworth on 29th ultimo, with a view to an inspection of the land being made prior to the case being investigated by the Local Land Board. The report has been made, and the report is expected next week.

(2.) The matter has not yet been before the Local Land Board.

(12.) Public Service:—*Mr. Levy*, for Mr. Ashton, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What is the period of annual leave granted to—(1.) officers in the General Division of the Public Service; (2.) attendants in the Department of Lunacy; (3.) prison warders?

(2.) If not uniform, is there any good reason why they should not be?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) (1) Three weeks, except where otherwise provided by special regulation; (2) three weeks (continuous) and thirty-six other days; (3) prison warders, while on night duty, which occupies about four months in the year, are allowed every third day off duty, in addition to periods of rest. During the remaining eight months they receive eight days holiday, and occasional Sunday and Saturday afternoons, in addition to public holidays, in turn. By the regulations, warders are paid for Sunday and public holiday duty. In addition, warders receive fourteen days leave (continuous) yearly, except where for any reason they have failed, or have neglected to pass the senior warden examination, in which case they receive seven days continuous yearly leave. At small gaols where there is little to do, and where the staff is necessarily limited, the foregoing conditions vary.

(2.) The conditions of duty and service differ considerably, and it would therefore be impracticable to so arrange the different services that absolute uniformity should exist.

(13.) Old-age Pensions Act:—*Mr. Levy* asked the Colonial Secretary,—In the proposed Bill to amend the Old-age Pensions Act, will he take into consideration the advisableness of reducing the age of female pensioners from 65 to 60 years of age?

Mr. See answered,—The Government have no present intention of reducing the age prescribed in the Act. They are desirous of ascertaining the cost under the present law before diminishing the age for pensioners. I think that is a very wise thing to do.

(14.) Old-age Pensions Act:—*Mr. Davis* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What is the estimated cost of the administration of the Old-age Pensions Act per annum?

Mr. Waddell answered,—Pending the receipt of information in regard to the cost of the administration of the Act in country districts, it is not practicable to give a reliable estimate of the cost. If the Honorable Member will ask this Question again, I will endeavour to furnish him with the information.

(15.) Special Trains for Members of Parliament:—*Mr. Walsh* asked the Colonial Secretary,—By what special right does the Government provide a special train to convey the Honorable Member for Paramatta (when special trams and trains are ordered) in the face of refusing to provide one to take Mr. Walsh home to Tamworth?

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Mr. See answered,—Some years ago the House decided that it would be convenient for Honorable Members living within a reasonable distance of Sydney—in the suburbs, where communication is by train or tram—if they were afforded an opportunity of reaching their homes when the House continued to sit after the time for the ordinary running of the trains and trams. I think my honorable friend will admit that to provide a special train to go to a place so distant as Tamworth, and other districts equally remote, would involve such an expenditure as would absolutely break down the whole system. I may say that this matter was not one arranged by the present Government, but was instituted on the unanimous desire of the House that this convenience should be afforded to Honorable Members.

- (16.) Electric Tramway Service:—Mr. Quinn asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In view of a statement by the Railway Commissioners, that the whole of the present electric power, and also the power expected to be available about next May, will be absorbed in running the eastern suburbs trams, will he see that the additional power necessary to run new tram lines, building and projected, is ordered without delay?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—The Railway Commissioners have already fully represented the necessity for additional power to the Government, and approval has been given for the Commissioners to do what is necessary in the matter preliminary to a vote being taken for the expenditure.

- (17.) Big River, Moree District:—Mr. Hogue asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What is the object of the work being carried out in the Moree district for diverting the waters of the Big River, or other stream in that district?
- (2.) How many canals, channels, cuttings, or races are in course of construction, or in contemplation in connection with this work, and what purpose is expected to be served thereby?
- (3.) How many men are employed on this work?
- (4.) What is the estimated cost of the work when completed?
- (5.) By whose authority was this work undertaken?
- (6.) Is it a fact that responsible officers reported against the advisability of carrying out the work in question?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

- (1.) Three distinct works are under construction in the Moree District, the object being the diversion of an increased supply of water into the Gwydir River below Moree, and into the Moomin and Thalaba Creeks, also the mitigation of floods in the watercourse country.

- (2.) Three different cuttings are under construction for effecting the above purposes.

- (3.) Two hundred men.

- (4.) The costs of the different works are as follows:—

Diversion to the Gwydir River	...	...	...	...	£9,100
„ Moomin Creek	...	...	...	...	12,100
„ Thalaba Creek	...	...	...	...	11,700

- (5.) The Minister for Works.

- (6.) No.

- (18.) Scrub-cutting, Baan Baa District:—Mr. Hogue asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) How many men have been employed in the Baan Baa district by the Government at scrub-cutting or other work?
- (2.) Is it a fact that a large batch of men recently finished their work there and returned to Sydney, thus adding to the number of unemployed in the metropolitan district?
- (3.) How many men are now employed by the Government at Baan Baa, and what is the nature of the work they are engaged upon?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

- (1.) Two hundred men altogether have been employed. The average number on the work at one time being 150.

- (2.) Yes; this is inevitable when every work is completed.

- (3.) No men are now employed there—the works have been finished.

- (19.) Railway from Cooma to Bombala:—Mr. Wood asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he give Parliament an early opportunity to deal with the recommendation of the Public Works Committee in connection with the proposed railway from Cooma to Bombala?

Mr. See answered,—The Cabinet decided at its last meeting that this line should stand over for the present.

- (20.) Mr. Peter Ferguson, Gulargambone:—Mr. Edden, for Mr. Scobie, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has Mr. Peter Ferguson of Gulargambone, any authority to grant or withhold written permission to travel along the new railway line referred to in advertisement in the *Coonamble Times*?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—No.

- (21.) Net-fishing in Rivers Murray and Darling:—Mr. Edden, for Mr. Scobie, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he take action to either entirely prohibit net-fishing in the Rivers Murray and Darling, or to prevent the extermination of the fish by regulating the size of mesh, so that the smaller fish may escape?

Mr. See answered,—The following information has been furnished by the Commissioners of Fisheries:—The waters of the Rivers Murray and Darling, with their tributaries, are closed against the use of fishing-nets until the 31st January, 1902. Under the provisions of the second section of the Inland Fisheries Act of 1887, it is unlawful to use for fishing in any inland water of the State, a net having a mesh less than 4 inches measured diagonally.

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- (22.) Circular Quay:—*Mr. Edden*, for *Mr. Kelly*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is he aware of the disgraceful condition of Circular Quay?
  - (2.) Will he take steps to have the same reblocked without delay?
- Mr. See* answered,—A sum is now available for reblocking Circular Quay, but the matter has been allowed to stand over pending the completion of the works now being carried out by the Sewerage Construction and Tramway Construction Branches of the Department of Public Works. It is anticipated that these works will be finished in about three months' time when the Commissioners will proceed with the reblocking. In the meantime, all necessary temporary repairs to the wood-blocking are being effected.
3. PAPERS:—
- Mr. O'Sullivan* laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, 1900, of land for the diversion of Lavender Creek, Murwillumbah South.
  - (2.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, 1900, of land for erection of tramway and winch in connection with the loading of timber at Bowra Wharf.
  - (3.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, 1900, of land for the construction of a wharf at Taylor's Arm, Nambucca River.
  - (4.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, 1900, of land for the erection of Police barracks at Redfern.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- Mr. Bennett* laid upon the Table,—Additional Regulation (No. 157*b*) under the Crown Lands Acts.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- Mr. Perry* laid upon the Table,—Correspondence respecting withdrawal from the Lending Branch of the Free Public Library of Long's "Naval Yarns."
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
4. DISTRICT COURTS 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 enactments relating to District Courts.*"
- 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 enactments relating to District Courts,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.
- Legislative Assembly Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 25th September, 1901.*
5. POLICE OFFENCES 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 Statutes relating to Police offences.*"
- 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 Police offences,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.
- Legislative Assembly Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 25th September, 1901.*
6. GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS 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 Acts relating to Government Railways and Tramways.*"
- 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 Government Railways and Tramways,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.
- Legislative Assembly Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 25th September, 1901.*
7. ANATOMY 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 Anatomy.*"
- 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 Anatomy*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.
- Legislative Assembly Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 25th September, 1901.*

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8. PUBLIC GATES 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 Public Gates.*"  
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 Public Gates,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 25th September, 1901.*
9. PARTY PROCESSIONS PREVENTION 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 Acts relating to the prevention of Party Processions and certain other public exhibitions.*"  
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 prevention of Party Processions, and certain other public exhibitions,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 25th September, 1901.*
10. OBSCENE AND INDECENT PUBLICATIONS 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 Acts relating to the prevention and suppression of obscene and indecent publications.*"  
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 prevention and suppression of obscene and indecent publications,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 25th September, 1901.*
11. VAGRANCY 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 Acts for the prevention of vagrancy.*"  
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 prevention of vagrancy,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 25th September, 1901.*
12. VINE AND VEGETATION DISEASES 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 Acts relating to a certain Vine Disease and to Vegetation Diseases.*"  
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 a certain Vine Disease and to Vegetation Diseases,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 25th September, 1901.*
13. INFANT CONVICTS ADOPTION 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 providing for the care and education of infants who may be convicted of felony or misdemeanour.*"  
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 providing for the care and education of infants who may be convicted of felony or misdemeanour,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
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14. FINES AND PENALTIES 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 Acts relating to the recovery, appropriation, and remission of fines and penalties.*"  
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, appropriation, and remission of fines and penalties,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 25th September, 1901.*
15. DESERTED WIVES AND CHILDREN 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 deserted wives 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 consolidate the enactments relating to deserted wives and children,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 25th September, 1901.*
16. NET-FISHING (PORT HACKING) 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 Acts relating to the prohibition of Net-fishing in Port Hacking.*"  
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 prohibition of Net-fishing in Port Hacking,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 25th September, 1901.*
17. INHERITANCE 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 enactments relating to the law of inheritance.*"  
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 enactments relating to the law of inheritance,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 25th September, 1901.*
18. INTERPLEADER 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 Statutes relating to Interpleader 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 Statutes relating to Interpleader in the Supreme Court,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 25th September, 1901.*
19. JUDGMENT CREDITORS REMEDIES 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 remedies of judgment creditors.*"  
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 remedies of judgment creditors,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
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20. RAILWAY OFFICERS AND MEN WHO HAVE WORKED OVER EIGHT HOURS EACH DAY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. T. R. Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
- (1.) The number of railway officers and men in No. 2 District, Wentworthville to Bathurst and Windsor and Richmond, who have worked over eight hours each day.
  - (2.) The names of the men and the days they worked over eight hours, and the hours they did work on each day during the months of July and August, 1901.
  - (3.) The amount each man received as overtime during the two months.
- Question put and passed.
21. MINERAL LEASES IN THE BARRIER DISTRICT (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Sleath moved, pursuant to Notice, That no extension of lease be granted to the holders of the different mineral leases in the Barrier District unless the conditions of such extension be first laid upon the Table of this House and approved of by Parliament.
- Question put and passed.
22. MINERAL AND GOLD LEASES IN THE BARRIER DISTRICT (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Sleath moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
- (1.) The number of mineral and gold leases in the Barrier District.
  - (2.) The date of issue of same.
  - (3.) The date on which such leases expire.
- Question put and passed.
23. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Juvenile Smoking Suppression Bill, postponed until To-morrow.
24. COUNTRY TOWNS WATER AND SEWERAGE (AMENDMENT) 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. 59.*
- 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 law relating to the water supply, sewerage, and drainage of country towns; to amend the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880, the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act Extension Act of 1887, and the Country Towns and Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Acts Amendment Act of 1894; and for other purposes.
- State Government House,  
Sydney, 24th September, 1901.*
- Ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.
25. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—
- (1.) Destitute Children's Society Bill:—
- MR. SPEAKER,—
- The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to the Society for the Relief of Destitute Children,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.
- Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 25th September, 1901.* W. J. TRICKETT,  
Deputy-President.
- Bill, on motion of Mr. See, read a first time.
- Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
- (2.) Apprentices Bill:—
- MR. SPEAKER,—
- The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to Apprentices,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.
- Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 25th September, 1901.* W. J. TRICKETT,  
Deputy-President.
- Bill, on motion of Mr. See, read a first time.
- Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
26. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Rylstone, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, 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 necessity which exists for the immediate appointment of a Commercial Agent in London, in the interests of the producers of New South Wales."
- And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—
- Mr. Fitzpatrick moved, That this House do now adjourn.
- Debate ensued.
- Question put and negatived.

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27. **INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, "That" this Bill be now read a third time.  
 Mr. Crick 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, 7, 14, 16, 31, 33, 36, 39, 51, and Schedule Two," instead thereof.  
 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 for the reconsideration of clauses 2, 7, 14, 16, 31, 33, 36, 39, 51, and Schedule Two,—put and passed.  
 On motion of Mr. Crick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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- Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill 2<sup>o</sup>, with further amendments.  
 On motion of Mr. Crick, the report was adopted.  
 Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
28. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The Orders of the Day of Government Business, Nos. 18 to 39, postponed until To-morrow.
29. **CITY OF SYDNEY MUNICIPAL LOAN BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question put and passed.  
 Bill read a second time.  
 On motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.  
 On motion of Mr. See, the report was adopted.  
 Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
30. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. See moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question put and passed.
- The House adjourned accordingly, at nine minutes before Two o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m., This Day.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*



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FIRST SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER, 1901.

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

GOVERNOR'S SALARY BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. See, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 60.*

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 make other provision for the salary of the Governor of New South Wales; and for the salaries and allowances of his Staff; and to amend the Constitution Act.

*State Government House,  
Sydney, 26th September, 1901.*

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

2. ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR 1901-1902, AND STATEMENTS OF PAYMENTS FROM THE VOTE OF ADVANCE TO TREASURER ON ACCOUNT OF SERVICES FOR THE YEAR 1900-1901, AND FROM SUSPENSE ACCOUNT:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Waddell, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 61.*

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 accompanying Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1901-1902, together with a Statement of Payments from the Vote "Advance to Treasurer, 1900-1901," on account of Services for the year 1900-1901, submitted for Parliamentary Appropriation in adjustment of the Advance Vote, and a Statement of Payments from the "Expenditure Suspense Account," to 30th June, 1901, for urgent claims, on account of ordinary and extraordinary Services, &c., of the year 1900-1901, submitted for Parliamentary Appropriation.

*Government House,  
Sydney, 25th September, 1901.*

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

3. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Hours of Labour:—*Mr. W. F. Hurley*, for Mr. Eden George, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—In view of the long hours worked by carters in the employ of private firms, will he take steps to bring carters under the provision of the Factories and Shops or Early Closing Acts for the purpose of a limitation in their hours of work?

*Mr. Perry* answered,—The Early Closing Act provides that a weekly half, or monthly whole, holiday shall be allowed to shop carters. The question of the limitation of the hours of work will be considered in a measure dealing with the hours of labour in various callings.

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(2.) Engineers on Horse Ferry to North Shore:—*Mr. W. F. Hurley*, for Mr. Eden George, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the engineers employed upon the horse ferry to North Shore have to leave their engines when in motion to collect fares?
- (2.) If such a practice exists, will he take steps, in the interest of safe navigation, to put a stop to such practice?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—The Superintendent of Navigation reports that the matter of collectors being placed on the horse-ferry boats in the harbour is a matter engaging the attention of the inspectors attached to the Department. The horse-ferry boats "Warrane" and "Kamilaroi" have already been provided with collectors. Arrangements are now being made for the "Barangaroo" to be supplied with a collector, who will take up his duties in a day or two.

(3.) Old-age Pensions:—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick*, for Mr. Quinn, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Has the old-age pension been granted to any persons under 60 years of age?
- (2.) If so, to how many?
- (3.) On what grounds?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—

- (1.) Not knowingly. It is quite possible, however, that a pension certificate may have been obtained by false representation; but, so far, no hint of such a case has reached me.
- (2 and 3.) Answered by No. 1.

(4.) Post and Telegraph Office, Trundle:—*Mr. Clara* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) The amount of money paid in rent by the Government for the Post and Telegraph Office, Trundle?
- (2.) Will he compare the respective amounts "rent paid" and "gross value of building used," with a view of the Government erecting a post and telegraph office?

*Mr. Perry* answered,—I have no information on the point, and would advise the Honorable Member to communicate with Mr. Brown, M.H.R., with a view to the question being put to the Honorable J. G. Drake, Postmaster-General.

(5.) Resumption of Western side of Elizabeth-street:—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick*, for Mr. Sullivan, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Does the Government intend to resume the western side of Elizabeth-street from Hay-street to Liverpool-street; if so, when?

*Mr. Sec* answered,—No; this is not under consideration.

(6.) Claims against the Commonwealth Act:—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick*, for Mr. Sullivan, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is he aware that citizens of this State who are injured by any Department under the control of the Commonwealth have no remedy at the present time?
- (2.) Will the Government communicate with the Federal Premier, with a view to having a "Claims against the Commonwealth Act" passed during the ensuing Session?

*Mr. Sec* answered,—I will consult the Attorney-General upon this point.

(7.) Amendment of the Tenancy Act:—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick*, for Mr. Sullivan, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he bring in a Bill to amend the Tenancy Act to provide for a Chamber Magistrate making orders for possession of premises where the matter is not disputed?

*Mr. Sec* answered,—It is difficult to understand how an order can be necessary if there is no dispute, as it must be presumed that the tenant would then leave without compulsion. If the Honorable Member desires to bring in a Bill on the subject, every consideration will be given to it.

(8.) Residence for State Governor:—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) For what term has "Cranbrook" been leased for the purpose of a residence for the State Governor, and what rental is to be paid?
- (2.) When does he propose to afford the House an opportunity of discussing the question of the State Governor's salary and allowances (if any)?

*Mr. Sec* answered,—

- (1.) For five years, at a rental of £400 a year, the landlord paying taxes, exclusive of water charge over and above the assessment allowance.
- (2.) I will give notice this afternoon of a motion for the introduction of a Bill, which will be brought in at as early a date as possible.

(9.) Newcastle Pilot Boatmen:—*Mr. Dick* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What is the reason for the delay in paying certain of the Newcastle pilot boatmen, who are not provided with quarters, the allowance of £18 per year to which they are entitled?
- (2.) Will he take steps to provide certain of these boatmen, who now reside in comfortless insanitary houses, with dwellings decently comfortable and equipped with ordinary sanitary arrangements?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—The increased work brought about by the provisions of the new "Navigation Act" has necessitated the appointment of additional hands at Newcastle, for which no quarters were available. Vouchers are now being prepared for payment of the allowances to those men for whom quarters could not be found. I am not aware that any of the Government premises at Newcastle are in an insanitary condition. Repairs are now being effected to some of the premises and provision has been made on the Estimates for the current financial year for extensive repairs to premises at all out-stations under the jurisdiction of the Department.

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- (10.) Master of Pilot-steamer "Ajax" :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Was Mr. Dunn appointed master of the pilot-steamer "Ajax" on condition that he submitted himself to and passed the examination for a foreign master's certificate?
  - (2.) Was it found that Mr. Dunn did not possess the statutory qualifications which would allow him to be so examined?
  - (3.) Is it proposed to retain Mr. Dunn in his position as master, in spite of the fact that he is not qualified, and in spite of the fact that the first and second mates are?

Mr. Waddell answered,—Captain Dunn was appointed to the Service on the 1st September, 1897, as chief officer of the s.s. "Ajax," and held that position until the 24th August, 1900. On that date Captain Crosson, who was then master of the "Ajax," was promoted to the position of Assistant Harbour Pilot, Sydney, and Captain Dunn was then promoted to the position of master of the "Ajax." Captain Dunn was not appointed as master of the vessel on condition that he passed the examination for a master's foreign-going certificate, but received the appointment in the ordinary way of promotion to a deserving officer who was competent for the position.

- (11.) Adulteration of Food and Liquors :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that in England all food and liquors, &c., in use and consumed by the public, and suspected of containing deleterious poisons, preservatives, and other foreign ingredients, are subject to rigid inspection and analysis, under the control of an efficient staff of officers belonging to the Crown?
  - (2.) What is the practice hitherto adopted by the Government of New South Wales in regard to food and liquor inspection and adulterations, and has the State Department of Public Health (as in England) any control over food and liquor inspections and adulterations, so as to make an analysis of the same?
  - (3.) If so, will he state the number of articles of food and liquor that has been submitted for chemical analysis and found to contain preservatives and other ingredients injurious to public health during the last twelve months?
  - (4.) Is it intended by the Government to give sanction to the City Council to establish a laboratory for the purpose of carrying on analysis of food and liquors suspected to contain adulterations, preservatives, &c., injurious to public health; if so, when, and at what cost?
  - (5.) Is it advisable to increase the burdens of taxation when a more efficient and economical system is carried on by a competent staff of officers and analytical chemists engaged in the Department of Public Health under the control of the Government?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) In England the duty of inspection and analysis of food suspected of being adulterated is primarily laid upon local authorities. The Local Government Board, the Board of Agriculture, Customs, &c., also have the power to direct their officers to inspect and analyse samples. The local authorities are required to appoint public analysts, to whom any person may refer samples on payment of specified fees. There are several Government laboratories, the principal of which is the Analytical Department, under the control of Commissioners of Inland Revenue.
- (2.) Under part 8 of the Public Health Act, 1896 (New South Wales), power to obtain samples for analysis is conferred upon "any officer of the Board, or of the Municipal Council, duly authorised in writing by the Mayor, or any of the following officers, that is to say, any Inspector of Weights and Measures, or superintendent, inspector, sub-inspector, or sergeant of Police, or any constable specially authorised by the Inspector-General of Police or by any superintendent of Police." The local authorities are charged with the administration of the Act in question. The Board of Health has the power to appoint analysts for the purposes of the Act, and has appointed ten such analysts. The State Department of Public Health has, and regularly exercises, the power to obtain samples of food and drink.
- (3.) During the twelve months 1st September, 1900, to 31st August, 1901, 447 samples of food and liquor were submitted to analysis in the Board's laboratory, of which 184 were found to have been adulterated.
- (4 and 5.) These matters are at present under consideration.

- (12.) Western Lands Commission :—Mr. Wood asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What members of the Western Lands Commission are being paid for their services?
  - (2.) What is the total amount paid or due for such fees?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

- (1.) One—Mr. R. R. Machattie.
- (2.) Total amount paid to 31st July, 1901, £910 7s.; amount due to 31st August, 1901, £35 1s.

- (13.) Government Loans :—Mr. Brunker asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In connection with the reply given by the Honorable the Treasurer to Question 36 put by the Honorable Member for Rylstone, on 25th September, which states that under the Act No. 10, 1900, passed during last Session of Parliament, the sum of £3,000,000 has been raised by the issue of Inscribed Stock in London,—does that mean that this amount has been raised in addition to the £4,000,000 loan obtained a few days since?

Mr. Waddell answered,—No; the £3,000,000 in question forms portion of the recent £4,000,000 loan.

4. PAPER :—Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 24th September, 1901, "Lismore Stock Board."  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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

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6. CITY OF SYDNEY MUNICIPAL LOAN 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 enable the Municipal Council of Sydney to raise by debentures a sum not exceeding two hundred thousand pounds for certain purposes.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act to enable the Municipal Council of Sydney to raise by debentures a sum not exceeding two hundred thousand pounds for certain purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 26th September, 1901.*

7. INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. See, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to provide for the registration and incorporation of industrial unions and the making and enforcing of industrial agreements; to constitute a court of arbitration for the hearing and determination of industrial disputes, and matters referred to it; to define the jurisdiction, powers, and procedure of such court; to provide for the enforcement of its awards and orders; to provide for a committee of reference from such court; 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 provide for the registration and incorporation of industrial unions and the making and enforcing of industrial agreements; to constitute a court of arbitration for the hearing and determination of industrial disputes and matters referred to it; to define the jurisdiction, powers, and procedure of such court; to provide for the enforcement of its awards and orders; to provide for a committee of reference from such Court; and for purposes consequent on or incidental to those objects,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 26th September, 1901.*

8. CROWN LANDS ACT—EXCHANGE OF LAND (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, no exchange of land under the 47th section of the Crown Lands Act be in future agreed to, except for other lands on the holding of applicant, or for lands immediately adjoining same.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 33.

Mr. Moxham,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Dick,	Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Fleming,	Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Reymond,
Mr. Daley,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Whiddon,	Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Power,	Mr. Wood.
Mr. Gilbert,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.
Mr. Clara,	
Mr. Kelly,	
Mr. Webster,	
Mr. Hollis,	
Mr. Scobic,	
Mr. Burgess,	
Mr. Estell,	
Mr. Mcagher,	
Mr. Nielsen,	
Mr. Edden,	

Noes, 41.

Dr. Ross,	Mr. Quinn,
Mr. Newman,	Mr. Byrne,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. MacMahon,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Daniel O'Connor,	Mr. Law,
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Sleath,
Mr. See,	Mr. Anderson,
Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Evans,	Mr. Young,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. T. H. Griffith,
Mr. Phillips,	Mr. Pyers,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Howarth,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Afleck,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Thomson,	Mr. W. F. Hurley,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. D. R. Hall.
Mr. Brunker,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Sullivan,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. McIntyre.
Mr. Gillies,	
Mr. Dight,	

And so it passed in the negative.

9. VISITS OF POLICE MAGISTRATE TO MOLONG, CUMNOCK, CUDAL, &C. (*Formal Motion*):—Dr. Ross moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
- (1.) The number of times the Police Magistrate at Orange attended the Police Court at Molong each year, respectively, during the last five years, number of cases dealt with, amount of fines inflicted, and the amount allowed for travelling expenses.
  - (2.) The same information in regard to the Police Magistrate's visit to Cumnock, &c.
  - (3.) The same information in regard to the Police Magistrate's visit to Cudal.
  - (4.) The same information in regard to the visit of the Police Magistrate at Dubbo to Obley Court of Petty Sessions.
  - (5.) The same information in regard to the visit of the Police Magistrate at Forbes to Eugowra Police Court.
  - (6.) The same information in regard to the visit of the Police Magistrate at Cowra to Canowindra.
- Question put and passed.

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10. JUSTICES (FEES) BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the law relating to fees in respect of proceedings before Justices; to enable the Governor to fix such fees; and for other purposes in connection therewith*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 26th September, 1901.

W. J. TRICKETT,  
Deputy-President.

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

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

11. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Parramatta, Mr. Moxham, 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 necessity for the reduction of the working hours of attendants in the State Hospitals for Insane." And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—

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

*Point of Order*:—Mr. Crick submitted that this subject, being one that could be very properly discussed in Committee of Supply, was out of order as now proposed.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said that as this motion dealt with the working hours of the attendants, and not their salaries or conduct, he would not rule against it, though he had some doubt on the point.

Debate ensued.

Question put and voices given,—Mr. Speaker stated his opinion that the *Noes* had it.

Whereupon Division called for, and Mr. Speaker having, in accordance with Standing Order No. 213, directed the Members to take their seats to the right and left of the Chair respectively, declared the determination of the House to be in the *negative*, as there were only three Members in the minority who had challenged his decision.

The following are the names of the Members in the minority, viz.:—Mr. Kelly, Mr. B. B. O'Connor, and Mr. Miller.

12. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:—Mr. Waddell 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 1901-1902," 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.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour of the day.

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

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

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

(2.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to His Majesty a sum not exceeding £1,937, for the establishment of His Excellency the Governor for the year 1901-1902.

On motion of Mr. Waddell, 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. Waddell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour of the day.

15. PAPER:—Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—Estimates of the Ways and Means of the Government of New South Wales for the year 1901-1902.

Ordered to be printed.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and 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 His Majesty a sum not exceeding £1,100,000; being £1,075,000 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the State during the months of September and October, or following month of the financial year ending 30th June, 1902, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1901-1902; and for Services of the year 1901-1902—£25,000 for Treasurer's Advance Account, the whole amount to be adjusted not later than the 30th June, 1903.

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

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17. **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:—  
(3.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the Services of the financial year 1901–1902, the sum of £1,100,000 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.  
On motion of Mr. See, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
18. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 2):**—  
(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. See, that a Bill be brought in, founded on resolution of Ways and Means (No. 3), to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1901–1902.  
(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 1901–1902,*”—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 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 1901–1902.*”  
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 1901–1902,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 26th September, 1901.*
19. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 2):**—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—  
MR. SPEAKER,—  
The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled “*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1901–1902,*”—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.  
*Legislative Council Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 26th September, 1901.*  
W. J. TRICKETT,  
Deputy-President.
20. **ADJOURNMENT:**—Mr. See moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
The House adjourned accordingly, at four minutes before Twelve o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.
- F. W. WEBB,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*
- WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 1 OCTOBER, 1901.

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

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL, (No. 2):—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Sec, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 62.*

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 1901-1902,*"—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 His 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.

*State Government House,  
Sydney, 27th September, 1901.*

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Betting-houses:—*Mr. E. M. Clark*, for Mr. Daley, asked the Colonial Secretary,—  
(1.) How many betting-houses are known to the Police in the metropolitan area?  
(2.) Is it a fact that he intends to station a constable at the door of every such betting-house; if so, will he mete out similar treatment to the Chinese gambling hells?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) Twenty-eight.  
(2.) No.

- (2.) Resumption of George-street from Queen's-place to Circular Quay:—*Mr. E. M. Clark*, for Mr. Daley, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has the Rocks Resumption Advisory Board advised the Government to resume the western side of George-street from Queen's-place to Circular Quay, in order to ensure the safety of the travelling public, by widening the said street?

(2.) If such recommendation has been made will the Government act upon the suggestion?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—The Advisory Board recommended the resumption of a strip of land on the eastern side of George-street from Queen's-place to the Fire Station, for the purpose of improving the street, but no decision has yet been arrived at with regard thereto.

- (3.) Bridges at Somerton and Paradise:—*Mr. W. F. Hurley*, for Mr. Walsh, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has he made provision for constructing the bridges at Somerton and Paradise?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—The sum of £1,150 has been noted for consideration for a bridge over the Cockburn River, at Paradise—renewal—road, Tamworth to Nundle. An amount of £800 noted for consideration for a bridge over Mooki River—renewal—road, Gunnedah to Somerton.

- (4.) Rocks Resumptions:—*Mr. E. M. Clark*, for Mr. Daley, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) In view of his promise to pay off the mortgages on the Rocks resumed properties, would he state how many have been so paid off, and what were the amounts thereof?

(2.) If these mortgages are not paid off, will he at once give instructions to do so?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) One; the amount paid was £400, and £19 12s. 7d. interest thereon.

(2.) Arrangements are being made by the Crown Solicitor for payment of the mortgages where the values exceed the mortgage debt.

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- (5.) Dawes' Battery:—*Mr. E. M. Clark*, for Mr. Daley, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) In view of the plans being prepared for the remodelling of the Rocks, has he made any representations to the Federal Government for the transfer of Dawes' battery to this State?
  - (2.) If so, what reply has he received, and is he still of the opinion that this historic spot should be dedicated to the public as a reserve?
- Mr. See answered,—A representation to the Federal Government has been made for the transfer of Dawes' Battery to this State, but no reply has yet been received. I communicated with the Federal Government pointing out that I thought the property was one which would not be desired by them, and it would be much better if it were retained by the State. I made a very strong recommendation to that effect, but as yet have received no reply. I shall further pursue the matter, and press upon the Federal Government the desirableness of the State Government retaining possession of Dawes' Point, so that the public may have the benefit of it as a recreation ground. The Federal Government will have to pay for it if they get it.
- (6.) Municipal Council of Sydney:—*Mr. Eden George* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Seeing that he has introduced a Bill to enable the Municipal Council of Sydney to borrow £200,000, will he ascertain what were the amounts of the said Council's bank overdraft upon the following four respective dates—1st September, 1900; 1st December, 1900; 1st March, 1901; 1st June, 1901?
- Mr. See answered,—1st September, 1900, overdraft, £106,557 2s. 7d.; 1st December, 1900, overdraft, £91,072 8s. 6d.; 1st March, 1901, overdraft, £156,915 11s. 5d.; 1st June, 1901, overdraft, £139,864 17s. 7d.
- (7.) Medical Practitioners Acts Further Amendment Act:—*Mr. E. M. Clark* asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Has the Medical Board obtained the Attorney-General's interpretation of clause 3, Act No. 70, known as Medical Practitioners Acts Further Amendment Act, 1900; if not, would he see that it gets it?
  - (2.) Will he state to this House the Attorney-General's opinion as to the interpretation of the words "Due course of study" as occurring in clause 3?
  - (3.) Will he ascertain whether the Attorney-General is aware that the Medical Board is demanding that candidates for registration under clause 3, Act 70, should show that they have completed a full course of three years, which is a longer course than some of the doctors already registered prior to passing of this Act have done?
  - (4.) Will he ascertain whether the Attorney-General is aware that the Medical Board has refused to register a gentleman who has complied with the terms of clause 3 as to being in reputable practice for five years prior to passing of Act, and who holds a degree obtained from a British Hospital, gained during his third year of study, and who has proof of having studied medicine and surgery for three years prior to the passing of the Act?
  - (5.) Will the Attorney-General examine this candidate's papers with a view to having his name inserted on the register?
- Mr. See answered,—
- (1 and 2.) The Attorney-General's opinion has not been obtained. The Board interprets the clause in its application to each particular case.
  - (3.) The Attorney-General is not aware of such practice.
  - (4.) The Attorney-General is not aware of any such refusal.
  - (5.) No; the Act expressly places registration under the section quoted, in the discretion of the Medical Board.
- (8.) Annuities to retiring Public Servants:—*Mr. Dacey*, for Mr. Holman, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) When annuities to which retiring Civil Servants are entitled are reduced in consideration of lump sum payments, on what tables are the reductions estimated?
  - (2.) Is the Government aware that the results of the tables used are far less favourable than those used by the A.M.P. and kindred societies doing business in the city?
  - (3.) Will the Government take steps to assure that retiring Public Servants, and those already retired, get at least as favourable consideration at the hands of the Government as private citizens would do who had invested in any private company?
- Mr. See answered,—
- (1.) Hm (5) tables.
  - (2.) No; the tables used are chosen on the basis of applicability to the class of lives concerned.
  - (3.) See replies to (1) and (2).
- (9.) Matron, Albury Hospital:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. Lonsdale, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the matron of the Albury Hospital has resigned?
  - (2.) Did the Government inform the Hospital Committee that if she remained matron the usual subsidy would not be paid?
  - (3.) Were the Committee further informed that none of the nurses would be eligible for positions in other State hospitals while she remained matron?
  - (4.) Were these steps taken because she was not a member of the Australian Nurses' Association?
  - (5.) Is it not a fact that she was a thoroughly trained nurse, and was recommended by the New South Wales Board of Health?
- Mr. See answered,—The following information has been furnished by the Chief Medical Officer to the Government:—
- (1.) No intimation of the resignation of the matron of the Albury Hospital has been received by this Department.
  - (2, 3, and 4.) Not by the Chief Medical Officer.
  - (5.) On the 5th June last, the appointment of Miss Elizabeth Irene McLeod as matron to the Albury Hospital was approved by the Chief Medical Officer on evidence of her satisfactory training as a nurse.
- (10.)

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(10.) Old-age Pensions Act:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he consider the advisability of so amending the Old-age Pensions Act as to admit of persons who are afflicted with blindness, and who are too old to enter institutions where trades are taught, to participate in its advantages?

Mr. See answered,—It is not proposed at present to lower the age at which an old-age pension may be claimed.

(11.) Land adjoining Richmond Terrace:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—Referring to the Questions asked by Mr. Daley, *re* land adjoining Richmond Terrace, will he give instructions for such land to be thrown open to the public or closed altogether, instead of allowing access to certain individuals?

Mr. See answered,—It is proposed to throw open this land to the public during the hours of daylight.

(12.) Government Launch "Unara":—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the Government launch "Unara" was used very recently on a Saturday afternoon to run a private picnic party down the Richmond River in celebration of the birthday of a clerk in the Ballina Harbours and Rivers Office; and, if so, will the Minister state whether the captain and engineer were paid overtime for the picnic, as the festivities occurred after hours?
- (2.) If he is not aware of the "Unara" being used for such a purpose will he cause inquiries to be made?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—I caused copies of these Questions to be telegraphed to the Resident Engineer at Ballina for replies, and he has wired the following explanation:—"Unara" was not lent to any one, but was recently used by myself and a few Government officers with their families to cross the river to and from Ballina and Southern Wall. The master and engineer were paid at the time for their extra work by me—not by the Government. The occasion was no birthday of any one that I am aware of. I considered the verbal authority of the Minister when here as to my discretion in the use of the launch sufficient to cover the actual private use of the "Unara" for forty minutes. No other official authority was thought necessary."

## 3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Statements and Diagrams in connection with the Financial Statement made on 26th September, 1901.

(2.) Return showing number of Railway Employees who have assured their lives.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return (*in part*) to an Order made on 21st September, 1898,—“Monthly Returns of Accidents” (Department of Public Works), August, 1901.

(2.) Report, together with Charts, showing the readings of the thermometer during the present Session, on the present system of ventilating the Legislative Assembly Chamber.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. See laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Appendix, of the Royal Commission to inquire into the fatal accident which took place at the Broken Hill South Mine on 24th May, 1901.

(2.) Statement of Accounts of the Sydney Harbour Trust, from 11th February to 30th June, 1901.

(3.) Regulations under the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900.

(4.) Digest of papers relating to English Inebriate Institutions, received from the Agent-General.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Juvenile Smoking Suppression Bill postponed until To-morrow.

5. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for St. Leonards, Mr. E. M. Clark, 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 necessity of introducing legislation to prevent unscrupulous financial companies from victimising honest traders by practically a fraudulent exercise of powers under a Bill of Sale.”  
And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

6. HOURS OF LABOUR OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES:—Mr. McGowen moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, all Government employees (servants of the Railway Commissioners included) should not work more than forty-eight hours in any one “week” for a full week’s work, and that a reduction of their hours of labour to that number should be made without any reduction of their wages.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Affleck moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word “week.”

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

Debate continued.

And;

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And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 2 OCTOBER, 1901, A.M.

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

7. LAND FRONTING THROSBY AND COTTAGE CREEKS, SOLD BY A. A. DANGAR, Esq.:—Mr. Fegan moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the sale of land by A. A. Dangar, Esq., at Wickham, fronting Throsby Creek and Cottage Creek.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Crick, Mr. Sleath, Mr. Carroll, Mr. Edden, Mr. Nobbs, Mr. Dick, Mr. Nicholson, and the Mover.
  - (3.) That the Report, Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence, together with Appendix of the Select Committee of Second Session, 1898, be referred to such Committee.
- Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
8. ASSENT TO THE SYDNEY HARBOUR TRUST ACT:—Mr. Hogue moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of the House copies of all correspondence, minutes, papers, and other documents relating to the Sydney Harbour Trust Act from the date of its legislative passing to the date of assent, 11th February, together with all legal opinions justifying the assent in the name of the late Queen Victoria, after proclamation of the accession of His Majesty King Edward VII.
- Debate ensued.  
Question put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 37.

Mr. Mcagher,  
Mr. See,  
Mr. Waddell,  
Mr. Bennett,  
Mr. O'Sullivan,  
Mr. Fegan,  
Mr. Dacey,  
Mr. Eden George,  
Mr. Dight,  
Mr. Hollis,  
Mr. Byrne,  
Mr. Scobie,  
Mr. Mahony,

Mr. Hogue,  
Mr. Anderson,  
Mr. Davidson,  
Mr. Levy,  
Mr. Gillies,  
Mr. Oakes,  
Mr. Latimer,  
Mr. John Hurley,  
Mr. J. F. Smith,  
Mr. Nicholson,  
Mr. Davis,  
Mr. Nobbs,  
Mr. McGowen,

Mr. Morton,  
Mr. Alexander Campbell,  
Mr. Richards,  
Mr. Evans,  
Mr. W. F. Hurley,  
Mr. Law,  
Mr. Daley,  
Mr. Brinsley Hall,  
Mr. Gilbert.  
*Tellers,*  
Mr. Arthur Griffith,  
Mr. Estell.

Noes, 9.

Mr. Power,  
Mr. Sleath,  
Mr. Sullivan,  
Mr. T. R. Smith,  
Mr. Briner,  
Mr. Nielsen,  
Mr. Ferguson.

*Tellers,*

Mr. McIntyre,  
Mr. Webster.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The House adjourned at half-past Twelve o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m., This Day.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 2 OCTOBER, 1901.

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

MESSAGES FROM THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor were delivered by Mr. See, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) Scaffolding and Lifts Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 63.*

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 regulate the construction and use of lifts and of scaffolding and engines used for erecting, demolishing, altering, repairing, cleaning, or painting buildings or structures, and of gear used in connection therewith; to regulate the use of steam cranes; and for purposes consequent upon or incidental to those objects.

*State Government House,  
Sydney, 1st October, 1901.*

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

- (2.) Governor's Salary Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 64.*

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 make other provision for the salary of the Governor of New South Wales, and for the salaries of his staff; and to amend the Constitution Act.

*State Government House,  
Sydney, 2nd October, 1901.*

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

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Electors of King Division, Lord Howe Island:—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) How many electors reside at Lord Howe Island who are on the roll for King Division?

(2.) By what method will the electors of King Division, resident at Lord Howe Island, exercise their franchise?

Mr. See answered,—There are twenty-two electors resident at Lord Howe Island whose names are upon the roll for Sydney-King Division Electorate, but they cannot vote until the rights are delivered.

- (2.) Masters and Servants Act:—*Mr. Affleck*, for Mr. Sullivan, asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the decision of the Supreme Court in *ex parte Davis*, and the remarks of the learned Chief Justice, will he bring in a Bill to amend the Masters and Servants Act so that an infant may sue under its provisions without a "next friend"?

Mr. See answered,—The matter will be considered.

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- (3.) Advances to Settlers Act:—*Mr. E. M. Clark*, for Mr. MacMahon, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he amend the "Advances to Settlers Act" so as to enable settlers who are in necessitous circumstances arising from other causes than drought to obtain assistance?

Mr. Crick answered,—I have now under consideration the question of widening the scope of the Act in the direction indicated by the Honorable Member and amending its provisions in certain other respects, and a Bill will be introduced as soon as the state of public business permits.

- (4.) Kensington Racecourse:—*Mr. E. M. Clark*, for Mr. Daley, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) What was the rental paid by the Kensington Proprietary for their racecourse?

(2.) Has their lease expired; if so, has it been renewed, for what term, and at what rental?

Mr. Crick answered,—

(1.) The lease started on the 1st January, 1890, with a term of fifteen years, at an annual rent of £400 for the first five years, £600 for the second five years, and £800 for the last five years.

(2.) No; when the lease was granted the maximum term allowed by law was fifteen years. Afterwards, the lessees applied that the lease be extended under terms of section 46 of the Crown Lands Act of 1895, to the terms of twenty-eight years under that Act, and this was granted at a rental of £800 per year.

- (5.) Land surveyed in Central Division:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) The area of land that has been surveyed in the Central Division, and when the land will be open for selection, homestead leases, &c., to meet the yearly increasing demand for settlement?

(2.) Will he state the area of land that has been surveyed on Brewon, Polly Brewon, Combogolong, and Mercadool stations respectively, and when the land on these runs is likely to be thrown open for settlement?

Mr. Crick answered,—

(1.) At the present date there are about 2,000,000 acres of the area in the Central Division leaseholds actually measured with a view to disposal as settlement leases, homestead selections, or to meet claims of conditional purchasers for additional land under the 12th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1899. Instructions are also with the District Surveyors either for preparation of design or subdivision of the unmeasured area suitable for settlement, and they have been directed to expedite the surveys. A proportion of the area measured has been withheld, pending the report of the Western Division Commission.

(2.) The Brewon, Polly Brewon, and Combogolong Holdings were referred to the Western Division Commission, but subdivision has been effected of Polly Brewon, Combogolong, and Mercadool. On Polly Brewon 25,828 acres have been cut up into twenty-five farms; on Combogolong 11,600 acres have been cut up into three farms; and on Mercadool 77,560 acres have been cut up into fifteen farms. The plans of Mercadool have not yet been received. With regard to the other holdings, it is probable the report of the Western Division Commission will be awaited.

- (6.) Proposed Railway, Casino to Tenterfield:—*Mr. Pyers* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has he received the Railway Commissioners' report on the proposed railway line Casino to Tenterfield?

(2.) Does he intend to submit this line to the Public Works Committee this Session, as promised?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—The report has not yet been made, but will be when some other work which the Commissioners have in hand is finished. I will lose no time after I get their report in bringing forward a resolution.

- (7.) Examination for Sanitary Inspector:—*Mr. Whiddon* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Referring to the examination for Sanitary Inspector, held at the Technical College on 17th December, 1900, at which some fifty or sixty candidates successfully passed, and were advised through the daily Press that they had passed, will he have any objection to state why certificates were not issued to these successful candidates?

(2.) Is it a fact that upon some of the candidates applying for these certificates, they were informed that the certificates would not be issued at present, although they had passed?

(3.) In view of the fact that upwards of £200 was paid in fees by candidates for this examination, will he, as a matter of justice, see that the certificates are issued, so that they may obtain employment, perhaps in another State, if their services are not required here?

Mr. Perry answered,—

(1.) Certificates were not issued because the examination was not connected with the College curriculum, but was a special one held under the auspices of the Sydney Municipal Council. Technical College certificates are only issued to students who attend classes and follow the prescribed course of instruction for at least two courses.

(2 and 3.) It was explained to examinees that the formal College certificate could not be issued; but they were at the same time informed that, on application, a memorandum would be furnished showing that they had attended this special course of lectures, and had passed the examination. This memorandum may still be had on application.

- (8.) Woodblocking Cleveland-street:—*Mr. Whiddon* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

In view of the frequent and heavy traffic along Cleveland-street, between Castlereagh-street and Dowling-street, Moore Park, will he consider the necessity of having this section woodblocked, with a view of putting a stop to the continued annoyance the residents are exposed to owing to the unsatisfactory condition of Cleveland-street through this heavy traffic?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—I cannot see my way to undertake this work at present. It will be considered when more funds are available.

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- (9.) Metropolitan Board for Old-age Pensions:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Who is the executive member of the Metropolitan Board for Old-age Pensions?
  - (2.) What are the duties of such member?
- Mr. See answered,—
- (1.) Mr. Henry John Noble.
  - (2.) The Executive Member has had to cope with the claims lodged in the Metropolitan District, and it has been his duty to personally examine every claim. The amount of work will be appreciated when I tell the Honorable Member that upwards of nine thousand claims have been dealt with in the Metropolitan District.
- (10.) Suspense Account, Treasury:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) From what fund or funds does he pay the various items given on the Suspense Account Statement laid upon the Table of this House?
  - (2.) When will he lay upon the Table the return promised in reply to Mr. Affleck's Question No. 23, of date 24th September last?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—
- (1.) From the Consolidated Revenue Fund, as shown in my Ways and Means Statement of Accounts for the year ended 30th June, 1901, in which is shown a debit balance of £87,386 16s. 3d., after meeting the Suspense Account payments referred to.
  - (2.) To-morrow.
- (11.) Food and Liquor Adulteration:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Will he furnish a list of the names of the ten persons whom the Board of Health, under the Public Health Act, 1896, have appointed to act in the capacity of analysts of food and liquor adulteration, and the amount of salary or fees each receives respectively?
  - (2.) Will he lay a return upon the Table of this House showing the number and nature of the articles or samples of food and liquor that were submitted for analysis in the Board's laboratory, and the nature of the adulteration that each sample so analysed contained—in reply to Dr. Ross' Question No. 11, of 26th September ultimo?
- Mr. See answered,—
- (1.) The ten persons nominated by the Board of Health as analysts under the Public Health Act, are:—George Alexander Byrn, 97, Pitt-street, Sydney; Thomas Cooksey, Ph.D., F.I.C., Department of Public Health, Sydney; William Adam Dixon, F.I.C., F.C.S., 97, Pitt-street, Sydney; Andrew James Dixon, F.C.S., Australian Smelting Works, Dapto; Charles Henry Albert Helms, M.A., Ph.D., F.C.S., 8, Bridge-street, Sydney; Edward Janitsky, Wyalong; James Laker MacMillan, F.C.S., 17, Clarence-street, Sydney; Alexander Orr, 109, Pitt-street, Sydney; James Alexander Schofield, F.C.S., the University, Sydney; Basil Turner, Scott-street, Newcastle. With the exception of Dr. Cooksey, who is second Government Analyst, none of them are paid any fees or salary by the Board.
  - (2.) The compilation of the returns requested is not yet complete. Full statements are submitted to Parliament in the Annual Reports of the Health Department.
- (12.) Crown Prosecutor, Central Criminal Court:—Mr. Levy, for Mr. O'Connor, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) When was Mr. Wade appointed Crown Prosecutor at the Central Criminal Court?
  - (2.) How many informations have been filed by him since the date of his appointment in the Criminal Court up to the present date?
  - (3.) In how many cases has he advised that no further proceedings be taken against an accused?
  - (4.) In how many cases has he advised that an accused should be tried again?
  - (5.) In how many cases has he advised that no bill should be filed?
  - (6.) In how many instances has the Attorney General disagreed with his advice?
  - (7.) Is the Attorney-General satisfied with the way he has performed his duties?
  - (8.) Is he still discharging the same duties since the appointment of Mr. Pollock as Solicitor-General?
- Mr. See answered,—This information will be obtained and laid upon the Table in the form of a return.
- (13.) Department of Public Instruction:—Mr. Levy, for Mr. O'Connor, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that, in the Department of Public Instruction, the Inspectors furnish to the Chief Inspector confidential reports *re* inspection of schools and status of teachers?
  - (2.) Are these reports confidential, and are teachers not privileged to see them?
  - (3.) Do these reports become records of the Department, and will he allow the teachers to see such reports?
  - (4.) Is it a fact that pupils attending Fort-street School, and preparing for the Junior and other examinations, are only examined in the subjects they are taking up for these examinations?
  - (5.) Is it a fact the Public Service Board refused to see a deputation from the Teachers' Association?
- Mr. Perry answered,—
- (1.) Reports of the inspections of schools are furnished by the Inspectors to the Department.
  - (2.) Yes; but the substance of the Inspector's report is entered in the Observation Book before that officer leaves the school, and all teachers who are unfavourably reported upon are furnished with extracts of the unfavourable portions of the report, and are asked to furnish explanations thereon.

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(3.) Yes ; it would be both impracticable and unnecessary to show all teachers these reports, but there would be no objection to doing so in special cases.

(4.) Not hitherto ; but the new standard recently adopted provides that pupils who have completed the course prescribed for the 5th Class, first half year of enrolment, may be formed into special classes to prepare for the University Examinations, the Public Service Examination, the Chamber of Commerce Examination, or other examination or course of study approved by the Minister. This applies to all schools. The Inspectors will examine on the lessons given.

(5.) I am not in a position to answer this Question.

(14.) City Holders of Wire Netting :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Lands,— Is he aware of a rumour current to the effect that city holders of wire netting have by a considerable sum advanced the price until lately ruling, in anticipation of the passage of the Rabbit Bill, and a consequent increased demand for that commodity ?

Mr. Crick answered,—I am not aware.

(15.) Income Tax :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Has his attention been directed to the decision given in the recent appeal against claims of Income Tax Commissioners, in the case of R. A. Escott & Co., of the Court of Review, and to the remarks of Judge Murray, who, in upholding such appeal, said : "There was apparently an omission from the Act, and it was probable that the decision of the Court might lead to an amendment of the Statute" ?

(2.) Will he introduce an amending Bill, and thus prevent evasion of payment of income tax by firms otherwise liable ?

Mr. Waddell answered,—The Commissioners of Taxation have this matter under consideration, with a view to advising me.

(16.) Treasury Bills Deficiency Act :—Mr. Nobbs, for Mr. David Storey, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) How much money (if any) has been raised under the Treasury Bills Deficiency Act, 1900 ?

(2.) Were all vouchers lodged in the Treasury up to and including the 30th June, 1901, paid prior to or on the 30th June, 1901 ?

(3.) If there were any unpaid, how many ; and what was the aggregate sum of money represented ?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) No money has yet been raised under the Treasury Bills Deficiency Act of 1900.

(2.) All claims applied for at the Treasury prior to, and on the 30th June, 1901, were paid.

(3.) I will in a day or two lay upon the Table a return giving the desired information.

(17.) Officers of the Lands Department :—Mr. Hogue asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it true that there is great dissatisfaction among the officers of the Lands Department about the recent regrading by the Public Service Board ?

(2.) Have petitions, signed by nearly the whole of the officers in the grades below £300 per annum, been sent to him pointing out that almost the whole of that Department's share of last year's vote for increments to Public Servants has been given to the officers in the grades above £300 per annum, although their duties are about the same now as they were at the time of the first regrading in 1896 ?

(3.) Is it true that, for the purpose of assisting the Public Service Board, and the Under Secretary for Lands, in regrading the Department, the head of each branch was asked to furnish a report about each officer under his control, and that many officers who were strongly recommended by the head of the branch for an increase got nothing, although many of them are doing work of a much higher class than they were in 1896 ?

(4.) Is it true that not one officer in the clerical division, Lands Department, in receipt of the maximum salary (£150 per annum) for grade "D" received an increase in connection with the recent regrading, and if so, why ?

(5.) How many individual appeals have been lodged by the officers of the Lands Department against the recent regrading, and what is being done with them ?

Mr. Crick answered,—There is always dissatisfaction on the part of officers who do not receive promotion in whatever Department the officers may happen to be located, and there is tendency on the part of officers in one Department to broadly compare the total increases granted in that Department with those granted in other Departments. There is, apparently, a feeling among officers that in all Departments the increases should be in the same ratio ; but even if this principle were sound, it could not well be applied. There is, perhaps, a better chance for all-round increases in a small Department than in a large one, as the total amount required to bring about this result is small when compared with that required for a large Department. In any large Department it happens that men are to-day at the same class of work at which they were engaged some years ago, and whatever claim they may have to promotion has to rest more on mere length of service than on increased responsibilities. It is very satisfactory to see officers progressing, and promotion is calculated to stimulate and encourage them ; but if any regard is to be paid to the cost of administration it would be impossible to increase salaries in a mere haphazard fashion. The fact is, that the Public Service Board were originally asked to grant more increases than were ultimately granted ; but the Board presumably found itself face to face with the financial question, which the whole proposals for increases in the Service involved. Representations have been put forward to the Department, and about 200 appeals have been made, most of which are with the Public Service Board.

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(18.) Sale of Indecent Publications:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has he noticed the report of a charge of importing prohibited literature, tried in Melbourne at the instance of the Federal Minister for Customs, in which a fine of £100 was imposed; and is he aware that the same publications are being sold in Sydney in defiance of our Indecent Publication Act of 1880, and that the same is being largely advertised by special catalogue in defiance of our Obscene Publication Act of 1900; will he, therefore, take immediate steps to prosecute all such vendors of these and like works?

Mr. See answered,—Inquiries are being made into this matter by the Police. I may allay my honorable friend's anxiety by saying that as far as the Government are concerned, if it can be proved that this particular kind of literature is being circulated, and it comes within the law, he may depend upon it, it will be suppressed.

(19.) Old-age Pensions Act:—Mr. McCoy asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he consider the advisability of providing in any amendment of the Old-age Pensions Act, that a person who, being not less than 65 years of age, has been a resident of the State for a total period of fifty years, and who shall have resided within the State for a period of at least fifteen years immediately preceding the date of his application, shall be entitled to a pension, notwithstanding an absence from the Colony of over two years?

Mr. See answered,—The Government are desirous of ascertaining more definitely the effect of the present residential qualification of twenty-five years' residence prior to application. New claims are being received daily all over the State. In the event of the Victorian Government providing for reciprocity with New South Wales, a very large number of new claimants who have resided at least ten years in New South Wales will be added to the pension list. I am very zealously looking after this business.

(20.) Crown Solicitor:—Mr. Hogue asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has the Government yet arrived at any determination in regard to filling up the office of Crown Solicitor, rendered vacant by the death of Mr. Colquhoun?
- (2.) Is it intended that the salary shall be limited to the amount hitherto paid?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) The matter has not been considered.

(21.) City Coroner:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What is the total number of days represented by the various periods of leave applied for by the City Coroner during the twelve months ending 27th September, 1901, including any leave which that officer may at present be taking?
- (2.) On how many days has the City Coroner been absent from his duties during the same period, including any time which may have been granted as leave in lieu of public holidays, or for any other reason?
- (3.) Is it a fact that, on public holidays, a large percentage of inquests and magisterial inquiries are merely formally opened and adjourned, in each case prolonging the proceedings over an extra day, and necessitating for each such extra day, where juries are empanelled, extra payment of fees, and, if so, how much?
- (4.) How many inquests and magisterial inquiries have been held by the City Coroner from 1st January to 27th September, 1901, inclusive?
- (5.) How many inquests and magisterial inquiries have been held by the Deputy City Coroner for a like period?
- (6.) What are the respective salaries paid to the City Coroner and Deputy City Coroner?
- (7.) Is it the intention to retire the present City Coroner for advanced age or other reasons, and, if so, will steps be taken to select as the next occupant of the office a duly qualified barrister or medical practitioner?

Mr. See answered,—This information will be obtained and laid upon the Table of the House in the form of a return immediately.

(22.) Barrier Rabbit-proof Fence:—Mr. Collins asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is he aware that tenders have only been called for the erection of one section of the Barrier rabbit-proof fence, Narrabri to Yarraldool, a distance of only 28 miles 73 chains, and that such a course is only defeating the object in view?
- (2.) In view of the enormous increase of rabbits in these districts, will he give instructions to have tenders called for the remaining sections without any further delay, so as to have the work upon all the sections going on simultaneously, and thus expedite the completion of this fence?

Mr. Crik answered,—The line of rabbit-proof fencing to be erected between Narrabri and Yarraldool has been divided into three sections. Tenders for the erection of the first section from Yarraldool to Pilliga are now being invited. Tenders for the other sections will be called for at intervals of about six weeks as the tender provides for the supply of netting at the rate of about 18 miles per month.

(23.) Early Closing Act:—Mr. Collins asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—In view of the great inconvenience caused to the public in many instances through the operation of the Early Closing Act, will he take steps to amend same, so as to give power to the Police to grant a permit to sell, on the day fixed for closing, in special cases of emergency?

Mr. Perry answered,—I have no intention of giving the Police this power.

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3. PAPERS:—Mr. See laid upon the Table,—  
 (1.) Report on the circumstances connected with the withdrawal of prosecutions for adulteration of beer.  
 Ordered to be printed.  
 (2.) Return to an Order made on 24th September, 1901,—“Members of the Police Force.”  
 (3.) Report on Vaccination for the year 1900.  
 Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
4. APPOINTMENTS OF AN ENGINEER AND OF A COMMERCIAL AGENT (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Wright moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House the reports of the Agent-General, dated 22nd June, 1900, 2nd November, 1900, and 11th January, 1901, dealing with the subjects of the appointments of an engineer and of a commercial agent.  
 Question put and passed.
5. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—
- (1.) Sydney Industrial Blind Institution Incorporation Bill:—  
 MR. SPEAKER,—  
 The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to constitute the Members of the Sydney Industrial Blind Institution a body corporate; to confer and impose upon that body certain powers, duties, rights, and liabilities; to transfer to and vest in it the property of the said institution, and the Institution for the Blind, Strathfield; to discharge the trustees of the last-named institution from certain liabilities; and generally to carry out the said objects, and the objects for which the said institutions were established.*”—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.  
*Legislative Council Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 2nd October, 1901.* JOHN LACKEY,  
 President.  
 Bill, on motion of Mr. See, read a first time.  
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
- (2.) Reformatory and Industrial Schools Bill:—  
 MR. SPEAKER,—  
 The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to Reformatories and Industrial Schools.*”—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.  
*Legislative Council Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 2nd October, 1901.* JOHN LACKEY,  
 President.  
 Bill, on motion of Mr. See, read a first time.  
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
6. GOVERNOR'S SALARY BILL:—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 to make other provision for the salary of the Governor of New South Wales; and for the salaries of his Staff; and to amend the Constitution Act.  
 Question put and passed.
7. COUNTRY TOWNS WATER AND SEWERAGE (AMENDMENT) 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 amend the law relating to the water supply, sewerage, and drainage of country towns; to amend the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880, the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act Extension Act of 1887, and the Country Towns and Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Acts Amendment Act of 1894; and for other purposes.  
 Question put and passed.
8. METROPOLITAN SEWERAGE VALIDATING 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 provide that, with respect to certain sewerage works, certain powers, authorities, duties, and obligations shall be deemed to have been and shall be exercisable by and imposed on the Minister, notwithstanding that no executive authority has been given for the scheme for the same.  
 Question put and passed.
9. METROPOLITAN WATER AND SEWERAGE ACTS AMENDMENT 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 amend the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1889, and the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act Extension Act of 1894; to amend the law relating to water supply, sewerage, and drainage; and for other purposes.  
 Question put and passed.
10. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS (*Railway from Temora to Gunbar*):—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, “That it is expedient that a line of railway from Temora to Gunbar, “referred by the Legislative Assembly to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out by the construction of the line for about 60 miles in the direction of “Barellan, provided that it be made legally binding on the landholders in the area benefited “by the line to contribute towards any deficiency, as recommended by the said Committee.”  
 And the Question being again proposed,—  
 The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.  
 Question put.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 69.		Noes, 2.
Mr. Quinn,	Mr. T. R. Smith,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Sec,	Mr. Flensing,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Power,	Mr. McCoy,	Mr. Asleck.
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Nelson,	
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Latimer,	
Mr. Walsh,	Mr. John Storey,	
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Burgess,	
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Nielsen,	
Mr. E. M. Clark,	Mr. Nicholson,	
Mr. Daley,	Mr. Dick,	
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Ashton,	
Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. Carroll,	
Mr. Macdonell,	Mr. J. F. Smith,	
Mr. Eden George,	Mr. Gillies,	
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Estell,	
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Haynes,	
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Macdonald,	
Mr. McIntyre,	Mr. Lee,	
Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. Waddell,	
Mr. Byrne,	Mr. Webster,	
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Holman,	
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Mahony,	
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Carruthers,	
Mr. Young,	Mr. Sullivan,	
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Mcagher,	
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Fegan,	
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Mackenzie,	
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Law,	<i>Tellers,</i>	
Mr. Dight,	Mr. Morton,	
Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Miller.	
Mr. Hollis,		
Mr. McGowen,		
Mr. Jessop,		
Mr. Clara,		
Mr. Kelly,		
Mr. Hawthorne,		
Mr. O'Conor,		
Mr. Henry Clarke,		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

11. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS (*Temora to Wyalong Railway*):—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. O'Sullivan,—“That” it is expedient that the construction of a line of railway from Temora “to Wyalong, as recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out.”

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Mr. Hogue moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the first word “That” and inserting the words “in view of the serious differences of opinion as to the policy of “the rival routes, the question be referred back to the Public Works Committee for further “inquiry and report,”—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, 41.		Noes, 21.
Mr. McIntyre,	Mr. Macdonell,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Broughton,	Mr. Miller,	Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. MacMahon,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Power,	Mr. John Storey,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Sec,	Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Wood,
Mr. Macdonald,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Jessop,
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Howarth,	Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Archer,	Mr. Eden George,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Evans,	Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Young,
Mr. Briner,	Mr. J. F. Smith,	Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. Carroll,	Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Barnes,	<i>Tellers,</i>	Mr. Fleming,
Mr. Law,	Mr. Meagher,	Mr. Mackenzie,
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Oakes.
Mr. Clara,		<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Dacey,		Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Webster,		Mr. Davidson.
Mr. Richards,		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question then put.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 41.		Noes, 21.
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Miller,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. McGowan,	Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Gillies,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Power,	Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. See,	Mr. MacMahon,	Mr. Davidson,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. John Storey,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Macdonald,	Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Fleming,
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Archer,	Mr. Howarth,	Mr. Young,
Mr. Evans,	Mr. Eden George,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Briner,	Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. J. F. Smith,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Carroll.	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Law,		Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,	<i>Tellers,</i>	Mr. Wood,
Mr. Clara,	Mr. Broughton,	Mr. Jessep.
Mr. Mcagher,	Mr. McIntyre.	
Mr. Webster,		<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Richards,		Mr. Mackenzie,
Mr. Macdonell,		Mr. Oakes.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

12. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS (*Railway from Bogan Gate to Bulbodney*):—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient that the construction of a line of railway from Bogan Gate to Bulbodney, as recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
13. GENERAL POST OFFICE (APPROACHES IMPROVEMENT) ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL:—  
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, 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 further to amend the General Post Office (Approaches Improvement) Act, 1889, and the General Post Office (Approaches Improvement) Act Amendment Act, 1892; to rectify the boundaries of Martin-lane; also to carry out an exchange of certain land abutting on such lane for other land at the intersection of George-street with Martin-place, to be dedicated as a public thoroughfare; and for other purposes.  
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.  
Ordered, on motion of Mr. Fitzpatrick, That the report be *now* received.  
Mr. Fitzpatrick then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—  
*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill further to amend the General Post Office (Approaches Improvement) Act, 1889, and the General Post Office (Approaches Improvement) Act Amendment Act, 1892; to rectify the boundaries of Martin-lane; also to carry out an exchange of certain land abutting on such lane for other land at the intersection of George-street with Martin-place, to be dedicated as a public thoroughfare; 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 further to amend the General Post Office (Approaches Improvement) Act, 1889, and the General Post Office (Approaches Improvement) Act Amendment Act, 1892; to rectify the boundaries of Martin-lane; also to carry out an exchange of certain land abutting on such lane for other land at the intersection of George-street with Martin-place, to be dedicated as a public thoroughfare; and for other purposes,*"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
14. MANILLA TO BARRABA RAILWAY BILL:—  
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, 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 sanction and provide for the construction of a line of railway from Manilla to Barraba; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the duty of the constructing authority to make and maintain fences along the said line; and for other purposes.  
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.  
Ordered, on motion of Mr. Fitzpatrick, That the report be *now* received.  
Mr. Fitzpatrick then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—  
*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to sanction and provide for the construction of a line of railway from Manilla to Barraba; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the duty of the constructing authority to make and maintain fences along the said line; 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 and provide for the construction of a line of railway from Manilla to Barraba; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the duty of the constructing authority to make and maintain fences along the said line; and for other purposes,*"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

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## 15. TUCKIAN FLOOD ESCAPE SCHEME 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 certain works in connection with the Tuckian Flood Escape Scheme, with the object of providing for the better discharge of flood waters from the Richmond River; and for purposes consequent upon and incidental to that object. 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 certain works in connection with the Tuckian Flood Escape Scheme, with the object of providing for the better discharge of flood waters from the Richmond River; and for purposes consequent upon and incidental to that object.

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 certain works in connection with the Tuckian Flood Escape Scheme, with the object of providing for the better discharge of flood-waters from the Richmond River; and for purposes consequent upon and incidental to that object*,"—which was read a first time.

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

## 16. NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS PROCEDURE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

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

## 17. DEFAMATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

	Ayes, 45.		Noes, 5.
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Briner,	Mr. Carroll,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Thomson,	Mr. Richards,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Law,	Mr. Hogue.
Mr. Power,	Mr. Archer,	Mr. Ferguson,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. See,	Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Meagher,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Broughton,	Mr. Evans,	Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Latimer,	Mr. McGowan,	Mr. McCoy.
Mr. McIntyre,	Mr. Jessep,	Mr. Holman,	
Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Burgess,	
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Nicholson,	
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Miller,	Mr. Clara,	
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Hollis,	<i>Tellers,</i>	
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Howarth,	Mr. Morton,	
Mr. Macdonell,	Mr. Webster,	Mr. Nielsen.	
Mr. Eden George,	Mr. Gilbert,		
Mr. MacMahon	Mr. J. F. Smith,		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

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

## 18. PARLIAMENTARY EVIDENCE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

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

## 19. ROYAL COMMISSIONERS EVIDENCE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

On motion of Mr. See the report was adopted.

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

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20. **INTERSTATE DEBTS RECOVERY BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. See, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

21. **PROHIBITION AND MANDAMUS BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. See moved, pursuant to Standing Order No. 142, That the Honorable Member for Rylstone, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, be not further heard.  
Question put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 34.

Mr. Briner,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Richards,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. See,	Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. Broughton,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Law,
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Eden George,
Mr. MacMahon,	Mr. Evans,
Mr. Clara,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Power,
Mr. Thomson,	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick.
Mr. Archer,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Barnes,	
Mr. John Storey,	Mr. D. R. Hall,
Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Scobie.

Noes, 12.

Mr. McCoy,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Holman,
Mr. McIntyre,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Oakes.

*Tellers,*

Mr. Davidson,
Mr. Jessep.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question put,—That this Bill be now read a second time.  
The House divided

Ayes, 44.

Mr. Cann,	Mr. Thomson,	Mr. Evans,
Mr. Briner,	Mr. Archer,	Mr. Eden George,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. See,	Mr. John Storey,	Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Broughton,	Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Moore.
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Richards,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Holman,
Mr. Jessep,	Mr. J. F. Smith,	Mr. McIntyre,
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. McCoy,	Mr. Oakes.
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Gilbert,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Davidson,	
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Law,
Mr. MacMahon,	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Hollis.
Mr. Clara,	Mr. Power,	
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Latimer,	

Noes, 2.

*Tellers,*

Mr. Miller,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

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

22. **MARRIED WOMEN'S PROPERTY BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this bill be now read a second time.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. See, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

23. **DAIRIES SUPERVISION BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. See, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

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4. STOCK BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. See, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
25. INCLOSED LANDS PROTECTION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. See, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
26. HAWKERS AND PEDLERS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. See, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
27. PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS INSPECTION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. See moved That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. See, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
28. EQUITY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. See, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
29. CARELESS USE OF FIRE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. See, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
30. COMPANIES (DEATH DUTIES) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. See, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
31. DRAINAGE PROMOTION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. See, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

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32. CONVEYANCING AND LAW OF PROPERTY (SUPPLEMENTAL) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. See, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
33. BIRDS PROTECTION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. See, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
34. PRICKLY-PEAR DESTRUCTION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. See, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
35. LOTTERIES AND ART UNIONS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. See, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
36. BREAD BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. See, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
37. DESTITUTE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. See, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
38. APPRENTICES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. See the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

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

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

WILLIAM McCURT,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 3 OCTOBER, 1901.

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

ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor were delivered by Mr. See, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) Police Offences Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 65.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Statutes relating to Police Offences,*"—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 His 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.

*State Government House,  
Sydney, 3rd October, 1901.*

- (2.) District Courts Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 66.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate enactments relating to District Courts,*"—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 His 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.

*State Government House,  
Sydney, 3rd October, 1901.*

- (3.) Government Railways Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 67.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to Government Railways and Tramways,*"—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 His 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.

*State Government House,  
Sydney, 3rd October, 1901.*

- (4.) Interpleader Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 68.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Statutes relating to Interpleader in the Supreme Court,*"—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 His 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.

*State Government House,  
Sydney, 3rd October, 1901.*

3rd October, 1901.

## (5.) Judgment Creditors Remedies Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 69.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to the remedies of judgment creditors*,"—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 His 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.

*State Government House,  
Sydney, 3rd October, 1901.*

## 2. QUESTIONS:—

## (1.) Darling Island Wharves:—Mr. Samuel Smith asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Are the Darling Island Wharves ready for the berthing of vessels to load or discharge cargo?
- (2.) If not, when will the wharves be ready for use?
- (3.) Is it proposed to erect cold storage chambers and wheat elevators upon Darling Island?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) The whole of the wharves on the eastern side are ready and in use.
- (2.) The wharves on the western side will be ready for use about the end of January next.
- (3.) The question of the erection of cold storage chambers is under consideration. In regard to the shipment of wheat, the Railway Commissioners are now erecting commodious grain sheds provided with belt conveyers, which it is anticipated will best meet the existing requirements. The question of elevators will be kept in view.

## (2.) Revenue, Commonwealth Government:—Mr. Nobbs, for Mr. Carruthers, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In reference to the item of £2,200,000 estimated revenue from the Commonwealth Government on page 12, Ways and Means Statement, will he be good enough to furnish particulars of how the estimate is made up?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I may state that a full consideration of the following matters formed the basis of my estimate, viz.:—

- (1.) The average collections under our present practically freetrade tariff for, say, two years.
- (2.) The average collections under the previous tariff, which was a moderately protective one, for, say, three years, and the increase in the population and trade of the State since that time.
- (3.) The tariffs in existence in other States, the financial necessities of those States, and the power of the Commonwealth, under the Constitution Act, to assist States in which the revenue may be insufficient.
- (4.) The provision in the Constitution Act that the tariff throughout the Commonwealth must be uniform, and its result as regards the State of New South Wales.
- (5.) The returns from the Commonwealth for the first three months of the current year under a freetrade tariff.
- (6.) The probable expenditure of the Commonwealth, which will be deducted under the Constitution Act.
- (7.) The power given under the Constitution Act to use 25 per cent. of the Customs revenue for Commonwealth purposes.
- (8.) The fact that heavy importations have been made in view of the early imposition of the tariff.
- (9.) The operation of clause 93 of the Constitution Act and its probable effect on the returns.

An allowance, of course, was made for the period of the year already elapsed before the imposition of the new tariff. I may add that the estimate made by the Victorian Premier and Treasurer seems to confirm the estimate made by me.

## (3.) Peter Joseph Hancock:—Mr. Young asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Will he try to find out whether Peter Joseph Hancock, who left with the Mounted Infantry Second Contingent is still in the service of this State in South Africa?
- (2.) If not, when did he quit the service?
- (3.) Will Mrs. Hancock and children be entitled to support from the Patriotic Fund should he not be found?
- (4.) If not, will the State Board for the relief of destitute children make provision for their support?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) Not in the service of this State.
- (2.) On 20th February, 1901, on transfer to Bushveldt Carbineers as Veterinary Lieutenant.
- (3.) The Government have nothing to do with the administration of the Patriotic Fund.
- (4.) If Mrs. Hancock applies to the State Children Relief Board, her case will receive consideration.

## (4.) Storm Channel, Tamworth:—Mr. Walsh asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has provision been made upon the Estimates to cover the cost of constructing a storm channel in Fitzroy-street, Tamworth, from railway line to the river?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—A report will be called for at once, and if the circumstances warrant the expenditure, it can be defrayed from the vote which will be taken on the Loan Estimates for Country Towns Sewerage Works generally.

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- (5.) Hours of Labour:—*Mr. McGowan*, for *Mr. Law*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is he aware that the conditions of sale of the pens at Giebe Island provided that all men employed therein should not work more than forty-eight hours per week?
  - (2.) Is he aware that the Chief Inspector of the Abattoirs allows men to work fifty-nine hours per week?
  - (3.) Will he instruct the Chief Inspector to see that the conditions of sale are strictly adhered to?
- Mr. Waddell* answered,—
- (1.) This is the case as regards the leased houses only.
  - (2.) It is not known that such a practice exists.
  - (3.) Inquiry will be made and instructions given, if necessary.
- (6.) Federal Sites:—*Mr. Affleck* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) How many times has *Father Curran* gone to Orange to report on the advantages of the Orange Federal sites?
  - (2.) If he has not been sent specially, how many times has he reported on the suitability of the proposed Orange site?
  - (3.) Seeing Orange has had the advantage of *Father Curran's* knowledge as to the benefits of such for a site, will the Minister authorise him to proceed to Yass and make a thorough investigation of the proposed Federal site there and report upon the same?
- Mr. Perry* answered,—
- (1.) *Father Curran* visited Orange in December last, during the College vacation, for Technical College purposes, when he incidentally inquired into the building stones of the locality. He was recently permitted to go to Orange a second time at the urgent request of the Federal Commissioner.
  - (2.) No report as to the site has been furnished by him, as far as I know.
  - (3.) *Father Curran's* time is fully taken up with the work of the College, and I disapprove of his undertaking any special work of this nature.
- (7.) Sale of Margarine:—*Mr. Fleming* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is he aware of the fact that a large amount of margarine is fraudulently sold as butter?
  - (2.) Will he take steps to stop such sale?
- Mr. Waddell* answered,—The Board of Health inform me that they have no reason to suppose that margarine is being fraudulently sold as butter.
- (8.) Income Tax:—*Mr. Fleming* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Have the Income Tax Commissioners power to levy taxation on produce (wool, fallow, hides, skins, grain, &c.) produced during any given year, but not sold during that year?
- Mr. Waddell* answered,—Yes; the Commissioners have such power.
- (9.) Old Fever Hospital, Aberdeen:—*Mr. Fleming* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it a fact that the Board of Health has sold the old fever hospital at Aberdeen?
- Mr. Waddell* answered,—The Aberdeen temporary hospital was erected in March, 1894, for the reception of cases of typhoid fever, and was closed about 23rd May of the same year, after thorough cleansing and disinfection. Since then it has not been used for any purpose, and had gradually fallen into a ruinous condition. The material remaining was sold on 16th August, 1901.
- (10.) Legislative Assembly Chamber:—*Mr. Broughton* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will he take action relative to the report of *Dr. Antill Pockley* regarding the lighting and other matters connected with the Chamber of the Legislative Assembly?
- Mr. O'Sullivan* answered,—*Dr. Pockley's* recommendations involve a considerable amount of alterations, the estimated cost of which will be submitted to me as early as possible, and a decision will then be arrived at about carrying out the work.
- (11.) Coach Proprietors, Wagga Wagga:—*Mr. D. R. Hall*, for *Mr. Nielsen*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Has his attention been drawn to the fact that several coach proprietors were fined at the Wagga Police Court for plying their coaches for hire on the dates of the last Wagga Show?
  - (2.) Does he know that these men applied to the local municipal authorities for licenses, but were refused on the ground that they were not local residents?
  - (3.) Has a municipal council power to make by-laws to prevent people living outside a certain locality from competing against local residents in this direction?
  - (4.) If so, has the Wagga Council such by-laws; and, if so, are they registered?
- Mr. See* answered,
- (1 and 2.) I have directed that inquiries be made and a report furnished to me in this matter.
  - (3 and 4.) This Question involves an opinion upon a matter of law, and, therefore, does not come within the scope of Questions to which a Minister replies.
- (12.) Travelling Stock Routes and Camping Reserves:—*Mr. Webster* asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the unsatisfactory condition of the travelling stock routes and camping reserves, is it the intention of the Government to proceed with the Travelling Stock and Reserve Regulation Bill this Session; if not, when do they intend to proceed?
- Mr. See* answered,—It is the intention to proceed with this Bill during the present Session, and it will be introduced at the earliest possible date, and, I hope, carried.
- (13.) Police Uniform:—*Mr. Webster* asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Will he consider the advisability of substituting a more rational dress during the summer in the north-western district for mounted and foot Police?
  - (2.) Will he consider the desirableness of adopting khaki for mounted Police, and white duck for foot Police for patrol duty?

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Mr. See answered,—The Inspector-General of Police reports that the Police are provided with thin navy serge jumpers; that no material could be cooler or more serviceable; and that they wear pith or white cork helmets and white duck trousers. Further, that regulation uniform is the constable's protection, and that he would strongly deprecate any radical alteration to a less distinctive colour or appearance.

3. LIQUOR TRAFFIC:—Mr. Davidson presented a Petition from the officers and members of the Harbour of Safety Lodge, No. 45, I.O.G.T., of Kempsey, representing that they are impressed with the evils arising from the sale of intoxicants to children; that the sale of intoxicants during prohibited hours and on the Sabbath reflects on the efficiency of the Police; that the resumption of "The Rocks" offers an opportunity for the curtailment of the liquor traffic; and praying the House to legislate to prohibit the supply of liquor to children under 16 years of age; to enable the Police to prevent Sunday selling; and to prohibit the renewal of licenses to all houses within the Resumed Area.  
Petition received.

4. PAPERS:—

Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—Return respecting the Public Debt.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Kidd laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 25th September, 1901,—“Mineral and Gold Leases in the Barrier District.”  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS 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 enactments relating to remedies on bills of exchange, and other negotiable instruments, and orders for the payment of money.*”

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 enactments relating to remedies on bills of exchange, and other negotiable instruments, and orders for the payment of money,*”—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

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6. DEFAMATION 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 Statutes relating to Defamation.*”

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 Defamation,*”—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*

*Sydney, 3rd October, 1901.*

7. PARLIAMENTARY EVIDENCE 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 law relating to the summoning, attendance, and examination of Witnesses before either House of Parliament or any Committee thereof.*”

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 summoning, attendance, and examination of Witnesses before either House of Parliament or any Committee thereof,*”—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*

*Sydney, 3rd October, 1901.*

8. ROYAL COMMISSIONERS EVIDENCE 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 law relating to the taking of Evidence by Commissioners under the Great Seal.*”

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 taking of Evidence by Commissioners under the Great Seal,*”—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*

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9. INTERSTATE DEBTS RECOVERY 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 Acts relating to the enforcement in New South Wales of judgments obtained in other Australian States or New Zealand, and the recovery of judgments against debtors who have removed thereto from New South Wales*."  
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 enforcement in New South Wales of judgments obtained in other Australian States or New Zealand, and the recovery of judgments against debtors who have removed thereto from New South Wales*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 3rd October, 1901.*
10. PROHIBITION AND MANDAMUS 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 enactments relating to proceedings in Prohibition and on Writs of Mandamus*."  
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 enactments relating to Proceedings in Prohibition and on Writs of Mandamus*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 3rd October, 1901.*
11. MARRIED WOMEN'S PROPERTY 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 enactments relating to rights and liabilities of married women*."  
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 enactments relating to rights and liabilities of married women*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 3rd October, 1901.*
12. DAIRIES SUPERVISION 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 enactments regulating the production, manufacture, and distribution of milk, cream, butter, and cheese*."  
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 enactments regulating the production, manufacture, and distribution of milk, cream, butter, and cheese*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 3rd October, 1901.*
13. STOCK 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 Acts relating to Diseases in Cattle and Sheep, to Imported Stock, to the Registration of Brands, and to the Exportation of Cattle*."  
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 Diseases in Cattle and Sheep, to Imported Stock, to the Registration of Brands, and to the Exportation of Cattle*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 3rd October, 1901.*
14. INCLOSED LANDS PROTECTION 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 protection of inclosed lands from intrusion and trespass*."  
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 consolidate the enactments relating to the protection of inclosed lands from intrusion and trespass*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 3rd October, 1901.*

15. HAWKERS AND PEDLERS 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 Acts relating to Hawkers and Pedlers*."

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 Hawkers and Pedlers*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 3rd October, 1901.*

16. PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS INSPECTION BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. See, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to the inspection of hospitals and other institutions aided from the Public Revenue*."

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 inspection of hospitals and other institutions aided from the Public Revenue*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 3rd October, 1901.*

17. EQUITY 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 for consolidating enactments relating to the practice, procedure, and powers of the Supreme Court of New South Wales in its equitable jurisdiction*."

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 the practice, procedure, and powers of the Supreme Court of New South Wales in its equitable jurisdiction*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 3rd October, 1901.*

18. CARELESS USE OF FIRE 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 prevention of the careless use of fire*."

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 prevention of the careless use of fire*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 3rd October, 1901.*

19. COMPANIES (DEATH DUTIES) 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 enactments relating to the registration of the offices of certain companies, and to the imposition of duties on the death of shareholders of those 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 to consolidate enactments relating to the registration of the offices of certain companies, and to the imposition of duties on the death of shareholders of those companies*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

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20. DRAINAGE PROMOTION 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 for promoting the better drainage of lands.*"  
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 for promoting the better drainage of lands,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 3rd October, 1901.*
21. BIRDS PROTECTION 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 protection of certain imported and other birds.*"  
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 certain imported and other birds,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 3rd October, 1901.*
22. PRICKLY-PEAR DESTRUCTION 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 eradication of the Prickly-pear.*"  
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 eradication of the Prickly-pear,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 3rd October, 1901.*
23. LOTTERIES AND ART UNIONS 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 Acts relating to the prevention of Lotteries, and the legalising of Art Unions and similar Associations.*"  
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 prevention of Lotteries, and the legalising of Art Unions and similar Associations,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 3rd October, 1901.*
24. BREAD 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 regulation of the making and sale of bread, and the prevention of the adulteration thereof, and of meal and flour.*"  
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 regulation of the making and sale of bread, and the prevention of the adulteration thereof, and of meal and flour,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 3rd October, 1901.*
25. DESTITUTE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY 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 Acts relating to the Society for the Relief of Destitute 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 consolidate the Acts relating to the Society for the Relief of Destitute Children,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 3rd October, 1901.*

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26. APPRENTICES BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Sec, read a third time, and *passed*.  
Mr. Sec then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to Apprentices.*"  
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 Apprentices,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 3rd October, 1901.*
27. SCAFFOLDING AND LIFTS BILL:—Mr. Sec 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 the construction and use of lifts and of scaffolding and engines used for erecting, demolishing, altering, repairing, cleaning, or painting buildings or structures, and of gear used in connection therewith; to regulate the use of steam cranes; and for purposes consequent upon or incidental to those objects.  
Question put and passed.
28. GOVERNOR'S SALARY BILL:—  
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Sec, 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 other provision for the salary of the Governor of New South Wales; and for the salaries of his Staff; and to amend the Constitution Act.  
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 other provision for the salary of the Governor of New South Wales; and for the salaries of his Staff; and to amend the Constitution Act.  
On motion of Mr. Sec, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.  
(2.) Mr. Sec then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to make other provision for the salary of the Governor of New South Wales; and for the salaries of his Staff; and to amend the Constitution Act,*"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
29. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Sec, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.
30. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Sec moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
The House adjourned accordingly, at thirteen minutes after Eleven o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*

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## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 8 OCTOBER, 1901.

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

ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor were delivered by Mr. See, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) Anatomy Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

Message No. 70.

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to Anatomy*,"—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 His 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.

*State Government House,*

*Sydney 3rd October, 1901.*

- (2.) Obscene and Indecent Publications Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

Message No. 71.

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to the prevention and suppression of obscene and indecent publications*,"—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 His 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.

*State Government House,*

*Sydney, 4th October, 1901.*

- (3.) Party Processions Prevention Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

Message No. 72.

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to the prevention of Party Processions and certain other Public Exhibitions*,"—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 His 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.

*State Government House,*

*Sydney, 3rd October, 1901.*

- (4.) Public Gates Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

Message No. 73.

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to Public Gates*,"—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 His 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.

*State Government House,*

*Sydney, 4th October, 1901.*

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## (5.) Vagrancy Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

Message No. 74.

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Acts for the prevention of vagrancy,*"—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 His 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.

*State Government House,**Sydney, 4th October, 1901.*

## (6.) Vine and Vegetation Diseases Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

Message No. 75.

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to a certain vine disease and to vegetation diseases,*"—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 His 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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## (7.) Infant Convicts Adoption Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

Message No. 76.

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments providing for the care and education of infants who may be convicted of felony or misdemeanour,*"—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 His 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.) Fines and Penalties Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

Message No. 77.

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to the recovery, appropriation, and remission of fines and penalties,*"—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 His 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.) Net-fishing (Port Hacking) Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

Message No. 78.

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to the prohibition of Net-fishing in Port Hacking,*"—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 His 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.) Deserted Wives and Children Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

Message No. 79.

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to Deserted Wives and Children,*"—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 His 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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## (11.) Inheritance Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

Message No. 80.

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate enactments relating to the Law of Inheritance,*"—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 His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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## 2. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Subscription Lists and Raffle Tickets at the Devonshire-street Cemetery :—Mr. Daley asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that on pay days at the Devonshire-street Cemetery and other public works the men are pestered with subscription lists and raffle tickets ?

(2.) Is it a fact that if a man does not purchase the raffle tickets or subscribe to the lists he is discharged ?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) No ; I do not think matters are so bad as stated by the Honorable Member. I am informed, however, that the officer in charge of the work gave permission to a lady collector, who represented the Sydney Hospital, to solicit subscriptions from the men on last pay day. The amounts were given quite voluntarily ; and in return for moneys subscribed, admission tickets to the Hospital were issued. The case in question was not a serious matter ; but as such a practice may be an incentive to abuses, it will be stopped. As to raffling, that, as well as gambling, shall be prohibited on public works ; and any overseer found participating in such practices will be discharged at once.

(2.) No.

(2.) Rocks Resumptions :—Mr. Daley asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What is the total number of claims sent in for compensation in respect to the Rocks resumptions ?

(2.) The total amount of such claims ?

(3.) How many have been reported upon by the Crown Solicitor ?

(4.) How many offers have been made to the owners and accepted up to the 1st October ?

(5.) How many of the owners have been paid to date ?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) Six hundred and one.

(2.) £2,554,428 1s. 2½d.

(3.) Two hundred and twelve.

(4.) Offers made, 164 ; offers accepted up to the 1st October instant, 40.

(5.) Five.

(3.) Officers in the Postal Department :—Mr. Affleck, for Mr. Rose, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

In accordance with a promise made by the Attorney-General, will such officers in the Postal Department who were recommended for increases of salary for the year ending 30th June, 1901, receive the same now that they have been transferred to the Commonwealth staff ?

Mr. See answered,—The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice has furnished me with the following reply :—"When I made the promise that increments should be paid as from the beginning of the financial year, this referred to and included the officials of the Post Office, and became an obligation which, in my opinion, the Federal Government must recognise."

(4.) Stage Coaches Act :—Mr. Dacey, for Mr. Nielsen asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) When was the present Stage Coaches Act passed ?

(2.) What right does the possession of licenses under this Act confer upon those who hold them ?

(3.) Is it a fact that a license is only issued from one town to another ?

(4.) Will he bring in an amending Act to provide that these licenses may be issued for the whole State, the same as most other licenses apply ?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) Original Act, 4th August, 1835 ; Consolidated Act, 23rd November, 1899.

(2.) The right to carry for hire the number of passengers named in the licenses.

(3.) Yes ; between the two places which are mentioned in the license.

(4.) The matter will be considered.

(5.) Resumed Areas :—Mr. Daley asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has he any plan or plans in his possession relating to the relaying out of the resumed areas ?

(2.) If so, will he lay them upon the Table of this House ?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—The plans showing the proposed reconstruction of the resumed areas have been promised for next week, and I will have no objection to lay them on the Table, if moved for in the usual way.

(6.) Printing of Public Documents :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he favourable to the adoption, with regard to the printing of public documents, of the course determined upon on Wednesday by the Federal House of Representatives, *i.e.*, that every paper, petition, return, or other document presented to Parliament and ordered to be printed, should, when so printed, bear on the face thereof a statement showing the cost of preparation (if any), the number of copies printed, and the approximate cost of printing same ?

(2.) If favourable, will he adopt the system, and when ?

Mr. See answered,—This practice was discontinued many years ago on the ground of economy, as no good whatever could result from it. If the Honorable Member desires to know the cost of printing, &amp;c., of documents, it can be furnished at any moment, as a complete debit is made to each department for all services.

(7.) Ocean-going Steamers leaving Newcastle with Coal on Deck :—Mr. Nobbs, for Mr. Oakes, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that ocean-going steamers frequently leave Newcastle with heavy deck cargoes of coal, to the extreme danger of the ship and crew ?

(2.) Is he aware that the Melbourne authorities drew the attention of the authorities at Newcastle to the practice, and they replied that they were powerless to stop it ?

(3.) Will he call for a report from the proper authorities, as to the best means of coping with the evil ?

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Mr. Waddell answered,—It has been reported to the Superintendent of Navigation that on one or two occasions vessels left the port of Newcastle with coals on deck, stowed in a manner contrary to the laws of the port; and he has instructed the Inspectors of that port that they must be vigilant to see that no vessel leaves the port with a cargo of coal on deck unless the following provisions are complied with, viz.:—The coal must not be loaded higher than the bulwarks; free watercourses must be maintained between the coal and the bulwarks to the freeing-ports and scuppers; steering-gear must be kept clear of all coal, and life-lines provided for the safety of the crew to the satisfaction of the Shipping Inspector. The Superintendent has been in correspondence with the Marine Board of Melbourne with a view to establishing uniformity of opinion and action on the part of the surveyors in the respective States as to what should be termed "improper loading," and masters of vessels coaling at Newcastle have also been notified that the provisions of the Navigation Acts with regard to improper loading and overloading will be rigidly carried out, and vessels detained where deck cargoes are stowed in contravention of the law.

(8.) Woodcutters Licenses:—*Mr. Dacey*, for *Mr. Nielsen*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Does a woodcutter's license confer upon the holder thereof the privilege of cutting wood upon all reserves and Crown Lands not specially dedicated as timber or forest reserves?
- (2.) Does such a license allow a woodcutter to cut wood on land that has been exchanged, and is now the property of the Crown?

*Mr. O'Sullivan* answered,—

- (1.) No. The following lands are exempt:—Crown Lands in State Forests, Timber Reserves, Reserves for Public Recreation, Sites for Towns or Villages, lands permanently dedicated for any public purpose, lands within  $1\frac{1}{2}$  chains from any navigable river, lands held under conditional, special, or settlement lease, lands measured for sale, lands within an enclosure of less than 200 acres, lands within half a mile of a head station, lands specially exempted by notice in the *Gazette*.
- (2.) Yes; unless the land comes under the foregoing exemptions.

(9.) Maintenance Men, Public Works Department:—*Mr. Walsh*, for *Mr. Gilbert*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Are maintenance men in the employ of the Works Department paid the minimum wage of 7s. per day?
- (2.) Out of such wage are these men expected to provide a horse, saddle, and bridle to enable them to travel their lengths, and also to provide a horse and dray for shifting camp?
- (3.) Is it a fact that each maintenance man is expected to keep a horse and dray on his length, only receiving payment for the same at the rate of 3s. per day when specially ordered to use it?

*Mr. O'Sullivan* answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) No.
- (3.) No; every maintenance man does not require the use of a horse and cart. When several men work together, a horse and cart is occasionally required, and this is generally supplied by one of the men, 3s. a day being for the use of it; but there is no compulsion, it is optional with the men whether they do this or not.

3. OPAL MINING INDUSTRY:—*Mr. Sleath* presented a Petition from the White Cliffs' Progress Committee, representing that the Report of the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the opal-mining industry states that a witness handed in a memorandum to which the names of the Petitioners are attached, and which advocates the licensing of opal buyers and cutters, and certain regulations restricting the buying and selling of opal; that Petitioners deny any connection with such document, and are opposed to the registration of opal buyers; that if the leases are not resumed, the registration of buyers and cutters would be ineffective to prevent illicit dealings in opal; that Petitioners' names have been attached to certain opinions to which they are opposed; and praying the House to cause this denial to be printed and circulated amongst Members, and also inserted in the Minutes of Evidence attached to the Report of the said Royal Commission. Petition received.

4. PAPERS:—

*Mr. Waddell* laid upon the Table,—Schedule to the Estimates for 1901-2.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

*Mr. See* laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return showing attendances of Trustees at Meetings of the National Park Trust, during the years 1898, 1899, and 1900.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

- (2.) Report and Summary of Evidence of the Royal Commission to inquire into the condition of the Crown Tenants of the Western Division of New South Wales (*Part I*).

Ordered to be printed.

- (3.) Minutes of Evidence, Appendices, and Returns in connection with the Report of the Royal Commission to inquire into the condition of the Crown Tenants of the Western Division of New South Wales (*Part II*).

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. DISTRICT COURTS ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

- (1.) *Mr. McIntyre* moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend the jurisdiction of the District Courts, and to amend the District Courts Act of 1901 for that purpose.

Question put and passed.

- (2.) *Mr. McIntyre* then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to extend the jurisdiction of the District Courts, and to amend the District Courts Act, 1901, for that purpose*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 5th November.

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6. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide that certain covenants, agreements, conditions, provisos, and stipulations in restraint of liberty to purchase beer, wines, spirits, or other fermented or spirituous liquors shall be void; and for purposes incidental to or consequent on that object,—postponed until Tuesday, 22nd October.
7. **TIED HOUSES BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Meagher moved, "That" this Bill be now read a third time.  
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 clauses 2 "and 4," instead thereof.  
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 36.

Mr. Willis,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Hollis,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. Walsh,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Power,	Mr. Quinn,
Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Meagher,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Daniel O'Connor,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Archer,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. Daley,	Mr. John Hurley,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Byrne.
Mr. Levien,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Sullivan,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Kelly.
Mr. McLaurin,	

Noes, 29.

Dr. Ross,	Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Phillips,	Mr. Davidson,
Mr. Eden George,	Mr. Affleck,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Mackenzie,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Winchcombe,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Sleath,	Mr. Coleman.
Mr. Wright,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. McIntyre.
Mr. Burgess,	
Mr. Jessep,	
Mr. Carroll,	
Mr. Pyers,	
Mr. Young,	
Mr. Fullick,	
Mr. Gilbert,	
Mr. O'Conor,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a third time.

Mr. Meagher then moved, That this Bill do now *pass*.

Debate ensued.

Mr. E. M. Clark moved, pursuant to Standing Order No. 142, That the Honorable Member for Sydney-Belmore Division, Mr. Eden George, be not further heard.

Question put and voices given,—Mr. Speaker stated his opinion that the *Noes* had it.Whereupon, Division called for, and Mr. Speaker having in accordance with Standing Order No. 213, directed the Members to take their seats to the right and left of the Chair respectively, declared the determination of the House to be in the *negative*, as there were only five Members in the minority who had challenged his decision.

The following are the names of the Members in the Minority, viz.:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. E. M. Clark, Mr. Power, and Mr. Daley.

Debate continued.

Question,—That this Bill do now *pass*,—put and passed.Whereupon Mr. Meagher moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to restrict the powers of bonds and contracts in reference to what is known as tied houses, and the placing of the same on a more equitable basis.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to restrict the powers of bonds and contracts in reference to what is known as tied houses, and the placing of the same on a more equitable basis,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 8th October, 1901.*

8. **EMPLOYEES OF LABOUR UNIONS PROTECTION BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Edden moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. Moore moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday, 22nd October.
9. **CASINO MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Pyers moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. Pyers, 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. Pyers, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

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10. MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF INVEBELL REDUCED AREA BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. McIntyre 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. McIntyre, 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. McIntyre, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
11. JUVENILE SMOKING SUPPRESSION 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.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*

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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 9 OCTOBER, 1901.

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

DEATH OF THE HONOURABLE SIR JOSEPH PALMER ABBOTT, K.C.M.G.:—Mr. Speaker reported that he had communicated to Lady Abbott the Resolution agreed to by the House on the 17th ultimo, expressing its sympathy and sorrow at the untimely death of her illustrious husband, and that he had received thereto the following reply:—

“ Dear Mr. McCourt,

“ Turramurra, 4th October, 1901.

“ I have received your letter conveying the Resolution of the Legislative Assembly in reference to the loss of my husband, and wish to thank the Members and you personally for the kindly expression of sympathy contained in it.

“ Believe me,

“ The Speaker,

“ Sincerely yours,

“ Legislative Assembly.

“ EDITH ABBOTT.”

2. WINE ADULTERATION BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Kidd, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

*Message No. 81.*

*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 prevent the adulteration of wine, and to regulate the sale of wine and other beverages.

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

3. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) The Clerk of the Peace:—Mr. Daley asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Who is the Clerk of the Peace?
- (2.) What is the salary paid to him?
- (3.) What are the duties of the said office?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) Mr. W. R. Beaver.
- (2.) £750 per annum.
- (3.) Briefly summarised, his duties may be stated to be as follows:—Draws indictments in all cases in the Central Criminal Court, Circuit Courts, and Courts of Quarter Sessions throughout the State of New South Wales; prepares such cases for trial by obtaining additional necessary evidence; issues subpoenas, notices of trial, and other notices in connection with such trials; attends personally or by Deputy (there are fifty-four Deputy Clerks of the Peace) at Courts of Quarter Sessions; takes records of Court, and does all Ministerial acts necessary to give effect to the decisions of the Courts; pays allowances to witnesses; prepares and files briefs in special cases reserved for consideration of Supreme Court; instructs Counsel in cases of appeals to Quarter Sessions, and takes necessary steps relating thereto; makes returns of convictions; reports from time to time to the Attorney-General as to cases for trial; has various duties cast upon him by Acts of Parliament; prepares Estreat Rolls of fines and forfeitures, &c.

(2.) Agricultural Farms:—Mr. Nobbs, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) How many students have received certificates of competency as high-class agriculturists?
- (2.) What was the cost per head for teaching them?
- (3.) How many have settled upon the land as such?
- (4.) Where have they settled, and with what results?

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- (5.) What are the expenses connected with the Hawkesbury College?  
 (6.) What have been the receipts therefrom?  
 (7.) Does the Department encourage the cultivation of "Manitoba" or "Allora Spring" wheat?  
 (8.) Did not the bakers a few months ago condemn "Allora Spring" wheat, in comparison with "Manitoba," for profitable flour-making?
- Mr. Kidd answered,  
 (1 to 6.) The information will be prepared in the form of a return, and laid upon the Table at an early date.  
 (7.) The Department encourages the growth of Manitoba wheat in districts suitable to its growth, recognising the fact that a much higher price is paid by bakers for Manitoba flour, and also that locally grown Manitoba wheat is in every respect as good as the imported grain. With regard to Allora Spring wheat, the Department recognises the fact that flour from this grain is not as acceptable to bakers as flour from some other varieties, and does not encourage its growth except under special conditions.  
 (8.) It is universally recognised that flour from Manitoba wheat is superior for the purposes of breadmaking to flour made from Allora Spring wheat.
- (3.) Tick Quarantine Regulations:—Mr. McIntyre asked the Secretary for Mines,—Will the Government take steps to partly remove the difficulties imposed upon stock-owners under the Tick Quarantine Regulations by establishing dips at Texas and other crossings on the Northern border?  
 Mr. Kidd answered,—The Scottish Australian Investment Company have constructed a dip on their station at Texas, and arrangements have been made with the Company to dip for the public at a reasonable charge. I am informed dipping will commence there to-day. It has been decided to construct dips at all the proclaimed crossing-places east of and including Hebel, and tenders have been called for the construction of a portion of them. The tenders for the construction of the balance will be called this week.
- (4.) Government Trust Funds:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Treasurer,—  
 (1.) What is the total amount of trust funds held by the Government?  
 (2.) Out of that total how much is invested by them?  
 (3.) How much out of the total held and invested by them is bearing interest, and the average rate of such?  
 (4.) What amount is uninvested, and are they paying interest on such; if so, what is the average rate of interest paid?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—Reference to Statement No. 4, laid on the Table of the House on the 26th September last, will show the position of Trust Funds on the 30th June last, as:—  
 (1.) £6,678,680.  
 (2.) £5,554,939.  
 (3.) £6,646,436—Average rate of interest, £3 8s. 4d. per cent.  
 (4.) £1,123,741—Interest at average rate of £3 8s. 4d. per cent. on £1,091,497.
- (5.) Clergymen visiting Asylums or Gaols:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Secretary,—Do any of the clergymen provided for on the Estimates as visiting the asylums or gaols, attend one or more of such institutions; if so, will he supply the names of such, and the number of institutions they visit and are paid for?  
 Mr. See answered,—I will endeavour to obtain this information and lay it upon the Table in the form of a Return.
- (6.) Cost of Royal Receptions:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Secretary,—What was the total cost of the Royal receptions, and how much has been already paid on account?  
 Mr. See answered,—All accounts are not yet in, but the total paid to date, per Treasury Books, is £13,245, which includes railways.
- (7.) Miners' Accident Relief Association:—Mr. Affleck asked the Secretary for Mines,—  
 (1.) How many miners are registered as belonging to the Miners' Accident Relief Association?  
 (2.) How much has been contributed to the Miners' Accident Relief Fund up to 30th September last from the following:—(a) the miners; (b) the owners or managers; (c) the Government?  
 (3.) How much has been expended from the fund up to the 30th September last, and what is the number of families who have been relieved, and where do they reside?  
 Mr. Kidd answered,—The information asked for by the Honorable Member will be laid on the Table of the House in the form of a return.
- (8.) Land and Income Tax Act:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—  
 (1.) Is it a fact that, notwithstanding the exemptions provided by the Land and Income Tax Act, small holders in connection with the Cooper leasehold have to pay a tax to lessors, no matter what may be the value of holding?  
 (2.) Have representations been made to him by deputations urging an amendment of the Act, the effect of which would compel lessors to pay the tax; and, if so, does he propose to introduce legislation on the subject this session?  
 Mr. See answered,—  
 (1.) Yes.  
 (2.) Representations have been made and considered. It is proposed to introduce a measure this Session dealing with the subject.
- (9.) Employees, Government Stores:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Treasurer,—  
 (1.) Are a number of the employees in the Government stores classed as temporary, when their services are of a permanent character?  
 (2.) What are the names and length of service of such employees?  
 (3.) Will he take steps to have such employees classified as permanent instead of temporary?

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Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) S. F. Smith, seventeen years; C. F. Jeffries, eleven years; R. J. Webber, ten years; and G. A. Allerton, seven years.

(3.) The permanent appointment of some of these officers has been recommended by the Department, and the matter is now under the consideration of the Public Service Board.

(10.) Grafton Wharf, &c.:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has the Grafton wharf, bond, and warehouse been let to a private firm without competition; and, if so, why?

Mr. See answered,—The Grafton Stores, not the wharf, have been leased by the Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners to a tenant of the Trust, who has been dispossessed of the premises of which he has been in occupation for some time past because they are otherwise required, and for whom it was therefore necessary to provide other accommodation. In any case in which the Commissioners consider that the public interests will be best served by calling for tenders, that course will be pursued.

(11.) Dredging of Bellinger and Clarence Rivers:—Mr. Briner asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Will he, in accordance with his promise, give definite instructions that the bar-dredge "Antleon" shall go to the Bellinger River entrance, as soon as it has completed its work at Clarence River, to afford relief to the district which has suffered severely for eight months?

(2.) Will he say about what date the dredge will finish the work at Clarence River?

Mr. See answered,—The "Antleon" is at present at the Macleay River awaiting an opportunity to commence work at the Bellinger. She steamed to the latter place from the Clarence, but found that the state of the bar with poor tides was such that it was impossible to attempt any dredging. The tides are now making, and it is hoped in a few days that she will be able to make a start at the work.

(12.) Old-age Pensions:—Mr. Briner asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that in some districts old-age pensions are refused to applicants, though granted in other districts to applicants with even less claims?

(2.) Will he see that old men who have been good colonists, but who may have been guilty of drinking too much at times, are granted pensions, on condition that they are not guilty of the offence again?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) No cases such as those referred to by the Honorable Member have been brought under my notice.

(2.) The conditions under which pensions may be awarded by District Boards are defined in the Old-age Pensions Act, and in the present state of the law cannot be varied.

(13.) Reappraisal of Holdings:—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Lands,—As the time during which conditional purchase holders and others may apply for reappraisal of their holdings expires at the end of the present year, will he extend the time for at least another year?

Mr. Crick answered,—The holders of Conditional Purchases are allowed two years from the passing of the Crown Lands (Amendment) Act of 1899 within which to apply, and as this period will not expire till the 25th December next, it is not apparent why applications cannot be made before that date. The time could not be extended without fresh legislation.

(14.) Professors, University of Sydney:—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) The number of persons at present engaged as professors at the University of Sydney?

(2.) The amount of salary each receives respectively?

(3.) The amount received in the shape of fees from students?

(4.) The special or particular branch attended to by each professor respectively?

(5.) The number of students attending each class respectively?

Mr. Perry answered,—

(1.) Fourteen.

(2.) Professors of Chemistry, Mathematics and Physiology, each £900 and half fees. Professors of Latin, Modern Literature, Law, Logic and Mental Philosophy, Engineering, History, Biology, Anatomy, Geology, each £1,100. Professors of Physics and Greek, each £900.

(3.) Amounts for 1900—Chemistry, £905; Mathematics, £303; Physiology, £470.

(4.) These are enumerated in answer to Question 2.

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- (15.) Lancer Camp and Tournament at Clarendon—Free Passes to Riflemen:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Does the State of New South Wales bear the cost or any portion thereof, of the recently-held Lancer camp and tournament at Clarendon?
  - (2.) In *re* the granting of free passes to the value of £300 to riflemen taking part in the annual matches, does he not regard it as the duty of the Federal Government to meet such charge; and did he not express himself to that effect in the Assembly a week or two since?
- Mr. See answered,—
- (1.) No.
  - (2.) Yes, and free passes have been granted within this State. I may add that I was most anxious that the Federal Government should discharge their obligations in connection with this most important military matter. They refused to do so, and it was pointed out to me that, unless provision was made to enable volunteers and others who intended to compete in the ensuing Rifle Association matches, the meeting might fall through. In view of that fact, I undertook the responsibility of finding passes to the amount of £300.
- (16.) Resumption of land for Park at North Sydney:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Has he before him at the present time a proposal from the North Sydney Council, urging the resumption of a piece of land of about half an acre, the property of a Mr. Milson, for park purposes?
  - (2.) Is he aware of the fact that the Council in question considered an offer to them of this land some time since for £800, deciding against the purchase?
  - (3.) Does this block form portion of an area which some time since was offered to the Crown by Mr. Milson for other land along the foreshore of the harbour?
- Mr. Crick answered,—
- (1.) A proposal from the North Sydney Council has been received, and a report on the matter has been called for.
  - (2.) I am not aware.
  - (3.) No.
- (17.) Exemption from Payment of Income Tax:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Has he secured the opinion of the Attorney-General as to the validity or otherwise of Mr. Barton's claim for exemption in *re* the payment of income tax to the Treasury of this State; and if so, what is that opinion?
  - (2.) If not, will he consult the Attorney-General on this point?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—The Attorney-General states that it is contrary to all precedent to give an opinion and make it public on such a matter, and that if such were done, it might, in case the question were referred to the Federal Supreme Court, create difficulties. The Honorable Member may, however, accept my assurance that the Government will closely watch the matter in the interest of the State.
- (18.) Defamation Act:—Mr. Levy asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he take into consideration, as early as public business will permit, the advisableness of introducing legislation to amend the existing law on the subject of defamation?
- Mr. See answered,—The voting on the measure which was introduced by the Government of Sir William Lyne last Parliament indicated such an overwhelming weight of opinion against any important alteration in the law that the Government cannot promise to introduce a measure this Session in the present state of public business.
- (19.) Australian Hardwoods:—Mr. Levy asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Has his attention been called to a letter written to the *Times*, London, by the Agent-General for New South Wales, in regard to the value of Australian hardwoods for street-paving as compared with the American timbers?
  - (2.) In view of the ignorance that seems to prevail in the Old World as to our hardwoods, and the possibilities of an extensive trade in this direction, will he consider the advisableness of disseminating information on the subject by means of literature and otherwise?
- Mr. See answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
  - (2.) The importance of this has already been recognised. There are already four pamphlets which have been widely distributed, viz.:—Report on Spotted Gum, with special reference to its value for wood-paving; "Wood Pavements in Sydney, 1880-1893"; Notes on Commercial Timbers of New South Wales; and "The Strength and Elasticity of New South Wales Timbers." I can give my honorable friend an assurance that nothing has been left undone that ought to have been done in order to bring this matter under the notice of the public in the Home country.
- (20.) Chinamen Transferring Naturalization Papers:—Mr. Levy asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Has his attention been directed to the report of certain evidence given during an examination in Bankruptcy, from which it clearly appears that Chinamen are in the habit of transferring their naturalisation papers for the purpose of enabling their friends to evade the poll-tax?
  - (2.) If so, will he adopt some effective means to prevent the State being defrauded in this manner?
- Mr. See answered,—The Acting Collector of Customs has furnished me with the following information:—"Chinese have, in many instances, been detected arriving with Naturalization Certificates, of which they failed to satisfy the Collector of Customs they were the *bona fide* owners, and were returned to China, and the certificates confiscated. Effective means of identification are now adopted by which certificates of naturalization cannot be transferred."

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- (21.) Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act:—Mr. Levy asked the Colonial Secretary,—  
 (1.) In the proposed Bill to amend the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act, will he see that a clause is inserted making it compulsory for an alderman to vacate his seat on the Water and Sewerage Board when he loses his seat on the City Council or the Municipal Council by which he was elected, and as whose representative he sits on the Board?  
 (2.) Will he also see that a Member of Parliament is rendered incapable of holding a seat on the Board?  
 Mr. See answered,—No such provision has so far been made in the Bill, but I will give the Honorable Member an opportunity of discussing the matter if he moves an amendment to the above effect.
- (22.) Members of the Legislative Assembly:—Mr. Levy asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill to reduce the numbers of Members of the Legislative Assembly?  
 Mr. See answered,—This matter is still under the consideration of the Government.
- (23.) Constitution Act:—Mr. Levy asked the Colonial Secretary,—When is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill to establish a convention to deal with the reform of the Constitution, as promised in the Lieutenant-Governor's opening speech?  
 Mr. See answered,—This matter is also under the consideration of the Government.
- (24.) Bulls at the Berry Stud Farm:—Mr. Morton asked the Secretary for Mines,—  
 (1.) Is he aware that the values placed upon the young Jersey and Holstein bulls at the Berry Stud Farm range respectively from 25 to 30 guineas upwards?  
 (2.) If so, is he aware that these prices are beyond the reach of the ordinary dairy farmer; and will he give instructions to reduce the prices accordingly?  
 Mr. Kidd answered,—A number of the young bulls referred to have been sold to farmers at from £25 upwards. It is not considered the prices are too high, and there is no doubt that if the animals were offered at auction they would bring higher prices.
- (25.) Cape Dandelion Weed:—Mr. Morton asked the Secretary for Mines,—  
 (1.) Has his attention been called to the existence in many dairying districts of a pestilent weed known as the Cape dandelion?  
 (2.) Will he take immediate steps to have same included in the list of noxious weeds?  
 Mr. Kidd answered,—  
 (1.) Yes, attention has been drawn to the existence of the pest.  
 (2.) The weed is included in the list of noxious weeds mentioned in a Bill which is under consideration by my honorable colleague, the Secretary for Lands.
- (26.) Road Vote:—Mr. Lonsdale asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Does he intend, in accordance with his promise made during the election, to increase the road vote to £1,000,000?  
 Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—I made no such promise with regard to this year, but merely said I hoped in the future to be able to increase the road vote to £1,000,000. If any newspaper reported me to have said what the Honorable Member asserts, it was in error.
- (27.) Selectors' Unpaid Balances:—Mr. Lonsdale asked the Secretary for Lands,—In accordance with the promise made by him during the election, does he intend to introduce a Bill to reduce the interest on selectors' unpaid balances to 2½ per cent.; if so, when?  
 Mr. Crick answered,—This is a matter for the Amending Land Bill which I propose to introduce.
- (28.) Hours of 'Bus-drivers:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is he in a position to furnish the House with any information of the number of hours 'bus-drivers are engaged each day, and the number of hours they work during each week?  
 Mr. See answered,—The Government are not in possession of any information on this subject, but inquiries could be made if desired.
- (29.) Darling Harbour and "The Rocks" Resumptions:—Mr. Ashton asked the Colonial Secretary,—  
 (1.) What is the estimated approximate cost of—(1) Darling Harbour resumptions; (2) "Rocks" resumptions?  
 (2.) What is the estimated amount of interest due on above to 30th June last?  
 Mr. See answered,—  
 (1.) (1) £3,000,000; (2) £1,500,000.  
 (2.) £184,332.
- (30.) The "Rocks" Resumptions:—Mr. Cohen asked the Colonial Treasurer,—  
 (1.) Were plans for laying out the resumed areas on the "Rocks" prepared by Mr. Norman Selfe?  
 (2.) What was the fee agreed upon?  
 (3.) How much has been paid to Mr. Selfe?  
 Mr. Waddell answered,—  
 (1.) Yes.  
 (2.) The fee has not yet been fixed.  
 (3.) The sum of £200 has been advanced on account of fees for services rendered in connection with the preparation of plans, investigation, and report, &c., on the reconstruction of the "Rocks" resumed area.

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- (31.) Financial Debate:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is there any truth in the statement given in the *Daily Telegraph* on Saturday last, that he intended to try and close the financial debate to-night (Wednesday)?
- Mr. See answered,—I am not in a position to answer a conundrum, which this question really is. How can my honorable friend expect me to answer a question of this kind in a serious way? I cannot be responsible for paragraphs with which my honorable friend inspires the daily Press, and then asks this House to take seriously. The Government are very anxious to get on with business.
- (32.) Burwood Colliery, Newcastle:—Mr. Edden asked the Secretary for Mines,—Has he decided on any course of action regarding the weighing of miner's coal at the Burwood Colliery, Newcastle?
- Mr. Kidd answered,—I will endeavour to give the Honorable Member a definite answer on Tuesday next.
- (33.) Government Loan:—Mr. Davidson asked the Colonial Treasurer,—On what date does the first interest on the last £4,000,000 loan require to be paid?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—1st April, 1902 (half year's interest).
4. CLAIM OF GLEBE BOROUGH COUNCIL IN RESPECT OF SEWERAGE WORKS:—Mr. Hogue, 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 the 4th September, 1901, a.m., together with Appendix.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
5. PAPERS:—  
Mr. Crick 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.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, 1900, of land for a Public Park at Minnamurra Falls.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—  
(1.) Return respecting quantity of coal and coke consumed in connection with the Government Railways and Tramways, and the value of same, for the years 1899 and 1900.  
(2.) Return to an Order made on 20th August, 1901,—“Tram Accidents.”  
(3.) Statement showing the unpaid claims at the Treasury on 30th June, 1900, and 30th June, 1901.  
(4.) Return to an Order made on 13th August, 1901,—“Railway Accident near Sydenham.”  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
6. TOTALIZATOR BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Sleath moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to more effectually cope with the practice of gaming, and legalise an instrument known as the Totalizator, on racecourses, subject to certain restrictions and regulations.  
Question put and passed.
7. GOVERNOR'S SALARY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put, and Division called for,—but there not being Tellers on the part of the *Nocs*, no Division could be had, and Mr. Speaker declared the Question to have been resolved in the affirmative.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. See, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

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

- (1.) Demise of the Crown Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to amend the law relating to the holding of offices in case of the demise of the Crown*,”—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 9th October, 1901.

W. J. TRICKETT,  
Deputy-President.

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

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

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## (2.) Devonshire-street Cemetery Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to provide for the removal of human remains, and certain slabs and tombstones, from the Devonshire-street Cemetery, and for the reinterment of such remains; and to save the Secretary for Public Works and other persons harmless in respect of certain acts done by them in connection with the said cemetery,*"—with the amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 9th October, 1901.

W. J. TRICKETT,  
Deputy-President.

## DEVONSHIRE-STREET CEMETERY BILL.

Schedule of the Amendment referred to in Message of 9th October, 1901.

JOHN J. CALVERT,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 2, line 8. Omit ("prior to the passing of this Act")

Examined,—

F. T. HUMPHERY,  
Deputy Chairman of Committees.

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

9. TEMORA TO WYALONG 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 Temora to Wyalong; to amend the provisions of the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as they relate to the duty of the constructing authority to make and maintain fences along the said line; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; and for other purposes.  
Question put and passed.
10. BOGAN GATE TO BULBODNEY 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 Bogan Gate to Bulbodney; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the duty of the constructing authority to make and maintain fences along the said line; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to provide for the imposition of a tax on certain lands in connection with such line; and for other purposes.  
Question put and passed.
11. TEMORA TO BARELLAN 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 Temora to Barellan; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the duty of the constructing authority to make and maintain fences along the said line; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to provide for the imposition of a tax on certain lands in connection with such line; and for other purposes.  
Question put and passed.
12. LIMITATION OF DEBATE — PROPOSED STANDING ORDER :—Mr. Crick moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House agrees to and adopts the following Standing Order in reference to Limitation of Debates, and authorises Mr. Speaker to present such Standing Order to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor for approval.—
- " Unless, as hereinafter provided, no Member shall speak—
- " (a) *In the House* for more than thirty minutes on any question submitted from the Chair, except—
- " in the debate on the Address-in-Reply, or
- " in a debate on a Motion of Censure, or 'No-Confidence,' or
- " in moving the second reading of a Bill,
- " when a Member shall be at liberty to speak for one hour.
- " (b) *In Committee of the Whole House* more than twice on any question submitted from the Chair of the Committee; any member called for the first time to speak shall not speak for more than thirty minutes, when called a second time he shall not speak for more than ten minutes: Provided that so much of this Standing Order as relates to speaking not more than twice shall not apply to a Member in charge of a Bill, nor to the consideration of the Estimates, or a Supply Bill; but any Member speaking more than once shall be restricted to ten minutes for each speech after the first.
- " Provided that in any case arising under this Standing Order the Member speaking, and desiring an extension of time, may ask the indulgence of the House or Committee, and the Speaker or Chairman, as the case may be, shall, without debate, take the sense of the House or Committee.
- " The debate on the Financial Statement shall be exempt from the restrictions of this Standing Order."
- Mr. Lee moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
- Debate ensued.
- Question put and passed.
- Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Thursday, 17th October.

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13. **BLOCKHOLDERS BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Crick, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—  
And the Question being again proposed, and the Debate not being resumed,—  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. Crick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.
14. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. See moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at five 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,  
*Speaker.*

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Act of South Wales.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 10 OCTOBER, 1901.

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

COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS (*Election Petition—Stewart v. Clara—Condoumlin*):—

(1.) Mr. Wright, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table, the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, to whom was referred on 3rd September, 1901, the Petition of Andrew Stewart, against the return of Patrick James Clara, Esquire, as Member for the Electoral District of Condoumlin.

And the said Report was read at length by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, as follows:—

“ The Committee of Elections and Qualifications duly appointed on 24th July, 1901, to whom was referred, on 3rd September, 1901, a Petition from Andrew Stewart, against the return of Patrick James Clara, Esquire, as Member for the Electoral District of Condoumlin, have determined and do hereby declare:—

“ 1. That Patrick James Clara, Esquire, the Sitting Member, has not been duly elected as Member for the Electoral District of Condoumlin, and that the election is wholly void.

“ 2. That the Petition of Andrew Stewart is not frivolous or vexatious.

“ 3. That the Committee make no award as to costs.

“ 4. That the Committee are of opinion that the expenses of the parties in this inquiry should be defrayed by the Crown.

“ F. A. WRIGHT,  
“ Chairman.

“ No. 3 Committee Room,  
“ Legislative Assembly, Sydney, 10th October, 1901.”

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

(2.) Mr. Wright moved, That the Committee of Elections and Qualifications have leave to adjourn *sine die*, the matters referred to them having been disposed of.

Question put and passed.

Mr. Speaker stated that, under the authority of the Report of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, just read, he would issue a new Writ.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Railway from Liverpool to Mulgoa:—Mr. T. R. Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When does he intend to submit to the Public Works Committee the plans and specifications of railway from Liverpool to Mulgoa?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—I will submit the matter to the Cabinet before the Session closes.

(2.) Employees, Trigonometrical Survey:—Mr. Affleck asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is he aware that many of the men employed on the trigonometrical survey are only receiving 35s. per week, and have to pay 10s. 6d. per week for rations?

(2.) Will he see that these men are paid, without delay, the regular 7s. per day wage?

Mr. Perry answered,—At present there is only one surveyor engaged observing in connection with the trigonometrical survey. It is presumed, therefore, that this question is asked in the interests of the labourers employed under the piling overseers in connection with the trigonometrical survey. There are five labourers in receipt of 6s. per day, and fifteen in receipt of 5s. per day; but they are paid for seven days in the week. The surveyor and piling overseers provide tent accommodation free of cost, and one of the party is engaged as cook and camp-keeper. These labourers are engaged by the piling overseers, and are not Government employees

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(3.) Federal Capital Sites:—Mr. Briner asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that Mr. Oliver promised to visit Dorrigo and Guy Fawkes as Federal Capital sites, but has not yet kept that promise?

(2.) Will he authorise Mr. Oliver to inspect the sites named when he visits Armidale, the sites mentioned being at no great distance from Armidale, and being admirably suited to the purposes of a Federal Capital site?

Mr. See answered,—I will communicate with Mr. Oliver upon the subject.

(4.) Assistant Clerk of Petty Sessions, Bellingen:—Mr. Briner asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that Bellingen, the principal town between Kempsey and Grafton, and the centre of all public departments in Raleigh electorate, has only one official to fulfil the duties of Crown Lands Agent, Clerk of Petty Sessions, Registrar of the District Court, Registrar of the Small Debts Court, Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages, Electoral Registrar, and several other offices, and who has also to issue timber licenses?

(2.) Is he aware that when this official, who is capable and courteous always, is engaged in any court as Registrar or in taking depositions, the Land Office must be closed, and the public inconvenienced?

(3.) In view of the importance of the Bellingen office, the large amount of business transacted there, and the long hours which the official is compelled to work, will the Colonial Secretary cause inquiry to be made with a view to having an assistant Clerk of Petty Sessions and Deposition Clerk appointed to Bellingen as early as possible?

Mr. See answered,—The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice has furnished me with the following reply:—"No representations as to the necessity for the appointment of an assistant to the Clerk of Petty Sessions and Land Agent have previously been made to me. Inquiry will, however, be made into the matter."

(5.) Employees, Water and Sewerage Board:—Mr. Jessep asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Why are not increments given to employees of the Water and Sewerage Board after the policy adopted with regard to other public servants?

(2.) Is it not a fact that some officers of the Water and Sewerage Board have been employed from the establishment of the Department, and others for a long number of years, without increase of salary?

(3.) Is it a fact that increments recommended to officers of the Water and Sewerage Board have been struck off the Estimates; and will he take into consideration the hardships involved in differentiating between officers of the Board and other public servants by denying employees of the Board the treatment accorded to other servants of the State?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—The employees of the Water Supply and Sewerage Board are quite differently situated to other public servants, inasmuch that they have no claims for consideration under the provisions of the Public Service Act or the Regulations pertaining thereto. Although the Board is recognised by the Government as an important Public Institution, and the officers are exceedingly well placed, the Cabinet considered the salaries voted last year were fair and reasonable for the work performed, consequently I was compelled to eliminate the increases proposed by the Board.

(6.) Dairies Supervision Act:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) On whose application or recommendation were the provisions of the Dairies Supervision Act extended to the undermentioned parishes in the police district of Molong, county of Ashburnham, viz.:—Molong, Barton, Bore Cabonne, Boree Nyrang, Canoblas, Edinburgh, Conomodine, Barragin, Nyrang, Toogong, Cargo, Bowan Park, Cudal, Dulladerry, Manildra, Wolabla, Gregra, Brymadura, Bell, Gumble; and for what reason?

(2.) Will he lay a copy of such application or recommendation on the Table of this House?

(3.) Has any person been appointed, and at what salary, to supervise the operation of the Dairies Supervision Act in these respective localities; and what is the nature of his qualification?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) The provisions of the Dairies Supervision Act have not yet been extended to the District of Molong, but the matter is now before the Executive Council.

(2.) Yes, presently.

(3.) No appointment has been made.

(7.) Rabbit-proof Fencing:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Can he furnish the House with any estimate, or approximate estimate, of the amount of money that has been expended throughout the Colony in the erection of rabbit-proof fencing or wire-netting for the suppression of the rabbit pest?

(2.) The number of miles that have been erected for this purpose?

Mr. Perry answered,—About 1,157 miles of fencing have been erected by the Government, at a cost of about £7,900, including cost of maintenance, &amp;c.; and it has been reported that about 22,159 miles of fencing have been erected by private persons, but I am not aware of the expense they incurred.

(8.) Proposed Federal Tariff:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has he noticed that the proposed Federal tariff imposes very high duties upon the necessaries of life—food, clothing, &amp;c.—and is he aware of the fact that its imposition will be productive of great loss to, and hardship upon, the masses of the people?

(2.) Will he, on behalf of the State, offer protest against the adoption, in their present form, of the items referred to, and submit such protest without delay to the Federal Government?

(3.) In the event of being personally in agreement with the Federal Government in this matter of taxing to the utmost the food, boots, and clothing of the working classes, will he afford this House an early opportunity of expressing an opinion upon the matter at issue?

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Mr. See answered,—This is a matter in which I do not see that the State Parliament can interfere. It is entirely within the province of the Federal Parliament to pass what tariff it likes, and if that is not satisfactory, it is for the electors to return representatives who will bring about a change of policy. It is absolutely beyond the power of the State Parliament to interfere.

- (9.) Public Servants:—Mr. Haynes, for Mr. E. M. Clark, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that the regrading of certain Civil Servants has been published in the *Government Gazette* without the different salaries being defined; and, if so, why?

Mr. See answered,—The Public Service Board have not, they inform me, published any such regrading. If the Honorable Member is alluding to the notification published by the Treasury in the *Public Service Gazette* of 4th instant, of the appointment of members of the Permanent Staff of the Taxation Department, I would suggest that inquiry be addressed to the Colonial Treasurer.

- (10.) Firemen, Power-house, Ultimo:—Mr. Kelly asked the Colonial Treasurer,—  
(1.) Is he aware that the firemen working at the Power-house, Ultimo, have not received their increases in accordance with the Commissioners' promise?  
(2.) Will he cause inquiries to be made with a view to the men receiving those increases?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am not aware; but it is suggested, if any of the men referred to are not receiving the wages to which they consider themselves entitled, they should approach the Railway Commissioners on the subject.

## 3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Crick laid upon the Table,—Report of the Department of Lands for the year 1900.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Perry laid upon the Table,—Report of the Trustees of the Australian Museum for the year 1900.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. See laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Despatch respecting the extradition of Fugitive Criminals between Great Britain and the United States of America.

(2.) Correspondence respecting the future administration of British New Guinea.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—Recommendation of the Board of Health that the provisions of the Dairies Supervision Act be extended to the Molong District.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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

5. CITY OF SYDNEY MUNICIPAL LOAN BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intitled "*An Act to enable the Municipal Council of Sydney to raise by debentures a sum not exceeding Two hundred thousand pounds for certain purposes*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber, Sydney, 10th October, 1901. W. J. TRICKETT, Deputy-President.

## CITY OF SYDNEY MUNICIPAL LOAN BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 10th October, 1901.

JOHN J. CALVERT, Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 1, line 10. After "fit" insert "The Council may on the maturity of any such debentures issue new debentures to retire or repay same"

Page 2, clause 1, line 10. After "such" insert "original or substituted"

Page 2, clause 1, line 11. After "exceeding" insert "in the aggregate"

Page 2, clause 1, line 22. Omit "not exceed twenty pounds" insert "be twenty pounds or a multiple of twenty pounds"

Page 3, clause 4, line 33. Omit "maturity thereof" insert "expiration of fifty years from the date thereof"

Page 4, Schedule. At end of Schedule add "Entered at the office of the City Treasurer in Register of Debentures, folio

" City Treasurer."

Examined—

F. T. HUMPHREY,  
Deputy Chairman of Committees.

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

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6. GOVERNOR'S SALARY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a third time.  
Mr. See then moved, That the Bill do now pass.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 71.

Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Moore,	Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. See,	Mr. Dight,	Mr. McCoy,
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Crick,
Mr. Daniel O'Connor,	Mr. Jessep,	Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Richards,	Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Byrne,	Mr. Briner,	Mr. W. E. Hurley,
Mr. Affleck,	Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Mackenzie,	Mr. T. H. Griffith,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Davidson,	Mr. McLaurin,	Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. MacMahon,	Mr. Oakes,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Pyers,	Mr. Raymond,
Mr. Evans,	Mr. J. F. Smith,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Walsh,	Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Carroll,
Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Whiddon,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Holman,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Newman,	Mr. John Storey,	Mr. David Storey.
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Law,	
Mr. Mengher,	Mr. Brunker,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Daley,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Gormly,	Mr. Quinn.
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Davis,	
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Gilbert,	

Noes, 10.

Mr. Haytes,
Mr. McIntyre,
Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Sleath,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Sullivan,
Mr. Miller.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon Mr. See moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to make other provision for the Salary of the Governor of New South Wales; and for the Salaries of his Staff; and to amend the Constitution Act.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to make other provision for the Salary of the Governor of New South Wales; and for the Salaries of his Staff; and to amend the Constitution Act,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*  
Sydney, 10th October, 1901.

7. CONVEYANCING AND LAW OF PROPERTY (SUPPLEMENTAL) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See 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. See, passed.

Mr. See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to consolidate certain enactments relating to conveyances, assignments, and titles to lands.*"

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 enactments relating to conveyances, assignments, and titles to lands,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*  
Sydney, 10th October, 1901.

8. DEVONSHIRE-STREET CEMETERY 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 amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendment.  
On motion of Mr. 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 amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the removal of human remains and certain slabs and tombstones from the Devonshire-street Cemetery, and for the reinterment of such remains; and to save the Secretary for Public Works and other persons harmless in respect of certain acts done by them in connection with the said cemetery.*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*  
Sydney, 10th October, 1901.

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9. GENERAL POST OFFICE (APPROACHES IMPROVEMENT) ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. O'Sullivan 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. 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 on Tuesday next.
10. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

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:—

(2.) *Resolved*,—That, towards making good the supply granted to His Majesty for the Service of the year 1901–1902, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales the sum of £1,937, for the expenses of the establishment of His Excellency the Governor.

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

11. POSTPONEMENTS:—The Orders of the Day of Government Business, Nos. 4, 6 to 17, and 19 to 24, postponed until Wednesday next.

12. MINING BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to mining; to establish mining appeal courts; to give further facilities for the development of mining; 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 consolidate and amend the law relating to mining; to establish mining appeal courts; to give further facilities for the development of mining; and for other purposes.

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

(2.) Mr. See then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to mining; to establish mining appeal courts; to give further facilities for the development of mining; and for other purposes*,"—which was read a first time.

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

13. MINES INSPECTION BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make better provision for the regulation and inspection of mines other than coal and shale mines; to regulate the treatment of the products of such mines; and for purposes incidental to, or consequent on, 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 make better provision for the regulation and inspection of mines other than coal and shale mines; to regulate the treatment of the products of such mines; and for purposes incidental to, or consequent on, those objects.

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

(2.) Mr. See then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to make better provision for the regulation and inspection of mines other than coal and shale mines; to regulate the treatment of the products of such mines; and for purposes incidental to, or consequent on, those objects*,"—which was read a first time.

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

14. STOCK DISEASES (TICK) BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make provision for the prevention and cure of certain diseases in stock; and to amend the "Diseases in Sheep Act of 1866," the "Diseases in Sheep Acts Amendment Act of 1878," and the "Diseases in Sheep Acts Amendment Act of 1882."

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.

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

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to make provision for the prevention and cure of certain diseases in stock; and to amend the "Diseases in Sheep Act of 1866," the "Diseases in Sheep Acts Amendment Act of 1878," and the "Diseases in Sheep Acts Amendment Act of 1882."

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

- (2.) Mr. See then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to make provision for the prevention and cure of certain diseases in stock; and to amend the "Diseases in Sheep Act of 1866," the "Diseases in Sheep Acts Amendment Act of 1878," and the "Diseases in Sheep Acts Amendment Act of 1882,"*"—which was read a first time.

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

15. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The Orders of the Day of Government Business, Nos. 28 to 31, postponed until Wednesday next.

16. **MINERS' ACCIDENT RELIEF ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Miners' Accident Relief Act, 1900.

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 Miners' Accident Relief Act, 1900.

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

- (2.) Mr. See then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Miners' Accident Relief Act, 1900,*"—which was read a first time.

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

17. **MAITLAND HOSPITAL ENABLING BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Wednesday next.

18. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. See 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. Byrne, Mr. Carroll, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Jessop, Mr. McIntyre, Mr. McLaurin, Mr. Moore, Mr. Daniel O'Connor, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Quinn, Mr. Scobie, Mr. See, Mr. Sleath, and Mr. Willis,—Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at twenty-five minutes before Seven o'clock, p.m., until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,

*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

WILLIAM McCOURT,

*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 15 OCTOBER, 1901.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Kensington Proprietary Racecourse:—*Mr. Edden*, for Mr. Daley, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) In reference to Mr. Daley's Question of the 2nd instant, *re* the Kensington Proprietary Racecourse, and the lease thereof, was there any special reason why the said lease was extended to twenty-eight years?

(2.) Is it a fact that £2,000 a year was offered for a ten years' lease of the racecourse?

*Mr. Bennett* answered,—

(1.) The holders of the lease made an application for an extension. The Chief Surveyor recommended approval of the application, which was granted.

(2.) No.

(2.) Wynyard-square Park:—*Mr. Edden*, for Mr. Daley, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—  
In view of the Minister's promise to light up the Sydney Domain, will he also take into consideration the advisability of lighting up Wynyard-square Park, so that respectable citizens may be able to use the said square?

*Mr. See* answered,—I think it is quite right that Wynyard-square should be lighted up as well as the Domain. When funds are available, I shall be happy to make a recommendation to that effect.

(3.) Resumption of Old Fort-street School:—*Mr. Edden*, for Mr. Daley, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is he aware that the Sydney Improvement Board have advised the resumption of the old Fort-street School; and, if so, do the Government intend to act upon the suggestion?

(2.) If the school property is not resumed, will he take steps to improve the school by rebuilding it, and so provide for more accommodation?

*Mr. Perry* answered,—

(1.) I have no official knowledge on this point.

(2.) The matter will be duly considered.

(4.) Temporary Hands, Government Printing Office:—*Mr. Levy* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is he aware that there are a great number of so-called temporary hands in the Government Printing Office who have been employed for years in that Department, and who do not receive the week's annual leave granted to the other employees?

(2.) If so, will he see that these hands are allowed the same privilege?

(3.) Will he also see that these so-called temporary hands are, if possible, placed on the permanent staff?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—In answer to the Honorable Member, and also to inquiries by the Honorable Member for Newtown-Erskine Division, I beg to say:—

(1 and 2.) It has already been decided to extend the provisions of Regulation 180 to temporary employees other than compositors.

(3.) It is not considered desirable at the present time to increase the permanent staff of the Government Printing Office. Any special case will be dealt with on its merits.

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- (5.) Federal Tariff:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for *Mr. J. C. I. Fitzpatrick*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is he aware of the fact that under the Federal tariff it is proposed to impose the drastic taxes upon common commodities used by the artisan classes, the selectors, and farmers, as follows:—Boots and shoes, 20s. per dozen pairs, and 15 per cent. *ad valorem*; woollen clothing, 25 per cent.; cotton goods, 15 per cent.; blankets, 20 per cent.; hats, 10s. per dozen, and 15 per cent. *ad valorem*; potatoes, 20s. per ton; salt, 20s. per ton; soap, 4d. per lb.; patent medicines, 25 per cent.; drugs and chemicals, 20 per cent.; eggs, 6d. per dozen, &c.?
- (2.) Is he favourable to the imposition of these increased burdens upon that section of the people who are least able to bear same; if he is not, will he take steps on behalf of the taxpayers to offer protest against the adoption of these duties?
- Mr. See* answered,—I refer my honorable friend to the Federal Government for an answer to his questions.

- (6.) Sunday Labour:—*Mr. Scobie*, for *Mr. Kelly*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What steps has he taken to carry into effect the resolution moved on 20th August respecting Sunday labour?
- (2.) Will he consult with the Commissioners of Railways, the Inspector-General of Police, and the Public Service Board, with a view to have those persons engaged in Sunday work paid the 25 per cent. above their wages?
- Mr. Waddell* answered,—I am making inquiries into the matter as regards cost, &c, and am in consultation with the authorities referred to.

## 2. PAPERS:—

*Mr. Waddell* laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1900, of land for draining the existing trucking-yards at Scone (No. 2).
- (2.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1900, of land for grade and station improvements at Glenbrook.
- (3.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1900, of land for maintaining the traffic on the Great Northern Railway near Belford.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

*Mr. See* laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Papers respecting the imprisonment of Robert White at Albury.
- (2.) Return (*in part*) to an Order made on 6th August, 1901,—“Places rented or leased by the Government for public purposes.”
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

*Mr. Perry* laid upon the Table,—Report of the completion of the White's Creek Stormwater Channel, First Division.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. METROPOLITAN TRANSIT COMMISSION FUND (*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 amount of money in the hands of the Metropolitan Transit Commission at the time of the present Traffic Act coming into operation.
- (2.) The names of the applicants for participation in the distribution of such fund.
- (3.) The claims which have been paid, and any balance that may be now remaining.
- Question put and passed.

4. CASINO MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of *Mr. Pyers*, read a third time, and *passed*.

*Mr. Pyers* then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to reduce the area of the Municipality of Casino.*”

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 reduce the area of the Municipality of Casino,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 15th October, 1901.*

5. MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF INVERELL REDUCED AREA BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of *Mr. McIntyre*, read a third time, and *passed*.

*Mr. McIntyre* then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to reduce the area of the Municipal District of Inverell.*”

Question put and passed.

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

*MR. PRESIDENT*,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to reduce the area of the Municipal District of Inverell,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 15th October, 1901.*

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6. **ADJOURNMENT** :—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Sturt, Mr. Ferguson, 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 necessity of the introduction of a Land Bill dealing only with the Western Division."  
And [the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

7. **ADVANCES TO SETTLERS** :—Mr. Moore moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the Advances to Settlers Act should be amended in the direction of increasing the amount of the "advances," and extending the term of repayment.

Mr. Reymond moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "advances," and inserting the words "and extending the repayment over a period of thirty years, and that the advance may be made to any settler whose case is satisfactory to the Board,"—  
"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, in the opinion of this House, the Advances to Settlers Act should be amended in the direction of increasing the amount of the advances, and extending the repayment over a period of thirty years, and that the advance may be made to any settler whose case is satisfactory to the Board,—put and passed.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker*



New South Wales.

No. 37.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 16 OCTOBER, 1901.

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

## QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Mr. G. M. Simpson's Exchange of Land at Stonehenge:—Mr. Wright asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) When will Mr. G. M. Simpson's exchange case of land at Stonehenge be completed?
- (2.) About what time will the land surrendered to the Crown be thrown open for settlement?
- (3.) Is he aware that many people have been waiting for years to secure portions of this land?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

- (1.) The exchange has already been completed.
- (2.) The land, with other land included in a reserve, will be thrown open to homestead selection as soon as possible after the 31st instant, when the revocation of the reserve will mature.
- (3.) My honorable colleague believes there is a demand for the land.

- (2.) District Court Sitzings at Bowraville, Nambucca River:—Mr. Fegan, for Mr. Briner, asked the Colonial Secretary,—As Bowraville, the chief town of the Nambucca River and the centre of a large and growing district, is entitled to a District Court sittings at least twice a year, will he take steps to ensure that such District Court sittings are held there?

Mr. See answered,—The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice informs me that the present requirements of the district would not justify the establishment of a District Court at Bowraville.

- (3.) Artesian Bore at Collie:—Mr. Macdonell, for Mr. Macdonald, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What has been the total amount of money expended on the artesian bore at Collie since it was first started?
- (2.) How much money has been spent by the present manager of the bore, how long has he been in charge, and is he still to remain at Collie?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

- (1.) £5,563 8s. 9d.
- (2.) No money expended since manager took charge, which was on the 4th ultimo; he will remain while he gives satisfaction in carrying out the work.

- (4.) Book entitled "Report of the Forestry Conference":—Mr. Sleath, for Mr. Sullivan, asked the Colonial Secretary,—What did it cost the country to produce Mr. R. A. Price's photograph in the book entitled "Report of the Forestry Conference"?

Mr. See answered,—£2 5s. for block and printing copies.

- (5.) Crown Lands on the Blue Mountains:—Mr. J. O. L. Fitzpatrick, for Mr. Richards, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) In view of the probable demand, at no distant date, for land on the Blue Mountains and adjacent thereto, is it advisable that the areas 111½ acres, 385 acres, 1,865 acres, 2,140 acres, 1,300 acres, and 220 acres respectively, should be blocked from settlement for many years, such lands being now offered under improvement lease conditions?

(2.) Has he any objection to say who is the applicant for the areas in question, to be so available, and whether opportunity will be given to the inhabitants of Lithgow, Mount Victoria, Hartley, Katoomba, and others interested in Blue Mountain settlement, to acquiesce or object to the proposed long leasing?

(3.) Has due publicity been given in the *Lithgow Mercury* and *Mountaineer* newspapers, and sufficient to indicate to the people what is about to take place?

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*Mr. Hayes* answered,—

- (1.) Of the 5,521½ acres in the six blocks, 4,479½ acres are now, and have been for many years past, available for selection by conditional purchase.
- (2.) The Honorable E. Vickery, M.L.C., who held the land under annual lease, and desired to obtain a better tenure.
- (3.) Full particulars were published in the *Lithgow Mercury* of Friday, the 11th instant. The leases are offered subject to certain conditions as to withdrawing land for settlement purposes, &c.

(6.) Forest Reserve, Cassilis—Travelling Stock Reserve, Warrana Holding:—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick*, for *Mr. Richards*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) At whose request has the revocation of part of forest reserve 158, county of Bligh, parish of Munnurra, Cassilis district, been brought about?
- (2.) What is the Department's intention in regard to the land so revoked; will such land be available for settlement; if so, when?
- (3.) The same in regard to revocation of part of travelling stock reserve No. 4,139, within the leasehold area of Warrana Holding, county Leichhardt, parish of Mungely?

*Mr. Hayes* answered,—

- (1.) No request was made, but the surveyor reported the reserve to be unnecessary.
- (2.) To throw the land open to homestead selection as soon as possible after the revocation of the reserve matures.
- (3.) This reserve was one of those on Warrana Holding revoked as being unnecessary, to enable selectors to increase their holdings.

(7.) Workers in Dangerous Trades:—*Mr. Fegan*, for *Mr. Holman*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Whether his attention has been called to the case of Tomison against Napier, under the Employers' Liability Act, and the defective protection afforded workmen under that Act, as evidenced by the decision of this case?
- (2.) Whether he is prepared to bring in a measure on the lines of the Miner's Relief Bill, extending the benefits of compulsory insurance to workers in all dangerous trades?

*Mr. See* answered,—

- (1.) The effect of this case upon existing legislation will receive consideration.
- (2.) It may at some future time be found desirable to introduce a general scheme of workmen's insurance—perhaps on the German principle—which would run side by side with our Old-age Pension Legislation.

(8.) New South Wales Railways:—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Did he not state during the course of his financial speech in this House that the New South Wales railways were returning a large profit?
- (2.) Is he aware of the fact that the Auditor-General's latest figures set down the accumulated loss on the railway system at £7,983,311, and the deficit for the year ended 30th June, 1900, at £138,317?
- (3.) Will he, therefore, inform this House how his expressed opinion of last week was arrived at?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) I am aware that the Auditor-General's report shows a loss in connection with the railways and tramways since the beginning.
- (3.) The reports of the Railway Commissioners show the exact position of the actual working since they took over the lines open for traffic, and the result of last year's working was as I stated. There will always be differences between the expenditure referred to in the Commissioners' reports, who deal only with lines open to traffic, and the statements of the Auditor-General, which also include expenditure in connection with lines under construction by the Public Works Department and other charges not coming within the sphere of the ordinary operations by the Railway Commissioners.

(9.) Federal Tariff:—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is he aware of the fact that meetings have been held of local manufacturers of boots, clothing, foodstuffs, &c., and of retailers of the commodities of life, for the purpose of mutually agreeing to the raising of prices on all those goods proposed to be taxed under the Federal tariff?
- (2.) In view of the fact that the stocks held in hand by such manufacturers and retailers have not and will not pay any duty, can he devise some means whereby the consumer will be saved the payment of such increased prices as may thus be imposed by unscrupulous tradesmen?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) I fear I cannot. I shall, however, be pleased to receive and consider any suggestions which the Honorable Member may be in a position to make, for achieving the object.

(10.) Bathing on the Ocean Beach, Manly:—*Mr. E. M. Clark* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that, notwithstanding the adequate bathing accommodation at Manly, a large number of people bathe on the Ocean Beach and bays at early morning until 8 o'clock a.m., and other times of the day?
- (2.) Is it a fact that many bathe in what might be said to be an indecently nude state, and without proper bathing costume?
- (3.) Have the police any power or authority to prevent such; and, if so, will steps be taken for that purpose without delay?

*Mr. See* answered,—The following information has been furnished by the Inspector-General of Police:—

- (1.) Corporation by-laws allow bathing on Ocean Beach until 7 o'clock a.m. There is no bathing after that hour.
- (2.) No.
- (3.) Yes; but necessity has not arisen for police interference.

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(11.) Police Band:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that while the Military Band has been furnished with instruments and music free, the Police Band is sustained by voluntary contributions from members of the Police Force?
- (2.) Is it a fact that on the occasion of the Eight-Hour Demonstration the Police Band, on the representation of the Honorable the Secretary for Public Works, was ordered to take part in the procession?
- (3.) Is it a fact that members of the band had afterwards immediately to resume police duties?
- (4.) Is it a fact that no payment has been made to the members of the band for their services on the occasion, as in the case of other bands; and, if so, will he take steps to remunerate them for their services?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) As regards the Police Band—yes; but the Police bandmaster receives payment from the Government.
- (2.) Not ordered; but the Band Committee desired to take part in the procession.
- (3.) The time occupied by the band at the procession was five hours, which time was allowed off from their regular turn of duty.
- (4.) No payment has been made or asked for.

(12.) Old-age Pensions:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the great distances Old-age pensioners in most parts of the country have to travel to obtain payment of their monthly allowances, will he arrange to make pensions payable at all post offices or police-stations, or both, in country settlements throughout the State?

Mr. See answered,—Pensions are payable in 336 places, and it is hardly correct to say that pensioners have to travel great distances. The law requires that payments shall be made at a bank, and until the law is altered, the present system must be continued. Inquiries are now being made as to whether there are any cases of real hardship. If the Honorable Member knows of any such, I should be glad to hear of them.

(13.) Labourers with Trigonometrical Survey Party:—Mr. Affleck asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the labourers with the trigonometrical survey party have to sign vouchers for their wages, which are sent in to the Department?
- (2.) If it is a fact, are they considered to be public servants?
- (3.) If they are public servants, why are they not dealt with as the public servants in the Works Department are dealt with, and paid 7s. per day?
- (4.) Will he see that this state of matters is remedied, as the work is very heavy?

Mr. Hayes answered,—The labourers referred to sign receipts for wages received from the surveyor, whose expenses are recouped by this Department. They are not public servants, and are engaged and dismissed by the surveyor without reference to the Department.

(14.) Public Instruction Act:—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Does the Public Instruction Act make any provision against children failing to put in the proper number of days in attendance at Public Schools; if so, who pays the penalty or fine—the parent or the child?
- (2.) Are fines inflicted against children playing truant from school; if so, what is the amount, and is it the child or parent who is punished or has to pay a fine for the offence?
- (3.) In view of the rejection by Parliament of the first clause of the Juvenile Smoking Suppression Bill, which provided a penalty against juvenile smoking under the age of 16, will he see that all fines and penalties inflicted on children under the Public Instruction Act are abolished?

Mr. Perry answered,—

- (1.) Yes; the parent.
- (2.) Where culpable parental neglect is shown, the parent is fined. Provision is made for fines ranging up to 5s. for the first offence, and to 20s. for any subsequent offence.
- (3.) No.

(15.) Disease called "Hydatids"—Pneumonia and Lung Complaints:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Will he obtain from the Board of Health a report as to the cause of the prevalence of the disease called "hydatids" of late years, and the best means of preventing the spread of the disease?
- (2.) Will he also obtain from the Board of Health a report as to the existing cause or source from which so many fatal cases of pneumonia and lung complaints have occurred in Sydney and throughout the Colony during the last few months, as disclosed in the recent valuable Vital Statistics published by Mr. Coghlan, the Government Statistician?

Mr. See answered,—The following information has been furnished by the President of the Board of Health:—

- (1.) The disease arises from people swallowing the eggs of a tape-worm of a dog. The means of prevention are fully specified in suggestions published for general information by the Board of Health, a copy of which I will presently lay upon the Table.
- (2.) The increase of fatal pneumonia and lung complaints referred to is probably a consequence of the recent epidemic of influenza.

(16.) Smoking-rooms for Children at Public Schools:—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Will he see that a smoking-room is attached to every Superior, High, and large Public School in the State for the convenience of those children attending school who are in the habit of smoking cigarettes, &amp;c., on the principle adopted by providing smoking compartments on our railways and tramlines, seeing that Parliament declines to put down the habit of juvenile smoking?

Mr. Perry answered,—The matter will receive consideration when the state of public business will permit.

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(17.) Private Hospitals:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will the Government take into consideration the necessity of having all private hospitals (whether kept by nurses or members of the profession) registered, and placed under the control of some efficient board or competent officer responsible to Government?

Mr. Waddell answered,—The matter is one which will receive consideration.

(18.) Temporary Employees, Rocks Resumption Branch:—*Mr. Sleath*, for Mr. Norton, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the men temporarily employed as collectors, clerks, &c., in the Rocks Resumption Branch are being discharged at the end of nine months, the time limit under the Public Service Board's regulations for temporary hands?

(2.) If so, does he regard this course as economical, from a Departmental point of view, to put on raw hands, or just to the displaced men who have become conversant with their work, and who may be expected to discharge their duties more expeditiously than strangers could?

(3.) Has he power, under the 38th section of the Public Service Act, to continue the employment of those whose nine months' service has expired?

(4.) If so, will he exercise the power given in the section of the Act referred to?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) It is very inconvenient and, no doubt, expensive to have to do so, but the 37th section of the Public Service Act stipulates that temporary persons shall not be employed for more than three periods of three months each successively.

(3 and 4.) Yes, in the carrying out of a public work or scheme; but the Attorney-General advised that actual administration is not temporary employment within the meaning of section 38. I was, therefore, compelled to dispense with the services of those who had completed nine months' employment under section 37.

(19.) Strike at Airly Shale-mines:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Has he had any correspondence with the parties associated with the strike at Airly Shale-mines, and what is the tenor thereof?

Mr. Perry answered,—In September last, the Department opened up negotiations for a conference or submission to arbitration on the matters in dispute between the Airly Kerosene Oil and Mineral Company, the proprietors of the Genowlan Mine, and their employees; but as one of the parties declined to accede to the request, nothing can now be done to compel a reference to arbitration till the "Industrial Arbitration Bill" is passed.

## 2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Kidd laid upon the Table,—Return respecting the Miners' Accident Relief Fund.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Hayes laid upon the Table,—

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

(2.) Abstract of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages under the 107th section of the Act 48 Victoria, No. 18.

(3.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale for the preservation of Water Supply or other public purposes, in accordance with the 101st, 109th, and 112th sections of the Act 48 Victoria, No. 18.

(4.) Amended Regulations Nos. 139 and 314, also amended Form No. 48, under the Crown Lands Acts; cancellation of Regulation No. 140, under the Crown Lands Acts; and amended Timber and Quarry Regulations Nos. 5 and 39.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. See laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return respecting Clergymen visiting Asylums and Gaols.

(2.) Resolutions passed at the Farmers' and Settlers' Conference, held at Tamworth, July, 1901, relating to land legislation.

(3.) Suggestions for the prevention of hydatid diseases.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Sydney-Fitzroy Division, Mr. Levy, 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 overcrowding of theatres in the City of Sydney."

And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

4. RANDWICK WESLEYAN METHODIST CHAPEL ENABLING 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 validate the appointment of Walter Hamilton McClelland, Robert Dixon Sippe, Obed Ebenezer Newman, Francis Edward McLean, Robert Samuel Callaghan, Clement Bloomfield, Alfred Henry Everingham, Edward William Prees, George Read, and Walter Barnes as trustees of the residue of certain lands situate at Randwick, near Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, which said lands were originally granted for the purpose of erecting thereon a Wesleyan Methodist chapel, schoolhouse, and minister's residence;*"

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residence; to enable the said trustees or other the trustees or trustee for the time being of the said residue to sell or mortgage the same or any part or parts thereof; to provide for the application of the moneys arising from any such sale or mortgage; to validate certain mortgages of the said residue; to provide for the appointment of new trustees thereof; to validate a certain sale and transfer of part of the said lands so granted as aforesaid; and for other purposes incidental thereto or 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.

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W. J. TRICKETT,  
Deputy-President.

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

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

5. WINE ADULTERATION BILL:—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 to prevent the adulteration of wine, and to regulate the sale of wines and other beverages.

Question put and passed.

6. GENERAL POST OFFICE (APPROACHES IMPROVEMENT) ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT 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 further to amend the General Post Office (Approaches Improvement) Act, 1889, and the General Post Office (Approaches Improvement) Act Amendment Act, 1892; to rectify the boundaries of Martin-lane; also to carry out an exchange of certain land abutting on such lane for other land at the intersection of George-street with Martin-place, to be dedicated as a public thoroughfare; 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 further to amend the General Post Office (Approaches Improvement) Act, 1889, and the General Post Office (Approaches Improvement) Act Amendment Act, 1892; to rectify the boundaries of Martin-lane; also to carry out an exchange of certain land abutting on such lane for other land at the intersection of George-street with Martin-place, to be dedicated as a public thoroughfare; and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 16th October, 1901.

7. MAITLAND HOSPITAL ENABLING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, "That" this Bill be now read a third time.

Mr. Bruncker moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That," and inserting the words "the Bill be recommitted,"—instead thereof.

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

Debate ensued.

Proposed amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put and passed.

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 enable the Committee of the Maitland Hospital to apply certain moneys for the purpose of the erection and furnishing of a new hospital.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Committee of the Maitland Hospital to apply certain moneys for the purpose of the erection and furnishing of a new hospital,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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Sydney, 16th October, 1901.

8. CITY OF SYDNEY MUNICIPAL LOAN BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments 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. See, the report was adopted.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Municipal Council of Sydney to raise by debentures a sum not exceeding Two hundred thousand pounds for certain purposes.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 16th October, 1901.

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9. REFORMATORY AND INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. See, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
10. TEMORA TO WYALONG 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 Temora to Wyalong; to amend the provisions of the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as they relate to the duty of the constructing authority to make and maintain fences along the said line; 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 Temora to Wyalong; to amend the provisions of the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as they relate to the duty of the constructing authority to make and maintain fences along the said line; 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.  
(2.) Mr. O'Sullivan then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Temora to Wyalong; to amend the provisions of the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as they relate to the duty of the constructing authority to make and maintain fences along the said line; 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.
11. BOGAN GATE TO BULBODNEY RAILWAY BILL:—  
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, the 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 Bogan Gate to Bulbodney; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the duty of the constructing authority to make and maintain fences along the said line; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to provide for the imposition of a tax on certain lands in connection with such line; 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 Bogan Gate to Bulbodney; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the duty of the constructing authority to make and maintain fences along the said line; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to provide for the imposition of a tax on certain lands in connection with such line; 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 Bogan Gate to Bulbodney; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the duty of the constructing authority to make and maintain fences along the said line; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to provide for the imposition of a tax on certain lands in connection with such line; and for other purposes,*"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
12. TEMORA TO BARELLAN 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 Temora to Barellan; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the duty of the constructing authority to make and maintain fences along the said line; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to provide for the imposition of a tax on certain lands in connection with such line; 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 Temora to Barellan; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the duty of the constructing authority to make and maintain fences along the said line; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to provide for the imposition of a tax on certain lands in connection with such line; 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 Temora to Barellan ; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the duty of the constructing authority to make and maintain fences along the said line ; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads ; to provide for the imposition of a tax on certain lands in connection with such line ; and for other purposes,*"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

## 13. SCAFFOLDING AND LIFTS BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate the construction and use of lifts and of scaffolding and engines used for erecting, demolishing, altering, repairing, cleaning, or painting buildings or structures, and of gear used in connection therewith ; to regulate the use of steam cranes ; and for purposes consequent upon, 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 the construction and use of lifts and of scaffolding and engines used for erecting, demolishing, altering, repairing, cleaning, or painting buildings or structures, and of gear used in connection therewith ; to regulate the use of steam cranes ; and for purposes consequent upon, or incidental to, those objects.

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

(2.) Mr. See then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to regulate the construction and use of lifts and of scaffolding and engines used for erecting, demolishing, altering, repairing, cleaning, or painting buildings or structures, and of gear used in connection therewith ; to regulate the use of steam cranes ; and for purposes consequent upon, or incidental to, those objects,*"—which was read a first time.

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

14. BLOCKHOLDERS 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 with amendments.

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

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

The House adjourned, at a quarter past Twelve o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m., This Day.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*



New South Wales.

No. 38.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 17 OCTOBER, 1901.

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

DEVONSHIRE-STREET CEMETERY BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. See, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,  
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 82.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the removal of human remains, and certain slabs and tombstones, from the Devonshire-street Cemetery, and for the reinterment of such remains; and to save the Secretary for Public Works and other persons harmless in respect of certain acts done by them in connection with the said cemetery,*"—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 His 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.

State Government House,  
Sydney, 17th October, 1901.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Railway from Guyra to South Grafton, *via* Coff's Harbour:—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it not a fact that instructions were issued in May or June last to the surveyors to cease work on the survey of the proposed line of railway from Guyra to South Grafton, *via* Coff's Harbour?

(2.) Were not instructions given to postpone the surveyors' reports for six months; and, if so, why were such instructions given?

(3.) Will the various proposed routes from the tableland to the coast be submitted to Parliament for reference to the Public Works Committee during the present Session; if not, when will they be submitted?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) No; the survey is finished.

(2.) No.

(3.) They will be ready by the end of this month.

(2.) Roads Votes, Bellingen District:—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) How much money from (a) the annual vote, and (b) special votes was returned as unexpended in Bellingen Roads District for the year ending 30th June, 1901?

(2.) Was not the whole of the money voted for the road North Arm to Bonville unexpended?

(3.) Will these unexpended votes be expended during the present year in addition to the current vote?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) (a) £1,965 3s. 6d., lapsed on Schedule Votes; (b) Grants for maintenance of bridges—amount lapsed, £21 0s. 3d; grants for maintenance of punts and ferries—amount lapsed, £92 14s. 7d; grants on unclassified roads—amount lapsed, £355 8s. 1d.

(2.) Yes, owing to the non-completion of a contract let on the road.

(3.) £665 16s. have already been approved for expenditure in addition to proposed Votes for 1901-2 on schedule roads. Fresh provision has been already made for maintenance, &c., of both bridges and punts and ferries for this year. The whole of the amounts which lapsed on unclassified roads, 30th June, 1901, have been reappropriated for expenditure during this year.

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- (3.) Printed Cards on Intemperance distributed to School Children:—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) Upon whose instructions were the printed cards, Nos. 1 and 2, on the physical effects of intemperance as a warning to school children against the use of alcoholic drinks, beers, wines, and spirits, printed and distributed in every Public School in the Colony?
  - (2.) If intemperance produces the serious physical effects laid down in these printed cards, will he obtain from some equally reliable source, or from the Board of Health, what mental or physical effect, if any, cigarette smoking has upon the juvenile members of the community?
  - (3.) Will he have cards printed showing the same information in regard to the physical effects and danger arising from juvenile smoking, and have these cards also distributed as object lessons to children attending our Public Schools?
- Mr. Perry answered,—
- (1.) My own.
  - (2 and 3.) Believing, as I do, that the use of tobacco in any form is injurious to children, I intend to take early action in this matter.
- (4.) Probate Duties (Amendment) Act:—Mr. McIntyre asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will the Government amend the Probate Duties (Amendment) Act of 1899 to place the estate of a testatrix on the same footing as the estate of a testator as regards probate duty?
- Mr. See answered,—The question whether an amendment is necessary is now under the consideration of the Attorney-General and the Standing Counsel for the Crown.
- (5.) Mechanical Draftsmen for Railway Department:—Mr. Hollis asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) During the current year, has the Railway Department invited applications for the position of mechanical draftsman for railway car and waggon work?
  - (2.) If so, how were applications invited?
  - (3.) If by newspaper advertisement, what were the dates and the names of the newspapers?
  - (4.) What was the result of such applications?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—
- (1.) I am informed that applications were invited by the Railway Commissioners towards the end of last year for locomotive draftsmen.
  - (2 and 3.) The applications were invited by advertisements in the newspapers, the newspapers used being the *Sydney Morning Herald*, *Daily Telegraph*, *Evening News*, *Australian Star*, *Melbourne Argus* and *Age*, *Brisbane Courier* and *Register*.
  - (4.) Twelve applications were received, but as it was considered none of the applicants had the necessary qualifications they were declined.
- (6.) Clock-tower for Newcastle Post Office:—Mr. Gilbert, for Mr. Dick, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What was the estimated cost of the proposed clock-tower, Newcastle Post Office, as furnished by the Works Department to the Federal Government?
  - (2.) What is the estimated cost of the work already done, which would have been pulled down in the event of the construction of the tower been proceeded with?
- Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—
- (1.) £10,160.
  - (2.) The cost of work already done and of materials prepared—that will have to be removed—is approximately estimated at £2,000.
- (7.) Hospital Amending Act:—Mr. Gilbert, for Mr. Dick, asked the Colonial Secretary,—When is it proposed to introduce the Hospital Amending Act in the form suggested by the Newcastle Hospital Committee?
- Mr. See answered,—The Parliamentary Draughtsman has not yet been able to prepare the Draft Bill, but it will be done at an early date. I will push the matter along as fast as I can.
- (8.) Crown Lands, Western Division:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) In regard to suggested deterioration of the waste Crown lands in the Western Division as being, from the rabbit pest, drought, and other causes, unfit for settlement, will the Lands Department furnish to this House some information as to the dates of the good and bad seasons so frequently alluded to from the year 1861 up to the present period, showing the cycle of good years from the bad or drought-stricken years?
  - (2.) The number of sheep or cattle, &c., depastured in each year on each run respectively?
  - (3.) The number of cattle sold, and price realised, each year; also number of bales of wool produced yearly on each run, and the ruling price for the same?
  - (4.) The area and rent paid to the Crown annually on each run respectively?
- Mr. Bennett answered,—
- (1.) My honorable colleague would invite the Honorable Member's attention to a diagram at the end of the Western Division Commission's Report, Part 1.
  - (2.) On page 814 of Part 2 of the report referred to, information will be found with regard to stock from the year 1888.
  - (3.) My honorable colleague cannot supply the Honorable Member with this information.
  - (4.) My honorable colleague invites the Honorable Member's attention to page 149 of Part 1 of the Commission's Report.
- (9.) Erection of Public Batteries:—Mr. Carroll, for Mr. Chapman, asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Will the Government make necessary arrangements to erect public batteries in various mining centres for the purpose of assisting the working miners?
  - (2.) Will he consider the advisableness of inaugurating without delay a system of prospecting parties, under the superintendence of a practical miner, to prospect suitable localities throughout the State?

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Mr. Kidd answered,—

(1.) Yes; provided it can be clearly shown that the circumstances are such as will justify the Government in incurring the expense.

(2.) This system has already been repeatedly tried in this State between the years 1878 and 1897, and although the expenditure has been very considerable, in no single instance were the results satisfactory. It may be pointed out that in all the other States the system has been tried, and in each it has proved a failure.

- (10.) Crown Lands Amendment Act:—*Mr. Carroll*, for Mr. Chapman, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it his intention to introduce, during the present Session, a Bill to amend the Reappraisal Act for the purpose of allowing selectors under the Land Act of 1861, and other *bonâ-fide* holders of conditional purchases, to obtain the benefits of the Act?

*Mr. Bennett* answered,—It is not quite clear from the Honorable Member's Question what particular cases he thinks should be provided for by fresh legislation, as the Act in force (under which applications for appraisal can still be made) relates to conditional purchases made under the Act of 1861 as well as to those made subsequently.

- (11.) Hawkers' Licenses:—*Mr. Carroll*, for Mr. Chapman, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will steps be taken during this Session to prohibit the issue of hawkers' licenses to Afghans, Hindoos, and others, unless they are able to pass an educational examination?

*Mr. See* answered,—It is doubtful whether the state of public business will permit of new legislation on this Question during this Session.

- (12.) Clerical Staff, Lands Department:—*Mr. Estell*, for Mr. Nelson, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) How many officers on the Clerical Staff, Lands Department, with a salary of over £300 per annum, received increases by the regrading of 19th June, 1901, and total amount of such increases?

(2.) Same information regarding officers receiving salaries ranging from £150 to £300 per annum?

(3.) What is the number of officers on the Professional Staff, Lands Department, with a salary of over £300 per annum, who received increases by the regrading of 19th June, 1901, and total amount of such increases?

(4.) Same information regarding officers receiving salaries ranging from £150 to £300 per annum?

*Mr. Bennett* answered,—On the higher grades of the Clerical Division—1 officer received £100 per annum; 8 received £50 each; 5 received £25 each; 1 £30; and 1 £15. These represent £670. On the lower grades—1 officer received £30; 3 received £25 each; 1 received £15; 18 received £10 each; and 21 received smaller sums. These represent £389. On the Professional Staff higher grades—4 officers received £50 each, and 12 received £25 each. These represent £500. On the lower grades—11 received £10 each; 2 received £15 each; and 3 received smaller sums. These represent £151. It may be pointed out that upon the officers of the higher grades devolve the heavier responsibilities of a Department, and that the officers on the lower grades have for some time past been under an annual increment system, which did not apply to the officers on the higher grades. More officers would have received increases had money been available.

- (13.) Oyster Leases:—*Mr. Fegan* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) How many oyster leases have been taken up by Mr. J. F. Gibbons?

(2.) The number in Newcastle district?

(3.) The amount paid per annum?

*Mr. See* answered,—

(1.) Ninety-four.

(2.) Fifty-two.

(3.) £482.

- (14.) University Students:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Referring to *Dr. Ross's* Question of the 9th October, No. 14, Question 5,—Will he endeavour to obtain a full and correct answer to the Question, not the number of lectures delivered, as stated, but "the actual number of students attending each class respectively"?

*Mr. Perry* answered,—The figures given in the reply referred to are correct, and show the number of students attending lectures and laboratory practice, respectively, in the various subjects.

- (15.) Fortune-tellers, Palmists, &c.:—*Mr. Scobie*, for Mr. Sullivan, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he instruct the police to take immediate steps to rid the city of the fortune-tellers, palmists, and such-like imposters that are infesting the place?

*Mr. See* answered,—The police have knowledge of various persons carrying on business in Sydney of the character indicated in the Question, but the efforts made to obtain evidence necessary to warrant proceedings have not been attended with success. The matter is receiving attention.

- (16.) Solicitor-General:—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Does the position of Solicitor-General, occupied by Mr. Pollock, carry with it a pension?

*Mr. See* answered,—No.

- (17.) Federal Tariff:—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware of the fact that, under the Federal tariff, local manufacturers who have made up imported raw material into the finished article are being compelled, on exporting same to other States of the Union, to pay duty on such manufactured article instead of merely upon the raw material used therein?

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(2.) Is he not aware, assuming that the above is a correct statement of the position, that the continuance of this course of action on the part of the Customs authorities will prove detrimental to the interests of many of our local industries?

(3.) Will he, therefore, bring this matter under the notice of the Minister for Customs, with the object of having this cause for complaint remedied?

Mr. See answered,—My honorable friend has asked several questions of the same purport, and I have already intimated that the State Government have no power in the matter. But, out of respect to my honourable friend's desire, I shall forward this Question on to the Minister of Customs to-morrow.

(18.) Contingents to South Africa :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer.—

(1.) Can he furnish any information to the House of the number of Volunteers (officers and men) belonging to the military forces in New South Wales that went to South Africa, and the number that have been killed or wounded while on service?

(2.) The number of officers and men who have died from disease, or became permanently disabled from work owing to the hardships and privations they had to endure while on service?

(3.) The number still engaged in South Africa?

(4.) The total cost to the State, if any, incurred in the dispatch of troops belonging to the New South Wales Contingent to South Africa prior to the military forces being taken over by the Federal Parliament?

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

(19.) Herbalist named Ralph Beech :—Mr. Walsh, for Mr. Norton, asked the Attorney-General,—

(1.) Was a herbalist, named Ralph Beech, of 299, Pitt-street, fined £50 at the Central Police Court for assuming the title of "Doctor" Beech, contrary to the provisions of the Medical Act?

(2.) Has such fine been paid; and, if not, what is the reason for not enforcing its payment?

(3.) Is he aware of the fact that Ralph Beech makes a boast that his certificates of the causes of deaths have been accepted during his seventeen years' practice in Sydney?

Mr. See answered,—The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice has furnished me with the following replies :—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The fine was reduced to £5 on the authority of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor. I have ascertained that steps are being taken to enforce payment of the reduced penalty.

(3.) I am not aware.

(20.) Municipalities Bill :—Mr. Nobbs, for Mr. Hawthorne, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it possible for him to state the exact date when he will introduce the promised new Municipalities Bill, so that those municipalities who have debentures falling due may not require to raise fresh loans to meet them?

Mr. See answered,—I have the Bill here, and I am very anxious to introduce it. If I do not introduce it to-day, I shall do so next week.

(21.) Federal Tariff :—Mr. Whiddon asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of his often repeated and very proper assurances of his determination to protect State rights so far as New South Wales is concerned, will he, in the event of any petitions, memorials, or resolutions passed by the citizens of this State, in protest of what they deem the excessive tariff proposals of the Federal Government, convey such, as head of the Government, to the Federal Premier?

Mr. See answered,—This is one of those questions which have been asked on several occasions, and I have always replied that if Honorable Members desire to convey, through me, to the Federal Government their protests against what they believe to be an injustice to the State of New South Wales, I shall forward them to the Federal Premier.

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

4. PAPER :—Mr. See laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 21st August, 1901,—“Death of black boy from Islands on board steamer ‘Titus.’”  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. ADVANCES TO SETTLERS (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Perry, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

Message No. 83.

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 Advances to Settlers Act, 1899.

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

6. GOVERNOR'S SALARY 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 make other provision for the Salary of the Governor of New South Wales; and for the salaries of his staff; and to amend the Constitution Act,”—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 17th October, 1901.

W. J. TRICKEIT,  
Deputy-President.

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7. MUNICIPAL BILL:—Mr. See, pursuant to leave granted on the 8th August, 1901, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to codify and amend the Municipalities Act, 1897, and to make further and better provision for Municipal Government,*"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
8. ADVANCES TO SETTLERS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Crick 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 Advances to Settlers Act, 1899.  
Question put and passed.
9. REFORMATORY AND INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.  
Question put and passed.  
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 consolidate the Acts relating to Reformatories and Industrial Schools.*"  
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 Reformatories and Industrial Schools,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 17th October, 1901.*
10. BLOCKHOLDERS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Crick 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. Crick, *passed*.  
Mr. Crick then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to provide for setting apart certain Crown lands for working men's blocks; for providing loans to the lessees of such blocks; 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 provide for setting apart certain Crown lands for working men's blocks; for providing loans to the lessees of such blocks; and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 17th October, 1901.*
11. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

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And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 18 OCTOBER, 1901, A.M.

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

12. POSTPONEMENTS:—  
(1.) The remainder of Government Business until Wednesday next.  
(2.) The Orders of the Day of General Business, Nos. 1 to 5, until Tuesday next.
13. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. See moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
The House adjourned accordingly at a quarter past Ten o'clock p.m., until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*



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## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 22 OCTOBER, 1901.

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

PRIVILEGE—NEWSPAPER ARTICLE:—Mr. Archer drew attention to passages in a leading article published in *Truth* on 20th instant, which passages were read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, as follows:—

*A Legislative Scandal.*

It is about time that the attention of the public of New South Wales was directed to the indecent, disgraceful, and *unconstitutional* manner in which Premier See and his satellites are, in the words of the decorous *Herald*, "forcing the Estimates through." Amidst remarks that are unprintable and conduct that is unspeakable, this Governmental Cabal conducts, in the small hours of the morning, the business of the country. On Thursday afternoon a sitting of the Legislative Assembly commenced that was not terminated until 10-15 p.m. on Friday. "I've been tied," said Chairman Cann, "to this Chair for twenty-seven hours, and I'm pretty full of it." It is not surprising that Cann was "full of it"; what is surprising is that the country is not "full of it." How can we expect valuable, or even efficient, legislation from men whose brains are weak and weary from want of sleep, and whose passions are, in some cases, inflamed by immoderate alcoholic indulgence? And how dare this See combination, this accidental association of tenth-rate politicians, compel the House to sit?

It is said that certain persons love darkness because their deeds are dark; and may it not be that this maxim is applicable to the present State Government? Another unsatisfactory feature of this long sitting is the evident lack of any sense of responsibility displayed by the members. Aged Pantaloon are permitted to air their asininity and to demonstrate the truth of the hoary proverb, "There is no fool like an old fool"; while other members vociferate that "By God" they will, or will not, do this or that. To such a pass have things come that a member, who bears the reputation of being a staunch and truthful Wesleyan Methodist, solemnly reads the following alleged telegram from Callan Park:—"All the warders, nurses, &c., have left the asylum this morning; inmates are locked up in the cells." This telegram, the Premier gravely informs the House, "is a joke!" Items are passed with the consent of the Government, and then the Premier, who, it appears, has been loudly snoring, wakes up and promises to have the items recommitted.

And through it all the members sit, with bloodshot eyes, foul breath, and disordered clothing, lolling on the seats, and alternately leering at the galleries and swearing at each other. At last, late at night, they resolve to return home. They stagger down the steps, nearly breaking their "respectable" necks in the process, and fall in heaps on the Macquarie-street pavement. Staggering to their feet, some of them proceed to bargain with and swear at cabmen, while others fall into the free trams with which a beneficent country provides its legislators. It was edifying to observe one Legislative ornament roaring out that choice ditty, "The night before Larry was stretched"; while an eminent and distinguished trio, looking for all the world like Fred Barnard's picture of Lawyer Brass, Dick Swiveller, and Quilp, sang "For he'sh—hic—a jolly good feller, and show shay hall of hush." These gentlemen were seeking a tram. Their legs described parabolic curves, and they appeared inclined to lie down in the gutters; but they were "safe" and "respectable" men, honored by their fellow countrymen, and therefore, free trams were provided for them. As for those who disappeared in cabs, many of them were, no doubt, perfectly respectable men; but as for some of them—well, it would not surprise *Truth* to learn that they had slept off in a brothel the effect of their potations.

Mr. Archer then moved, That the leading article, entitled "A Legislative Scandal," appearing in the newspaper *Truth*, of 20th instant, which paper is owned by the Member for Northumberland, is a breach of privilege, and a gross libel on this House.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. See moved,—

(1.) That this House do To-morrow proceed to enquire into the statements made in the article referred to.

Question put and passed.

(2.) That the Honorable Member for Northumberland, Mr. Norton, be required to attend in his place To-morrow, at 5 o'clock, p.m., to be heard in reference to the following motion passed by this House, viz.:—

That the leading article, entitled "A Legislative Scandal," appearing in the newspaper *Truth* of 20th instant, which paper is owned by the Member for Northumberland, is a breach of privilege, and a gross libel on this House.

Question put and passed.

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## 2. PAPERS:—

Mr. See laid upon the Table,—Certified Copy of an Affidavit by John Norton, formerly of "Belle View," Watson's Bay, but now of "Hastings," The Avenue, Randwick, near Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, journalist, as to the proprietorship, printing, and publishing of a certain newspaper called *Truth*.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report of Railway Commissioners on Railways and Tramways for quarter ended 30th September, 1901.

(2.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, 1900, of land for improving the Water Supply for the Great Northern Railway at Murrurundi.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

## 3. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) George-street Parramatta Asylum:—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for Mr. Daley, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Have any complaints been brought under his notice as to the severe treatment meted out to the patients of the George-street Parramatta Asylum; if so, what has he done in the matter?  
Mr. See answered,—No complaints have been received by the Director of the Government Asylums.

(2.) Rocks Resumptions:—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for Mr. Daley, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) When does he intend to place upon the Table of the House the list of owners in the Rocks resumed area, as promised by him?

(2.) Is he aware that the Sisters of St. Joseph's Providence, after having been turned out of the home in Cumberland-street, were compelled to purchase a new orphanage at Gore Hill, and that they are now in financial straits owing to the delay in the settlement of their claims for compensation?

(3.) In case a landholder has his property mortgaged for a certain term of years, and through the resumption the term is interrupted and the mortgagee fines the mortgagor for the balance of the term, will the Government reimburse the mortgagor the amount of the fine?

(4.) Will he give earnest consideration to the fact that there are still a great many undecided claims, and, to avoid delay, again increase the staff of the Crown Solicitor, and so obviate distress to many property owners?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) The return was laid on the Table on 18th September.

(2.) I am not aware—the offer of compensation is now about being made.

(3.) This case is provided for in the Act, and became a case for compensation as between the mortgagee and the Crown.

(4.) I will have further inquiries made at once.

(3.) Rocks Resumptions:—*Mr. T. R. Smith* asked the Colonial Treasurer.—

(1.) When will the plans be laid upon the Table of the House showing how the Rocks resumption area is to be dealt with?

(2.) Do the Government intend to find the Advisory Board more suitable and commodious offices in which to carry on the important work entrusted to their hands, which may extend over years?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) The plans showing the proposals of the City Improvement Advisory Board for rearrangement of the Rocks area are now in the hands of the Government, and will be laid on the Table as soon as they have been considered by the Cabinet.

(2.) Yes; if it is found necessary to do so.

(4.) Old-age Pensions:—*Mr. T. R. Smith* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that Old-age pensioners get cards from the Bank of New South Wales, instructing them to call on certain days for their pensions—dated 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th of the month?

(2.) Will he see that this practice is discontinued, so that these poor people can get their payments on the 1st of every month?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) This is done in Sydney, where there are 7,000 pensioners, to equalise the attendance and to avoid distress and danger to the old people.

(2.) The arrangement is in the interests of the pensioners, and is preferred by many of them who are desirous of avoiding a crush on the first day of the month.

(5.) Carriage of Goods to West Wallsend:—*Mr. Nielsen*, for Mr. Estell, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) How much has been received by the Railway Commissioners for carriage of goods to West Wallsend during the months of July, August, and September?

(2.) How much has been paid to the Caledonian Coal Company by the Commissioners for the carriage of goods from Cockle Creek to West Wallsend?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I would suggest to the Honorable Member that he move for a return in the usual way.

(6.) Moore-street Improvement Bill:—*Mr. Haynes* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Regarding the present inquiry by Royal Commission as to the Moore-street Improvement Bill,—Will he see if the inquiry can be extended to ascertaining whether the present existing land-tax law would not exact from the owners a just contribution of the unearned increment arising from the improvements?

Mr. See answered,—Having regard to the rate of interest paid on loans, it appears to the Commissioners of Taxation improbable that the Land Tax at the existing rate of 1d. in the £ on the unimproved value of the land would be a just contribution to the special expenditure which has taken place in this locality.

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(7.) Charges made against the Rev. Father Curran:—Mr. Jessep asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Will he kindly lay upon the Table of this House all papers connected with the recent inquiry by the Public Service Board into charges made by Mr. Symonds against the Rev. Father Curran and the general working of the Mining or Metallurgical section of Sydney Technical College, including the evidence taken at the inquiry, the report of Mr. Wilshire, the Board's finding thereon, and all other papers connected with the case whatever, together with the Minutes of the Public Service Board meetings at which the matter was adjudicated upon?

(2.) Will he cause to be laid upon the Table of this House all papers and correspondence connected with the appointment of the Rev. Father Curran to the position in the Technical College which he held at the time of the inquiry; also all documents and correspondence connected with the appointment of one Mulholland to be an assistant demonstrator, or lecturer, or teacher at the College; also all papers and correspondence connected with the dismissal of one Symonds from his position in the College?

(3.) Will he inform the House what positions are now held by the persons concerned in the inquiry, and if it is a fact that one Frederick Bridges, Chief Inspector in the Education Department, gave evidence at the inquiry in favour of one or more of the persons charged with irregularities, and afterwards, as a deputy or temporary member of the Public Service Board, sat in judgment on a matter in which he had to some degree been implicated, and was, according to the evidence, a partisan witness of one or more of the parties charged with irregularities; if so, will he have the decision annulled, and Mr. Bridges removed from the public Service Board?

Mr. Perry answered,—

(1 and 2.) This information should be moved for in the usual way.

(3.) The report to me by the Public Service Board was signed by Messrs. Delohery and Wilson, who state in it:—"Mr. Bridges, who is acting as Deputy Member of the Board at the present time, having appeared as a witness, has not adjudicated upon this case."

(8.) Old-age Pensions:—Mr. Frank Farnell, for Mr. Daley, asked the Colonial Secretary,—What steps have been taken by him to ensure payment of the Old-age Pensions to those persons who have lived in Victoria for a portion of the twenty-five years' residence, as provided in our Act?

Mr. See answered,—The Victorian Government was consulted in regard to reciprocity with New South Wales in August, and the matter is to receive their consideration.

(9.) Members of the Legislative Assembly:—Mr. W. F. Hurley, for Mr. Chapman, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill during this Session to reduce the number of Members of this House?

Mr. See answered,—This matter is still under the consideration of the Government.

(10.) Rose Bay Jetty:—Mr. Latimer asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Will he take steps to have Rose Bay Jetty repaired and reopened, so that it may be available for use by the State Governor as soon as he takes up his residence at "Cranbrook"?

(2.) If this is a matter for the consideration of the Harbour Trust, will he instruct that Commission to have the jetty in question repaired immediately, so that it may be available for use by the State Governor after taking up his residence at "Cranbrook"?

Mr. See answered,—Rose Bay Jetty is vested in the Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners. The jetty is 40 years old, and cannot be used with safety unless it be practically reconstructed. As the Commissioners derive no revenue from it, and would derive no revenue from it if it were used by His Excellency the State Governor, they cannot see their way to effect the necessary repairs at the expense of the Trust?

(11.) Technical Classes, Woollahra:—Mr. Latimer asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) When does he intend to fulfil his promise, given to a deputation of Woollahra Councillors, in June last, that he would inaugurate Technical Classes in Woollahra, at an early date?

(2.) Has he taken any steps to instal gas in the Public School, Forth-street, Woollahra, in order to provide light for the proposed classes?

Mr. Perry answered,—Nothing can be done until after the Appropriation Bill has been passed. Attention will then be given to the matter. The promise I made was to the effect that when I had sufficient funds I would take action.

(12.) Signal Station at Observatory Park:—Mr. Frank Farnell, for Mr. Daley, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is he aware that the Navigation Department is desirous of abolishing the Signal Station at Observatory Park, and are taking steps in that direction?

(2.) Will he use his utmost efforts to prevent the abolition of the flagstaff, considering the great service it is to the shipping community in and around the city?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) The Navigation Department is not desirous of abolishing the Signal Station at Fort Phillip; on the contrary, the Superintendent has recommended its retention, as he considers it is of great convenience to the shipping community in and around the city.

(2.) The Public Service Board has been invited to make a permanent appointment of signal-master, and the matter is now under the consideration of that body.

(13.) Railway Trucks at Temora:—Mr. Nielsen, for Mr. Burgess, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is he aware that great difficulty is being experienced at Temora to get sufficient trucks to forward last year's wheat and chaff to Sydney?

(2.) In view of the fact that there is a likelihood of heavy crops in the Temora district this season, will he see that plenty of trucks are available?

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Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed:—

- (1.) There is at present no difficulty in supplying trucks at Temora, although some temporary delays have arisen recently, due to exigencies of traffic.
- (2.) Steps have already been taken to largely augment the goods rolling stock, with a view to meet the requirements.

(14.) Solicitor-General:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Commission, dated July, 1901, issued to Hugh Pollock, Solicitor-General, under 9 George IV, c. 83, and the Crimes Act, 1900, has been withdrawn or cancelled; if so, for what reason?
- (2.) Has any further Commission been issued to Mr. Pollock?
- (3.) Has Mr. Pollock power to refuse to file informations in the Central Criminal Court?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) Yes; on account of a clerical error.
- (2 and 3.) Yes.

(15.) Duties of Mr. Wade, Crown Prosecutor:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—Do Mr. Wade's duties include appearing for the Crown in appeals from the Circuit and Criminal Courts?

Mr. See answered,—Yes.

(16.) Postal Work at Railway Stations:—Mr. Young asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What is the total amount of money received by the Railway Commissioners from the Postal Department for duties performed in relation to Money Orders and other postal work?
- (2.) Will he state how much is paid to those who do the postal work at railway stations; the number who receive payment; and how much each?
- (3.) Is the money paid over by the Federal Postmaster-General to the Railway Commissioners treated as revenue derived from legitimate traffic?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed:—

- (1.) A lump sum is paid the Railway Department for services performed for the Postal Department; the total amount varies according to the services performed.
- (2.) In fixing the remuneration of officers, consideration is given to the whole of the duties, railway and postal, to be performed, and the salary fixed accordingly. Separate payments are not made. This is the most satisfactory arrangement for the purpose of ensuring proper discipline and control of the joint business.
- (3.) The amount is paid into Revenue, but the Railway Commissioners credit Working Expenses.

(17.) Refusal of Bail in an Assault Case:—Mr. Coleman, for Mr. Moore, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has he seen the paragraph in the *Evening News* of 16th October, under the heading of "A Strange Thing," in reference to the refusal of bail to a young man charged with assault, who was, in consequence, detained in custody from Saturday until Monday?
- (2.) Is he aware that under the law the police had no alternative but to refuse bail in a case of assault, however trivial, as it is necessary that the bail in such cases should be taken before a Chamber Magistrate?
- (3.) Are the residences of the Chamber Magistrates connected with telephone?
- (4.) Will he ascertain why a Chamber Magistrate was not communicated with in this case?
- (5.) Is it a fact that some time previously the police could grant bail in such cases without the attendance of a Chamber Magistrate?
- (6.) Why, if it be a fact, was the practice discontinued?
- (7.) Do Chamber Magistrates receive a fee for attendance after office hours?
- (8.) What is the fee; and is it paid for each bail application if more than one be taken at the same time?

Mr. See answered,—The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice has furnished me with the following replies:—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) The residences of four Chamber Magistrates are connected with the telephone.
- (4.) The Inspector-General of Police informs me that the father of the accused was apprised that a magistrate's attendance was necessary to admit to bail; but the police did not consider it their duty to communicate with a magistrate.
- (5 and 6.) In some cases of the kind, the police did grant bail; but in view of an opinion given by the Crown Solicitor in August last, that they had no power to do so, the practice has been discontinued.
- (7.) Yes.
- (8.) The fees paid are those allowed by the Public Service Regulation, No. 258.

(18.) Officers in the Tramway Department:—Mr. Nielsen, for Mr. Edden, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) How many inspectors, sub-inspectors, traffic inspectors, ticket examiners, instructors, and other petty officers are there in the Tramway Department, specifying each class; what are their duties; what are the salaries of each class; and what is the length of service in each case?
- (2.) Will he lay on the Table a return giving the names, salaries, positions, and length of service of each petty officer in the Tramway service?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I have to point out to the Honorable Member that the Railway Act requires the Commissioners to publish every three years a list of persons employed in the Railway and Tramway Services, and in June, 1900, the *Government Gazette* contains the names of persons so employed, with their positions, locality employed, and rate of pay. If this information does not meet the requirements of the Honorable Member, I would suggest that he move for a return in the usual way.

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(19.) Superintendent of Detectives:—Mr. Law asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Who is the Superintendent of Detectives?
- (2.) How many years has he been in the Service?
- (3.) How many years has he occupied his present position?
- (4.) Will he take steps to reorganise the Criminal Investigation Department?
- (5.) Does he intend to retire the Superintendent of Detectives, and replace him by an active, young, and energetic official who will institute reforms in this most important branch of the Police Service?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) Superintendent William Camphin.
- (2.) Forty-three years.
- (3.) Twenty-one years.
- (4.) As officers retire, endeavours will be made to effect improvements in organisation.
- (5.) Superintendent Camphin has not applied for superannuation—though willing to retire. The selection of a successor will receive careful consideration in due course.

(20.) Permanent Compositors, Government Printing Office:—Mr. Nobbs, for Mr. Phillips, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that permanent compositors in the Government Printing Office having fifteen years and upwards of continuous service, are to be subjected to a test examination prior to promotion to the first-class grade?
- (2.) Will he make inquiry as to the reason why such a course has been adopted in such cases?

Mr. Waddell answered,—The Government Printer has recommended the promotion of certain compositors from the second to the first-class grade; but as others who are not recommended consider they have claims to promotion, the Public Service Board has decided that, as the fairest and best means of settling the matter, a test shall be held. This test will be based upon the work of the office. The practice of holding tests for promotion is one which is followed in other divisions of the Service.

(21.) Employees of Hospitals for Insane:—Mr. Nobbs, for Mr. Moxham, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has any definite action been taken to reduce the hours of labour to the Hospitals for Insane attendants?
- (2.) If so, what is to be the amount of reduction per day?

Mr. See answered,—I desire to refer the Honorable Member to the debate which took place on the Estimates on Thursday and Friday last.

(22.) Oyster Leases:—Mr. Davidson asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the fact that at the recent conference of fishermen and oyster lessees it was unanimously decided that oyster leases should be for fifteen years, and renewable for another fifteen years, will he see that leases for that period now applied for shall be granted?

Mr. See answered,—It is not intended to alter the period for which oyster leases are issued until the views of Parliament are obtained. I hope to bring in a Bill during the Session dealing with the management of fisheries as a whole.

(23.) Old-age Pensions:—Mr. Collins asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What opinion, if any, has the Attorney-General given in respect to the decision of the Grafton Old-age Pension Board regarding the case of a man named Thomas Nippres, who had been employed by the Maclean Municipal Council, doing light work, at 5s. per day, and being feeble in health and considerably over the age of 65 years, resigned and applied for his pension?
- (2.) Was his application and that of his wife refused, the board ruling that according to clause 13, no application for a pension can be granted if the applicant has been in receipt of an income of £52 per year within twelve months before making the application?
- (3.) If the Attorney-General favours this interpretation of the clause, will he take steps to have the Act amended in order to make provision for such distressful cases?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1 and 3.) The Attorney-General's opinion has not been obtained.
- (2.) The District Board refused the claims.

4. TRUCK ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Cann presented a petition from certain workers in the mines at Broken Hill, praying that the Truck Act Amendment Bill may be passed into law, to enable petitioners, as heretofore, to contribute small regular donations to the Broken Hill and District Hospital.

Petition received.

5. CHARGES AGAINST THE REV. FATHER CURRAN (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Jessep moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House all papers connected with the inquiry by the Public Service Board into certain charges against the Rev. Father Curran and the general administration of the mining section of the Technical College at Sydney.

Question put and passed.

6. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Legal Profession Amalgamation Bill postponed until Tuesday, 17th December.

7. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE ELECTION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Nielsen 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. Nielsen, 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. Nielsen, the report was adopted.

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

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8. **TRUCK 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 this Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, 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 To-morrow.
9. **WAGGA WAGGA CATTLE DRIVING BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Gormly moved, "That" this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. Meagher 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. Gormly, Mr. Brunner, Mr. Daley, Mr. McIntyre, Mr. E. M. Clark, Mr. J. F. Smith, Mr. Sleath, Mr. Scobie, and the Mover,"—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,—  
(1.) That the Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.  
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Gormly, Mr. Brunner, Mr. Daley, Mr. McIntyre, Mr. E. M. Clark, Mr. J. F. Smith, Mr. Sleath, Mr. Scobie, and the Mover,—put and passed.
10. **TIED HOUSES BILL (No. 2)**:—  
(1.) 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 to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide that certain covenants, agreements, conditions, provisos, and stipulations in restraint of liberty to purchase beer, wines, spirits, or other fermented or spirituous liquors, shall be void; and for purposes incidental to, or consequent on, that object.  
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 that certain covenants, agreements, conditions, provisos, and stipulations in restraint of liberty to purchase beer, wines, spirits, or other fermented or spirituous liquors, shall be void; and for purposes incidental to, or consequent on, that object.  
On motion of Mr. Arthur Griffith, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.  
(2.) Mr. Arthur Griffith, then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide that certain covenants, agreements, conditions, provisos, and stipulations in restraint of liberty to purchase beer, wines, spirits, or other fermented or spirituous liquors, shall be void; and for purposes incidental to, or consequent on, that object,*"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 3rd December.
11. **EMPLOYEES OF LABOUR UNION PROTECTION BILL**:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Edden, "That this Bill be now read a second time," postponed until To-morrow.
12. **RANDWICK WESLEYAN METHODIST CHAPEL ENABLING BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Fegan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
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 Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. Fegan, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

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.*

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

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OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 23 OCTOBER, 1901.

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

## QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Hawkers and Dealers:—Mr. T. R. Smith asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he have a clause inserted in the proposed amended Municipalities Bill, giving municipalities power to license and control hawkers and dealers plying within their municipalities?

Mr. See answered,—The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice informs me that, if this were done, country hawkers would require a license for each municipality they pass through, which would be an unnecessary burden on those following this calling.

- (2.) Draftsmen, Railway Department:—Mr. Hollis asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Referring to Question No. 5, by Mr. Hollis, 17th October last:—

- (1.) Is a locomotive draftsman and a draftsman for railway car and waggou work identical?
- (2.) What were the dates on which the advertisement appeared in the newspapers stated in the reply?
- (3.) What was the form of such advertisement?
- (4.) Were the applicants informed what qualifications they were expected to possess?
- (5.) Was any test made as to the qualifications possessed by the stated twelve applicants; if so, what was the nature, and by whom was the test made?
- (6.) Who was the officer or officers who considered none of the applicants had the necessary qualifications?
- (7.) Are the positions advertised for still vacant; if so, are the duties being performed, or is the work at a standstill for want of suitable draftsmen?
- (8.) If the positions have been filled, how so; where were the officers engaged, and how many draftsmen have been engaged?
- (9.) Before these applications were invited from persons outside the Department, were applications for these positions invited from persons then employed by the Department of Railways?
- (10.) If so, how were such applications invited, and was any response received to such applications?
- (11.) Was any test asked for or made of the qualifications necessary for the positions from persons in the Service, and what was the result?

Mr. Waddell answered,—In reply to the above Questions, I am informed by the Railway Commissioners:—

- (1.) No.
  - (2.) 21st, 23rd, 24th November, and 1st December.
  - (3 and 4.) “[5331] New South Wales Government Railways,  
“ Office of the Railway Commissioners, Sydney, 20th November, 1900.
- “ Applications for the position of Locomotive Draftsman will be received at this office until Monday, 3rd December, 1900.  
“ Applicants to state age and particulars of experience, and also enclose copies of testimonials.  
“ Commencing salary, £250 per annum.  
“ Applications are to be addressed to ‘The Secretary to the Railway Commissioners,’ and  
“ endorsed ‘Application for the position of Draftsman.’

“ By order of the Commissioners.

“ H. McLACHLAN, Secretary.”

- (5.) No test was made in the sense of employing the men to make drawings. Their testimonials and statements of employment and experience were fully considered by the Staff Committee, by the Chief Draughtsman, and by the Chief Mechanical Engineer.
- (6.) The Chief Draughtsman and the Chief Mechanical Engineer.
- (7.) Positions not vacant; some work is delayed.
- (8.) Two qualified men are being selected in England.
- (9, 10, and 11.) No. The question was one of increasing the staff by additions thereto.

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(3.) Public Service Board Regulations :—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Public Service Board has made a regulation that all persons 40 years of age and over are ineligible for employment in the Public Service?
- (2.) Is he not aware, generally speaking, that men between 40 and 50 years of age are in the prime of life?
- (3.) Will he see that such a regulation as that referred to is cancelled, so that positions may be left open for men 40 years or over, when they are not physically or otherwise unfit for engagement, so that the mere age will not be a bar to engagement for the future?

Mr. See answered,—The Public Service Board have not made any such regulation. The question of the age of admission to the Public Service is regulated by section 33 of the "Public Service Act," which, in regard to the General Division of the Service, provides that: "No person shall be appointed to 'such' division, whose age at his last birthday, previous to appointment, was less than 16 or (except as hereinafter provided) more than 40 years, unless such person be at the time of his appointment already in the Public Service. In cases of special duties the Governor may, however, on the recommendation of the Board, extend the age from 40 to 45 years."

(4.) Terragong Swamp, Kiama District :—Mr. Morton asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) What was the cost to date of draining Terragong Swamp, in the Kiama District?
- (2.) Who are the present lessces, the tenure of each lease, and the rentals paid?

Mr. Bennett answered,—

- (1.) £2,896 17s. 7d.
- (2.) The particulars asked for are given in the following schedule :—

Lessee.	Term of Lease.	Annual Rental.		
		£	s.	d.
W. M. Colley ... ..	30th June, 1916	5	0	5
Master in Lunacy—M. J. Connelly's estate	do	3	19	0
James Marks ... ..	do	11	11	0
S. Marks ... ..	do	3	16	0
E. J. Marks ... ..	do	2	7	9
E. Marks ... ..	30th June, 1914	20	5	0
P. Stewart ... ..	do	14	0	0
E. Marks ... ..	do	9	0	0
R. Jervis ... ..	do	10	0	0
E. Marks ... ..	do	7	0	0
R. Jervis ... ..	do	10	0	0
E. J. Marks ... ..	30th June, 1906	5	14	5
A. S. Marks ... ..	do	4	17	10
F. Carberry ... ..	30th June, 1914	28	4	0
H. H. Honey ... ..	do	23	0	0
C. Price ... ..	do	22	5	6
I. T. Price ... ..	do	23	2	0
C. Terrey ... ..	do	3	13	6
G. Couch ... ..	30th June, 1906	3	9	8
C. McCaffrey ... ..	30th June, 1914	4	9	0
C. Blackwood ... ..	30th June, 1906	6	18	3
H. H. Honey ... ..	30th June, 1914	6	3	0
C. W. Craig ... ..	do	25	0	0
C. W. Craig ... ..	do	40	5	0
C. W. Craig ... ..	do	5	3	9
F. M. McCaffrey ... ..	do	5	15	4
H. Terrey ... ..	do	4	12	10
P. A. Robb ... ..	do	7	13	8
R. Booth ... ..	do	2	1	0
H. J. King ... ..	30th June, 1906	7	19	5
Total ... ..		£332	7	4

(5.) Unemployed Labour, Shoalhaven Electorate :—Mr. Morton asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is he aware that "unemployed labour" has been sent to the Shoalhaven Electorate?
- (2.) If so, will he cause inquiries to be made as to the extent of local unemployed, and give such men preference in carrying out local works?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

- (1.) Yes; twenty-five men have recently been sent from Sydney.
- (2.) In so flourishing a district as the Shoalhaven I was not aware that local men were out of employment. I find it necessary, now and then, to send small batches of men to the country districts from the metropolis to carry out works, and, in adopting this policy, I am not unmindful of the fact that some of the men out of employment originally came to the city from the country to seek work, so that this is only a *quid pro quo*.

(6.) Bulls, Berry Stud Farm :—Mr. Morton asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) How many bulls have been sold from Berry Stud Farm?
- (2.) What were the prices realised, and the names of each purchaser?

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

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- (7.) Officers of the State who served in South Africa:—Mr. Lee asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that officers from this State who served in South Africa, and who secured Colonial or Imperial promotion, have since their return been reverted to their original rank?
  - (2.) Is he aware that in the other States all officers who obtained such promotion were immediately confirmed in their respective ranks upon their return?
  - (3.) Does not the failure on the part of this State to act in a similar manner place the New South Wales officers in a subordinate position in the Federal Forces, and in many cases subordinate to officers who were junior to and under their command whilst in active service?
  - (4.) In view of the injustice to those officers of this State who earned distinction and promotion while on active service, will he take such steps as may be necessary to secure to them the confirmation of the rank they held while on service in South Africa?

Mr. See answered,—I am informed by the Major-General Commanding the Military Forces that these matters are still the subject of correspondence with the Right Honorable the Minister for Defence.

- (8.) Diversion of Water in the Moree District into the Gwydir River, &c.:—Mr. Nobbs, for Mr. Hogue, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) In reference to the diversion of the water in the Moree district into the Gwydir River and the Moomin and Thalaba Creeks, out of what vote has the cost of the work been defrayed?
  - (2.) On whose recommendation was the above work undertaken, and what benefit is expected to be derived from it?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

- (1.) This work is being paid for from Loan Vote (1900) for the construction of works of Water Conservation, Public Watering Places, and Artesian Boring, £110,000.
  - (2.) On the recommendation of the Principal Engineer for Water Supply and Sewerage. The benefits to be derived from the work are as follows:—Supply of water for stock and other purposes for the residents along the Gwydir or Meei Rivers, the Moomin and Thalaba Creeks. The distances benefited thus would be about 80 miles for the Thalaba Creek, 170 miles for the Moomin Creek, and 150 miles for the Gwydir River. It will also improve the watercourse country by minimising the floods in that locality.
- (9.) Federal Tariff:—Mr. Whiddon asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that, in connection with the imposition of the Federal tariff, goods shipped to Brisbane or any interstate port from Sydney, and exception is taken by the customer to the duty charged, and the goods bonded, are such goods liable to the duty on being returned to the port of Sydney, notwithstanding that they are shipped direct from the bond?
  - (2.) If such is the case, will he be good enough to make representation to the Federal Minister for Customs as to the fairness of allowing drawback where such duty has been paid between State and State?
  - (3.) As this question is causing a considerable amount of inconvenience and misunderstanding, will he give the above his immediate consideration?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

- (1.) Yes; the goods must pay the Federal Tariff rates when entered for home consumption in any State.
  - (2 and 3.) The matter will receive consideration.
- (10.) Harbour Excursion Steamers:—Mr. Levy asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) What regulations are in existence to prevent overcrowding on harbour excursion steamers?
  - (2.) Will he issue instructions that these regulations be strictly enforced, especially in regard to the Manly boats?

Mr. See answered,—Under the provisions of the Navigation Acts and Regulations, the accommodation on passenger vessels plying in the harbour is measured up in accordance with the rules of the Board of Trade. The vessels are bound by law to obtain a certificate from the Department of Navigation that the hull and machinery are in good order and condition. The certificate also sets forth the number of passengers the vessel is allowed by law to carry, and the same must be exhibited in a conspicuous part of the vessel. Heavy penalties are imposed by the Navigation Acts upon the owners and masters of vessels carrying a greater number of passengers than that stated in the certificate. In addition, the Superintendent of Navigation has instructed the inspectors to see that these vessels are not overcrowded, and that the provisions of the Navigation Acts are carried out. The Water Police also render assistance in this direction.

- (11.) Picton Bench of Magistrates:—Mr. Levy asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Has his attention been directed to the report of a dispute, in open court, between the two occupants of the Bench at the Picton Police Court on Saturday last, the result being that the case before the Court could not be proceeded with?
  - (2.) If so, will he call for a report in the matter?

Mr. See answered,—The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice informs me as follows:—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) No report is necessary. One of the Magistrates referred to has written to this Department on the subject, and I have directed that he be informed that the seniority of Magistrates is determined by the date of their commissions, and that it is usual for the senior Magistrate present at any meeting of Justices to act as Chairman in the absence of the Police Magistrate.

- (12.) Local Government Bill:—Mr. Levy asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he take into consideration, at an early date, the introduction of a comprehensive scheme of local government?

Mr. See answered,—In reply to the honorable gentleman, we have a comprehensive Municipal Bill before the House at the present time, and if we get through that, we shall have done very well. We have a number of other important measures before the House, and if the Government succeed in carrying a majority of them, we shall have made a record for this Session.

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(13.) Infringements of the Indecent Publications Act:—Mr. Levy asked the Colonial Secretary,—How many prosecutions, and with what result, have been instituted against newspaper proprietors and others for infringements of the Indecent Publications Act of 1900?

Mr. See answered,—The Inspector-General of Police has furnished me with the following information:—As far as I can ascertain, three. One conviction—fine, £2 and costs; appealed, and conviction upheld. Two informations dismissed.

(14.) Sunday Trading:—Mr. Levy asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that the laws against Sunday trading are not enforced against city shopkeepers with the same rigidity as they are against suburban shopkeepers?

(2.) Will he make inquiry into the matter?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) I am not aware.

(2.) I will make inquiry. This matter is entirely in the hands of the Inspector-General of Police. It is not a matter in which I should interfere. There is the law, and, as far as I know, it is being observed, and, as far as lies in my power, I shall see that it is observed.

(15.) Employers' Liability Act:—Mr. Levy asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he consider the advisableness of bringing in a Bill to amend the Employers' Liability Act on lines similar to those of the English Workmen's Compensation Act, and other legislation on the subject?

Mr. See answered,—The Honorable Mr. Heydon (now District Court Judge Heydon), whilst a member of the Legislative Council, drafted a Bill embodying certain provisions of the English Act. In view, however, of the immense body of litigation to which the Act referred to has led in England, its introduction here would require very careful consideration.

(16.) Governor Macquarie's Gates:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

Has he noticed a suggestion, made through the columns of the Press, to the effect that one of the few remaining specimens of "Governor Macquarie's Gates," now in position at the lodge entrance to the old Benevolent Asylum; shortly to be demolished, be preserved as a relic of the early days, and be presented to the Museum; and will he adopt such suggestion when the proper time arrives?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—I will have inquiries made. I believe these gates and other relics have been promised to the Benevolent Society for their new building.

(17.) Darlinghurst Gaol:—Mr. Sleath, for Mr. Norton, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has it been the practice to allow prisoners of a certain classification to cease work on Christmas Day, Easter Monday, and Queen's Birthday, and to permit their relatives or friends to supply them with dinners from outside on those days?

(2.) Is it a fact that the Comptroller-General of Prisons has recently framed a new regulation debarring prisoners in "B" Division, at Darlinghurst Gaol, from participating in these privileges?

(3.) Has Mr. Neitenstein power to make such regulation upon his own responsibility?

(4.) Will he see that these prisoners enjoy the privileges which have previously been associated with the Queen's Birthday extended to the forthcoming anniversary of the King's natal day?

Mr. See answered,—The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice informs me that the Comptroller-General of Prisons has furnished him with the following information:—

(1.) Yes. Well-conducted and industrious prisoners earning indulgences have been permitted, after twelve months' servitude, to have dinners sent into them on the days named.

(2.) No. The Comptroller-General of Prisons has issued a General Order debarring "B" Division prisoners from enjoying this privilege.

(3.) The Comptroller-General of Prisons has power, under the Gaol Regulations, to issue General Orders for the management of the various prisons.

(4.) It is very desirable to preserve a distinction between the different classes of prisoners. "B" Division prisoners have not served sufficient of their sentences to entitle them to participate in certain privileges which are accorded to them on their promotion, by good conduct and industry, to the "C" Division. Receiving dinners on King's Birthday is one of the privileges which are reserved for them when they show, by good behaviour and work, that they are qualified for the "C" Division after having served their time in "B" Division.

(18.) Committal of a Woman to Gaol for non-compliance with an Order under the Time-payment System:—Mr. Affleck, for Mr. Sullivan, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has his attention been called to an order of a Stipendiary Magistrate committing a woman to prison for non-compliance with an order under the time-payment system, and will he take the necessary steps to prevent a recurrence of the same?

Mr. See answered,—The following report has been furnished to the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice by the Magistrate:—"It appears that everything has been done in accordance with law. The defendant was personally served with a summons, but did not appear at the Court. The goods in question were originally obtained upon a time-payment agreement by the defendant from W. F. Coxon and Company, Limited, on the 23rd May last, the price endorsed on the agreement being £5 5s., and she was to pay a rent of 3s. 6d. a week till the purchase price was paid. The complainant gave evidence on 20th August that defendant then owed a balance of £4 13s. upon the goods. Had the defendant appeared and made any reasonable explanation, or stated her circumstances, the alternative imprisonment would have, no doubt, been very different. As it was, I had reluctantly to give the usual alternative in such cases, and beyond the ordinary Court costs did not allow complainant any other costs. I take this opportunity of inviting attention to the necessity for Parliamentary action in connection with the time-payment system, because, in many instances, ignorant men and women are induced to accept goods under this system when

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"there is but remote prospect of their being able to keep up the payments, and when they cannot keep up the payments they are proceeded against for detention of property, and great hardship must, in consequence, arise. A full inquiry into the sale and purchase of goods under the time-payment system would probably reveal facts to show that it is a system which it is desirable, in the interests of seller and purchaser, should be regulated by law."

(19.) Public Health Amendment Bill:—Mr. Gilbert asked the Colonial Secretary,—When does he propose to introduce the Amending Public Health Bill?

Mr. See answered,—As soon as the state of public business will permit.

(20.) Compositors, Government Printing Office:—Mr. Fegan, for Mr. Ferguson, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Would he explain the reason why permanent 1st and 2nd class compositors are graded and paid the lowest salary in the mechanical branches of the Government Printing Office, when the overseers are paid a higher salary than officers holding similar positions in other mechanical branches of the Government Service?

Mr. Waddell answered,—First-class compositors are only an intermediate grade below those called, and paid at, "special" rates. The "specials" correspond to the higher grades of other mechanical branches. There are twenty-one compositors paid, at these "special" rates, over £156 per annum; this number is irrespective of overseers or sub-overseers. Overseers are paid according to their position and responsibilities. No comparison, such as that sought to be made, can equitably be drawn.

## 2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—Report by the Public Service Board upon an investigation into the management of the Marine Department.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Bennett laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, 1900, of land for a Public Park at Jamberoo.

(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.) Copies of *Gazette* Notices, setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the dedication of certain Lands, in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18, and the 7th section of the Public Trusts Act, 1897.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table,—Minutes relating to the granting of Special Leave of Absence to Mr. O. G. Morton, Road Superintendent, Public Works Department.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. See laid upon the Table,—Papers respecting certain remarks reported to have been made by the Police Magistrate at Bathurst.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:—Mr. McFarlane, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table,—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, and plan, relating to the proposed additions to Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. CLAIMS OF CONTRACTORS, MOSMAN AND MIDDLE HARBOUR SEWERAGE:—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 11th September, 1901, together with Appendix.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. TRUCK ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Cann, read a third time and passed.

Mr. Cann then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Truck Act of 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 amend the Truck Act of 1900,*" presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*

*Sydney, 23rd October, 1901.*

6. RANDWICK WESLEYAN METHODIST CHAPEL ENABLING 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 validate the appointment of Walter Hamilton McClelland, Robert Dixon Sippe, Obed Ebenezer Newman, Francis Edward McLean, Robert Samuel Callaghan, Clement Bloomfield, Alfred Henry Everingham, Edward William Prees, George Read, and Walter Barnes as trustees of the residue of certain lands situate at Randwick, near Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, which said lands were originally granted for the purpose of erecting thereon a Wesleyan Methodist chapel, schoolhouse, and minister's residence; to enable the said trustees or other the trustees or trustee for the time being of the said residue to sell or mortgage the same or any part or parts thereof; to provide for the application of the moneys arising from any such sale or mortgage; to validate certain mortgages of the said residue; to provide for the appointment of new trustees thereof; to validate a certain sale and transfer of part of the said lands so granted as aforesaid; and for other purposes incidental thereto or connected therewith.*"

Question put and passed.

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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 validate the appointment of Walter Hamilton McClelland, Robert Dixon Sippe, Obed Ebenezer Newman, Francis Edward McLean, Robert Samuel Callaghan, Clement Bloomfield, Alfred Henry Everingham, Edward William Prees, George Read, and Walter Barnes as trustees of the residue of certain lands situate at Randwick, near Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, which said lands were originally granted for the purpose of erecting thereon a Wesleyan Methodist chapel, school-house, and minister's residence; to enable the said trustees or other the trustees or trustee for the time being of the said residue to sell or mortgage the same or any part or parts thereof; to provide for the application of the moneys arising from any such sale or mortgage; to validate certain mortgages of the said residue; to provide for the appointment of new trustees thereof; to validate a certain sale and transfer of part of the said lands so granted as aforesaid; and for other purposes incidental thereto or connected therewith,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

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Sydney, 23rd October, 1901.

7. REMODELLING OF "THE ROCKS" RESUMED AREA (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Daley moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House all the plans prepared by Mr. Norman Selfe and the City Improvement Board for the remodelling of "The Rocks" resumed area. Question put and passed.
8. PRIVILEGE—NEWSPAPER ARTICLE:—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of the statements made in a Leading Article, entitled—"A Legislative Scandal," appearing in the newspaper *Truth* of 20th October instant,—Mr. Speaker informed the House that this morning, by his direction, the Sergeant-at-Arms had delivered to the Honorable Member for Northumberland, Mr. Norton, a copy of the resolution arrived at last evening, and that he, Mr. Speaker, had since received a certificate signed O. H. Reddall, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., that Mr. Norton was too ill to leave his bedroom. Mr. See stated that he had received a letter from Messrs. Westgarth, Nathan, & Co., Mr. Norton's solicitors, enclosing a certificate from Mr. Norton's medical adviser, the Honorable Dr. J. B. Nash, M.D., M.L.C., that Mr. Norton was not in a fit state of health to attend Parliament this afternoon. Mr. See then moved, That the Order of the Day be postponed until Tuesday next. 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.
9. TEMORA TO WYALONG RAILWAY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time. Debate ensued. Question put. The House divided.

Ayes, 49.

Mr. Broughton,	Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Pyers,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Power,	Mr. Sleath,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Quinn,	Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. Eden George,	Mr. Dight,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Law,
Mr. See,	Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Samuel Smith,
Mr. MacMahon,	Mr. McIntyre,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Carroll,
Mr. John Storey,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Thomson,	Mr. Gillics,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Evans,	Mr. Rose,
Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Meagher,	Mr. Willis.
Mr. Estell,	
Mr. Briner,	Tellers,
Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. Sullivan,
Mr. Webster,	Mr. Daley.
Mr. Burgess,	

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Mr. Cohen,	Tellers,
Mr. Ashton,	
Mr. Morham,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. McCoy,	Mr. Lonsdale.
Mr. Mackenzie,	
Mr. Nobbs,	
Mr. Affleck,	
Mr. Fleming,	
Mr. Davidson,	
Mr. Phillips,	
Mr. Fallick,	
Mr. Bruncker,	
Mr. John Hurley,	
Mr. Wood,	
Mr. Gilbert,	
Mr. Quirk,	
Mr. Collins,	
Mr. Latimer,	
Mr. Morton,	
Mr. Fegan,	
Mr. Mahony,	
Mr. Levy,	
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Hogue,	
Dr. Ross,	
Mr. Lee,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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.

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10. SHEARERS' ACCOMMODATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Perry moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.

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And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 24 OCTOBER, 1901.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Water Reserve, Molong District :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Lands Department to sell by public auction Water Reserve No. 1,182, parish of Conomodine, district of Molong, county of Ashburnham, consisting of 400 acres; if so, for what reason?

(2.) Is he aware that the settlers in and around the district of Cargo have protested against the land being disposed of by auction, as it will block settlement?

(3.) Will he see that the land is thrown open for settlement and conditional purchase?

*Mr. Bennett* answered,—

(1.) Yes, as the block is surrounded by alienated land, and is reported to be insufficient in area and unsuitable in character to support an independent settler. It comprises 390 acres, principally of a stony and gravelly nature, and is suitable only for grazing.

(2.) An objection has been received from a private land agent.

(3.) Under the circumstances explained, it appears inexpedient to throw open for settlement a block too small for residential settlement, leaving the selector no chance of extending his holding.

(2.) Roads Votes :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it correct, as alleged, that the Road Vote has been increased since the present Ministry came into office over that of previous Governments; if so, by how much?

(2.) Will he state the amount of this increased Vote, if any, that has been spent in the Molong district, and the nature of the work on which the money has been expended?

*Mr. O'Sullivan* answered,—

(1.) In 1892, when the Dibbs Government were in power, the Road Vote was £896,005 per year. In 1895-96, under the Reid Administration, the Road Vote was only £450,000. It was raised £100,000 in the two following years. In 1899-1900, I increased it to £670,000; last year I made it £700,000, and this year it will be about the same. As the roads have been increased by over 11,000 miles, with about 43 miles more of bridges and culverts, since 1892, I hope to be able to still further raise the Road Vote as the revenue increases and times get better.

(2.) The information required will be prepared and laid upon the Table in the form of a return.

(3.) Crown Lessees tied to Banks, &c. :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—As this House has been furnished of late with valuable information, through a Select Committee, regarding the evils arising from tied houses under the Licensing Act, will he furnish the House with the number of Crown lessees and runs under the Crown Lands Acts that are now tied runs to our large banks and monetary institutions?

*Mr. Bennett* answered,—I hand to the Honorable Member a list of pastoral leases and occupation licenses from which the names of the registered holders of such leases and licenses can be ascertained.

(4.) Technical College :—*Mr. Nobbs*, for *Mr. Oakes*, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is it a fact that over 600 students are waiting to join the fitting and turning class at the Technical College?

(2.) Will the Government make provision for these students, some of whom have been waiting eighteen months to be admitted?

*Mr. Perry* answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The matter of providing increased accommodation is now under consideration.

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- (5.) Metropolitan Traffic Act:—Mr. Fallick asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it his intention to bring in a Bill to amend the Metropolitan Traffic Act this Session?
  - (2.) Does he intend to order a refund to all those persons who have already paid the tax so much complained of imposed under that Act?
- Mr. See answered,—The following information has been furnished by the Inspector-General of Police:—
- (1.) No amendment is necessary in the Act in this regard. The regulation has been altered.
  - (2.) The new regulations omitting certain vehicles from being licensed was not retrospective.
- (6.) Public Service Board:—Mr. Quinn asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Do Messrs. Bridges and Saunders, temporary members of the Public Service Board, give their whole time to the work of the Board?
  - (2.) If so, is there any reason to believe that the Departments from which they have been temporarily withdrawn are inconvenienced by their absence?
- Mr. See answered,—I am informed that these gentlemen give the greater part of their time to the work of the Public Service Board; but the duties of their ordinary positions are not allowed to suffer in consequence, as they give a considerable amount of their private time after ordinary office hours in order that the work may be done. No complaints have been made.
- (7.) Prince Alfred Hospital:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Has his attention been directed to the report of the Committee of Management of Prince Alfred Hospital, which states that the Federal tariff, by imposing duties on medicines and food-stuffs, will result in increased cost of maintenance to the extent of £750 per annum?
  - (2.) In view of this circumstance, will he cause to be increased by the amount above stated the State grant to this and, on the same basis, to every other New South Wales charitable and philanthropic institution, so that their scope for usefulness will not in any way be impaired by the tariff?
- Mr. See answered,—
- (1.) These Questions are becoming too monotonous. This is a matter for the Federal Government to decide.
  - (2.) The second Question is a natural corollary of the first one. I may tell my honorable friend when the time comes an increased amount will, if necessary, have to be paid. These Questions are becoming too frequent, and in the future I shall decline to answer a Question which ought to be addressed to the Federal Government. I do not desire to express an opinion one way or the other; but the Question, as put to me by the honorable gentleman, is outside the region of State government altogether.
- (8.) Railway Refreshment Rooms:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Have the Railway Commissioners given consideration to the matter of taking over the conduct of the railway refreshment rooms, as suggested by a recent deputation; and, if so, at what decision have they arrived?
  - (2.) If they have decided to grant fresh leases, for what period are such leases to run, and do the Commissioners propose, at the expiration thereof, to adopt the proposal of the deputation above referred to?
- Mr. See answered,—
- (1.) I am informed the Railway Commissioners have given consideration for some time to the question of taking over the refreshment rooms; but at present there are so many matters of a pressing nature to be considered, that they have decided to defer doing so until a more opportune time.
  - (2.) The existing leases have been extended for one year, and, in the meantime, the question will be further considered. I may add that I saw the Railway Commissioners, and they pointed out that it would be impossible for them to take over the management of these rooms at once. They have first to provide for the furnishing and arrangement of the various places, and, whilst I am quite in sympathy with the honorable gentleman in putting a Question of this kind, this proposal cannot be carried out in a few days or in a few weeks. I believe it would be to the advantage of the public if the Railway Commissioners were to take over the management of the refreshment rooms, and, as far as I can understand their statements, they will do it.
- (9.) Commissions issued to Mr. Pollock and Mr. Wade:—Mr. Cohen asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Referring to the answer given on the 22nd instant to Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick's Question *re* the Solicitor-General, what was the "clerical error" mentioned therein; and in what way does the further commission issued to Mr. Pollock differ from the original one?
  - (2.) Is Mr. Wade's commission to prosecute at the Central Criminal Court the same as Mr. Pollock's; if not, wherein is the difference?
  - (3.) Has not Mr. Wade the power to refuse to file an information?
  - (4.) What power, if any, has Mr. Pollock to overrule any action of Mr. Wade's?
  - (5.) What is the source of such power?
- Mr. See answered,—
- (1.) Through an oversight, the Commission in question was issued before the passing of the Executive minute. There is no alteration in the second Commission.
  - (2.) Yes.
  - (3.) The practice for many years has been that Crown Prosecutors do not refuse to file an information, but refer the cases, with recommendations, to the Attorney-General.
  - (4 and 5.) Each of these officers has separate and definite duties which do not conflict.
- (10.) Goods Purchased on Time-payment:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill this Session to deal with the time-payment system for goods bought?
- Mr. See answered,—I do not think it would be possible to bring forward this subject during the present Session. We have too many things in hand, but I may say that I am in sympathy with the honorable gentleman's proposals.

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## 2. PAPERS:—

Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table,—Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, 1900, of land for approaches to the new Central Railway Station, Sydney.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. See laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Particulars respecting leave of absence to, and Inquests and Magisterial Inquiries held by the City Coroner.

(2.) Amended Scale of Fees to be charged on proceedings in District Courts from the 1st January, 1902.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. SHEARERS' ACCOMMODATION BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Perry, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Perry then moved, that the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to provide for the proper and sufficient accommodation of shearers.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the proper and sufficient accommodation of shearers,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*

*Sydney, 24th October, 1901.*

4. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE ELECTION BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Nielsen, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Nielsen then moved, that the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to make better provision for the election and appointment of Members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works; and for purposes consequent upon, and incidental to, that object.*"

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 election and appointment of Members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works; and for purposes consequent upon, and incidental to, that object,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*

*Sydney, 24th October, 1901.*

## 5. PRINCE ALFRED HOSPITAL ADDITIONS 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. 84.*

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 sanction the erection of two pavilions in connection with Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney; and for other purposes.

*State Government House,*

*Sydney, 24th October, 1901.*

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

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

## (1.) General Post Office (Approaches Improvement) Act Further Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act further to amend the General Post Office (Approaches Improvement) Act, 1889, and the General Post Office (Approaches Improvement) Act Amendment Act, 1892; to rectify the boundaries of Martin-lane; also to carry out an exchange of certain land abutting on such lane for other land at the intersection of George-street with Martin-place, to be dedicated as a public thoroughfare; and for other purposes,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,*

*Sydney, 24th October, 1901.*

W. J. TRICKETT,

Deputy-President.

## (2.) Sydney Female School of Industry (Sale) Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the trustees of the Sydney Female School of Industry to sell and convey certain lands; to provide for the application of the proceeds of such sale and the income arising therefrom; and to provide for the appointment of new trustees,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

*Legislative Council Chamber,*

*Sydney, 24th October, 1901.*

W. J. TRICKETT,

Deputy-President.

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

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

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7. **ANJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Molong, Dr. Ross, 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 case of Corporal Bugler Verdi Daly, who died at Bloemfontein, in South Africa, on the 11th " June, 1900."

And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—

Dr. Ross moved, That this House do now adjourn.

*Point of Order*:—Mr. Levy, drawing attention to page 241 of *May*, pointed out that this motion, which had already been submitted to the House and failed to obtain the requisite support, could not, during the same Session, be again brought forward in the same manner.

Mr. Speaker said that the objection taken was fatal to the proposed discussion.

8. **TEMORA TO WYALONG RAILWAY 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.

The House divided.

Ayes, 41.

Mr. Quinn,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Walsh,
Mr. Broughton,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. See,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Sleath,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Law,
Mr. Cunn,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Williams,	Mr. Byrne,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. T. B. Smith,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Evans,	Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Carroll.
Mr. John Storey,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Eden George,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Holman.
Mr. Scobie,	
Mr. Thomson,	
Mr. Anderson,	
Mr. Hollis,	
Mr. Nielsen,	
Mr. Meagher,	

Noes, 22.

Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Mahony,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Jessop,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Fegan,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Coleman,
Mr. Levy,
Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Afleck,
Mr. Brunner,
Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Lalimer,
Mr. Collins,
Mr. Wood.

*Tellers,*

Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Morton.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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 construction of a line of railway from Temora to Wyalong; to amend the provisions of the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as they relate to the duty of the constructing authority to make and maintain fences along the said line; 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 Temora to Wyalong; to amend the provisions of the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as they relate to the duty of the constructing authority to make and maintain fences along the said line; 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,*

*Sydney, 24th October, 1901.*

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

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 25 OCTOBER, 1901, A.M.

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

The House adjourned at ten minutes before Nine o'clock a.m., until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 42.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 29 OCTOBER, 1901.

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

ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor were delivered by Mr. See, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) Defamation Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 85.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Statutes relating to Defamation*,"—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 His 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.

*State Government House,*

*Sydney, 26th October, 1901.*

- (2.) Royal Commissioners Evidence Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 86.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the law relating to the taking of Evidence by Commissioners under the Great Seal*,"—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 His 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.

*State Government House,*

*Sydney, 26th October, 1901.*

- (3.) City of Sydney Municipal Loan Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 87.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Municipal Council of Sydney to raise by debentures a sum not exceeding Two hundred thousand pounds for certain 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 His 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.

*State Government House,*

*Sydney, 25th October, 1901.*

2. COBAR TO WILCANNIA 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. 88.*

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 sanction the construction of a line of railway from Cobar to Wilcannia; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the duty of the constructing authority to make and maintain fences along the said line; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to provide for the imposition of a tax on certain lands in connection with the said line; and for other purposes.

*State Government House,*

*Sydney, 25th October, 1901.*

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

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3. MESSAGES FROM THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor were delivered by Mr. Waddell, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

## (1.) Land and Income Tax (Amendment) Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 89.*

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 Land and Income Tax Assessment Act of 1895, and the Land and Income Tax (Declaratory) Act, 1898; and to provide for the remission and refunding of fines under the first-mentioned Act, or any Act amending it.

*State Government House,  
Sydney, 29th October, 1901.*

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

## (2.) Land and Income Tax (Contribution) Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 90.*

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 Land and Income Tax Assessment Act of 1895, and the Land Tax (Contribution) Act, 1900.

*State Government House,  
Sydney, 29th October, 1901.*

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

## 4. QUESTIONS:—

## (1.) Dredging Works, near Woy Woy Railway Station:—Mr. Daley asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that the dredging operations towards the Woy Woy Railway Station have been discontinued, and that the work thus done is practically useless to the thousands of visitors and residents?

(2.) Will he consider the advisability of extending the operations right up to the railway station there?

(3.) By whose authority was the dredge transferred to Kincumber to do work which will benefit but one individual?

(4.) Is he aware that this dredge is sometimes three weeks idle owing to the insufficient supply of coal forwarded to her?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1 and 2.) The dredging of a channel to Woy Woy Railway Station has been completed to the requirements of the Railway Commissioners; and a further channel from Woy Woy, in the direction of Gosford, has been authorised to be carried out when work already promised is finished.

(3.) I authorised the removal of the "Sigma" to Kincumber to do what, I am informed, was necessary work.

(4.) The dredge was recently without coal owing to the master of the vessel conveying same being taken suddenly ill. As soon as it was known the vessel had not sailed, another was loaded, but detained owing to prevailing stormy weather. The delay was not for so long as three weeks. Since this occurred, a punt, which had been required on other work, became available, and has been sent to Brisbane Water to carry a reserve stock of coal.

## (2.) Crown Lands (Condobolin Electorate):—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has he noticed the complaints made by intending selectors who have waited for years for the Borambil and Ellicar exchanged lands (Condobolin electorate) to be thrown open; and is he aware of the fact that the surrenderer of the Borambil lands is erecting expensive irrigation works on the Goobang Creek, which, though they may be absolutely useless to the incoming selectors, will have to be paid for by them?

(2.) What is the cause of the delay in *re* the throwing open of these and other surrendered lands?

Mr. Crick answered,—The Honorable Member asks this Question probably on a paragraph appearing in the *Daily Telegraph*. I daresay he read the paragraph this morning rebutting it. The following are the facts:—The only thing that has come under notice is a paragraph in one of the daily papers, from a local correspondent, the correctness of whose statements has since been contradicted by the paper itself. The correspondent is an interested party. With regard to the Borambil lands, 2,238 acres have been subdivided into two blocks for homestead selection, and 9,849 acres into five settlement lease farms. An arca has been left to meet the claims of adjoining conditional purchasers, which I have already decided to make available at once, and to follow on with the homestead selection and settlement lease blocks at an early date. With regard to the Ellicar lands, I imagine they are identical with the lands affected by the Waroo-Burrawang exchange. If so, 8,877 acres have been surveyed into six blocks for homestead selection and settlement lease respectively, and 1,015 acres have been measured to admit of an adjoining selector increasing his holding. These lands will be gazetted on the 30th instant. There was, therefore, a delay of not more than three days. I believe that expensive irrigation works are not being erected on Goobang Creek.

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(3.) Police Force:—Mr. Oakes asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the police force of Paddington is short-handed on account of three members having to watch an injured prisoner at St. Vincent's Hospital?
- (2.) Is it a fact that such prisoner is likely to remain there some months?
- (3.) Will he give instructions to have the injured prisoner removed to the gaol hospital, and so release the police to their ordinary duties?

Mr. See answered,—The following information has been furnished by the Inspector-General of Police:—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) May be there some weeks.
- (3.) He could not be removed, but the two police withdrawn from Paddington will be replaced as soon as possible.

(4.) Post Office, Canowindra:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is the post office at Canowindra public property, or is it only leased temporarily?
- (2.) Now that the post office has gone over to the Federal Government, if it is only leased, does the Government intend to let the Federal Government deal with the matter?
- (3.) Is it the intention of the State Government to build a post office at Canowindra on the land, the property of the State Government?
- (4.) What is the present position of this matter, and what is the intention of the State Government in the matter?

Mr. See answered,—This is a matter which relates to the Federal Government.

(5.) Process of Smearing or Dipping at Mungindi:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is he aware that five large teams (consisting of over 100 head of horses) loaded with wool from Noondoo, in Queensland, to the Moree railway station, were lately put through the process of "smearing" at Mungindi—the tick quarantine barrier line—before entering New South Wales?
- (2.) Will he state what the operation and composition of the smearing process consisted of, and by whom was the smearing operation conducted?
- (3.) Is it a fact that teamsters are put to great loss and inconvenience in having to undergo this process on the border line?
- (4.) Is it not possible that the tick-pest is more liable to be carried into New South Wales through wool, hides, and skins than by horses and cattle; and how are hides and skins dealt with or treated before crossing the border?
- (5.) Is it a fact that during the same week, and at the same place, a mob of 1,000 bullocks, the property of Mr. R. Keys, of Muswellbrook, were put through the dipping or tick-pest process; and what does the composition of the "dip" consist of, and under whose supervision is it carried out?
- (6.) Will the authorities consider the danger likely to arise to public health by the spread of disease when the flesh of such animals that have undergone the tick process of smearing or dipping are slaughtered, and subsequently consumed as food?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The smearing consisted of one part of "Little's Fluid" to eighteen parts of water, and it has, by the Regulations, to be conducted by the owner of the horse, but the Inspector and his Assistants assist in as well as supervise the smearing.
- (3.) The operation must necessarily involve a little loss of time, but I am not aware of any loss beyond that which may have very occasionally happened from scalds caused by the harness being put on the horses before they are dry.
- (4.) Certainly not; any risk in the case of hides or skins is obviated by the former having been stacked a week in salt, and the latter painted with a preparation poisonous to ticks and other insects.
- (5.) Yes; the dip consists of—8 lb. arsenic, 22 lb. washing soda, 12 lb. soap, 5 gals. tar, 400 gals. water, and is known as "Christian's Dip." The dipping is carried out under the supervision of the Inspector of Stock.
- (6.) As the application is an external one, I cannot see that any danger can arise from the dipping. This view is confirmed by the fact that arsenic and carbolic, which form the base of the majority of the proprietary sheep dips, have for generations been used in Australia without in any way affecting the public health.

(6.) Railway Passes:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Does an annual pass over all New South Wales Railway lines entitle the holder to travel free upon the trams; and if not why not?
- (2.) What objection is there to the carriage of luggage upon the trams; if objection (as stated in "Special Instruction" 290) is made on the score of want of proper accommodation, will he urge the Commissioners to see that, in the future, tramcars will be so constructed as to provide space for the ordinary luggage of passengers?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

- (1.) I am informed by the Railway Commissioners that an annual pass over the New South Wales Railways does not entitle the holder to travel free on trams. In view of the difficulty of providing a proper check, it is desired to limit the use of passes on the trams as much as possible.
- (2.) The carriage of bulky parcels on the tramways would be inconvenient, and it is not thought the circumstances warrant the provision being made.

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(7.) Retired Public Servants :—*Mr. Cann*, for Mr. Frank Farnell, asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the reply made by him to Mr. Haynes on 13th August, 1901, *re* retired Civil Servants who were deprived of their leave of absence at the time of their retrenchment and received compensation, will he say when it is the intention of the Government to pay over the corresponding gratuities due to the remaining retired officers?

Mr. See answered,—An amount is provided on the Estimates to meet the gratuities referred to, and, if voted, the claims will be paid when the Appropriation Act is passed.

(8.) Wooden Viaduct between Penrith Station and Emu Plains :—*Mr. T. R. Smith* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that, on account of the dangerous state of the wooden viaduct between Penrith Station and Emu Plains, distance half a mile, it takes from seven to ten minutes to travel this half mile?

(2.) Is it a fact that Questions were asked by Mr. T. R. Smith for the last six years about the safety of this viaduct?

(3.) Were the answers always that the bridge or viaduct was safe?

(4.) Do the Government intend to build a new bridge at once for the safety of the people that travel along this line?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) I am informed by the Railway Commissioners that the viaduct is perfectly safe, but the time has arrived when it is deemed desirable to limit the speed of the trains passing over it. This is a course similar to that adopted in connection with the Wagga Wagga viaduct prior to its renewal, which has recently been completed.

(2.) I understand the Honorable Member asked two Questions about this viaduct in 1896, alleging it was dangerous. If the structure had then been renewed, it would have meant unnecessarily anticipating the work and the expenditure of a large sum before it was required.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) The Commissioners are fully alive to the responsibilities of their position, and, it may be added, already have plans and estimates in hand for a new structure.

(9.) Hours of Labour of Firemen on Railways.—*Mr. T. R. Smith* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What time do firemen of 8·7 a.m. train from Penrith sign on, and what time do they sign off?

(2.) What are their duties from the time they sign on and sign off; can they leave their engine for twenty minutes at any time during the eleven and a half hours they are timed to sign on and off?

(3.) What time is allowed for a lunch or meal?

(4.) As the firemen's duties are very arduous, will he see that these men's hours of labour are reduced from fifty-four hours per week to forty-eight hours per week?

Mr. Waddell answered,—The Railway Commissioners furnish replies as under to the Questions asked :—

(1.) The firemen of the trains referred to sign on duty at 7·10 a.m., and off duty at 6·30 p.m. This occurs seven times in three weeks with the same men. On the other days they work shorter hours.

(2.) Their duties are to work two passenger trains from Penrith to Sydney and return. The actual time of running between stations is under five and a half hours. They can leave their engines twice between signing on and off.

(3.) From twenty to twenty-five minutes are allowed for a meal on his return to Penrith after the first trip, and he has a further period of forty to forty-five minutes at Eveleigh for the same purpose, after arriving with the second train from Penrith.

(4.) The Railway Commissioners do not look upon the labour as arduous or continuous, and in the public interests cannot agree to the reduction of hours at the present daily rate of pay.

(10.) Libels on the Legislative Assembly :—*Mr. Eden George* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he bring in a Bill at the first opportunity to give this House power to fine, imprison, or otherwise deal with any newspaper proprietor, editor, or other individual whom it may adjudge guilty of a libel upon this House or a breach of its privileges?

Mr. See answered,—This opens up too many large questions to admit of it being dealt with during this Session.

(11.) Hours of Labour of Drivers and Firemen on Railway :—*Mr. T. R. Smith* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What time do the drivers of engines leaving Penrith at 8·7 a.m. sign on?

(2.) What time does the driver of the engine for the said train sign off?

(3.) What are his duties from the time he signs on until he signs off?

(4.) What time is he allowed for lunch between the hours he signs on and signs off?

(5.) Is the above train the fastest and most important passenger train in the State?

(6.) Is it a usual thing to compel drivers of important passenger trains to be on their engines for eleven and a half hours per day with only seven to ten minutes to get their lunch?

(7.) Is it a fact that engine drivers' and firemen's hours were reduced some years ago from ten hours per day to fifty-four hours per week?

(8.) Is there any reason why the hours of labour of engine drivers and firemen of very important trains should not be reduced to forty-eight hours per week?

(9.) Is it not a fact that drivers' and firemen's duties during the summer months are the most arduous of any railway employees in the Railway Department of New South Wales?

(10.) Will he see that the hours of the drivers and firemen of important trains are reduced to forty-eight hours per week?

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Mr. Waddell answered,—The Railway Commissioners furnish replies as under to the Questions asked :—

(1 and 2.) The drivers sign on at 7.25 a.m., and off at 6.30 p.m. This occurs seven times in three weeks with the same men; on other days they work shorter hours.

(3.) His duties are to work two passenger trains from Penrith to Sydney and return. The actual time of running between stations is under five and a half hours.

(4.) From twenty to twenty-five minutes are allowed for a meal on his return to Penrith after the first trip, and he has a further period of forty to forty-five minutes at Eveleigh for the same purpose after arriving with the second train from Penrith.

(5.) No.

(6.) No; quite unusual.

(7.) No.

(8.) Yes.

(9.) No.

(10.) Discrimination cannot be shown as suggested.

(12.) Public School-teachers :—Mr. Carroll, for Mr. Price, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Does the following table show the scale of salaries paid to school-teachers between the years 1892 and the present date; also, the reduction made in 1893 and 1896; also, the total loss sustained by teachers up to the present time?

TABLE of First and Second Class Teachers' Salaries.

Classes of Teachers.	Salaries prior to 1893.			After reduction of 5 per cent. in 1893.	Further reduction by Public Service Board in grading in 1896.	Total Loss since 1893.		
	Salary.	Rent.	Total.			Salary.	Rent.	Total.
I. Principal Teachers in charge of 1st Class Schools.	£ 400	£ 100	£ 500	£380 + £72 or residence.	£350 + residence value £72.	£ 50	£ 28	£ 78
II. Principal Teachers in charge of 2nd Class Schools.	336	100	436	£319 + £60 ...	£300 + residence value £60.	36	40	76
III. Mistress in charge of 1st Class Schools, Girls' Departments, 1A	300	...	300	£285 .....	£250 .....	...	...	50
IV. Mistress in charge of 1st Class Schools, Infants' Department.	300	...	300	£285 .....	£194 + £26 to those holding 1A in Infants' Departments.	To those in Infants' Departments still with 1A = £80		
V. Mistress in charge of 2nd Class Schools, Girls.	252	...	252	£239 .....	£220 .....	...	...	32
VI. Mistress in charge of 2nd Class Schools, Infants.	252	...	252	£239 .....	Abolished for 1st Class Teachers.	Position confined to 2nd Class Teachers.		

(2.) Is he aware that a large number of the teachers had entered into obligations for the purpose of purchasing houses on the deferred payment system, and, in consequence of the reductions effected, were obliged to relinquish same at considerable loss?

(3.) Will he be good enough to state if the following table illustrates the number of officers who will participate in the proposed increases in certain grades?

*New Scheme proposed by the Minister.*

Teacher in charge of Schools, 1st Class, with average over 500 pupils, £400 + residence. Only three teachers participate.

Teacher in charge of schools, 1st Class, with average over 400 pupils, £375 + residence. Only six teachers participate.

Teacher in charge of schools, 1st Class, with average under 400 pupils, £350 + residence; no increase. Affecting about 40; no restoration.

Mistress in charge of Girls' Departments, 1st Class, with average over 400 pupils, £280; increase of £30. Only two ladies enjoy.

Mistress in charge of Girls' Departments, 1st Class, with average under 400 pupils, £250; no increase.

The salaries of Mistresses 1A, of Infant Departments of 1st Class schools, and of Principals and Mistresses in 2nd Class Schools, no restoration.

(4.) Is he aware that the proposed new scale will not have the effect of placing teachers upon the same basis as they were on prior to 1893?

(5.) Is it a fact that in other Departments the salaries have been raised to their original position?

(6.) Is it a fact in other States, particularly in Victoria, Queensland and South Australia, when reductions were made owing to financial depression, and where teachers, in common with other Civil Servants, were reduced, that on the return of prosperity the salaries were restored to their original amounts?

(7.) Has this course been adopted in this State, or have the teachers to wait for a period of eight years in connection with such provision?

Mr. Perry answered,—

(1.) Yes, substantially; but of the 253 teachers concerned, 145 (34 head masters and 111 mistresses) actually suffered reduction. The remainder, 108 (54 head masters and 54 mistresses), held subordinate positions in 1892, and have now higher salaries than they had then.

(2.) I have no knowledge in regard to this.

(3.) Last year provision was made to increase the salaries of the lowest paid teachers. This year provision is made for a further increase reaching from Class 8 to Class 3; but beyond slight increases for the 1st Class Teachers who have charge of the few very large schools, no increase has been provided for the head teachers of first and second class schools.

(4.) Yes.

(5.) No.

(6.) No.

(7.) No; I am not aware that any such provision is contemplated.

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## 5. PAPERS:—

Mr. Crick laid upon the Table,—Return showing the dates on which the different Central Division Pastoral Leases terminated, the area of land contained in such leases, and what portion of these lands has been made available for settlement.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Perry laid upon the Table,—Course of Secular Instruction and Standards of Proficiency for the several classes in Public Schools.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Kidd laid upon the Table,—Return respecting Bulls sold from the Berry Stud Farm.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

6. CROWN LANDS ACT—EXCHANGES OF LAND (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in order to afford full and complete information to that section of the general public most interested, the following particulars relating to land exchanges proposed from and after this date, be published in the *Government Gazette*, and be posted at all Land Offices, Court-houses, Post Offices, and Public Schools throughout the district or districts concerned; and be also advertised at least once in the local papers circulating in such district or districts, viz. :—

(1.) The respective areas of the lands proposed to be exchanged, with name or names of land district or districts, county or counties, and parish or parishes, in which such lands are situate.

(2.) The respective areas of the surrender lands, with name or names of land district or districts, county or counties, parish or parishes, in which such lands are situate.

(3.) The name and address of the applicant for such exchange.

Question put and passed.

7. PRIVILEGE—NEWSPAPER ARTICLE:—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of the statements made in a Leading Article entitled "A Legislative Scandal," appearing in the newspaper *Truth* of 20th October instant,—Mr. Speaker informed the Honorable Member for Northumberland, Mr. Norton, that if he desired to make any statement or explanation the opportunity now presented itself.

Whereupon Mr. Norton was heard in his place, and, by direction of Mr. Speaker, withdrew.

And several Honorable Members desiring a further explanation, Mr. Norton was re-admitted, again addressed the House, and then, by direction of Mr. Speaker, again withdrew.

Mr. See then moved, That having heard the Honorable Member for Northumberland, Mr. Norton, in his place *re* statements published in *Truth*, of 20th October instant, and the Honorable Member having withdrawn, this House accepts his explanation and apology.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Daniel O'Connor moved that the Question be amended by the addition thereto of the words,— "and that the Member for Northumberland, Mr. John Norton, be reprimanded by the Honorable "the Speaker."

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

Debate continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Crick,  
Mr. Daniel O'Connor,  
Mr. John Hurley,  
Mr. Meagher,  
Mr. Thomson,  
Mr. D. R. Hall,  
Mr. Daley,  
Mr. Arthur Griffith,  
Mr. Hollis,  
Mr. McGowen,  
Mr. Lonsdale,  
Mr. Law,  
Mr. Archer.

Tellers,

Mr. Macdonell,  
Mr. Dacey.

Noes, 53.

Mr. Lee,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Walsh,
Mr. Eden George,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Dight,
Mr. Broughton,	Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Quinn,
Mr. McIntyre,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Rose,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Evans,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Power,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Pyers,
Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Estell,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Young,
Mr. Millard,	Mr. Byrne,
Mr. McCoy,	Mr. Jessep,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Howarth,	Mr. Fegan.
Mr. Coleman,	
Mr. Hawthorne,	Tellers,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. MacMahon,	Mr. Mahony.
Mr. Miller,	
Mr. Ferguson,	
Mr. Edden,	
Mr. Nicholson,	
Mr. Briner,	
Mr. John Storey,	
Mr. See,	
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. McFarlane,	

And so it passed in the negative.

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Original Question then put,—That having heard the Honorable Member for Northumberland, Mr. Norton, in his place *re* statements published in *Truth* of 20th October instant, and the Honorable Member having withdrawn, this House accepts his explanation and apology.  
The House divided.

## Ayes, 55.

Mr. Morton,  
Mr. Waddell,  
Mr. Moore,  
Mr. Eden George,  
Mr. See,  
Mr. O'Sullivan,  
Mr. Perry,  
Mr. Fegan,  
Mr. Crick,  
Mr. MacMahon,  
Mr. Gillies,  
Mr. Walsh,  
Mr. Davidson,  
Dr. Ross,  
Mr. Hawthorne,  
Mr. Evans,  
Mr. W. F. Hurley,  
Mr. Broughton,  
Mr. Howarth,

Mr. Brunker,  
Mr. Thomson,  
Mr. Coleman,  
Mr. McIntyre,  
Mr. John Storey,  
Mr. Briner,  
Mr. Gilbert,  
Mr. Mahony,  
Mr. Millard,  
Mr. McCoy,  
Mr. Estell,  
Mr. Edden,  
Mr. Nicholson,  
Mr. McFarlane,  
Mr. Henry Clarke,  
Mr. Lee,  
Mr. Hogue,  
Mr. Jessop,  
Mr. Lonsdale,

Mr. Latimer,  
Mr. McGowen,  
Mr. Anderson,  
Mr. Kidd,  
Mr. Dight,  
Mr. Nielsen,  
Mr. Cann,  
Mr. Carroll,  
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,  
Mr. Young,  
Mr. Byrne,  
Mr. Pyers,  
Mr. Power,  
Mr. Ferguson,  
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.

*Tellers,*

Mr. Quinn,  
Mr. Miller.

## Noes, 9.

Mr. Daniel O'Connor,  
Mr. Dacey,  
Mr. Daley,  
Mr. Hollis,  
Mr. Arthur Griffith,  
Mr. Macdonell,  
Mr. Law.

*Tellers,*

Mr. D. R. Hall,  
Mr. Scobie.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

F. W. WEBB,

*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly*

WILLIAM McCOURT,

*Speaker.*



New South Wales.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 30 OCTOBER, 1901.

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

ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor were delivered by Mr. See, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) Careless Use of Fire Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 91.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to the prevention of the careless use of fire,*"—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 His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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- (2.) Equity Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 92.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act for consolidating enactments relating to the practice, procedure, and powers of the Supreme Court of New South Wales in its equitable jurisdiction,*"—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 His 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.) Birds Protection Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 93.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to the protection of certain imported and other birds,*"—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 His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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2. MESSAGES FROM THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR:—The following Messages from the Lieutenant-Governor were delivered by Mr. Kidd, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

## (1.) Gold-Dredging Leases Modification Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 94.*

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 enable the Governor to extend the time within which the conditions as to expenditure and employment of labour in respect of certain applications for leases shall be complied with, and to vary the conditions applicable to such leases, and to authorise the amalgamation of the same; to fix the rent to be reserved in such leases; and for purposes consequent on, or incidental to, those objects.

*State Government House,  
Sydney, 25th October, 1901.*

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

## (2.) Manure Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 95.*

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 regulate the sale of manures.

*State Government House,  
Sydney, 14th October, 1901.*

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

## 3. QUESTIONS:—

## (1.) Trustees, Public Library:—Mr. Broughton asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) What are the names of the trustees of the Public Library who accepted for admission to the Lending Branch the book, Long's "Naval Yarns," referred to in W. Clinton's letter of the 15th July last to the Librarian of the Branch, and subsequently destroyed; and are they still in office as trustees?

(2.) When were the trustees of the Public Library first informed of the character of the book?

(3.) What are the names of the trustees who authorised the destruction of the book, and on what date was the authority given?

(4.) Are the booksellers who submitted the book to the Public Library still booksellers to the institution?

(5.) What course does he intend to pursue towards those responsible for the introduction of the book into the Lending Branch?

(6.) Will he give instructions that at the approaching annual overhaul of the library of the Lending Branch, a look-out shall be kept for works unfit for unrestricted circulation, and with that object in view, that works, such as medical jurisprudence, criminal trials, &c., which, from their subjects, may contain information unsuitable for unrestricted perusal, shall be specially examined?

(7.) What safeguards does he intend to impose to provide against the further accession to the Lending Branch of literature like the "Naval Yarns"?

(8.) What contract exists between the Government and Messrs. Angus and Robertson *re* supply of literature, &c., for the Public Library, and for what term?

(9.) What has been the amount expended by the Government with Messrs. Angus and Robertson for the purchase of literature, &c., during the last three years?

Mr. Perry answered,—

(1.) Honorable Dr. Norton, M.L.C., President; Honorable Dr. MacLaurin, M.L.C.; Honorable J. F. Burns; Honorable A. Kethel, M.L.C.; Honorable E. Greville, M.L.C.; Honorable J. Hughes, M.L.C. They are still in office.

(2.) At the monthly meeting of the trustees, held on 17th September, 1901.

(3.) Honorable Dr. Norton, M.L.C., President; Honorable J. F. Burns; J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Esq., M.L.A.; Honorable Dr. Creed, M.L.C.; Honorable E. Greville, M.L.C.; Honorable J. Hughes, M.L.C.; Honorable P. G. King, M.L.C.; W. Wood, Esq.;—authorised the book to be withdrawn from circulation on 17th September, 1901.

(4.) Yes.

(5, 6, and 7.) These are matters which come strictly within the province of the trustees.

(8.) By contract—10 per cent. discount for all new books and local second-hand books; 7½ per cent. commission on European and American second-hand books; 5 per cent. discount on magazines and periodical literature; 15 per cent. commission on publications of scientific societies. No term specified—six months' notice on either side to terminate the agreement.

(9.) £3,886 8s. 7d.

## (2.) Forestry Department:—Mr. Briner asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he take steps to have the Forestry Department separated from the Lands Department and placed under a separate Ministerial head, who shall be known as the Minister for Forestry and Agriculture?

Mr. See answered,—I will give this matter very careful consideration.

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(3.) Forestry Regulations:—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Will he, in dealing with the proposed new Forestry regulations, consider the advisability of abolishing all reserves now in existence, with a view to placing the whole of the Eastern Coast, north and south, on an equal footing?

(2.) Will he also consider the advisability of abolishing the varying systems of royalties now in force, with a view to the imposition of a reasonable and uniform royalty on the output of all mills, and on measurement of logs at jetties where no mills exist?

(3.) Will he, pending the issue of the new regulations, authorise the suspension of the new regulations which came into force in portion of the Grafton and Bellingen districts on 1st August last, and include the areas in such districts affected by all new regulations issued during the past two years?

(4.) In view of the irritation and general dissatisfaction amongst those employed in the timber trade, will he cause the new regulations to be issued as early as possible?

*Mr. Bennett* answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) My honorable colleague will give the matter careful consideration.

(4.) Yes.

(4.) Police Force:—Mr. Kelly asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What are the respective ages and service of the undermentioned police officers, viz.:—Superintendent Read, Sydney; Superintendent Sanderson, Bathurst; and Superintendent Grainger, Goulburn?

(2.) Why were not these officers retired last year, when a special sum was put on the Estimates to retire old officers who blocked the way of the promotion of other deserving officers?

(3.) When are they to be retired?

(4.) Does not the efficiency of the Service and the revenue of the country suffer by these officers being retained in the Service?

(5.) Is it a fact that Superintendent Read has done no duty for the last two years, drawing the highest grade salary and lodging allowance, while his successor's salary is £100 per annum less?

*Mr. See* answered,—The following information has been furnished by the Inspector-General of Police:—

(1.) 72, 71, and 69 respectively.

(2.) Superintendent Read has been retired. Messrs. Sanderson and Grainger have made no application to retire, and are equal to the performance of their duties.

(3.) The question will be considered shortly when the fund is placed on a better footing.

(4.) No; their salaries are saved.

(5.) Having served forty-seven years without leave, he was allowed fifteen months' leave of absence. He has since been retired with the salary of his rank; £500 per annum, without lodging allowance. The salary of his successor has been voted at £450.

(5.) Macquarie Fields Estate (near Camden):—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is he aware that a notice of resumption of 2 acres of land on the Macquarie Fields Estate (near Camden), for the purposes of a public school, has been served on Mrs. Amelia White Ashcroft, the owner thereof, by the Department over which the Minister presides?

(2.) If so, is he aware that the site on which it is proposed to erect such public school has a frontage to a proposed new road from Glenfield to the Cross Roads, the legality of making which is now the subject of a suit against the Crown in the Supreme Court in its Equitable Jurisdiction, in which an application is made for an injunction to restrain the Minister for Works from making such road?

(3.) Did the Minister for Works undertake, in deference to the remarks of His Honor the Chief Judge in Equity, to stay all action connected with the resumption pending the hearing and determination of the said suit?

(4.) Will he, under the circumstances, and having regard to the existence of such suit, cancel the proclamation and all proceedings connected with the resumption?

*Mr. Perry* answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) I understand that the matter is the subject of litigation.

(3.) I am not aware.

(4.) The resumption cannot be cancelled, but nothing further will be done at present.

(6.) Licensed Engineers and Surveyors, Public Works Department:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—The number of licensed engineers or surveyors that are at present employed by the Department of Works in carrying out the survey of old and new railway proposals, pending their construction, or preparatory to the respective lines being submitted to Parliament or to the Public Works Committee?

*Mr. O'Sullivan* answered,—Ten licensed surveyors are now employed on the survey of lines referred to.

(7.) Licensed Surveyors, Lands Department:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—The number of licensed surveyors at present engaged by the Department of Lands; and the number of acres of land they have surveyed for settlement or otherwise during the last twelve months or two years?

*Mr. Bennett* answered,—In the year 1900, eighty licensed surveyors measured 2,142,187 acres of land. Information for the current year is being collected, and the figures will be ready to-morrow.

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- (8.) Prince Alfred Hospital :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) In what direction is it proposed to expend the amount of £45,000 set down on the Estimates for additions to Prince Alfred Hospital?
  - (2.) Is he aware of the fact that an impression is current to the effect that, in connection with this proposed expenditure, a greater amount of attention is to be paid in the direction of providing conveniences and accommodation for members of the scholastic classes than for the sick poor?
  - (3.) Will he place before the Assembly particulars as to the nature of the proposed additions?

Mr. See answered,—The whole of the proceedings and evidence given are contained in the report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, which was laid upon the Table on the 23rd instant.

- (9.) Trustees, National Art Gallery :—Mr. Ashton asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) Who are the trustees of the National Art Gallery?
  - (2.) How many artists occupy positions on the trust (a) who are members of the Art Society; (b) who are members of the Society of Artists?
  - (3.) What have been the respective attendances of the members of the trust during the past twelve months?

Mr. Perry answered,—

- (1.) Mr. E. Du Faur, Sir J. R. Fairfax, Mr. J. Mullens, Hon. B. R. Wise, Sir J. E. Salomons, Hon. J. H. Carruthers, Mr. J. Sulman, Mr. H. Gorman, Hon. F. B. Suttor, Mr. W. Lister Lister, Mr. A. Collingridge, Dr. F. N. Manning, Mr. J. St. Vincent Welch.
- (2.) Two; both these are members of the Art Society.
- (3.)

	Twelve months ended 31st December, 1900.	Ten months ended 28th October, 1901.
	25 meetings.	17 meetings.
Mr. E. Du Faur ... ..	23	17
Sir J. E. Fairfax ... ..	Absent on leave.	Absent on leave.
Mr. J. Mullens ... ..	22	13
Hon. B. R. Wise ... ..	9	8
Sir J. E. Salomons ... ..	7	8
Hon. J. H. Carruthers ... ..	2	2
Mr. J. Sulman ... ..	19	12
Mr. H. Gorman ... ..	20	13
Hon. F. B. Suttor ... ..	16	9
Mr. W. Lister Lister ... ..	14	14
Mr. A. Collingridge ... ..	13	13
Dr. F. N. Manning ... ..	Recently appointed.	Recently appointed.
Mr. J. St. Vincent Welch ... ..	do	do

- (10.) Dismissal of Men from Public Library :—Mr. Gillies, for Mr. Miller, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that certain men who were employed at the Public Library have been dismissed the Service for reporting that the Principal Librarian had removed articles belonging to the Government to his private residence?
- (2.) Will he consider whether such punishment to men, who conceived it to be their duty to report such proceedings, was not too drastic and severe, if not absolutely unjustifiable?
- (3.) Will he have any objection to lay the papers connected with this case upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Perry answered,—

- (1.) No; they have been recommended for retirement.
- (2.) It has been suggested to the Board that they should reconsider their decision.
- (3.) The papers are now before the Public Service Board, but I have no objection to lay them on the Table, if moved for in the usual way.

- (11.) New South Wales Troops on Service in South Africa :—Mr. Nobbs, for Mr. Mackenzie, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he give to this House information on the following Questions :—

- (1.) The total number of New South Wales troops on service in South Africa on 1st July, 1900; on 1st January, 1901; and on 1st July, 1901?
- (2.) The total casualties among them up to 1st July, 1901; and more particularly the deaths from wounds and disease?

Mr. See answered,—This information will be prepared and laid upon the Table in the shape of a return.

4. THE COUPON SYSTEM :—The following Petitions,—representing that the operation of the Coupon System is detrimental to the interests of traders and the public, and that, though strongly opposed to the system, Petitioners have at present reluctantly to issue Coupons or Trading Stamps; and praying the House to legislate to abolish the Coupon System,—were presented by Mr. Law :—

- (1.) From Shopkeepers and Traders of Newcastle and Districts.
  - (2.) From Shopkeepers and Traders in the Electorate of West Maitland.
  - (3.) From Shopkeepers and Traders in the Electorate of St. Leonards.
- Petitions received.

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5. PAPER:—Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table,—Return (*in part*) to an Order made on 21st September, 1898,—“Monthly Returns of Accidents” (Department of Public Works, September, 1901). Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
6. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Tuesday next:—  
 (1.) Agricultural Holdings Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Price.*]  
 (2.) Miners' Accident Relief (Bulli Fund) Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Fegan.*]
7. MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF INVERELL REDUCED AREA 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 reduce the area of the Municipal District of Inverell,*”—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.  
*Legislative Council Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 30th October, 1901.*  
 W. J. TRICKETT,  
 Deputy-President.
8. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Gloucester, Mr. Price, 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 reduction of the fine imposed by the Court upon a herbalist named Ralph Beech, for a breach of the Medical Act, viz., for assuming the title of ‘doctor,’ contrary to the provision of the Medical Act.” And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—  
 Mr. Price moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
*Point of Order:*—Mr. O'Sullivan invited Mr. Speaker's attention to the fact that this subject could be more properly discussed in Committee of Supply when the Estimates of the Justice Department were under consideration.  
 Mr. Speaker said that, following many precedents, he must rule in favour of the objection, and declare the motion out of order.
9. LAND AND INCOME TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL:—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 to amend the Land and Income Tax Assessment Act of 1895, and the Land and Income Tax (Declaratory) Act, 1898; and to provide for the remission and refunding of fines under the first-mentioned Act, or any Act amending it.  
 Question put and passed.
10. LAND AND INCOME TAX (CONTRIBUTION) BILL:—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 to amend the Land and Income Tax Assessment Act of 1895, and the Land Tax (Contribution) Act, 1900.  
 Question put and passed.
11. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

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And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

12. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Perry moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question put and passed.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*



New South Wales.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 31 OCTOBER, 1901.

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

ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor were delivered by Mr. See, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) Prickly-pear Destruction Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

Message No. 96.

Lieutenant-Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to the eradication of the Prickly-pear,*"—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 His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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- (2.) Stock Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

Message No. 97.

Lieutenant-Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to diseases in cattle and sheep, to imported stock, to the registration of brands, and to the exportation of cattle,*"—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 His 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.) Companies (Death Duties) Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

Message No. 98.

Lieutenant-Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate enactments relating to the registration of the offices of certain companies, and to the imposition of duties on the death of shareholders of those companies,*"—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 His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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- (4.) Public Institutions Inspection Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

Message No. 99.

Lieutenant-Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to the inspection of hospitals and other institutions aided from the public revenue,*"—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 His 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.) Drainage Promotion Bill :—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

Message No. 100.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments for promoting the better drainage of 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 His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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## (6.) Hawkers and Pedlers Bill :—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

Message No. 101.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to hawkers and pedlers,*"—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 His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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## 2. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Address by the Member for Ryde to a Meeting of Fishermen :—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick*, for *Mr. Haynes*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Was the address given by the Member for Ryde to a meeting of fishermen printed at public expense?

(2.) If so, by whose authority was the document printed?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Under instructions from the Chief Secretary, the Honorable Member for Ryde being one of the Commissioners of Fisheries.

(2.) Department of Mines :—*Mr. Briner* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) What amount of money was expended during the year ended 30th June, 1901, in (a) administering the Mines Department, in so far as gold-mining only was concerned; and (b) the amount expended in aid to prospecting?

(2.) On what principle is the £25,000 voted by Parliament for aid to prospectors and development of new fields?

*Mr. Kidd* answered,—

(1.) The cost of administering the Mines Department during the year ended 30th June, 1901, was £66,818 0s. 6d. It is impossible to give the cost of administration for gold-mining alone, as the officers' time and the various services are spread over mining in all its branches. The amount granted was £24,927 16s., and of this sum £18,944 9s. 4d. was expended during the financial year ending June, 1901.

(2.) The Vote is annually made by Parliament with the object of advancing the mining interest, and it is estimated that the sum named should cover all cases in which the Department would be warranted in expending public funds on prospecting ventures. I shall presently lay upon the Table of the House a copy of the regulations relating to the expenditure of the Vote.

(3.) Police Magistrates :—*Mr. Briner* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) The number of persons who passed the examination necessary for appointment as Police Magistrates?

(2.) The number of these who have received appointments?

(3.) Is preference given to members of the legal profession or to laymen?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—

(1.) Fifty-eight.

(2.) Thirty-two.

(3.) Under the provisions of the Public Service Act preference is given to officers employed in the Public Service, if eligible and suitable.

(4.) Road Votes :—*Mr. Briner*, for *Mr. McIntyre*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What sums of money, if any, were returned to the Treasury as unexpended from (a) the annual road vote, and (b) special votes in the Inverell Roads District during the years ending 30th June, 1899, 1900, 1901?

*Mr. O'Sullivan* answered,—(a) For the year 1898-9 the annual votes were exceeded by £468, and in 1899-1900 by £146, and the sum of £791 lapsed on 30th June out of vote for 1900-1901. (b) The following amounts lapsed on special grants :—1898-9, £21; 1899-1900, £7; and 1900-1901, £66.

(5.) Australian Statistics :—*Mr. Ashton* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Why has the volume of Australian Statistics, prepared in the Statistician's Office, and noticed in the Press last week, not been issued to Members of Parliament?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—The volume has not yet been published. As soon as it is, copies will be supplied to Honorable Members.

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- (6.) Old-age Pensions :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is he aware of the fact that whilst a number of Old-age pensioners have been paid their allowances at Wollar, others are compelled to travel a distance of 30 miles to Mudgee to receive such payment?
  - (2.) Will he cause steps to be taken so that the loss of time and expense incurred monthly in making this unnecessary jaunt may be saved those interested?
- Mr. Waddell* answered,—Pensions in the Wollar District were originally made payable at Mudgee. Last month, arrangements were made to pay at Wollar and the pensioners were notified that, if they so desired, they could be paid at Wollar. Six applied for a change, four to Wollar, two to Gulgong. Six have not asked for any change.
- (7.) Patents Department :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—Who is the officer in charge of the Patents Department, and is such officer at present on duty; if not, what is the reason, and who is temporarily performing the work of the Department?
- Mr. Waddell* answered,—The Registrar-General and Examiner of Patents has charge of the Patents Office and is at present on duty, but the clerk-in-charge of the branch is under suspension at the present time.
- (8.) Road to Bondi :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What is the estimated cost of the road now being constructed to Bondi; and what amount has already been expended?
  - (2.) What is the estimated cost of the work now being done at Lyne Park?
- Mr. O'Sullivan* answered,—
- (1.) I presume O'Sullivan-road—named not by me, but by the agent of the Cooper Estate in spite of my protests—is referred to, the construction of which is now complete at a total cost of £2,596, which gave much work to the unemployed.
  - (2.) No work is being carried out at Lyne Park. Napoleon Bonaparte and Alexander the Great added territory to the country by bloodshed and devastation. I have added 16 acres to New South Wales solely by means of sweat of the brow and 7s. per day.
- (9.) Public School Teachers :—*Mr. A. Fleck*, for Mr. Jessep, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—What are the names of all teachers who have been granted 1A certificates for the years 1899, 1900, and 1901, with the following information—(a) marks awarded for the class or classes in individual subjects; (b) general proficiency of the school or department; (c) marks awarded for discipline; (d) marks awarded for organisation; (e) general efficiency of the school or department; (f) marks awarded by the Local Inspector for the five previous years to the granting of 1A?
- Mr. Perry* answered,—I would be glad if the Honorable Member would move for this information in the shape of a return.
- (10.) Public Instruction Department :—*Mr. Jessep* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) What is the number of exemption certificates granted for the year 1893, under the following headings :—Under 9 years, between 9 and 10, 10 and 11, 11 and 12, 12 and 13, 13 and 14, over 14 years?
  - (2.) The like information for the years 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901?
- Mr. Perry* answered,—I would be glad if the Honorable Member would move for this information in the shape of a return.
- (11.) Public Servants and Police in the Western Districts :—*Mr. Estell*, for Mr. Nielsen, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) In what districts of New South Wales are the western allowances given to public servants and police?
  - (2.) Do all the public servants and police in such districts receive these allowances?
  - (3.) Is there any defined line beyond which all public servants and police receive these allowances?
  - (4.) Is he aware of the fact that some public servants and police in the western districts get these allowances, while others in the same districts, and in more western districts, do not?
  - (5.) Why is this distinction made; and will he see that all public servants and police in the western districts get these allowances without distinction?
- Mr. Waddell* answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table a return in answer to this Question.
- (12.) Tramway Service :—*Mr. Hollis* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Do not the Regulations of the Tramway Service prohibit servants of the Railway Commissioners from communicating with the Press on departmental matters?
  - (2.) Is it a fact, as stated in the *Evening News* of 30th October, that a leading officer has so communicated, and thus broken this Regulation, in regard to the matter of eight hours to employees, although the Railway Commissioners themselves had declined to give this information?
  - (3.) If so, will he take care that the attention of the Railway Commissioners is directed to this breach of Regulations, and will he recommend that the punishment which would have been imposed upon an ordinary employee shall be meted out to this officer?
- Mr. Waddell* answered,—I am informed by the Railway Commissioners that it is against the practice that the Staff should communicate directly with the Press, but it must be recognised that the Commissioners allow leading officers to have a certain amount of discretion. In this case, I understand, the Secretary of the men communicated with the Press, and a leading officer simply commented on that letter in connection with facts within his knowledge. If the Tramway Union had not initiated the matter, the Press would have made no inquiry, and it was only fair play to publish a few facts in reply.

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3. **LAND AT WILLOUGHBY PURCHASED BY FREDERICK STANLEY**:—Mr. E. M. Clark presented a Petition from Frederick Stanley, of Marrickville, representing that, in the year 1794, certain land at Willoughby was granted to James Brumby and Thomas Bruin, and was afterwards purchased by one John Boyle; that Boyle remained in possession till 1891, the Chief Justice, Sir Alfred Stephen, having decided in 1853 that Boyle's title to the land was good; that subsequently the Crown failed in an action in the Supreme Court to put Boyle off the land; that, believing Boyle had a good title, Petitioner was induced to purchase the said land; that, in 1894, the Crown succeeded in dispossessing Boyle; and that Petitioner thereby lost the money paid to Boyle, together with law costs and other sums of money; and praying, for the reasons set forth, that redress and relief may be granted to him.  
Petition received.
4. **PAPERS**:—  
Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—  
(1.) Return showing Allowances to Public Servants and Police stationed in remote parts of the State.  
(2.) Regulations under the Metropolitan Traffic Act, 1900.  
(3.) Regulations under the Inebriates Act, 1900.  
(4.) Return to an Order, made on 15th October, 1901,—“Metropolitan Transit Commission Fund.”  
(5.) Return to an Order, made on 21st August, 1901,—“Cost of Water and Sewerage Works, “Water Conservation, and Artesian Bores.”  
(6.) Amended By-law under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1897, for the Municipal District of Lambton.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- Mr. Kidd laid upon the Table,—Regulations relating to the Vote to promote prospecting for gold and other minerals.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
5. **PRINTING COMMITTEE**:—Mr. Gormly, as Chairman, brought up the Eighth Report from the Printing Committee.
6. **GOLD-DREDGING LEASES MODIFICATION BILL (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Kidd 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 Governor to extend the time within which the conditions as to expenditure and employment of labour in respect of certain applications for leases shall be complied with, and to vary the conditions applicable to such leases, and to authorise the amalgamation of the same; to fix the rent to be reserved in such leases; and for purposes consequent on, or incidental to, those objects.  
Question put and passed.
7. **MANURE BILL (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Kidd 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 the sale of manures.  
Question put and passed.
8. **MUNICIPALITIES (INCORPORATION VALIDATING) BILL (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Perry moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the law with respect to proclamations incorporating municipalities; and to amend the Municipalities Act, 1897.  
Question put and passed.
9. **PARLIAMENTARY POWERS AND PRIVILEGES BILL (Formal Motion)**:—  
(1.) Mr. Meagher moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill defining the privileges, immunities, and powers of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales respectively.  
Question put and passed.  
(2.) Mr. Meagher then presented a Bill, intituled “A Bill defining the privileges, immunities, and powers of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales respectively,”—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
10. **SUPPLY**:—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 the Committee of Supply.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

The House adjourned, at a quarter past Eleven o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*

Acto South Wales.

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OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 5 NOVEMBER, 1901.

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

ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor were delivered by Mr. See, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) Inclosed Lands Protection Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

Message No. 102.

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to the protection of inclosed lands from intrusion and trespass*,"—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 His 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.

*State Government House,*

*Sydney, 30th October, 1901.*

- (2.) General Post Office (Approaches Improvement) Act Further Amendment Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

Message No. 103.

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act further to amend the General Post Office (Approaches Improvement) Act, 1899, and the General Post Office (Approaches Improvement) Act Amendment Act, 1892; to rectify the boundaries of Martin-lane; also to carry out an exchange of certain land abutting on such lane for other land at the intersection of George-street with Martin-place, to be dedicated as a public thoroughfare; 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 His 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.

*State Government House,*

*Sydney, 1st November, 1901.*

- (3.) Destitute Children's Society Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

Message No. 104.

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to the Society for the Relief of Destitute Children*,"—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 His 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.

*State Government House,*

*Sydney, 1st November, 1901.*

- (4.) Lotteries and Art Unions Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

Message No. 105.

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to the prevention of Lotteries and the legalising of Art Unions and similar associations*,"—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 His 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.

*State Government House,*

*Sydney, 1st November, 1901.*

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## (5.) Bread Bill :—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

Message No. 106.

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to the regulation of the making and sale of bread, and the prevention of the adulteration thereof, and of meal and flour,*"—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 His 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.

*State Government House,**Sydney, 1st November, 1901.*

## (6.) Reformatory and Industrial Schools Bill :—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

Message No. 107.

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to Reformatories and Industrial Schools,*"—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 His 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.

*State Government House,**Sydney, 1st November, 1901.*

## (7.) Conveyancing and Law of Property (Supplemental) Bill :—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

Message No. 108.

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate certain enactments relating to conveyances, assignments, and titles to 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 His 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.

*State Government House,**Sydney, 1st November, 1901.*

## (8.) Governor's Salary Bill :—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

Message No. 109.

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to make other provision for the salary of the Governor of New South Wales; and for the salaries of his staff; and to amend the Constitution Act,*"—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 His 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.

*State Government House,**Sydney, 4th November, 1901.*

## (9.) Apprentices Bill :—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

Message No. 110.

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to Apprentices,*"—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 His 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.

*State Government House,**Sydney, 5th November, 1901.*

## (10.) Randwick Wesleyan Methodist Chapel Enabling Bill :—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

Message No. 111.

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to validate the appointment of Walter Hamilton McClelland, Robert Dixon Sippe, Obed Ebenezer Newman, Francis Edward McLean, Robert Samuel Callaghan, Clement Bloomfield, Alfred Henry Everingham, Edward William Prees, George Read, and Walter Barnes as trustees of the residue of certain lands situate at Randwick, near Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, which said lands were originally granted for the purpose of erecting thereon a Wesleyan Methodist chapel, schoolhouse, and minister's residence; to enable the said trustees or other the trustees or trustee for the time being of the said residue to sell or mortgage the same or any part or parts thereof; to provide for the application of the moneys arising from any such sale or mortgage; to validate certain mortgages of the said residue; to provide for the appointment of new trustees thereof; to validate a certain sale and transfer of part of the said lands so granted as aforesaid; and for other purposes incidental thereto or connected therewith,*"—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 His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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## 2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) **Rocks Resumed Areas:**—Mr. Daley asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the almost general dissatisfaction caused by the valuations prepared by the valuers in the resumed areas, will the Government appoint a specified day in each week for claimants to interview the valuers, and so obviate litigation?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—It has been the practice of the Valuation Board to hold conferences with dissatisfied claimants on at least three days per week for the past six months. The valuers have found that their reports and private deliberations can only be dealt with at night owing to the number of interviews afforded the public in the daytime.

(2.) **Royalty Charges on Timber:**—Mr. D. R. Hall asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that differential rates exist in regard to royalty charges on timber throughout the State?

(2.) Will he state what is the average rate charged on ironbark timber and on other hardwood timbers in the Clarence, Manning, Port Stephens, and Moruya districts?

(3.) What are the average royalties charged on inland ironbark and inland pines?

(4.) Is it a fact that in the different districts of the State both the license and royalty systems are in force, involving rates which are out of all proportion one to the other; if so, why are such systems maintained?

(5.) Will he take immediate steps to increase the present minimum charges, either at once or by stages, to the average maximum charge so as to secure uniformity; if so, when will the first advance be made?

*Mr. Bennett* answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Clarence ironbark averages 9d., other hardwoods average 3d. per 10 superficial feet; Manning ironbark averages 6d., other hardwoods average 3d. per 10 superficial feet; Port Stephens ironbark averages 6d., other hardwoods average 3d. per 10 superficial feet; Moruya ironbark averages 6d., other hardwoods average 3d. per 10 superficial feet.

(3.) Inland ironbark averages 1s., inland pine averages 1s. 6d. per 100 superficial feet.

(4.) Yes; the original system was a license one, which returned little revenue, and was from other points of view open to objection, but it is being gradually superseded by the royalty system.

(5.) Steps to secure uniformity and to collect royalty in some more general way are being considered, and the Crown Law authorities have been asked to advise how far the existing law will enable this to be done.

(3.) **Road connecting Neutral Bay and Careening Cove Reserves, North Sydney:**—*Mr. Gillies*, for Mr. E. M. Clark, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Was a sum of money voted some time ago for the purpose of the construction of a road connecting the Neutral Bay and Careening Cove Reserves, North Sydney; if so, when, and what amount?

(2.) Has the matter of the construction of this road been referred to the Harbour Trust Commissioners for report; and, if so, why?

(3.) How far is the proposed road removed from any of the foreshore rights under the control of the Harbour Trust?

*Mr. O'Sullivan* answered,—

(1.) No money was voted for the purpose named, but provision was made on the Vote for the reclamation work at Careening Cove and Neutral Bay for the construction of a road along the south-western boundary of the reserve at Neutral Bay.

(2.) No; but a reference was made to the Harbour Trust Commissioners as to the control of the vote for the reclamation.

(3.) The proposed road adjoins the reserve for wharfage purposes, which will be vested in the Harbour Trust.

(4.) **Sydney Harbour Trust Wharfage Rates:**—*Mr. Fleming*, for Mr. Levy, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has his attention been directed to a letter appearing in the *Sydney Morning Herald*, of 31st October, 1901, signed by Mr. Edward Pulsford, *re* the Sydney Harbour Trust wharfage rates?

(2.) Is it a fact, as stated in that letter, that the Commissioners have recently, by means of regulations made under the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, increased certain rates?

(3.) Will he, in order to prevent the State being involved in expensive litigation on the subject, submit for the opinion of the Attorney-General the question whether the said regulations are *ultra vires*?

(4.) If the Attorney-General is of that opinion, will the Colonial Secretary see that these regulations are forthwith annulled?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—

(1 and 2.) Yes.

(3 and 4.) Before making these regulations, the Commissioners obtained the opinion of eminent counsel, including the Attorney-General, Sir Julian Salomons, and Mr. C. B. Stephen. Mr. Wise was of opinion the regulations should be made.

(5.) **Broken Hill to Menindie Tramway:**—Mr. Scobie asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What was the amount deposited in the Treasury by promoters of the Broken Hill to Menindie Tramway?

(2.) Was the amount of deposit forfeited for non-compliance of covenant with the State or restored to the promoters; and, if so, to whom?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—

(1.) £3,000.

(2.) Yes; the amount was forfeited and transferred to the Consolidated Revenue on the 30th November, 1895.

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3. LIQUOR TRAFFIC:—Mr. Ashton presented a Petition from the members of the "Perseverance" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Goulburn, praying for an amendment of the Licensing Law so as to prevent publicans from serving intoxicating liquor to children under the age of sixteen years.  
Petition received.
4. PAPERS:—  
Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—  
(1.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Katoomba, under the Public Health Act of 1896.  
(2.) Regulations under the Land and Income Tax Assessment Act of 1895.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.  
Mr. Kidd laid upon the Table,—Proclamation declaring Limestone to be a "Mineral" within the meaning of the Mining Act of 1889.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
5. RAILWAY GUARD CORR (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House all reports, papers, and other documents, including the evidence taken before the Appeal Board and before the Railway Commissioners, in relation to the disrating of Guard Corr.  
Question put and passed.
6. STATE LABOUR SELECTION BILL:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on motion of Mr. Carruthers, "That this Bill be now read a second time," postponed until Tuesday, 3rd December.
7. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Gunnedah, Mr. D. R. Hall, 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 need for more prompt steps being taken to make available the Crown lands in the Central Division."  
And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—  
Mr. Hall moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
*Point of Order*:—Mr. Quinn requested Mr. Speaker to rule as to whether this motion was in order, Supply being still on the Business Paper, and the House having no report or knowledge of its proceedings, except that the Committee had reported progress from time to time. He submitted that the motion was out of order.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. Speaker said he must uphold the objection taken, because the Honorable Member would have another opportunity of discussing the subject of his motion.
8. NEWSPAPER ARTICLES BILL:—The Order of Day having been read,—Mr. Quinn moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. Crick moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Wednesday, 13th November.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 46.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 6 NOVEMBER, 1901.

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

## QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Retrenched Public Servants:—*Mr. Gillies*, for *Mr. McFarlane*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House a return showing:—

- (1.) Civil Servants who applied for six months' leave of absence before being retrenched, with their names and amount of remuneration paid in lieu thereof; also the length of service of each?  
 (2.) The names and length of service of those who applied for six months' leave of absence before being retrenched, but have not received any remuneration in lieu thereof?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—There will be no objection to furnish this return if moved for in the usual way.

- (2.) Public Service Act:—*Mr. Edden*, for *Mr. Kelly*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it his intention to bring in a Bill to amend clause 37 of the Public Service Act?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—If the state of public business permits, a Bill will be introduced.

- (3.) Post and Telegraph Offices:—*Mr. Affleck* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that when *Mr. See* was asked, on 29th October, 1901, Questions in connection with the Canowindra Post Office, he gave the following reply:—"My honorable friend ought to know that the Federal Government have taken over the Post Office, and the State Government cannot interfere with their functions; it is no longer the business of the State Government to build post offices anywhere; it is the business of the Federal Government"?

(2.) Is it a fact that tenders are now called for, to be sent in by the 18th instant, for repairs, painting, and new wash-house, Post and Telegraph Office, Kiama?

(3.) Is it a fact that repairs to the post office at Gunning have been refused, and that the walls are being injured by the defective state of the guttering, and that the water cannot be collected into the tanks?

(4.) Will he state why the State Government will not do anything at the Gunning Post and Telegraph Office, and will not answer the Questions asked *re* the Canowindra Post and Telegraph Office; and yet advertise for tenders for repairs and new additions to the Kiama Post and Telegraph Office?

*Mr. O'Sullivan* answered,—

(1.) Yes, but the following Minute has been received from the Secretary to the Postmaster-General's Department, Melbourne, through the State Deputy Postmaster-General, viz.:—"I have to request you to be good enough to note that in the case of repairs, &c., to Post and Telegraph buildings in your State, reports are to be obtained from the local Department of Public Works as to the necessity for, urgency of, and probable cost of, any such repairs or alterations, &c. These reports are then to be sent, with all necessary papers and your recommendation, to this office. If approved by the Postmaster-General, they will be forwarded for the approval of the Minister for Home Affairs and necessary action."

(2.) Yes. Tenders invited as stated, at the request of the Federal Minister for Home Affairs.

(3.) No record of any papers in reference to repairs required at Gunning Post Office.

(4.) When reports are asked for in respect of the two post offices mentioned by the Federal Government, they will be prepared.

- (4.) Public Service Superannuation Fund:—*Mr. E. M. Clark* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it his intention during the present Session to introduce a measure of legislation to place the Civil Service Superannuation Fund on a more satisfactory financial basis than at present?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—I would invite the attention of the Honorable Member to the answers given to Questions upon this subject on the 20th and 29th August and 5th September last.

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(5.) Coal mined from Crown Lands, Illawarra District:—Mr. Archibald Campbell asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) The number of tons of coal mined from Crown Lands throughout the Illawarra district during the ten years from 1891 to 1900 inclusive?
- (2.) The name of each colliery—from Mount Kembla on the south to Helensburgh on the north—where such coal was mined?
- (3.) The amount of royalty (at 6d. per ton) paid each year by those respective collieries for the right to mine such coal?
- (4.) The total amount of royalty paid during the ten years by each of the collieries referred to?
- (5.) The gross amount of revenue received by the Treasury from the said source during the ten years?

Mr. Kidd answered,—This information will be prepared and laid upon the Table of this House in the shape of a return as soon as possible.

(6.) Public Hospitals, &c.:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What steps, if any, do the Government intend to take, and when, to carry out the promise made to Dr. Ross at the end of last Session, to have a thorough investigation into the working and yearly increasing abuses that are at present existing and creeping into the management of our public hospitals and other charitable institutions, especially the way paying patients and beds are monopolised by the rich, to the almost entire exclusion of really deserving sick poor people, and for which these charitable institutions are erected?
- (2.) Is the £45,000 the Government are about to expend in the proposed addition of 200 extra beds at Prince Alfred Hospital intended as a boarding-house for paying patients and for the convenience of the rich, or for the exclusive benefit of the sick poor?
- (3.) Can he furnish this House with any information as to the number of paying patients belonging to better classes in the country that have been treated in Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney Hospital, St. Vincent's, and Children's Hospital, &c., during the last twelve months; and the number of sick poor and children belonging to poor people treated respectively in the same during the same period or percentage of each class; and the amount realised in each case for paying patients, compared with the sick poor that have received attendance?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

- (1.) The matter will be considered.
- (2.) The new wards at Prince Alfred Hospital are intended for the exclusive benefit of the sick poor.
- (3.) The information asked for is not available, but the following figures may perhaps serve the purpose of the Question:—Admissions, 12 months ending 31st December, 1900, Prince Alfred Hospital—Accident or emergency cases, 1,148; cases under Government vouchers, 1,420; contributing patients, 712 (total contributions, £2,201 14s. 3d.). Sydney Hospital—Accident or emergency cases, 1,664; cases under Government vouchers, 1,349; contributing patients, 573 (total contributions, £1,557 11s. 2d.); recommended by subscribers, 115.

(7.) Court-house, Eugowra:—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Justice,—When the erection of the new courthouse, &c., at Eugowra is likely to be proceeded with?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—No funds have hitherto been provided for this work. Papers are now with local officer for report as to urgency.

(8.) Bulli Relief Fund:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Will he inform this House—(a) what was the total amount of the Bulli Relief Fund; (b) what amount has been disbursed to widows and other members of the families of miners who were killed or disabled in the Bulli accident; (c) what amount has been paid in salaries, expenses, &c.; (d) who is the secretary to the fund, and what is his salary; (e) what is the amount now standing to the credit of the fund?
- (2.) Has the Government any control over the fund; and, if so, to what extent does it operate?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

- (1.) The Bulli Relief Fund was privately subscribed, and the administration vested in a Committee representing the contributors. The Committee at present consists of—His Worship the Mayor of Melbourne, Hon. John Macintosh, M.L.C., E. C. Batt, Esq., J. H. Beale, Esq., J. C. Beare, Esq., C. J. Byrnes, Esq., J.P., H. S. Fry, Esq., T. W. Garlick, Esq., and R. W. Hardie, Esq. The Government has no control over the fund, and the following answers to the Honorable Member's Question are taken from the Committee's published balance-sheet, 30th March, 1887, to 31st December, 1900:—(a) Subscriptions received, £42,534 1s.; interest, £12,652 12s. 6d.; (b) £36,385 17s. 11d.; (c) Secretary and office accommodation, £1,437 10s.; other expenses, £1,465 9s. 9d. (this covers a period of practically fourteen years); (d) Mr. James Robertson, Chartered Accountant; salary and office rent, £100 per annum; (e) £16,000.
- (2.) As previously stated, the Government has no control over the fund.

(9.) Clerk of Petty Sessions, Ballina:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) For how long has Mr. Ewen Mackinnon been filling the position of Acting Clerk of Petty Sessions at Ballina; and was not a Clerk of Petty Sessions for Ballina gazetted in 1890; if so, why was it that he did not enter upon his duties there?
- (2.) Is Mr. Mackinnon Returning Officer and member of the Public School Board at Ballina?
- (3.) What salary does he receive as Acting Clerk of Petty Sessions?
- (4.) How many of Mr. Mackinnon's sons and daughters are pupil-teachers at the Ballina Public School?
- (5.) When is it proposed to appoint a permanent Clerk of Petty Sessions at Ballina?

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Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) On the present occasion, since April, 1899, Mr. M. H. Cleeve was gazetted as Clerk of Petty Session at Ballina from 7th November last, but, owing to exceptional demands upon the services of the Staff of Relieving Clerks of Petty Sessions, on which he was employed, it was found impossible to send him to Ballina.

(2.) Yes; Returning Officer and Chairman of the Public School Board.

(3.) £175 per annum.

(4.) One, a son.

(5.) Mr. C. B. Ross has recently been appointed to Ballina in succession to Mr. Cleeve, and has received instructions to proceed there and relieve Mr. Mackinnon during the present month.

(10.) Hours of Labour of State Employees:—Mr. McGowen asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Have the Government arrived at a decision yet with regard to the resolution carried by this House as to forty-eight hours per week to State employees?

(2.) If so, will he state what such decision is?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) As this House has twice affirmed the substance of this Question, it remains for the Government to give effect to such decisions, and as an instalment, provision will be made on the next Estimates to enable the Railway Commissioners to extend the eight-hour principle to the Running Staff of the Railways and Tramways from the beginning of the next Financial Year, viz., the 1st of next July.

2. REMOVAL FROM THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF MR. FREDERICK GLYNN:—Mr. Henry Clarke presented a Petition from Arthur Kidman, of Sydney, representing that the House had appointed a Select Committee to inquire into and report upon the removal from the Public Service of Mr. Frederick Glynn, and praying that Petitioner may be represented by counsel or attorney, or in person, before such Committee, with the right to call, examine, and cross-examine witnesses.  
Petition received.

Ordered to be referred to the Select Committee.

3. PAPER:—Mr. Perry laid upon the Table,—Regulations under the Early Closing Acts, 1899 and 1900.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. ORDER OF BUSINESS—ADDITIONAL SITTING DAY (*Sessional Orders*):—Mr. Crick moved, pursuant to amended Notice, the following new Sessional Orders,—

(1.) That during the remainder of the present Session, on and after Tuesday next, unless otherwise ordered, General Business shall take precedence of Government Business until 7 o'clock, p.m., on Tuesday and Wednesday in each week; General Orders of the Day to take precedence on Tuesdays, and General Notices of Motions on Wednesdays; and after 7 o'clock on these days, Government Business only shall be dealt with.

(2.) That, unless otherwise ordered during the remainder of the present Session, this House shall meet on Friday in each week at 1.30 p.m., and shall adjourn at 5 p.m. If the House be in Committee of the Whole, the Chairman shall, at 5 minutes to 5 p.m., precisely, leave the Chair, report progress, and ask leave to sit again on the next sitting day. On Thursday and Friday, Government Business only shall be taken.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

5. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Waddell, 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.

6. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. O'Sullivan (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn until Tuesday next.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

(1.) Benevolent Society of New South Wales Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to incorporate and otherwise promote the objects of the Benevolent Society of New South Wales*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 6th November, 1901.

W. J. TRICKETT,  
Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, read a first time.

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

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## (2.) Aberdare Collieries Railway Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Aberdare Collieries of New South Wales (Limited), a joint stock company duly incorporated under the Companies Act of 1899, to construct a railway from the Aberdare Collieries to a line constructed by the East Greta Coal-mining Company (Limited), under the provisions of the Stanford Coal-mine Railway Act, 1900,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assëmbly 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, 6th November, 1901.

W. J. TRICKETT,  
Deputy-President.

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

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

## (3.) Maitland Hospital Enabling Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to enable the Committee of the Maitland Hospital to apply certain moneys for the purpose of the erection and furnishing of a new hospital,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 6th November, 1901.

W. J. TRICKETT,  
Deputy-President.

## MAITLAND HOSPITAL ENABLING BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 6th November, 1901.

JOHN J. CALVERT,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, clause 2, line 12. After "hospital" insert "or a majority thereof."

Page 1, clause 2. At end of clause add "Provided that the sums so obtained and applied shall not exceed four thousand pounds."

Examined,—

F. T. HUMPHREY,

Deputy 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.

## (4.) Truck Act Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Truck Act of 1900,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 6th November, 1901.

W. J. TRICKETT,  
Deputy-President.

## 8. ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, were delivered by Mr. See and read by Mr. Speaker:—

## (1.) Negotiable Instruments Procedure Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 112.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate enactments relating to remedies on bills of exchange and other negotiable instruments, and orders for the payment of money,*"—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 His 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, 7th November, 1901.

## (2.) Parliamentary Evidence Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 113.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the law relating to the summoning, attendance, and examination of witnesses before either House of Parliament or any Committee thereof,*"—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 His 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. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at eight minutes after Three o'clock, p.m., until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

F. W. WEBB,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,

Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 47.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 12 NOVEMBER, 1901.

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

ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor were delivered by Mr. See, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) Married Women's Property Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

Message No. 114.

Lieutenant-Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate enactments relating to rights and liabilities of married women*,"—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 His 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, 8th November, 1901.

- (2.) Dairies Supervision Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

Message No. 115.

Lieutenant-Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments regulating the production, manufacture, and distribution of milk, cream, butter, and cheese*,"—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 His 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.

State Government House,

Sydney, 8th November, 1901.

- (3.) Prohibition and Mandamus Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

Message No. 116.

Lieutenant-Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate enactments relating to proceedings in Prohibition and on Writs of Mandamus*,"—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 His 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, 7th November, 1901.

- (4.) Municipal District of Inverell Reduced Area Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

Message No. 117.

Lieutenant-Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to reduce the area of the Municipal District of Inverell*,"—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 His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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2. VOTE OF CREDIT:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Waddell, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

Message No. 118.

*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, that provision be made for defraying the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the State for the months of November and December, or following month of the Financial Year ending 30th June, 1902, and for a further advance to the Colonial Treasurer.

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Ordered to be referred to the Committee of Supply.

3. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Public Service Board:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has it come to his knowledge that the efficiency of the Public Service Act has been considerably impaired, and the faith of officers of State in its faithful working been rudely shaken, by the frequent temporary appointments to the Board of Civil Servants from different departments?

(2.) Does he not regard it as somewhat undesirable that subordinate officers, by being temporarily appointed members of the Public Service Board, shall thus be made for the time being superior to the official heads of their own departments, and will he take steps in the direction of altering such a condition of things?

Mr. Sec answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) The matter is under the consideration of the Government.

- (2.) Picnics on Government Steamers:—Mr. Gillies, for Mr. Daley, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) When the Government steamers run picnics in the harbour, are they paid for by the hirers?

(2.) If not, will he consider whether it is fair to compete in this manner against privately-owned vessels?

(3.) When these steamers are running picnics, do they comply with the regulations of the Navigation Department in respect of life-saving appliances, &c.?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) The competition of Government launches with privately-owned vessels is so small as to be inappreciable.

(3.) The launches controlled by the Treasury Department are supplied with life-saving appliances, in accordance with the requirements of the "Navigation Act."

- (3.) Rocks Resumed Area:—Mr. Gillies, for Mr. Daley, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What additional reports have been made by the Crown Solicitor on the titles in the Rocks Resumed Area since the 1st October last?

(2.) How many more valuation offers, acceptances, and payments have been made since the 1st October?

(3.) How many mortgages have been paid off to date?

Mr. Sec answered,—

(1.) Thirty-eight have been made and already sent to the Department, and, in addition, thirty-two have been made and will be sent to the Department in the course of a few days.

(2.) From the 1st October last up to date, forty-seven offers have been made and forty-four acceptances received.

(3.) Thirteen.

- (4.) Rocks Resumed Area:—Mr. Gillies, for Mr. Daley, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—  
In view of the demolition of houses now going on in the Rocks Resumed Area, what provision does he intend making to provide homes for the workmen depending on that neighbourhood for a living?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—Provision will be made when funds are made available, and the necessary plans have been prepared.

- (5.) Increments to Public Servants:—Mr. Cohen asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that, amongst other Civil Servants, the Government Savings Bank officers are to receive increments under the Public Service Board regulations, from July to December, 1900, whilst the rest of the Post Office officials, who were entitled to the increments are being passed over, notwithstanding the fact that during the period named they were servants of the State?

Mr. Sec answered,—The Public Service Board have furnished me with the following information:—The cases of any officers of the Government Savings Bank, who may be entitled to increments for the period in question, will be dealt with as soon as the necessary funds have been voted by Parliament, these officers being still in the service of the State. It has been decided by the Crown Law Authorities that officers have no legal right to the increments for the period in question, but a sum was placed on the Estimates to enable the amounts to be paid, as it was considered that a moral claim existed. No provision, however, has been made for the officers of the Postal and Electric Telegraph Department, they having been transferred to the service of the Commonwealth.

- (6.) Prosecution of a Cabman for Breach of Traffic Regulations:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Was a cabman named Cantle some months ago fined for a breach of traffic regulations, for an alleged loitering while having a fare; and, if so, what amount?

(2.) Did the Supreme Court afterwards give a decision adverse to the regulation upon which Cantle was fined?

(3.)

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- (3.) Did the Attorney-General, following on such decision, remit the fine imposed upon Cantle?  
 (4.) Did the Inspector-General of Police, following the action of the Attorney-General, make a minute to the effect that the costs in the case might also be remitted?  
 (5.) What was the amount of the costs; and is it a fact that Cantle was last week arrested for same, and detained in prison until the amount was paid?  
 (6.) By whose authority was this man imprisoned; and does he consider, in view of the remission of the fine by the Attorney-General, such extreme steps should have been taken in regard to the costs?  
 (7.) Will he consider the advisability of making some compensation to Cantle for the indignity he has suffered?

Mr. Sec answered,—

- (1.) On the 16th August last, Cantle was fined 5s. and costs, 5s. 6d., for not complying with a direction of a constable to remove his cab from where it was standing.  
 (2.) The Supreme Court's decision (in *ex parte* Fletcher) referred to a conviction under a different regulation.  
 (3.) The Lieutenant-Governor, on the recommendation of the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice, remitted the fine, but not the costs. This remission was granted upon an application made by Cantle before the decision of the Supreme Court.  
 (4.) Yes; but the Inspector-General of Police was under the impression that the remission would also cover the costs.  
 (5.) 5s. 6d. and 2s. 6d., costs of warrant of commitment. Yes.  
 (6.) By warrant issued by the Magistrate in accordance with the established practice in such cases. Cantle having failed to pay the costs which had not been remitted, I see no reason why the warrant should not have been enforced.  
 (7.) I see no sufficient reason for granting any compensation.

- (7.) Commercial Agent for South Africa:—Mr. Cann, for Mr. Archibald Campbell, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to appoint a Commercial Agent to represent this State in South Africa?  
 (2.) If so, will the appointment be made, and the agency put into active operation as soon as possible, before the said field shall have been exploited by rival agencies, especially now that cable communication is established between Australia and there?

Mr. Sec answered,—When the Appropriation Act is passed, immediate steps will be taken to appoint a suitable gentleman for the position.

- (8.) Superannuation Fund:—Mr. Young asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to hand over to the Federal Government the 4 per cent. payments to the Superannuation Fund, made by contributors and ex-contributors of the transferred Services?  
 (2.) What sum of money would be required to refund to ex-contributors in these Services the payments they have made?  
 (3.) What is the largest amount standing to the credit of any ex-contributor?  
 (4.) What is the smallest amount standing to the credit of any ex-contributor?  
 (5.) In view of the fact that the Government is paying 3 per cent. to ex-contributors for the use of their money, cannot the Government see its way clear to borrow a sum of money at 3 per cent., and refund these officers their contributions to the Fund?

Mr. Sec answered,—Under Section 84 of the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act, all existing and accrued rights of officers of transferred Departments, as to pensions or retiring allowances, are preserved; and they are entitled to retire at the time and on the pension or retiring allowance which would be permitted by the law of the State from which they were transferred. On retirement from the service of the Commonwealth, such pensions or retiring allowances will be paid by the Commonwealth to the persons entitled. The State is to pay to the Commonwealth part thereof, calculated upon the proportion of term of service with the State to the whole term of pensioners' service.

- (9.) Norfolk Island:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is Norfolk Island a dependency of New South Wales?  
 (2.) If so, how is it that the law which operates in this State, and which provides that certain offenders and litigants shall have their cases heard by a jury of their fellows, is not observed within its confines?  
 (3.) Is it true that the Resident Magistrate of Norfolk Island possesses and exercises the power to try all civil cases without a jury, and that there is no appeal against his decision?  
 (4.) If this is so, will he have the matter referred to the Attorney-General for his opinion, and with the object of having such action taken, if necessary, as will remove the disabilities under which residents of Norfolk Island at present labour?

Mr. Sec answered,—

(1.) Norfolk Island is not a dependency of New South Wales, but its affairs are administered by the Governor, for the time being, of New South Wales, under an Order of Her Majesty in Council, dated the 18th October, 1900.

(2.) Answered by No. 1. I may add, however, for the information of the Honorable Member, that the laws in force at Norfolk Island provide for trial by jury, before the Chief Magistrate, of all indictable offences other than crimes punishable by death.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) The code of laws in force have been designed to meet, as far as possible, the peculiar character and circumstances of the community at Norfolk Island, and in view of its remoteness from the seat of Government. I see no necessity, at present, for any reference to my honorable colleague the Attorney-General.

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(10.) Presentation of Addresses to the King, and the Duke and Duchess:—Mr. Whiddon asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has his attention been called to the cable reporting the arrival of the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York, at which reception Sir Andrew Clarke, Agent-General for Victoria, on behalf of the Agents-General for the Colonies, presented congratulatory addresses to the King, and the Duke, and the Duchess?

(2.) Is he able to state why our own Agent-General, Mr. Henry Copeland, as Agent-General for the Mother State, did not present the address?

(3.) Can he state any reason why invariably Victoria takes the lead at most of these functions?

Mr. See answered,—I cannot reply to the honorable gentleman, but I will ascertain. I presume, however, it is because Sir Andrew Clark is the senior of the Agents-General for the Colonies.

(11.) Electric Tram Service:—Mr. T. R. Smith, for Mr. Archibald Campbell, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Why are not electric trams run regularly between the railway station and Bent-street, *via* Elizabeth-street, instead of partially each day, as at present?

(2.) When will regular electric-tram communication be established along the said route?

(3.) The reason why such communication has not already been so established?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed that the traffic would not justify the expense of a continuous electric service throughout the day, but during the time that the traffic warrants a tram service from the Railway *via* Elizabeth-street it is given. When the electric service is not running, passengers are served by the Botany and Balmain steam services.

(12.) Employees in the Fisheries Department:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that in 1893 a number of employees in the Fisheries Department, although in receipt of salaries under £200, the limit upon which reductions were fixed, were reduced in sums of £10 and under?

(2.) Is it a fact that, although some of these men are exceptionally competent and qualified, no effect has yet been given to the restoration of their salaries?

(3.) Has any provision been made under Regulation No. 101 respecting annual increments of grades D and E lately made by the Public Service Board, or any other way, to provide increases of salary to the officers mentioned; and, if not, will he bring their claims under the special attention of that Board?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) The salaries of several Inspectors receiving less than £200 per annum were reduced in 1893.

(2.) Some of the Inspectors were receiving £150, others £140, prior to the reduction. They have since been raised to £140 per annum.

(3.) No such provision has been made, as the officers concerned are in the General Division, and the regulations referred to applies to the Clerical Division only.

(13.) Tramway Service, North Sydney:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What is the length of streets in the Borough of North Sydney occupied by the Railway Commissioners for the tramway service of the district, and is any payment made for such use?

(2.) Is it a fact that the Railway Commissioners also have the use of St. Leonards Reserve in connection with the erection of poles for tramway purposes, and that no rent is paid for such use?

(3.) Is it a fact that the Railway Commissioners are now asking the North Sydney Council for a payment of 10s. per month, with a provision that the Council shall keep in repair an asphalt foot-path, for the right of approach across the railway line to a bath site at Lavender Bay?

(4.) Is it a fact that the Railway Commissioners have raised objections to the bath site of the Council, as being unsuitable; and, if so, why?

(5.) Is it a fact that, on the construction of the railway line to Milson's Point, a valuable bath site in possession of the Council was resumed, and no compensation paid to that body in respect of same?

(6.) Have the Railway Commissioners lately refused to provide lavatory accommodation at the Ridge-street terminus, North Sydney, for the convenience of tramway passengers, alleging that the Borough Council should provide same?

(7.) Will he request the Railway Commissioners to be less exacting in their demands upon the Municipal Council of North Sydney, in view of the many concessions that body has conceded to them?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) I am informed that the tramways in North Sydney run over 5 miles 9 chains of the streets. No payment is made for this public service, but the Railway Commissioners have to maintain the roadway on which the tram lines are placed, and for a certain distance on either side.

(2.) Yes, for a short distance, to avoid the sharp curves that would otherwise be necessary.

(3.) Yes, it is looked upon as a nominal rental in view of the valuable frontage that the baths will occupy. The pathway referred to would be principally utilised by the public using the baths.

(4.) The Commissioners consider the site selected objectionable, as it would be open to the view of railway travellers, and, further, that the drainage from houses fronting the bay discharges on the site. A better site, in the opinion of the Commissioners, was suggested.

(5.) The resumption was made by the Department of Public Works, and no compensation was payable under terms of lease.

(6.) The Railway Commissioners look upon the provision of local lavatory accommodation as a municipal obligation.

(7.) I understand the Railway Commissioners always endeavour to deal reasonably with local bodies in regard to public requirements.

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- (14.) New South Wales *Hansard*:—Mr. Law asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Upon whose recommendation was Mr. Kay, of New Zealand, selected for the New South Wales *Hansard*?
  - (2.) On what grounds was he, living outside the Commonwealth, given preference to local applicants?
  - (3.) How many persons from New Zealand have been appointed to the New South Wales *Hansard*?
  - (4.) Is it contemplated to make more appointments from New Zealand or elsewhere outside the Commonwealth?
  - (5.) How many men from New South Wales *Hansard* have joined the Federal *Hansard*?
  - (6.) If the check-note system was done away with, would the accuracy of the New South Wales *Hansard* be impaired?
  - (7.) What are the salaries of the two persons engaged in taking check notes for New South Wales *Hansard*?

Mr. See answered,—The following answers have been furnished by the Principal Shorthand Writer, Parliamentary Reporting Staff:—

- (1.) Principal Shorthand Writers.
  - (2.) Superior ability.
  - (3.) Two—one in 1884 and one in 1901.
  - (4.) No vacancy.
  - (5.) Four.
  - (6.) Yes.
  - (7.) £865 and £675.
- (15.) Federal Tariff:—Mr. McCoy asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In view of the increased taxation which the residents of this State will have to bear in consequence of the Federal tariff, and in view of the large amount to be received by the State Government from the Federal Government, does he propose at the end of the present financial year to remit any; and, if so, what taxation?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—It would be absurd to attempt to deal with this matter until the Federal tariff is finally settled.

- (16.) Adulteration of Milk with Boracic Acid:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Has his attention been directed to an article appearing in the *Daily Telegraph* of the 6th instant, headed "The Boracic Acid Question"; and the difficulty the Randwick Borough Council have had to contend against in obtaining a conviction against milk-vendors for the adulteration of milk with boracic acid, to the injury of public health, owing to the diversity of medical evidence that exists in regard to the use of this preservative?
  - (2.) Will he, under the circumstances, obtain from the Board of Health some definite and decided opinion as to the effect, if any, the use of boracic acid, when added to milk or other articles of food consumed by the public, has upon public health?
  - (3.) Can he state or explain the reason why milk-vendors are prosecuted and severely fined for adding water to milk, while those adding boracic acid, an article injurious to public health, especially to the health of young persons, are allowed to go free?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

- (1.) The article in question has been noted.
  - (2.) A memorandum with respect to the use of boracic acid in food is in course of preparation.
  - (3.) No; the decision in such cases rests with the Court.
- (17.) Police and Court Buildings at Leadville:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders be called for new Police and Court buildings at Leadville?
- Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—The Inspector-General of Police has reported with regard to this matter. It is not a particularly urgent requirement, and, therefore, I have not made provision for it this Session. Probably next year, if the Inspector-General recommends, it will be provided for.
- (18.) Statement alleged to have been made by Police Magistrate at Lismore:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has he yet received an explanation from Mr. Adrian, Police Magistrate at Lismore, *re* statement alleged to have been made by him in open Court, to the effect that he would accept a testimony as to character from any person in the land in preference to one from a Member of Parliament; if such explanation is to hand, will he acquaint this House as to its nature?

Mr. See answered,—Yes; and I will presently lay a copy upon the Table.

- (19.) Resumption of Land between George and Pitt Streets for Road Purposes:—Mr. Affleck asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to resume any portion of the land between George and Pitt Streets as a road towards the new railway station; if so, what portion is it proposed to resume, and what extent?
  - (2.) Will he consider whether the same purpose could not be served by removing the buildings on the north side of Christ Church, and making a new street there?
  - (3.) Will Parliament have a chance of expressing an opinion on any resumption in that neighbourhood before it is settled?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

- (1.) The Government have resumed, by *Gazette* notice of the 18th ultimo, the whole of the land bounded by Gipps, Pitt, and George Streets on the north, east, and west, and Christ Church on the south, and the new street is to be opened up in a line with the front of the new central building. These resumptions are absolutely necessary if the Government is to obtain any return for the large investment of public funds in the new Central Railway Station and its approaches.
- (2 and 3.) Answered by No. 1.

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4. **FREE LUNCHEONS IN HOTELS**:—Mr. Edden presented a Petition from certain residents of New South Wales, representing that Petitioners are of opinion that the system of hotel-keepers giving free luncheons is an injustice to restaurant-keepers, and acts as an inducement for people to drink when they do not require it; and praying the House to give support to any measure which provides for the abolition of free luncheons.  
Petition received.
5. **THE UNEMPLOYED AT BROKEN HILL**:—Mr. Cann presented a Petition from the Executive of the Citizens' Association of Broken Hill, representing that, in consequence of the stoppage of some of the Broken Hill Mines, a great many men are out of employment; that through there being no direct railway communication with other mining centres, men wanting employment are unable, for that and other reasons, to remove to other districts; that the Municipal Council of Broken Hill is able to execute little work; that the present is an opportune time to carry out work of a reproductive or necessary character; and praying the House to take means to provide work for the Unemployed in the district by carrying out works for facilitating settlement, as well as opening up and developing the resources of the Western Division of the State.  
Petition received.
6. **PAPERS**:—  
Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table,—  
(1.) By-laws in connection with the Water Supply for Parkes, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880.  
(2.) Schedules A to D, Estimates 1901-1902, Department of Public Works.  
(3.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, 1900, of land for the construction of a Deepwater Harbour at Port Kembla.  
(4.) First Annual Report of the Labour Commissioners of New South Wales.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1900, of land for Railway purposes, between Lawson and Wentworth Falls.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- Mr. See laid upon the Table,—  
(1.) Additional By-law of the Municipal District of Cobar.  
(2.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Brewarrina.  
(3.) By-laws of the Municipal District of South Singleton.  
(4.) Regulations respecting Wharfage Rates under the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900.  
(5.) Report of the Aborigines Protection Board for the year 1900.  
(6.) Report of the Police Magistrate at Lismore respecting a remark alleged to have been made by him when on the Licensing Bench.  
(7.) Correspondence respecting statement made by Mr. Moxham, M.P., regarding report of the Inspector-General of the Insane in reference to attendants.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- Mr. Crick laid upon the Table,—  
(1.) Notice of intention to declare that Additional Conditional Purchase No. 1,901-3, Brewarrina East, by Thomas Edward Grigg, 360 acres, shall cease to be voidable.  
(2.) Amended Regulation No. 61, under the Crown Lands Acts.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
7. **LIMITATION OF DEBATE**—**PROPOSED STANDING ORDER**:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on this subject, discharged, on motion of Mr. Crick.
8. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Rabbit Bill postponed until Thursday next.
9. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for St. Leonards, Mr. E. M. Clark, 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 administration of the Metropolitan Traffic Act in respect to certain amended Regulations lately published, and now being enforced."  
And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—  
Mr. Clark moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.

*And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business only proceeded with, under Sessional Order adopted on 6th November, 1901.*

10. **COAL MINES REGULATION (FURTHER AMENDMENT) BILL**:—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 to amend the "Coal Mines Regulation Act of 1896."  
Question put and passed.
11. **PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS**:—  
(1.) *Additions to Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney*:—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient that the proposed additions to Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney, referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works by the Legislative Assembly, be carried out, provided that the cost does not exceed the sum of £45,000, and subject to the alterations in the details of the plans as recommended by the said Committee.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.

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- (2.) *Bridge over the Hawkesbury River at Richmond*:—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a bridge over the Hawkesbury River at Richmond, at a cost not exceeding £40,000.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
- (3.) *Extension of the Pyrmont Bridge*:—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of carrying out works in extension of the Pyrmont Bridge, now in course of construction.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
12. **MAITLAND HOSPITAL ENABLING BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.  
On motion of Mr. See, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—
- MR. PRESIDENT,**—
- The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Committee of the Maitland Hospital to apply certain moneys for the purpose of the erection and furnishing of a new hospital.*"
- Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 12th November, 1901.*
13. **LAND AND INCOME TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Waddell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Land and Income Tax Assessment Act of 1895, and the Land and Income Tax (Declaratory) Act, 1898; and to provide for the remission and refunding of fines under the first-mentioned Act, or any Act amending it.  
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 Land and Income Tax Assessment Act of 1895, and the Land and Income Tax (Declaratory) Act, 1898; and to provide for the remission and refunding of fines under the first-mentioned Act, or any Act amending it.  
On motion of Mr. Waddell, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
14. **LAND AND INCOME TAX (CONTRIBUTION) BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Waddell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Land and Income Tax Assessment Act of 1895, and the Land Tax (Contribution) Act, 1900.  
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 Land and Income Tax Assessment Act of 1895, and the Land Tax (Contribution) Act, 1900.  
On motion of Mr. Waddell, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
15. **SYDNEY FEMALE SCHOOL OF INDUSTRY (SALE) BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this Bill be *now* read a second time.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. See, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
16. **COUNTRY TOWNS WATER AND SEWERAGE (AMENDMENT) 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 amend the law relating to the water supply, sewerage, and drainage of country towns; to amend the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880; the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act Extension Act of 1887, and the Country Towns and Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Acts Amendment Act of 1894; 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,

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

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to the water supply, sewerage, and drainage of country towns; to amend the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880, the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act Extension Act of 1887, and the Country Towns and Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Acts Amendment Act of 1894; 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 amend the law relating to the water supply, sewerage, and drainage of country towns; to amend the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880, the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act Extension Act of 1887, and the Country Towns and Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Acts Amendment Act of 1894; and for other purposes*,"—which was read a first time.

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

17. METROPOLITAN SEWERAGE VALIDATING 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 provide that, with respect to certain sewerage works, certain powers, authorities, duties, and obligations shall be deemed to have been and shall be exercisable by and imposed on the Minister, notwithstanding that no executive authority has been given for the scheme for the same.

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 that, with respect to certain sewerage works, certain powers, authorities, duties, and obligations shall be deemed to have been and shall be exercisable by and imposed on the Minister, notwithstanding that no executive authority has been given for the scheme for the same.

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 provide that, with respect to certain sewerage works, certain powers, authorities, duties, and obligations shall be deemed to have been and shall be exercisable by and imposed on the Minister, notwithstanding that no executive authority has been given for the scheme for the same*,"—which was read a first time.

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

18. METROPOLITAN WATER AND SEWERAGE ACTS AMENDMENT 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 amend the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1889, and the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act Extension Act of 1894; to amend the law relating to water supply, sewerage, and drainage; 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 amend the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1889, and the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act Extension Act of 1894; to amend the law relating to water supply, sewerage, and drainage; 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 amend the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1889, and the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act Extension Act of 1894; to amend the law relating to water supply, sewerage, and drainage; and for other purposes*,"—which was read a first time.

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

19. TUCKIAN FLOOD ESCAPE SCHEME BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

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.

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.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 48.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 13 NOVEMBER, 1901.

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

INTERSTATE DEBTS RECOVERY BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. See, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 119.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to the enforcement in New South Wales of judgments obtained in other Australian States or New Zealand, and the recovery of judgments against debtors who have removed thereto from New South Wales,*"—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 His 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.

*State Government House,  
Sydney, 13th November, 1901.*

2. PAPER:—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Further Special Report by the Auditor-General upon the Public Accounts of the Receipts and Expenditure during the Financial Year ended 30th June, 1901, transmitted to the Legislative Assembly under Clause 46 of the Audit Act, 1898. Ordered to be printed.

3. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Pension payable to Mr. Joseph Barling:—Mr. Gillies asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Referring to the amount of £308 included in the Estimates as submitted,—“Abatement on account of pension payable to Mr. Joseph Barling,”—is it the fact that, so far from such sum being accepted by Mr. Barling in lieu of a pension, it actually represents the amount payable by Mr. Barling to secure his pension?

(2.) Will he please say why it is proposed that the public funds shall provide this amount instead of Mr. Barling personally?

(3.) Have Mr. Harrie Wood, Mr. F. Ironside, and other gentlemen who retired from the Civil Service with long and honorable records, asked for the consideration which it is proposed to extend to Mr. Barling, and been refused?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) No. The sum of £308 represents the amount of 4 per cent. contributions on the salary received by Mr. Barling in respect to his service prior to the inception of the Superannuation Fund on the 1st January, 1885. In the event of Mr. Barling retiring on a pension, this would be the amount payable by him to the Fund. It is not necessary that it should be paid by Mr. Barling in order to secure his pension, as it could be deducted by instalments from the amount of pension due. Had the amount been passed on the Estimates it would not have been paid to Mr. Barling, but into the Superannuation Fund.

(2.) The conditions under which it was proposed that the amount should be paid from the public funds are fully set out in correspondence which has passed between Mr. Barling and the Attorney-General, copy of which will, in due course, be laid upon the Table of this House. They arise out of an arrangement made by Mr. Reid, the then Premier, with Mr. Barling, on his appointment to the Public Service Board.

(3.) Yes.

(2.)

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(2.) Imprisonment in Default of Payment of Costs:—Mr. Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—In reference to the reported judgment of Mr. Justice Cohen in respect to the power of Justices to order imprisonment in default of payment of costs in cases under the Landlord and Tenants Acts, will he instruct the Stipendiary Magistrates to avoid granting costs, as it only means sending poor people to gaol in default of payment?

Mr. See answered,—I am informed by my honorable colleague the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice, that he is not prepared to issue any instructions of the kind to Stipendiary Magistrates.

(3.) Loading and Unloading of Coal on the Sabbath:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What steps, if any, are taken to prevent the loading and unloading of coal in Sydney Harbour and elsewhere in this State on Sundays?

(2.) Is it a fact that a short time ago a local policeman visited a collier, the "Wafer," loading at South Bulli, Bellambi, on Sunday, taking the names of those so employed, and that no action has been taken against the men?

(3.) Will he take steps to instruct the police charged with such duties to take more stringent measures than at present against Sabbath desecration by the loading and unloading of vessels in any harbour of the State?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) Loading and unloading of vessels is not permitted on Sundays, unless in exceptional cases of emergency and necessity.

(2.) Yes; the loading was alleged to be a work of necessity, and no proceedings were practicable as the information must be laid within ten days, which had expired.

(3.) Such instructions will be given.

(4.) Temporary Clerks, Old-age Pensions Board:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a number of clerks temporarily employed on the work of the Old-age Pensions Board have since July last, worked considerable overtime to date, and that none of them have received any remuneration for extra duties performed?

(2.) Will he take steps to have such overtime as may be due to these clerks paid without further delay?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) The staff worked after the usual office hours.

(2.) No payment has been made. The question was recently brought under the notice of the Central Board, who are not fully satisfied in regard to the matter, and have referred it back for further consideration. The claims will receive consideration.

(5.) Public Instruction Department:—Mr. Edden, for Mr. Arthur Griffith, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) With regard to certain promises made to a deputation from the Political Labour League Executive some months ago, is it his intention to inaugurate the following reforms in his Department:—(a) The establishment of High Schools and Technical Colleges in the various country districts; (b) the extension of the bursary system so far as to enable the brightest boys in every part of the State to attain, by their own efforts, free secondary education—technical or literary—at the nearest Technical Colleges, High Schools, or Agricultural Colleges; (c) the establishment of the Kindergarten system in the infant schools throughout his Department; (d) the abolition of fees in the Primary Schools of the State?

(2.) If so, when does he anticipate being in a position to initiate these reforms?

Mr. Perry answered,—These matters have been engaging my attention for some time past, and, as regards some of them, preliminary action has already been taken.

(6.) Unexpended Road Votes for Year ending 30th June, 1901:—Mr. Affleck asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that of the sum voted to the South Head Road Commissioners for the year ending 30th June, 1901, the sum of £305 14s. was unexpended?

(2.) Will the said balance of £305 14s. lapse, as all other road votes do, through not being expended during the year; or is this road dealt differently with from other roads maintained by the Government?

(3.) If this balance does not lapse, under what law does such take place; and will he see that all country road votes are dealt with in the same way?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) I am informed by the Secretary to the South Head Roads Commissioners that there was a balance of £305 14s. 10d. in the Bank of New South Wales to credit of the Trust on the 30th June, 1901.

(2.) The vote of 1900-1 having been issued to the Commissioners was expended, so far as the Treasury was concerned, and, as with other Road Trustees, was not withdrawn.

(3.) As the whole vote was paid to Trustees by the Treasury, there was no Treasury balance to lapse.

(7.) Parliamentary Buildings:—Mr. Affleck asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What was the sum of money expended on the Parliamentary buildings each year for the last ten years ending 30th June last?

(2.) In any further improvement thought necessary in the building, would he consider the advisability of extending the accommodation by erecting a new and up-to-date front in Macquarie-street, and place a sum for the purpose on the Additional Estimates?

(3.) Or is it intended to erect new buildings altogether?

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Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) The information asked for, referring to the expenditure on Parliament House, will presently be laid upon the Table of this House in the form of a return.

(2.) A number of improvements are considered by the Minister as necessary; but it is doubtful if the erection of a new front to Macquarie-street, screening the old and irregular buildings behind, would compensate for its cost.

(3.) The present building will last for some years longer. With all its faults, it is the most comfortable Parliamentary building in Australasia. It has historic associations connected with it, for here self-government was first practised in the Southern world; here Wentworth, Lowe, Parkes, Martin, Lang, Robertson, and Cowper fought for the rights of the people, and won many a priceless privilege for New South Wales, as well as for Australia. In conclusion, I may add that I am somewhat astonished to learn that so sturdy an advocate for retrenchment as the Honorable Member for Yass is endeavouring to induce the Government to indulge in a premature expenditure upon a new Parliament House, which may run up to £600,000.

(8.) Postal Department:—Mr. Kelly asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Has he received an intimation from the Postal Department that it is their intention not to take the *Government Gazette* belonging to this State?

Mr. Waddell answered,—The Postal Authorities state they find no further necessity for the New South Wales *Government Gazette*, but do not object to its being delivered.

(9.) Public Library:—Mr. Kelly asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Public Library is to be removed?

(2.) If so, to what purpose does he intend putting the present building?

Mr. Perry answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The matter has not yet been definitely settled.

(10.) Shops at Ferry Jetties, Circular Quay:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Harbour Trust Commissioners are erecting shops at various ferry jetties at the Circular Quay?

(2.) For what special public conveniences are such shops being erected?

(3.) Is it a fact that at the jetty intended for the Mosman and Neutral Bay service shops are to be erected to the detriment of an increasing passenger traffic, and that the provisions for ingress and egress are considerably congested as a result?

(4.) Will he confer with the Commissioners to carry out the desire of the residents of the northern suburbs that no shops should be placed at any of the ferry jetties connected with the North Shore services, to the detriment of the increasing passenger traffic?

Mr. See answered,—The following information has been furnished by the Sydney Harbour Trust:—This matter was very fully discussed at interviews which the Commissioners had with representatives of North Sydney, Neutral Bay, and Mosman, introduced by Mr. E. M. Clark, M.L.A., and, subsequently, with representatives of Neutral Bay and Mosman, accompanied by the Manager of the Sydney Ferries, Limited, and it was decided that no change should for the present be made in the arrangement of the jetties, as designed by the Engineer-in-Chief to the Trust in conjunction with the Manager of the Ferry Company. The shops referred to, which are mostly for the sale of newspapers and refreshments, are considered to be a very great convenience to the travelling public, and, in the opinion of the Commissioners, do not detrimentally affect the passenger traffic. If, however, in the course of time, and owing to increased traffic, it is found that these shops are a detriment to the passenger traffic, they will be removed. The representatives of the districts mentioned were informed to this effect.

(11.) Observation Books in Public Schools:—Mr. Gillies, for Mr. Price, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the teachers in some districts have not had their Observation Books filled in by the Inspector for the past year, and in many instances for a period of nearly two years?

(2.) What is the practice in connection with the filling-in of the Observation Books by the Inspector?

(3.) Is he supposed to direct the attention of the teachers to such observations?

(4.) Is a facsimile of the report forwarded to the Public Instruction Department?

(5.) Is it a fact that reports are frequently furnished to the Department which are not in accordance with the remarks made by the Inspector in the Observation Book; if so, has the teacher an opportunity of replying to such reports?

(6.) Will he take steps to see that the reports submitted to the Department by Inspectors are furnished to the teachers, and reports called for from the teachers *re* same?

Mr. Perry answered,—

(1.) It has occasionally happened that an Inspector has failed to fill in the Observation Book at the proper time. In such cases, suitable action has been taken.

(2.) Before finally leaving the school, the Inspector is required to record the result of inspection in the Observation Book.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) The report is in a more detailed form.

(5.) No.

(6.) This is already the practice in all cases in which the reports of inspection are of an unsatisfactory character.

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- (12.) Accommodation in Public Schools:—Mr. Whiddon asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) What is the accommodation in (a) the boys' department of the Crown-street Superior Public School; (b) in the girls' department of the same school; (c) in the infants' department of the same school?
  - (2.) How many pupils are attending the respective departments in this school?
  - (3.) Will he give the same information with respect to the Bourke-street Superior Public School?
  - (4.) Will he give the same information with respect to the Cleveland-street Superior Public School?
  - (5.) Will he give the same information with respect to the Macquarie-street South Public School?
  - (6.) What is the accommodation in the Kindergarten School, corner of Riley and Collins Streets; and how many children are attending this school?
  - (7.) Is it a fact that parents frequently have to wander from one school to another in this district, seeking admission for their children; if so, will he take steps to provide additional accommodation, with a view to preventing parents asking as a favour what they ought to be able to demand as a right?

Mr. Perry answered,—(1 to 6.)

	Accommodation.	Average attendance.
Crown-street ... ..	408.0	401.4
Do ... ..	492.5	424.6
Do ... ..	393.75	335.5
Surry Hills, South ... ..	350.75	314.9
Do ... ..	313.375	254.1
Do ... ..	240.0	246.7
Cleveland-street ... ..	899.0	610.9
Do ... ..	510.0	523.9
Do ... ..	292.5	288.8
Macquarie-street, South ... ..	213.2	108.9
Do ... ..	213.2	96.9
Riley-street, Kindergarten ... ..	174.0	162.6

(7.) I am not aware. The above figures show, however, that the total accommodation of the schools mentioned is not overtaxed.

- (13.) Police Pensioners:—Mr. Nobbs, for Mr. Oakes, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that Police pensioners cannot get their pensions if they happen to be out of the State?
- (2.) Will he make provision so as to enable them to draw their pensions if away from the State?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) There is no difficulty when permission is accorded to leave the State.

- (14.) Temporary Clerks, Old-age Pensions Board:—Mr. Nobbs, for Mr. Oakes, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a number of temporary hands who were employed in the Metropolitan Board for Old-age Pensions were worked continuously till late at night and on Sundays?
- (2.) Is it a fact that no payment has yet been made to those officers (some of whom have been dispensed with) for the overtime they were compelled to work?
- (3.) Is it the intention of the Department to recognise the claims of these officers for overtime; if so, will he state when they are likely to be paid?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

- (1.) The staff of the Metropolitan Board for Old-age Pensions worked after the usual office hours.
- (2.) No payment has been made; the question was recently brought under the notice of the Central Board, who are not fully satisfied in regard to the matter, and have referred it back for further consideration.
- (3.) The claims will receive consideration.

- (15.) Labour Commissioners' Board:—Mr. Nelson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What is the number of the staff of the Labour Commissioners?
- (2.) What amount of money does it cost the country per annum for salaries and other expenses?
- (3.) What system is adopted by which men can get work when making application to the Commissioners?
- (4.) Is he aware that the bureau is a source of degradation to the working men of this city?
- (5.) Will he take into his consideration at an early date the necessity of abolishing this Board and everything connected with it?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

- (1.) Secretary, seven clerks, caretaker, and messenger; total, ten. There are also two temporary clerks, whose terms of engagement will expire this month.
- (2.) The cost of Labour Bureau for financial year, 1900-1, for administration, travelling expenses, &c., amounted to £1,958 13s. 9d.; while the expenditure for fees, salaries, &c., for the same period in connection with the Labour Commissioners was £1,399 9s. 3d.; total, £3,358 3s.
- (3.) The whole system, and the result of its first year's working, are very fully explained in the Commissioners' Annual Report, laid on the Table yesterday afternoon. Briefly, men are seen, classified according to trade, and, if unskilled labourers, according to physical capacity, placed on a rota, and sent to work in the order of their rotation, each in his own class. Departmental officers apply to the Commissioners for all labour required on public works, and private employers are supplied with employees when they so desire.
- (4.) No.
- (5.) No. I am of opinion that the reorganisation which is now taking place will put the Board on a sound and satisfactory condition.

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(16.) "Chain Letter," in aid of St. George's Cottage Hospital:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for *Mr. Carruthers* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that the "Chain Letter," instituted by a resident of the Illawarra suburbs in aid of a children's ward at the St. George's Cottage Hospital, is still current?

(2.) Will he authorise some person to make a complete inquiry, and report upon the origin and results of this "Chain Letter"; if not, will he facilitate a motion, if submitted by a private Member, to have the matter inquired into by a Select Committee of this House?

*Mr. See* answered,—Yes, and it has been the subject of inquiry at various times, and though *bona fide* in its inception, is a most undesirable means of raising money, but it seems impracticable to stem its operation. Inquiries on the subject are addressed to the Government and the police from all parts of the world. I will do my best to stop it.

(17.) Central Railway Station, Devonshire-street:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for *Mr. Winchcombe*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What is the estimated cost of the new Central Railway Station which is being erected at Devonshire-street?

(2.) What is the estimated cost of the city improvements which are being made in connection therewith?

(3.) Will he see that separate accounts are kept of the expenditure on each of the two services referred to?

*Mr. O'Sullivan* answered,—

(1.) The estimated cost, including resumptions, is £561,600.

(2.) The estimate is £186,000, and for the cost of such resumptions we shall have some very valuable assets in the shape of city property. If these resumptions had not taken place, we could only have carried out the improvements to benefit private property owners.

(3.) Yes, accounts will be kept separate.

(18.) Appointment of *Mr. Dighton* as Conditional Purchase Inspector:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Who appointed *Mr. Dighton* Conditional Purchase Inspector for the Molong District; when was he appointed, and at what pay?

(2.) What occupation did he follow before he was appointed to the position of Inspector; and where did he acquire his experience and knowledge of the administration of land matters?

(3.) Is he aware that he is continually harassing *bona-fide* selectors in the Molong District; and will the Minister have him removed, and some more competent person appointed in his place?

*Mr. Bennett* answered,—

(1.) *Mr. Dighton* was transferred from the Moree District to the Bathurst District in 1894 by the then Minister for Lands.

(2.) That of surveyor.

(3.) My honorable colleague is not aware. He will make inquiries; but *Mr. Dighton* has so far been regarded as a conscientious and painstaking officer.

(19.) Advances to Settlers Amendment Bill:—*Mr. Pycers*, for *Mr. Briner*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Does he intend to submit the promised amending Advances to Settlers Bill this Session; and, if so, when?

(2.) Will such Bill provide for larger loans, and longer terms of repayment, than those provided for in the existing Act?

(3.) Will such Bill provide also that any holder of a conditional purchase may obtain a loan if he be in necessitous circumstances from any cause, and not alone from drought?

*Mr. Bennett* answered,—

(1.) Yes; at the earliest date possible.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) Yes.

(20.) Ex-Constable Stone:—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that ex-Constable Stone, while an officer of the Police Force at Coopersnook (Manning district), carried on and managed an hotel business, the license of which was transferred to him after he left the Force?

(2.) Was not the Licensing Inspector for the Manning District aware that ex-Constable Stone was conducting the business of the hotel during the time he was an officer of the Police?

(3.) Did the Licensing Inspector take any steps to prosecute Stone for sly-grog selling, or did he report the matter to the Licensing Magistrate for the District, or take any steps to prevent the licenses being transferred to ex-Constable Stone?

(4.) Is the Licensing Inspector for the Manning District in the habit of drawing up and lodging applications for renewal of licenses for the majority of the licensees in the district?

(5.) If so, is that part of his duty, and is he entitled to any remuneration for it?

*Mr. See* answered,—A report has been called for in the matter. As soon as I receive it, I will lay it upon the Table of this House.

(21.) Kerosene manufactured in New South Wales:—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) How many gallons of kerosene were manufactured in New South Wales last year, and what was the value of same?

(2.) How many hands were employed in the manufacture, and what was the amount paid in wages?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—I will obtain this information, if possible, and forward it to the Honorable Member.

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- (22.) Public Accounts of the State:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What was the total revenue obtained from all sources for the four months ending 31st October, 1901; and of this sum what amount represented rents derived from the resumed area?
  - (2.) What was the total expenditure during same four months—(a) from Consolidated Revenue, and (b) from Loan?
  - (3.) What was the total revenue for October; how much of this amount came in the shape of rents from the resumed areas?
  - (4.) What was the total expenditure for October—(a) from Consolidated Revenue, and (b) from Loan?
  - (5.) Is it correct, as stated by a metropolitan financial critic, that the expenditure for October was £36,000 more than the income?
  - (6.) Is it in future proposed to set apart the resumed area rents, instead of allowing same to be used as ordinary revenue?

Mr. Waddell answered,—The information will be prepared and laid upon the Table in the form of a return to-morrow.

- (23.) Artificial Limbs supplied to Railway Department:—Mr. Dacey asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Who supplies the Railway Department with artificial limbs?
  - (2.) Are they supplied by contract; if so, when does the contract expire?
  - (3.) Is there any objection to allowing cripples to purchase artificial limbs where they like, at a given price?
  - (4.) Have the Department confined the whole of their business to one firm?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1 and 2.) I am informed that there is no contract; supplies are usually obtained from Messrs. C. McLennan and Sons, and Messrs. Denyer Bros.

(3.) There would be no objection to consider any application made by an injured man for the purchase of an artificial limb from any particular firm; but the Commissioners, in the interests of the men themselves, provide that the Railway Medical Officer shall see that the maker is one competent to do the work.

(4.) No.

- (24.) Police Force Officers:—Mr. Meagher asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Will he provide for the compulsory retirement of all police officers over 60 years of age out of the additional sum of £16,000, voted in this year's Police Estimates?
  - (2.) Will he instruct the Inspector-General of Police to introduce the Victorian system of payment to detectives and plain-clothes police their out-of-pocket expenses in obtaining information in the interest of the service, viz., 2s. 6d., 3s. 6d., and 5s. 6d. per day; such scale being paid according to merit and not rank?

Mr. See answered,—The following answers have been furnished by the Inspector-General of Police:—

(1.) The amount would be inadequate to cover the pensions of all police over 60 years of age.

(2.) The allowances to plain-clothes police in New South Wales are equally liberal to those in Victoria.

- (25.) Mr. T. P. White, of the Works Department:—Mr. D. R. Hall asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that Mr. T. P. White was engaged by the Works Department as officer-in-charge in the construction of the Wombeyan Caves Road?

(2.) Was he suspended on a charge of embezzlement, and acquitted without calling evidence in defence?

(3.) Having been proved innocent, was he re-employed by the Department; if not, why not?

(4.) What punishment was meted out to the officers responsible for his wrongful prosecution?

(5.) What did the legal proceedings in the case cost the Department?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) White was not the officer-in-charge during the construction of the road, but he was employed on the works.

(2.) He was not suspended on a charge of embezzlement, but stood his trial in company with another person, on a charge of conspiracy, at Darlinghurst Quarter Sessions. The defendants, after giving evidence, were acquitted by the jury.

(3.) As White did not prove his innocence to the satisfaction of the Department he was not re-employed.

(4.) There being no wrongful prosecution, it was not necessary to mete out punishment to any officer.

(5.) The cost of criminal proceedings is not borne by this Department; and, in any case, it would be difficult to apportion the cost of a particular case.

- (26.) Mr. Ffrench, late Stock Inspector, Moree:—Mr. Webster asked the Secretary for Mines,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House all papers in connection with the suspension of Mr. Ffrench, late Stock Inspector, Moree, now of Albury?

Mr. Kidd answered,—There is no objection, if moved for in the usual way.

- (27.) Mr. Meynneck, Chairman of the Stock Board, Moree:—Mr. Webster asked the Secretary for Mines,—Will he cause inquiry to be made into the qualification of Mr. Meynneck, Chairman of the Stock Board, Moree, with a view to establishing, or otherwise, his right to a seat on such Board, and his eligibility to conduct or vote at the recent election of a stock inspector for Moree?

Mr. Kidd answered,—Yes.

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(28.) Vendors of Fruit and Refreshments on Sunday:—Mr. Haynes asked the Colonial Secretary,—  
(1.) By whose authority are the Police rigorously prosecuting those vendors of fruit and refreshments who sell such articles on the Sunday?

(2.) Does the Government propose to permit such prosecutions of Sunday vendors of fruit and refreshments?

Mr. See answered,—The following instructions have been issued by the Inspector-General of Police, and are being acted upon:—"Sunday trading must not be allowed to go unchecked. I have only to repeat former instructions that all shops for the sale of groceries, tobacco, fruit, and other commodities must be closed according to law—the only exceptions to be permitted being shops where temperance drinks, fruit, &c., are disposed of in the Parks, Domain, and suburbs, and where light refreshments may be reasonably required. This should be placed in "Orders."

(29.) Military Escort for Reception of Archbishop Kelly:—Mr. Haynes asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) By whose authority was a guard of State Police and a guard of the Military provided for receiving Archbishop Kelly, on Saturday, the 9th instant?

(2.) Will he see that such an infraction of the law is not again permitted?

Mr. See answered,—The Inspector-General of Police states that the police were employed to preserve order, as is usual at all public gatherings; and I am informed by the General Officer Commanding the Military Forces that no military guard was provided.

(30.) Employees Removed from Public Library:—Mr. Nobbs, for Mr. McCoy, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is it a fact that, pursuant to an inquiry by the Public Service Board into certain alleged irregularities at the Public Library, four employees of the Library were, some five or six months back, removed from their positions and forced to take leave without pay, "pending other positions being found for them"?

(2.) Is it a fact that such employees, being still members of the Public Service and amenable to the regulations, are thereby deprived of taking other employment, and having no means of subsistence, are now, with their families, in a state of great financial distress?

(3.) If positions cannot be found for these men forthwith, will he, in the interests of humanity, restore their salaries to them, in order that they may be in a position to procure the necessaries of life for themselves and those dependent upon them?

(4.) If the Public Service Board are not disposed to recognise their obligation to find other positions for the men in question, will he take into consideration the advisableness of recommending to the Governor-in-Council the cancellation of the approval granted to the Board's recommendation in the first instance, so that the men may be restored to their positions?

Mr. Perry answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) It has been so represented.

(3.) I have not the power to interfere with the Public Service Board's action in the matter.

(4.) This matter will receive consideration. If necessary, I will take action in that direction.

#### 4. WAGGA WAGGA CATTLE DRIVING BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Gormly presented a Petition from George Rudd, of Wagga Wagga, representing that a Bill, to confine the driving of cattle, sheep, and travelling stock through the town of Wagga Wagga to certain streets of the said town, had been introduced into, and referred to a Select Committee of the House, and praying for permission to appear by solicitor or counsel before such Committee, with the right to call, examine, and cross-examine witnesses.

(2.) Mr. E. M. Clark presented a Petition from Patrick Kinchela White, of Sydney, Barrister-at-law, representing that the House had appointed a Select Committee to inquire into and report upon the Wagga Wagga Cattle Driving Bill, and praying that, as counsel duly instructed on behalf of W. J. Monks and A. J. Monks, trustees of the Pastoral Sale-yards, Wagga Wagga, and P. J. Kelly and P. J. Coffey, lessees of the said yards, Petitioner may appear before such Committee, with the right to call, examine, and cross-examine witnesses.

Petitions received.

Ordered to be referred to the Select Committee.

5. REMOVAL FROM THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF MR. FREDERICK GLYNN:—Mr. Nielsen presented a Petition from Frederick C. Glynn, of Sydney, representing that the House had appointed a Select Committee to inquire into and report upon the removal from the Public Service of Mr. Frederick Glynn, and praying that Petitioner may be represented by counsel or attorney, or in person, before such Committee, with the right to call, examine, and cross-examine witnesses.

Petition received.

Ordered to be referred to the Select Committee.

#### 6. PAPERS:—

Mr. See laid upon the Table,—Despatch respecting Treaty between Great Britain and Servia relating to extradition of Fugitive Criminals.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Bennett 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.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table,—Return of Expenditure on the Parliamentary Buildings from 1st January, 1891, to 30th June, 1901.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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7. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Benevolent Society of New South Wales Bill (*Council Bill*), postponed until Wednesday next.

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

(1.) Temora to Wyalong Railway Bill:—

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 Temora to Wyalong; to amend the provisions of the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as they relate to the duty of the constructing authority to make and maintain fences along the said line; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; and for other purposes,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 7th November, 1901.

W. J. TRICKETT,  
Deputy-President.

(2.) Industrial Arbitration Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to provide for the registration and incorporation of industrial unions and the making and enforcing of industrial agreements; to constitute a court of arbitration for the hearing and determination of industrial disputes and matters referred to it; to define the jurisdiction, powers, and procedure of such court; to provide for the enforcement of its awards and orders; to provide for a committee of reference from such court; and for purposes consequent on, or incidental to, those objects,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, including an amendment in the Title, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 18th November, 1901.

W. J. TRICKETT,  
Deputy-President.

#### INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION BILL.

*Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 18th November, 1901.*

JOHN J. CALVERT,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 1, title, lines 7 and 8. *Omit "to provide for a committee of reference from such court,"*
- Page 2, clause 2, line 45. *After "Sewerage" insert "but does not include employment in domestic service"*
- Page 3, clause 2, line 5. *After "any" insert "rules or"*
- Page 3, clause 3. At end of clause *add "and may appoint such officers as may be required to administer this Act"*
- Page 3, clause 4, line 22. *After "person" insert "or association of persons"*
- Page 3, clause 4, line 24. *Omit "have or"*
- Page 3, clause 4, line 29. *Omit "of a trade union"*
- Page 3, clause 5, line 36. *Omit "managers" insert "if there are no directors"*
- Page 3, clause 5, line 36. *After "State" insert "of the managers thereof so resident"*
- Page 3, clause 5, lines 38 and 39. *Omit "of persons be signed by every such person" insert "be signed by a majority of the committee of management thereof"*
- Page 4, clause 5, lines 2 and 3. *Omit "of persons"*
- Page 4, clause 6, line 12. *Omit "of persons"*
- Page 4, clause 6, line 14. *After "Governor" insert "upon the recommendation of the registrar"*
- Page 4, clause 6, line 14. *Omit "his"*
- Page 4, clause 7, line 26. *After "be" insert "for the purposes of this Act"*
- Page 5, clause 10, line 31. *Omit "of persons"*
- Page 5, clause 12, line 40. *Omit "or trade"*
- Page 5, clause 12, line 41. *Omit "or branch" (first occurring)*
- Page 5, clause 12, line 41. *Omit "or branch" (second occurring)*
- Page 5, clause 12, line 42. *Omit "or branch"*
- Page 5, clause 12, line 44. *Omit "or branch"*
- Page 6, clause 12, line 2. *Omit "or branch"*
- Page 6, clause 14. *Omit clause 14 insert the following new clause:—*

(1) An industrial agreement may be rescinded by agreement made in writing by the parties thereto and filed with the registrar, or may be varied by another industrial agreement so made and filed.

If not so rescinded the agreement or varied agreement shall be in force for the term specified in the agreement, and unless any party thereto gives to the registrar, at least one month before the expiration of such term, a notice in writing of intention to terminate the agreement or varied agreement at such expiration the agreement or varied agreement shall continue in force until the expiration of one month after notice in writing of intention to terminate it has been given to the registrar by any party thereto.

(2) Every industrial agreement or varied agreement shall be binding—

- (a) on the parties thereto during the currency of the agreement or varied agreement, and on such parties in respect of anything done or suffered under or by virtue of it during its currency;
- (b) on every person during the currency of the agreement or varied agreement while he is a member of any industrial union which is a party thereto, and on every person in respect of anything done or suffered under or by virtue of it during its currency and while he is such member

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- Page 6, clause 17, line 38. *Omit* "such" *insert* "a"
- Page 6, clause 17, line 39. *Omit* "or of a District Court as may from time to time" *insert* "to"
- Page 6, clause 17, line 40. *After* "Governor" *insert* "The Governor may on the request of the  
"president appoint a Judge of the Supreme Court as deputy president, to act in respect  
"of any matter mentioned in his appointment; and the said deputy shall, in respect of  
"the said matter, have all the rights, powers, jurisdictions, and privileges of the president  
"under this Act"
- Page 7, clause 18, line 5. *Before* "members" *insert* "president and"
- Page 7, clause 18, line 7. *Omit* "each member" *insert* "and"
- Page 7, clause 18, line 8. *After* "but" *insert* "the members"
- Page 7, clause 18, line 9. *After* "shall" *insert* "not"
- Page 7, clause 19, line 11. *After* "death" *insert* "resignation"
- Page 7, clause 19, line 13. *After* "shall" *insert* "not"
- Pages 7 and 8. *Omit* clauses 24, 25, 26, 27, and 28.
- Page 9, clause 29, lines 4 and 5. *Omit* "or from being chosen or appointed or holding office as a  
"member of the board of reference"
- Page 9, clause 29, line 8. *Omit* "any person who is"
- Page 9, clause 30, line 10. *Omit* "of arbitration or any member of the board of reference"
- Page 9, clause 30. At end of clause *add* "or to be guilty of any offence under sections thirty-one  
"or thirty-two of this Act"
- Page 9, clause 31, line 21. *Omit* "Attorney-General" *insert* "registrar"
- Page 9, clause 31. *After* subsection (a) *insert* the following new subsection :—  
(b) to make any order or award or give any direction in pursuance of such hearing or  
determination
- Page 11, clause 32, line 6. *After* "sworn" *insert* "in the manner and before the persons  
"prescribed"
- Page 11, clause 33, line 19. *After* "pursuance of" *insert* "(a)"
- Page 11, clause 33, line 23. *After* "meeting" *insert* "; or  
"(b) where in the opinion of the registrar it is impracticable to summon a meeting of all  
"the members of the union, a resolution passed, in accordance with rules made by  
"the court in that behalf, by a majority of the officers of the union specified in such  
"rules"
- Page 11, clause 33, line 24. *Omit* "Attorney-General" *insert* "registrar"
- Page 12, clause 35, line 1. *Omit* "dispute" *insert* "reference"
- Page 12, clause 36, line 21. *After* "thirty-two" *insert* "in the manner and before the persons  
"prescribed"
- Page 12, clause 37, line 23. *Omit* "of arbitration"
- Page 12, clause 37, line 25. *Omit* "of arbitration"
- Page 12, clause 39, line 33. *After* "Whoever" *insert*  
"(a) before a reasonable time has elapsed for a reference to the court of the matter in  
"dispute; or  
"(b) during the pendency of any proceedings in the court in relation to an industrial  
"dispute"
- Page 12, clause 39, lines 36 and 37. *Omit* "so that thereby any industrial dispute is removed out  
"of the jurisdiction of the court" *insert* "or"
- Page 12, clause 39, lines 39 to 43. *Omit* "either—  
"(a) before a reasonable time has elapsed for a reference to the court of the matter in  
"dispute; or  
"(b) during the pendency of any proceedings in the court in relation to an industrial  
"dispute"
- Page 13, clause 40, line 8. *Omit* "trade union or branch"
- Page 13, clause 40. At end of clause *add* "Provided that no proceedings shall be begun under  
"this section except by leave of the Court."
- Page 13, clause 41, line 14. *Omit* "of arbitration"
- Page 13, clause 41, line 22. *After* "minimum" *omit* remainder of clause.
- Page 13, clause 42, line 38. *Omit* "this" *insert* "such"
- Page 13, clause 42, line 40. *After* "of" *insert* "an"
- Page 14, clause 42. *Omit* subsections (5) and (6).
- Page 14, clause 42, line 10. *After* "breach" *insert* "or non-observance"
- Page 14, clause 42, line 10. *Omit* "or"
- Page 14, clause 42, line 10. *After* "order" *insert* "or direction"
- Page 14, clause 42, line 13. *Omit* "specifying" *insert* "specify"
- Page 14, clause 42, line 15. *Omit* "one thousand" *insert* "five hundred"
- Page 14, clause 42, lines 15 and 16. *Omit* "on any person bound by the said award, order, or  
"declaration" *insert* "for any breach or non-observance of an award, order, or direction  
"by a person bound by such award, order, or direction"
- Page 14, clause 42, line 19. *Omit* "declaration" *insert* "direction"
- Page 14, clause 42. *Omit* subsection (b) *insert* the following new subsection :—  
(b) before a Stipendiary or Police Magistrate sitting alone as a Court of Petty Sessions  
under the Small Debts Recovery Act, 1899, notwithstanding any limitation as to  
amount contained in that Act, by an inspector appointed under the Factories and  
Shops Act of 1896 or any Act amending the same.
- Page 14, clause 43, line 29. *Omit* "aggrieved" *insert* "affected"
- Page 14, clause 43, line 30. *Omit* "declaration" *insert* "direction"
- Page 14, clause 43, line 32. *Omit* "declaration" *insert* "direction"
- Page 14, clause 43, line 34. *Omit* "declaration" *insert* "direction"
- Page 14, clause 44, line 39. *Omit* "of arbitration"

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- Page 14, clause 44, line 42. Omit "of arbitration"
- Page 14, clause 44, line 43. Omit "that" insert "the"
- Page 15, clause 46, line 15. After "person" insert "or"
- Page 15, clause 46, line 15. Omit "or branch"
- Page 15, clause 46, line 18. Omit "and" insert "or"
- Page 15, clause 48, line 23. Omit "of arbitration"
- Page 15, clause 49, line 26. After "notification" insert "rule"
- Page 15, clause 49, line 29. After "notification" insert "rule"
- Page 15, clause 50, lines 33 and 34. Omit "the district registrars and the clerk of the court"
- Page 16, clause 50, line 11. Omit "of arbitration."
- Page 16, clause 50, line 13. Omit "of arbitration."
- Page 16, clause 50, lines 14 and 15. Omit "for any purpose for which by this Act regulations may be made" insert "generally for carrying the provisions of this Act into effect"
- Page 16. After clause 51 insert the following new clause:—

Duration of Act.

This Act shall continue in force until the thirtieth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and eight, and no longer.

- Page 17, Schedule Two, line 13. Omit "of arbitration"
- Page 17, Schedule Two, line 18. Omit "one hundred" insert "fifty"
- Page 17, Schedule Two, line 28. Omit "less than one hundred nor"
- Page 17, Schedule Two, lines 29 to 31. Omit "and an additional delegate for each five hundred financial members of such union. No union having less than one hundred financial members shall choose a delegate" insert "where such number is more than two hundred and fifty but not more than five hundred, two delegates; where more than five hundred, three delegates; where more than one thousand, four delegates; where more than fifteen hundred, five delegates"
- Page 17, Schedule Two, line 41. Omit "of arbitration"

Examined,—

F. T. HUMPHERY,  
Deputy Chairman of Committees.

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

## (3.) Coroners' Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to give coroners and deputy-coroners the powers and duties of justices; to give certain magistrates the powers and duties of coroners; and to amend the law relating to coronial inquisitions,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 13th November, 1901.

W. J. TRICKETT,  
Deputy-President.

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

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

9. 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 administration of the Old-age Pension Act in regard to the case of Domenick Lacerda." 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. Affleck reminded Mr. Speaker that he had declared that other similar motions to this were irregular, as coming under Standing Order No. 49, because they could be discussed in the Committee of Supply, or the Committee of Ways and Means; and as these Committees were still available for such discussion, this motion was out of order. Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the subject of the motion could be dealt with in the manner pointed out by the Honorable Member for Yass, and that in giving this decision, he was following the practice laid down by his predecessor in the Chair.

10. DISMISSAL OF JAMES STEPHEN INCH FROM THE PUBLIC SERVICE:—Mr. Affleck moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon all the circumstances attending the dismissal of James Stephen Inch from the Public Service of New South Wales.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. See, Mr. Arthur Griffith, Mr. Millard, Mr. Haynes, Mr. McCoy, Dr. Ross, Mr. Levy, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Archer, and the Mover.

Debate ensued.

*And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business only proceeded with, under Sessional Order adopted on 6th November, 1901.*

11. SYDNEY FEMALE SCHOOL OF INDUSTRY (SALE) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—

Mr. See moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put and passed.

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 authorise the trustees of the Sydney Female School of Industry to sell and convey certain lands; to provide for the application of the proceeds of such sale and the income arising therefrom; and to provide for the appointment of new trustees.*"

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 authorise the trustees of the Sydney Female School of Industry to sell and convey certain lands; to provide for the application of the proceeds of such sale and the income arising therefrom; and to provide for the appointment of new trustees,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 13th November, 1901.*

12. TUCKIAN FLOOD ESCAPE SCHEME BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See 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 construction of certain works in connection with the Tuckian Flood Escape Scheme, with the object of providing for the better discharge of flood-waters from the Richmond River; and for purposes consequent upon, and incidental to, that object.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of certain works in connection with the Tuckian Flood Escape Scheme, with the object of providing for the better discharge of flood-waters from the Richmond River; and for purposes consequent upon, and incidental to, that object,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 13th November, 1901.*

13. MINES INSPECTION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Kidd 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. Kidd, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

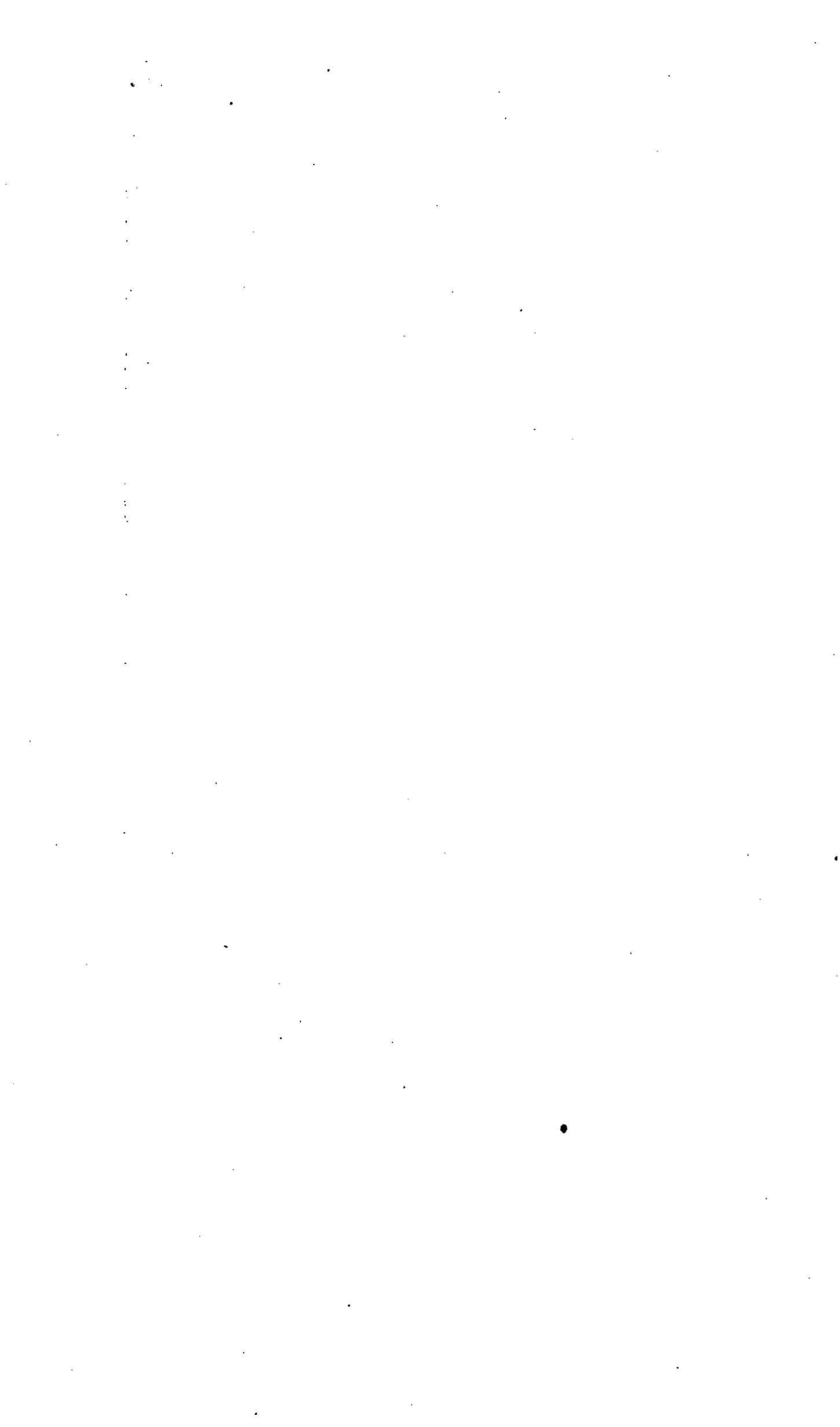
On motion of Mr. Kidd, the report was adopted.

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

The House adjourned, at three 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,  
*Speaker.*



New South Wales.

No. 49.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 14 NOVEMBER, 1901.

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

**ELECTORATE OF CONDOUBLIN**:—Mr. Speaker reported that the Writ issued by him, on the 11th October last, for the election of a Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of Condoublin, in room of Patrick James Clara, Esquire, whose election had been declared by the Committee of Elections and Qualifications to have been wholly void, had been duly returned, with a certificate endorsed thereon of the election of Patrick James Clara, Esquire, to serve as such Member.

2. **AUDIT BILL**:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Waddell, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 120.*

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 make provision for the collection and payment of the public moneys; the audit of the public accounts; and the protection and recovery of public property; and for other purposes.

*State Government House,  
Sydney, 29th October, 1901.*

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

3. **QUESTIONS**:—

- (1.) Application for a Summons against John Norton:—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for Mr. Archer, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a summons for using indecent language was applied for by a constable of Randwick against one John Norton, at the instance of several respectable witnesses, on or about the 23rd of October last; and if so, why, and on whose authority was it suppressed?

(2.) Is he also aware that the same language is being continued daily and nightly in the hearing of children and the public, and that no notice is being taken of it by the authorities, to the disgust and annoyance of the residents of Randwick?

(3.) Has he any objection to lay the papers in connection with the Question on the Table of this House?

Mr. See answered,—This matter was brought under notice by the police, but it was not considered a case for prosecution, as the language complained of was used in his own house.

- (2.) Kiga Bore, Moree:—*Mr. Nielsen*, for Mr. Webster, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) When does he propose to call tenders for the Kiga Bore, Moree?

(2.) Is he aware that the completion of same is a vital matter to the settlers, owing to the scarcity of water prevailing?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—This bore is being dealt with under Section 1 of the Artesian Wells Act, 1897, and in accordance with the provisions of that section, the boundaries of the district in which charges may be levied were notified in the *Government Gazette* of 24th September last. Nothing further can be done until a statutory proportion of the owners and occupiers included in the district petition for the proposed work to be carried out. This petition is a matter resting entirely with the people affected, and until it has been received, the provisions of the Artesian Wells Act do not permit the work to be commenced.

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- (3.) Midkin Duck Farm, Moree :—Mr. Webster asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House all papers in connection with the proclaiming of a Game Preserve Area some 17 miles by 15 miles, including reserves, &c., and now known as the Midkin Duck Farm, Moree ; also showing (a) if said land is now occupied ; (b) who is or are the occupier or occupiers ; (c) under what tenure is it so occupied ; (d) at what rental ?

Mr. Crick answered,—Yes, if moved for in the usual way. I may mention that the land in question forms part of the Midkin resumed area, held under occupation license, at 1½d. per acre, by the A.M.P. Society. The society hold by way of mortgage from Messrs. Robertson and Wagner.

- (4.) Exchanges of Land, Moree Electorate :—Mr. Webster asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he lay on the Table of this House a return showing,—
- (1.) All exchanges of land proposed in the electorate of Moree during the last six years ?
  - (2.) Showing dates of each proposal or renewal of same ?
  - (3.) If completed, refused, or in process of completion ?
  - (4.) Also, any proposals which may from time to time be made ?
  - (5.) Showing in each case the land involved, and reasons for delay, refusal, or non-completion ?

Mr. Crick answered,—I have no objection, if the Honorable Member moves for the return in the usual way.

- (5.) Bore Areas at Moree :—Mr. Webster asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) When are the bore areas at Moree to be made available for occupation ?
  - (2.) Is he aware that the Crown is losing money by continuing the present tenure of these areas ?

Mr. Crick answered,—

- (1.) It is proposed to offer the lands under special lease next month.
- (2.) At present, 5s. per acre per annum is being paid for the land under permissive occupancy—a rate of rent which, having regard to the character of the tenure, has appeared to be satisfactory.

- (6.) Bogamildi (Exchange Area) Agricultural Blocks :—Mr. Webster asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he provide, in the subdivision of land on Bogamildi (exchange area), for a number of blocks of about 400 acres, where suitable for agriculture, to meet the requirements of the locally employed, who desire to combine agriculture with their present precarious employment ?

Mr. Crick answered,—The Bogamildi exchange proposals have only recently been considered by the Land Board, and I cannot at present say whether I will approve of the exchange. If I do, I will give effect to the Honorable Member's suggestions.

- (7.) Crown Lands Legislation :—Mr. Daley, for Mr. Briner, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) What land legislation does he intend to introduce this Session ?
- (2.) Will he introduce a measure dealing with lands in the Eastern Division, and providing (a) that lands unnecessarily locked up shall be thrown open to conditional purchase or homestead selection at the option of the intending selector ; (b) that no more settlement leases occupation licenses shall be granted or renewed in the Eastern Division ; (c) that the minimum and maximum areas of homestead selections shall be fixed by law, and shall not depend upon the varying judgments of surveyors ; (d) that all lands shall be classified, and new selectors assisted to clear their holdings ; (e) that homestead selections may be converted into conditional purchases upon application by the holder at any time after five years ?

Mr. Crick answered,—So far as I can see at present, only the Bill dealing with the Western Division.

- (8.) Railway Properties, North Sydney :—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Have the Railway authorities a number of properties situated on the North Shore line, within the boundaries of the borough of North Sydney, upon which no rates are paid ?
- (2.) What amount of rent is received from same ; and for what reason is an exemption of payment of rates claimed ?
- (3.) Is it a fact that the Railway authorities still refuse to allow the North Sydney Council the right of pedestrian traffic over the railway line without payment for such privilege ; and, if so, will they now pay the rates properly due under the Municipalities Act ?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) £888 per annum. The properties were resumed in connection with the North Shore Railway line, and are exempt from municipal rates under the provisions of the Railway Act.
- (3.) The Commissioners are not aware of any such refusal. Apparently, a matter is referred to which was settled by arrangement with the Council.

- (9.) Metropolitan Hospitals :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Can he furnish this House with any information as to (a) the number of hospitals subsidised by the State in Sydney and suburbs ; (b) number of beds attached to each respectively ; (c) number of cases treated annually in each ; and (d) the amount of subsidy each receives respectively ?
- (2.) The population of Sydney and suburbs ?
- (3.) The number of paying patients treated annually in each hospital respectively ?
- (4.) The same information in regard to the number of sick poor treated in each respective hospital during the same period ?

Mr. See answered,—This information will be prepared and laid upon the Table of this House in the form of a return.

- (10.) Rabbit-proof Fence from Yarraldool to Narrabri :—Mr. Lonsdale asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a number of persons subscribed £2,000, and paid it to his Department eighteen months ago for the purpose of having a rabbit-proof fence erected from Yarraldool to Narrabri ?
- (2.) Will he take steps to have the fence erected at once, to stop, if possible, the influx of rabbits ?

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Mr. Crick answered,—

(1.) The sum of £2,000 was stipulated for, from landholders interested, towards the cost of the erection by the Crown of a rabbit-proof fence from Mungindi to Narrabri; only £1,438 was promised, and of this, £592 was received on completion of the fence from Mungindi to Yarraldool, on the Namoi River, in 1897. It was decided to continue the fence from Yarraldool to Narrabri, provided that the sum of £2,000 originally stipulated for was guaranteed by private individuals. A further sum of £637 has been promised, and an additional £150 has been received. The amount of the private contributions towards the cost of the portion of the fence already erected, together with the proposed extension, is thus £742, leaving £1,258 of the £2,000 stipulated for still to be paid.

(2.) Tenders for the erection of the first section of the proposed extension, being the portion from Yarraldool to Pilliga, were recently called for, and only one tender has been received. The tender is unexpectedly high, and has raised the question whether it would be possible to have the work done less expensively.

(11.) Additions to Registrar-General's Department:—Mr. Nobbs asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) When does he propose to proceed with the additions to the Registrar-General's Department, necessary for the proper preservation and protection of official records and original grants?

(2.) Are the plans in course of preparation?

Mr. See answered,—This matter has engaged the attention of the Government. In the meantime, every precaution necessary for the proper preservation and protection of the official records of the Department has been taken.

(12.) Retired Public Servants:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Was there an amount of £5,000 voted by the late Parliament for the purpose of meeting claims of special cases where officers were retired from the Service without leave of absence?

(2.) Was the payment of such claims considered just?

(3.) How many officers received payment on the basis of their thirty years' service?

(4.) How many received payment on the basis of twenty-five years' service and under?

(5.) Does he intend to provide an amount on the Additional Estimates to meet the claims of a similar nature to the above?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The money was voted by Parliament, and was distributed amongst those officers who it was considered had the best claims.

(3.) Forty-three.

(4.) Three.

(5.) No.

(13.) Erection of New Law Courts:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Have any further steps been taken with a view to having new Law Courts erected in the city of Sydney?

(2.) Has he not in existence, in his Department, a report showing the insanitary condition of some of the offices connected with the Law Courts, and describing the condition as a danger to health?

(3.) Will he, under the circumstances, give the necessary instructions that the whole matter may be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works at an early date?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1 and 3.) Owing to the large amount borrowed for resumption purposes, this and other useful works will have to stand over for the present.

(2.) Reports have been received complaining about the insanitary condition of the buildings in Chancery Square, but every precaution has been taken to render the offices as sanitary and healthy as possible under the circumstances.

(14.) Parramatta River:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has his attention been drawn to the state of the Parramatta River, and the necessity for making the same navigable?

(2.) Is it not a fact that people complain of the nuisance that exists along the shallow areas at low tide, owing to the deposit of foreign matter thereon?

(3.) Will he, in the interests of navigation and public health, take the necessary action to make this natural highway attractive in every respect?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—Yes, I have already made a special trip along the Parramatta River with the President of the Harbour Trust and other gentlemen to ascertain what can be done in the matter. I am awaiting a report.

(15.) Mr. G. M. Pope, late Clerk of Petty Sessions:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Attorney-General,—

(1.) Has Mr. G. M. Pope, late Clerk of Petty Sessions, been retired from the Service?

(2.) What pension is payable to him?

(3.) In calculating the amount payable to him, has the abatement which, in terms of the Civil Service Act, should be deducted, been taken into consideration?

(4.) How long was Mr. Pope in the Service, and did he have any leave, other than when ill, during that period of service?

(5.) If other persons have had the abatement paid by the Government, will the same treatment be meted out to Mr. Pope; and if not, why?

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*Mr. See* answered,—The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice informs me as follows:—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) £140 15s. per annum.
- (3.) Yes.
- (4.) Thirty-eight years and two months. *Mr. Pope* was granted six months' leave prior to his retirement. No other leave, except on account of sickness, is recorded against him during the last seventeen years.
- (5.) No request has been received from *Mr. Pope* for the discharge by the Government of the amount due by him to the Superannuation Account. I may state, however, that no such request from any officer of the Department of Justice has been acceded to since the passing of the Public Service Act, 1895.

- (16.) Commonwealth Celebrations:—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Have instructions been given to the Government Printer to proceed with the work of completing the official record of the inaugural celebrations in connection with the Commonwealth; and when is the volume likely to be ready for issue?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—The matter has not yet been decided.

- (17.) Public School Teachers:—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) How many 3A lady assistants are there in the Education Department; what was the salary paid them prior to the 1893 reduction, and what is it now?
- (2.) Has any increase been granted them since 1893; if not, is it proposed to grant such increase this year?
- (3.) Meanwhile, have not the male teachers, holding corresponding classifications, received two increases within twelve months?
- (4.) Have not the 3A lady assistants exactly the same duties to perform and the same examinations to undergo as the male teachers?

*Mr. Perry* answered,—

- (1.) 269 3A assistants. The salary of a 3A assistant prior to 1893 was £114 per annum. The present salary is £104 per annum.
- (2.) (a) No; (b) No.
- (3.) Yes. From £113 to £120 per annum from 1st January, and from £120 to £132 per annum from 1st July, subject to the passing of the Appropriation Act now before Parliament.
- (4.) Practically the same.

- (18.) Application for Mining Lease by *W. C. Easdowne*, of Narooma:—*Mr. Affleck*, for *Mr. Haynes*, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) With regard to an application for a mining lease in the South Coast district by *W. C. Easdowne*, of Narooma, will he say whether, on the date of the application, the land was Crown lands and open for application for lease?
- (2.) If such lands were Crown lands on the date of *Easdowne's* application, can he say whether the application has been entertained?
- (3.) If refused, will he say on what grounds the application was so dealt with?

*Mr. Kidd* answered,—

- (1.) Yes, but it is not obligatory on the part of the Governor to grant any lease applied for.
- (2.) All the facts in connection with the case were considered, with the result that *Mr. Easdowne's* application was refused on the 2nd September last.
- (3.) The former lease covering this land was cancelled for non-payment of rent amounting to £4, which occurred through an oversight. A considerable sum of money had been expended on the land in mining operations by the lessees, and as it was shown that they were not attempting to shepherd the land or avoid the labour conditions in any way, but actually were working the claim when the cancellation took place, it was considered they were entitled to be put in possession. The Department endeavours to protect all *bona fide* persons engaged in mining, and in this case it was decided that the equities were in favour of those who had been working the land, and they were given a beforehand notice to re-peg it.

- (19.) Department of Forestry:—*Mr. Levy* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to create a new portfolio in connection with the proposed Department of Forestry?
- (2.) If so (a) under what authority is this portfolio to be established; (b) is there to be a salary attached to the position; and (c) out of what fund is the salary, if any, to be paid?

*Mr. See* answered,—It is not the intention of the Government to create a new portfolio.

4. INVERELL GAS, COKE, COAL, AND ELECTRIC LIGHTING COMPANY (LIMITED) BILL:—*Mr. McIntyre* presented a Petition from the Inverell Gas, Coke, Coal, and Electric Lighting Company (Limited) praying for leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Inverell Gas, Coke, Coal, and Electric Lighting Company (Limited), and to enable the said Inverell Gas, Coke, Coal, and Electric Company to construct gas and electric lighting works within the Municipal District of Inverell, in the State of New South Wales.

And *Mr. McIntyre* having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, and the *Inverell Times* newspapers containing the notices required by the 396th Standing Order,—Petition received.

5. PAPERS:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1900, of land for the widening of Valentine Avenue, at Parramatta.
- (2.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1900, of land for the construction of an Artesian Well at Mercadool.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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6. **PRINTING COMMITTEE** :—Mr. Gormly, as Chairman, brought up the Ninth Report from the Printing Committee.
7. **WESTERN LANDS BILL (Formal Motion)** :—Mr. Crick 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 vest the management and control of that portion of New South Wales known as the Western Division in a Board, to be called the Western Land Board; and for all purposes necessary thereto.  
Question put and passed.
8. **PRINCE ALFRED HOSPITAL ADDITIONS 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 erection of two pavilions in connection with Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney; and for other purposes.  
Question put and passed.
9. **FINES AND FORFEITURES FROM SEAMEN'S WAGES (Formal Motion)** :—Mr. Samuel Smith moved pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing the amount of fines and forfeitures from seamen's wages paid into the Shipping Offices of Sydney and Newcastle respectively, and passed to the Consolidated Revenue in the years 1890 to 1900 inclusive.  
Question put and passed.
10. **DRAINAGE PROMOTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (Formal Motion)** :—  
(1.) Mr. Brunker moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Drainage Promotion Act of 1865.  
Question put and passed.  
(2.) Mr. Brunker then presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to amend the Drainage Promotion Act of 1865,"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 19th November.
11. **TRADES UNION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (Formal Motion)** :—Mr. Kelly moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Trades Union Act, 1881.  
Question put and passed.
12. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO CIVIL SERVANTS BEFORE BEING RETRENCHED (Formal Motion)** :—Mr. McFarlane moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—  
(1.) Those Civil Servants who applied for six months' leave of absence before being retrenched, with their names and amount of remuneration paid in lieu thereof; also the length of service of each.  
(2.) The names and length of service of those who applied for six months' leave of absence before being retrenched, but have not received any remuneration in lieu thereof.  
Question put and passed.
13. **POSTPONEMENT** :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Miners' Accident Relief (Bull's Fund) Bill, postponed until To-morrow.
14. **FACTORIES AND SHOPS BILL** :—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Perry, and read by Mr. Speaker :—  
**FREDK. M. DARLEY,** *Lieutenant-Governor.* *Message No. 121.*  
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 regulate factories, bakehouses, laundries, dye-works, shops, restaurants, and hotels, and the work carried on therein or in connection therewith; to regulate employment and wages in certain trades; to extend the liability of employers for injuries to employees; and for purposes consequent upon or incidental to these objects.  
*State Government House,*  
*Sydney, 6th November, 1901.*  
Ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.
15. **WESTERN LANDS BILL** :—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Crick, and read by Mr. Speaker :—  
**FREDK. M. DARLEY,** *Lieutenant-Governor.* *Message No. 122.*  
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 vest the management and control of that portion of New South Wales known as the Western Division in a Board, to be called The Western Land Board; and for all purposes necessary thereto.  
*State Government House,*  
*Sydney, 14th November, 1901.*  
Ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

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16. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT**:—Mr. See informed the House of the intentions of the Government in proceeding with the Public Business.  
Mr. Lee also addressed the House.
17. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**:—Mr. Waddell 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 1901-1902," 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.
18. **SUPPLY**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Waddell, 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 His Majesty a sum not exceeding £1,097,000, being £1,072,000 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the State during the months of November and December, or following month of the financial year ending 30th June, 1902, to be expended at the rates which are shown on Estimates for the financial year ending 30th June, 1902, as passed by the Legislative Assembly; and for Services of the year 1901-1902—£25,000 for Treasurer's Advance Account, the whole amount to be adjusted not later than the 30th June, 1903.

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

19. **WAYS AND MEANS**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Waddell, 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 His Majesty for the Services of the financial year 1901-1902, the sum of £1,097,000 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

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

20. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 3)**:—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Waddell, 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 1901-1902.

(2.) Mr. Waddell 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 1901-1902*,"—which was read a first time.

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

(3.) Bill read a second time (after Debate).

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

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

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

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

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

Mr. Waddell then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1901-1902*."

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 1901-1902*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 15th November, 1901, a.m.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

14th November, 1901.

21. MINES INSPECTION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put and passed.

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 make better provision for the regulation and inspection of mines other than coal and shale mines; to regulate the treatment of the products of such mines; and for purposes incidental to, or consequent on, 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 make better provision for the regulation and inspection of mines other than coal and shale mines; to regulate the treatment of the products of such mines; and for purposes incidental to, or consequent on, those objects,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*

*Sydney, 15th November, 1901, a.m.*

22. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES (FURTHER AMENDMENT) BILL:—On motion of Mr. See, the Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill was discharged.

Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.

23. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES (FURTHER AMENDMENT) BILL (No. 2):—

(1.) Mr. See moved, That the Order of Leave under which the Friendly Societies (Further Amendment) Bill was brought in be now read.

Question put and passed.

And the said Order of Leave (*as recorded in the Votes and Proceedings, No. 8, of Wednesday, 7th August, 1901, Entry 9*), read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker.

(2.) Mr. See then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to further amend the law relating to Friendly Societies,*"—which was read a first time.

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

The House adjourned at Three o'clock, a.m., until half-past One o'clock, p.m., This Day.

F. W. WEBB,

*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

WILLIAM McCOURT,

*Speaker.*



New South Wales.

No. 50.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

FRIDAY, 15 NOVEMBER, 1901.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Drawbacks between State and State:—Mr. Whiddon asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Referring to the Question asked by Mr. Whiddon on 23rd October, in connection with the allowing of drawbacks, as between State and State, upon goods returned from any State bond, not having been sold, has he received any communications from the Federal Commissioner of Customs, as to arrangements being made to allow of drawbacks being granted in such cases?

(2.) If not, in view of the inconvenience occasioned through the absence of such arrangement, will he urge upon the Federal Commissioner the necessity for immediate action?

Mr. Waddell answered,—No reply has yet been received to the representations made, and a reminder will be sent to the Federal Prime Minister.

(2.) Labour Bureau:—Mr. Whiddon asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Referring to the statement in the Press by the Rev. C. Carr-Smith, late member of the Labour Commission, that "The complaints that have been made have been due to men being put " on Government work by the Minister and others, altogether apart from the Bureau—I suppose " for political and other reasons—a course which, if persisted in, will cause the whole system to " break down, and render the Bureau practically useless," will he (as this statement gives the impression that Ministerial patronage is still in existence) inform this House and the country as to whether for the future men will be given work by merit and not by favouritism, either political, religious, or otherwise?

(2.) In reference to the statement of the Rev. Carr-Smith, in the morning Press of the 14th November, in reference to the control and management of the Labour Bureau, will he, in view of the importance of the matter, and in the interest of the workers, give his attention to the same?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) It is true, as stated by the Rev. Carr-Smith, that at one time I used to relieve urgent cases of distress among the unemployed, brought under my notice by Members of Parliament, without reference to the Labour Commissioners. That was done in order to expedite relief, not for political reasons. The practice has, however, been stopped by me, and now no man is put on relief works in or near the city (other than returned soldiers) except through the Labour Bureau. In country districts I have always allowed a fair percentage of the local unemployed to be put on because they have the same claim upon me as city unemployed, but in future these will only receive employment through the Road Superintendent or police officer.

(2.) Yes; I have for some time been making arrangements by which outside influence will be stopped in the matter of State employment. As I have several times pointed out during the past three months, such a step is absolutely necessary if the day labour system is to be perpetuated.

(3.) Police Uniform:—Mr. Kelly asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it compulsory for the police to wear white trousers during the summer season?

(2.) Is he aware that the police have to provide same out of their salaries?

(3.) Will he cause inquiries to be made, with a view to substituting light serge for future wear?

(4.) Is he aware that the delay in exchanging clothing when soiled on duty is a loss to the Service, and tends to disorganise the same?

Mr. See answered,—The following information has been furnished by the Inspector-General of Police:—

(1.) Yes, when employed on certain duties and during the heat of the day.

(2.) White trousers are supplied as part of the issue of uniform; if in excess of the regulation allowance they are paid for.

(3.) White duck was selected as desired by the police for coolness.

(4.) No reports have been received to this effect.

(4.)

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(4.) Meteorological Conditions:—*Mr. T. R. Smith*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Would he, in the interest of science, obtain from the Government Astronomer (Mr. Russell, M.A.) a report as to the cause, or approximate cause, of the phenomenal rainfall and disastrous floods and gales that occurred in England, Ireland, and Scotland on the 13th instant, as reported in the *Herald* of Thursday, the 14th November, and if there is any meteorological connection, or likelihood of the phenomenal rainfall and disastrous gales and floods that have recently occurred in Great Britain reaching the shores of Australia in the Southern Hemisphere?

(2.) Will he ask Mr. Russell for a report as to whether these phenomenal weather changes that occur in Great Britain are an indication that a similar phenomenal rainfall and disastrous gales and floods are likely to occur or extend to the Southern Hemisphere?

(3.) Will he also ask Mr. Russell to report whether there is any meteorological connection or otherwise between the phenomenal rainfall, &c., that has recently occurred in Great Britain compared with the unsettled wet and changeable weather that has of late been experienced in the State of New South Wales?

*Mr. Bennett* answered,—Reports will be obtained as suggested.

(5.) "Chain Letter" in Aid of St. George's Cottage Hospital:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. Carruthers, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he be good enough to answer the second part of Mr. Carruthers' Question, addressed to him on the 13th instant, as follows:—"Will he authorise some person to make a complete inquiry and report upon the origin and results of this 'Chain Letter'; if not, will he facilitate a motion, if submitted by a private Member, to have the matter inquired into by a Select Committee of this House?"

*Mr. See* answered,—I have already informed the honorable gentleman that I will do my best to put a stop to this; and that I will make the fullest inquiry.

(6.) Suspension of Work at Sydney University:—*Mr. Kelly* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Will he state the reason why the work has been suspended at the Sydney University?

(2.) Is he aware that there are numerous tradesmen waiting for this work to be re-started again?

*Mr. O'Sullivan* answered,—

(1.) The work has been suspended awaiting the voting of the necessary additional funds.

(2.) Yes; but we cannot carry on public works of this character without the approval of Parliament.

(7.) Members of the Legislative Assembly:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. Hogue, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What are the intentions of the Government in regard to the question of reduction of members of this House?

(2.) Is it intended by the Government to redeem, during the present Session, the promise made in the Governor's Opening Speech on this subject?

*Mr. See* answered,—I made reference to this subject in the statement I made to the House last night.

(8.) Extension of Darling Harbour Railway:—*Mr. Fleming* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government that the railway shall shortly be extended along Darling Harbour for goods traffic?

*Mr. O'Sullivan* answered,—Reply furnished by the Harbour Trust Commissioners is they do not intend taking any action in the matter at the present time. That railway is entirely under their jurisdiction.

(9.) Special Vote to Fire Brigades:—*Mr. Morton*, for Mr. Winchcombe, asked the Colonial Secretary,—The names of the Fire Brigades which received a share of the Special Vote of £4,000 last year, and the amount paid to each?

*Mr. See* answered,—An answer to this question would involve much detail, which would be more conveniently given in the form of a return. I shall be glad to give the information if the Honorable Member will move for it in the usual way.

(10.) Allowances to Country Police:—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Are any special allowances made to police constables in city or country for extra work entailed in the collection of the Electoral Roll and the delivery of Electors' Rights?

(2.) Are such constables expected to perform their ordinary duties in addition to the duties above alluded to, and are such latter duties done in hours other than those allotted to them for patrol work?

*Mr. See* answered,—The Inspector-General of Police has furnished me with the following replies:—

(1.) Yes, for the collection and compiling of Electoral Rolls, but not for the delivery of Electors' Rights.

(2.) Such employment forms part of the duty allotted to the police.

2. AUDIT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Waddell* 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 provision for the collection and payment of the public moneys; the audit of the public accounts; and the protection and recovery of public property; and for other purposes.

Question put and passed.

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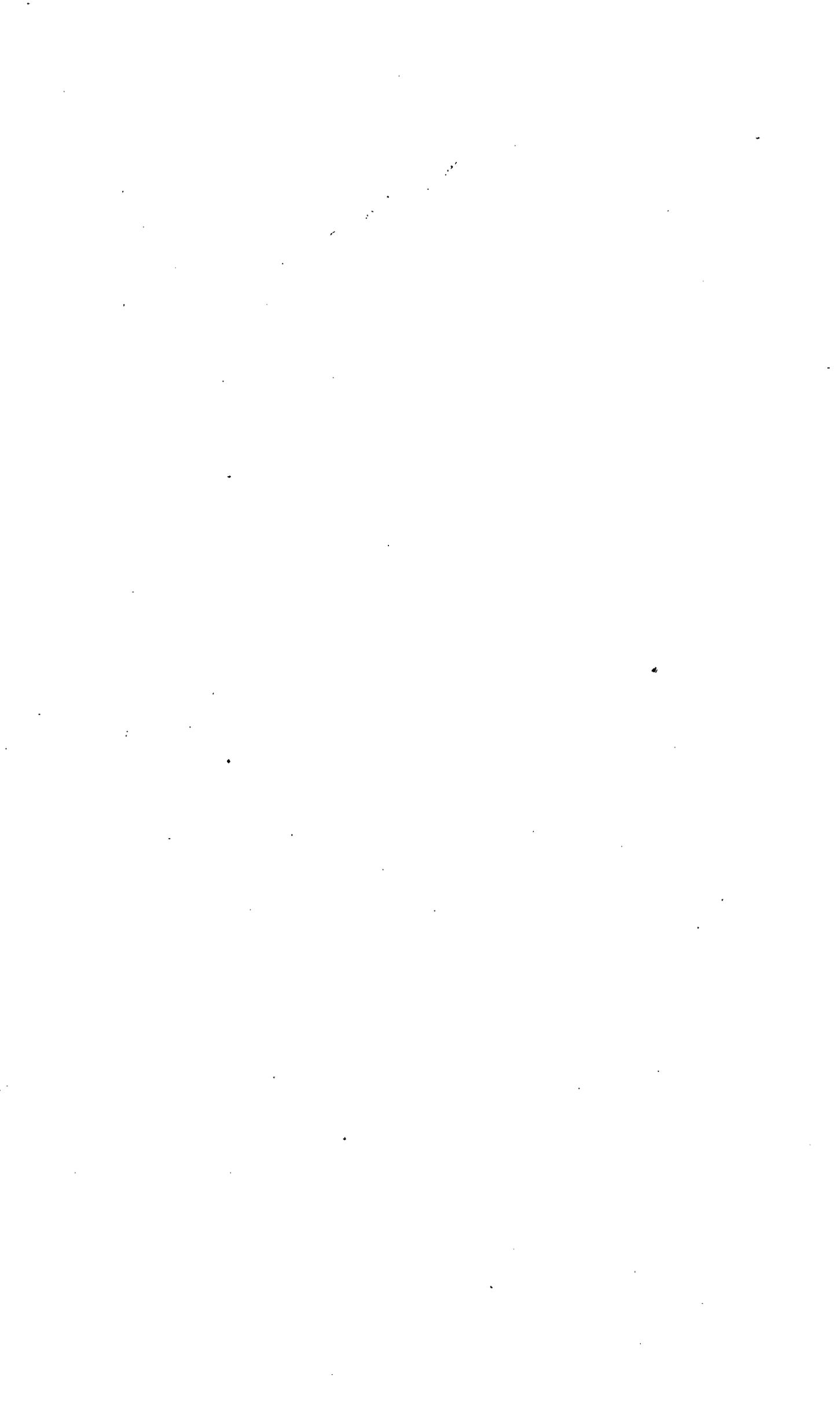
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3. METROPOLITAN HOSPITALS SUBSIDISED BY THE STATE (*Formal Motion*):—Dr. Ross moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
- (1.) (a) the number of hospitals subsidised by the State in Sydney and suburbs; (b) number of beds attached to each respectively; (c) number of cases treated annually in each; and (d) the amount of subsidy each receives respectively.
  - (2.) The population of Sydney and suburbs.
  - (3.) The number of paying patients treated annually in each hospital respectively.
  - (4.) The same information in regard to the number of sick poor treated in each respective hospital during the same period.
- Question put and passed.
4. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's amendments in the Industrial Arbitration Bill postponed until Wednesday next.
5. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES (FURTHER AMENDMENT) BILL (No. 2):—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
- Debate ensued.
- Mr. Hollis moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
- Debate ensued.
- Question put and passed.
- Ordered that the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
6. PRINCE ALFRED HOSPITAL ADDITIONS 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 erection of two pavilions in connection with Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney; and for other purposes.
- Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Price, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.
- Ordered, on motion of the Temporary Chairman, That the report be *now* received.
- The Temporary 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 erection of two pavilions in connection with Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney; 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 erection of two pavilions in connection with Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney; and for other purposes*,"—which was read a first time.
- Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
7. TEMORA TO BARELLAN RAILWAY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
- Debate ensued.

And it being Five o'clock, p.m., Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Sessional Order adopted on 6th November, 1901, adjourned the House until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*



New South Wales.

No. 51.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 19 NOVEMBER, 1901.

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

MESSAGES FROM THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR:—

(1.) The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. See, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

*Truck Act Amendment Bill:—*

FREDK. M. DARLEY,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 123.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Truck Act of 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 His 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.

*State Government House,  
Sydney, 19th November, 1901.*

(2.) Delivered by Mr. O'Sullivan:—

*Little Bay Penitentiary and Prison Bill:—*

FREDK. M. DARLEY,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 124.*

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 sanction and authorise the erection of a penitentiary and prison for females near Randwick; and for other purposes.

*State Government House,  
Sydney, 13th November, 1901.*

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

(3.) Delivered by Mr. O'Sullivan:—

*Cobar to Wilcannia Railway Bill:—*

FREDK. M. DARLEY,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 125.*

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 sanction the construction of a line of railway from Cobar to Wilcannia; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the duty of the constructing authority to make and maintain fences along the said line; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to provide for the imposition of a tax on certain lands in connection with such line; and for other purposes.

*State Government House,  
Sydney, 8th November, 1901.*

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

19th November, 1901.

## 2. QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) **Erection of a Hospital for the Treatment of Cancer.**—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—  
In view of the intention of the Government to expend £45,000 in the enlargement of Prince Alfred Hospital, £16,000 on the erection of a hospital for consumption, and an equally large amount on a children's hospital, &c., will the Government take into their serious consideration the urgent necessity of taking steps for the erection of a hospital for the treatment of cases of cancer, a virulent and fatal disease, more largely on the increase of late years than that of consumption or any other disease?

Mr. See answered,—Cancer not being an infectious disease is treated in the general hospitals, which appear to contain sufficient accommodation for present demands.

- (2.) **Moneys received at Agricultural Society's Grounds during visit of Imperial Troops.**—  
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What was the amount taken at the gates at the Agricultural Society's Grounds as a charge for the entry of visitors during the stay there of the Imperial Troops in January last; and how much of this sum has been handed over, as promised, to the charities of the city?

(2.) What military officer or other person had charge of the fund thus raised?

(3.) Has any statement of the takings and disbursements in the above connection been published for the information of the public?

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

- (3.) **Rocks Resumed Area.**—*Mr. Gillies*, for Mr. Daley, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) By whose authority are the rentals being raised in the Rocks resumed area; and for what reason?

(2.) Considering the burdens imposed by the Federal tariff, will he cancel the instructions to raise the rentals?

(3.) When does he intend to start the work of demolition in the area?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1 and 2.) Rentals have not been raised in the resumed area known as "The Rocks."

(3.) The work of demolition is already in hand. The buildings unfit for occupation are being removed, and the old material sold by public auction.

- (4.) **Education of Children in the Back-blocks.**—Mr. Webster asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is he aware that hundreds of children in the back-blocks are growing up uneducated?

(2.) Is it his intention to assist the parents of such children to educate them, either by subsidising teachers or otherwise?

(3.) When does he expect such relief will be available?

Mr. Perry answered,—

(1.) This must necessarily happen in districts where the population is so scattered that even the smallest class of school cannot be maintained.

(2 and 3.) This matter has already received consideration. It is proposed to make it a subject of discussion at the approaching conference of inspectors, when it is hoped that a satisfactory scheme will be evolved for the education of children now beyond reach.

- (5.) **South African War.**—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has he noticed recent utterances of the Secretary of State for the Colonies implying that the Colonies, or some of them, have stipulated for certain conditions as being essential to the settlement of the South African war?

(2.) Has the Government of New South Wales urged any particular terms of peace?

(3.) As a matter of fact, would not any terms acceptable to the people of Great Britain be entirely satisfactory to the Government and people of New South Wales, and would not such terms be accepted without protest by the Government of this State?

Mr. See answered,—I have not been communicated with on this subject. I do not know how or where the honorable gentlemen got his information. It would be an act of presumption on my part to attempt to interfere with the Home Government on a matter of Imperial policy. If I were asked my opinion, I should be only too happy to give it for what it is worth.

- (6.) **Rabbit-proof Fencing.**—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. Fleming, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Have the settlers of any district in the State ever been asked by the Government to contribute any part of the cost of erecting rabbit-proof fencing; if so, will he name such case or cases?

Mr. See answered,—Yes, on two occasions. A proposal was made by the Queensland Government to share the expense of erecting a rabbit-proof fence from Mungindi to Narrabri, at an estimated cost of £8,000, and Mr. Secretary Carruthers decided that the fence might be erected provided the landowners interested contributed £2,000. A petition was presented by certain farmers and graziers in the Coonabarabran District for the erection of 38 miles of fencing to connect the Gorah and Gurravilla Holdings, at a cost of about £2,450; but the landowners whose property would be benefited by the erection of the fence, on being asked to contribute, failed to make any satisfactory response.

3. **LIQUOR TRAFFIC.**—The following Petitions,—praying the House to pass into law a measure embodying the following provisions :—(1) extension of the existing local option law; (2) earlier hours of closing; (3) effective Sunday closing; (4) non-employment of barmaids; (5) closing of public-houses on election days; (6) prohibition of sale of liquor to young people under seventeen years of age,—were presented by the Members named :—

(1.) By Mr. Nelson,—From George B. Marks, Chairman of a meeting of the "Dayspring" Lodge of Independent Order of Good Templars.

(2.) By Mr. Hollis,—From Chas. H. Braddon, Chairman of a meeting of members of the "Lily of Kingston" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars.

Petitions received.

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19th November, 1901.

4. **MEMBER SWORN**:—Patrick James Clara, 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 Condoumlin.
5. **PAPERS**:—  
Mr. Sec laid upon the Table,—Return respecting the occupation of the Agricultural Society's ground by the Imperial Troops in January, 1901.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.  
Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—By-laws of the Borough of Young under the Nuisances Prevention Act of 1897.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
6. **TRADE UNION AMENDING BILL**:—Mr. Kelly, pursuant to leave granted on 14th November, 1901, 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, 17th December.
7. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—  
(1.) District Courts Act Amendment Bill; second reading (*Mr. McIntyre*);—until Tuesday, 10th December.  
(2.) Dismissal of James Stephen Inch from the Public Service; resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. Affleck,—  
" (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon all the circumstances attending the dismissal of James Stephen Inch from the Public Service of New South Wales.  
" (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Sec, Mr. Arthur Griffith, Mr. Millard, Mr. Haynes, Mr. McCoy, Dr. Ross, Mr. Levy, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Archer, and the Mover";—until Tuesday next.
8. **TREASURY BILLS DEFICIENCY (AMENDMENT) BILL**:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Waddell, and read by Mr. Speaker:—  
**FREDK. M. DARLEY,** *Message No. 126.*  
*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 Treasury Bills Deficiency Act, 1900.  
*State Government House,*  
*Sydney, 18th November, 1901.*  
Ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.
9. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Rylstone, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, 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 necessity for Legislative steps being taken to prevent the further disfigurement of harbour foreshores and other beauty spots of the State by the erection of unsightly advertising hoardings."  
And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—  
Mr. Fitzpatrick moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.
- And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business only proceeded with, under Sessional Order adopted on 6th November, 1901.
10. **FACTORIES AND SHOPS BILL**:—Mr. Perry 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 factories, bakehouses, laundries, dye-works, shops, restaurants, and hotels, and the work carried on therein or in connection therewith; to regulate employment and wages in certain trades; to extend the liability of employers for injuries to employees; and for purposes consequent upon, or incidental to, those objects.  
Question put and passed.
11. **PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS**:—  
(1.) *Railway from Wagga Wagga to Humula*:—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a line of railway from Wagga Wagga to Humula.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
(2.) *Railway from Glen Innes to Inverell*:—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a line of railway from Glen Innes to Inverell.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
12. **BOGAN GATE TO BULBODNEY RAILWAY BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. O'Sullivan 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. 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 with an amendment, and an amended Title.  
On motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

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13. PAPER:—Mr. See laid upon the Table.—Correspondence respecting the Friendly Societies Further Amendment Bill.  
Ordered to be printed.
14. MANILA TO BARRABA RAILWAY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. O'Sullivan 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. 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 with an amendment.  
On motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
15. DEMISE OF THE CROWN BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with an amendment.  
On motion of Mr. See, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
16. CORONERS' BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. See, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
17. TEMORA TO BARELLAN RAILWAY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—  
And the Debate not being resumed,—  
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 with an amendment, and an amended Title.  
On motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
18. PRINCE ALFRED HOSPITAL ADDITIONS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. O'Sullivan 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. 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.
19. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. See moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present. Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only seventeen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Bennett, Mr. Cann, Mr. Dacey, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Evans, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Gillies, Mr. W. F. Hurley, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Morton, Mr. Daniel O'Connor, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Perry, Mr. Richards, Mr. See, Mr. Thomson, and Mr. Young,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House at twenty-two minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 52.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 20 NOVEMBER, 1901.

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

## QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Islands of the Pacific:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Have any representations been made by the State Government advising action by the Commonwealth Government in taking over the islands of the Pacific coming within the influence of Australia?

(2.) Have any special recommendations been made in respect to the New Hebrides?

(3.) Is it not a fact that considerable expansion of trade has taken place with the New Hebrides and New South Wales during the last twelve months?

Mr. See answered,—This is a matter for the Federal Government to deal with—who have not communicated with me upon the subject. I will, however, ascertain their views.

(2.) State Bursaries:—Mr. Moore asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) How many State bursaries have been granted during the last five years?

(2.) How many bursars have lost a year through failing to pass the required examinations?

(3.) How many have failed to pass the annual examinations in December?

(4.) How many have taken honours at their degree examinations?

(5.) What positions have the bursars occupied in the pass lists in the subjects in which they graduated?

Mr. Perry answered,—

(1.) Forty-eight (one of which, however, was not taken up).

(2.) Two bursaries have been withdrawn at the end of the first year, and four at the end of the second year, on account of the failure of the holders to pass the required examinations.

(3.) Twenty-five (six of whom failed twice and one three times). Nineteen of these, however, passed in the following March.

(4.) Fifteen.

(5.) Thirty-three have graduated—of whom nine gained honours in two subjects, six did so in one subject, twelve passed satisfactorily, and six passed the deferred examination in March.

(3.) Adjournment of the House:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) How many times during the present Session has the adjournment of this House been moved, and by whom?

(2.) What proportion of these Members are (a) Ministerialists; (b) Opposition; (c) Labour?

Mr. See answered,—Twenty-three. Mr. Dick, Mr. Edden (twice), Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick (three times), Mr. Dacey, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Sleath, Mr. Meagher (twice), Mr. Haynes (twice), Mr. E. M. Clark (three times), Mr. Moxham, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Levy, Dr. Ross, Mr. Price, Mr. D. R. Hall.

(4.) Darling Harbour Wharves Resumption:—Mr. Walsh, for Mr. Meagher, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) How many claims in connection with the Wharf Resumptions have been paid to date, or amounts agreed to be paid?

(2.) Will he furnish the names of the owners, the respective amounts, and a list of the properties?

(3.) In how many cases have legal proceedings been instituted?

(4.) The names of the plaintiffs and amounts claimed?

(5.) The amounts offered by the Government in such cases respectively?

Mr. See answered,—A return will be prepared and laid upon the Table of the House in due course.

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(5.) Prosecution of a Publican for not having his License on Premises :—*Mr. Walsh*, for *Mr. Meagher*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has his attention been called to a prosecution under the Licensing Act, by Sub-Inspector Elliott, of a publican for not having his license on the premises when asked for by the Police, and the dismissal of same by the Magistrate?

(2.) Will he instruct the Crown Law authorities to take the necessary steps to have the point decided before the Supreme Court?

*Mr. See* answered,—Yes.

(6.) Old-age Pensions :—*Mr. Kelly*, for *Mr. Burgess*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is he aware that old people have been refused pensions, although they have fulfilled all conditions except that of naturalization in New South Wales, though naturalized in one of the other States?

(2.) Is this held by the authorities to be in accordance with the Old-age Pension law?

(3.) If so, will he make an alteration to allow of all British subjects who have fulfilled the condition of residence, &c., receiving the benefit of it?

*Mr. Bennett* answered,—

(1.) My honorable colleague is informed that pensions have been refused owing to non-compliance with the provisions of the law as to naturalization.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) It is proposed to consider the matter of naturalization.

(7.) Jams Manufactured in New South Wales :—*Mr. Kelly*, for *Mr. Price*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Were complaints made in Parliament some time since in reference to the adulteration of jam; if so, by whom?

(2.) Is it a fact that certain of the principal jam manufacturers of this State made representations to him requesting that an analysis be made of the various jams sold in the State of New South Wales?

(3.) Were instructions issued for an analysis to be made of the jams manufactured in New South Wales; if so, has such analysis been made?

(4.) Was a report prepared by the Government or other analyst, or by any person or persons on behalf of the Government?

(5.) Will he be good enough to lay upon the Table of this House a copy of the papers in connection with this case, for the public information; also analysis of the various jams and other papers connected therewith?

*Mr. Bennett* answered,—

(1.) A Question relative to the alleged adulteration of jams was asked by the Honorable Member for Ryde on the 28th of August last.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) Analyses have been made by the Department of Public Health, and the report is now being prepared.

(5.) After perusal of the Board of Health's report, my honorable colleague will be in a position to say.

(8.) Rabbits in the Reservoir Grounds :—*Mr. T. R. Smith* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that thousands of rabbits are within the Prospect area known as the Reservoir Grounds?

(2.) Is it a fact that, on account of this breeding-ground for rabbits, the owners of lands adjoining are being put to considerable expense to cope with this pest?

(3.) Will he make inquiries into this matter, and do his best to have the rabbits destroyed on the lands owned by the Crown, so as to prevent them increasing in the district?

*Mr. See* answered,—

(1 and 2.) I am not aware.

(3.) I will have inquiry made into the matter.

(9.) Life-saving Fenders on Trams :—*Mr. Law* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Railway Department is now in negotiation for a life-saving fender, to be placed in front of the tramcars in Sydney?

(2.) If so, how many schemes have been placed before the Department?

(3.) In order that the most efficient fender may be accepted by the Commissioners, will he see that a public test is given to the respective schemes before deciding thereon?

*Mr. Bennett* answered,—My honorable colleague is informed that the Commissioners are not in negotiation for a life-saving fender. Very many schemes have been before them and fully considered; and at the beginning of the year a fender was adopted, which has since been placed on the majority of the cars.

(10.) Prosecution of Storekeepers for Selling Patent Medicines :—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Who is responsible for the crusade against storekeepers who, for the past thirty years, have been in the habit of stocking and selling patent medicines, such as pain-killer, Irish moss, blistering ointment, peppermint cure, &c.?

(2.) Is he aware of the fact that a number of prosecutions, in the case of country storekeepers, have taken place during the past few weeks for offences of the description above referred to?

(3.) Does he know that in many country settlements the storekeeper is the only source of supply as far as concerns ready remedies for all the ills to which flesh is heir; and will he see that in future this worthy individual is not wantonly harassed by vexatious prosecutions?

*Mr.*

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Mr. See answered,—The Pharmacy Board have furnished me with the following information:—

- (1.) The Poisons Act, 1876. This Act forbids the sale of poisons or poisonous articles by any person unless such person holds a license to sell poisons under the abovenamed Act. The articles mentioned in this Question are not patent medicines.
- (2.) No. No person has been prosecuted under the Poisons Act during 1901 for sales of articles mentioned in Question No. 1.
- (3.) Yes. Any person is allowed to sell ready-made remedies provided that such remedies do not contain poison. Any respectable person living in places remote from large towns will receive a license to sell poisons on application to the Pharmacy Board of New South Wales in terms of the Poisons Act, 1876.

(11.) Bubonic Plague:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the illness from which the young man was suffering on Saturday last, who resided at Alexandria, has been ascertained or diagnosed as a true case of bubonic plague?
- (2.) Will he obtain from the Board of Health a report as to the origin or source from which this isolated or sporadic case occurred, in the face of the fact (over and over again repeated) that no diseased rats have been caught or found in Sydney for many months past?
- (3.) How, or in what way, can the outbreak of this sporadic case be accounted for, or what need for having the house in which the patient resided, and the place in the city where he worked, subjected to disinfection, the walls of the building sprayed with a powerful spray of perchloride of mercury, lime-washed, and the debris carted away and disinfected, seeing that the public have been assured that the late recent outbreak of bubonic plague originated from rats, and rats only, and not from debris or the infected walls of buildings?

Mr. See answered,—The following answers have been furnished by the President of the Board of Health:—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The origin is not known.
- (3.) It is not yet certain that the case is a sporadic one. The disinfection of the house, and the removal and destruction of debris, was undertaken for the purpose of destroying rats and other vermin by which further cases might have been caused.

(12.) Electric Trams:—Mr. Nobbs, for Mr. Whiddon, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is he able to state when the Railway Commissioners intend commencing the running of the electric trams to Randwick and Coogee, via Cleveland-street, in fulfilment of their promise made some time ago?

- (2.) In view of the summer season now upon us, and the very great convenience that the running of these trams will be to the many thousands of citizens living in the Western Suburbs, Redfern, and Surry Hills, will he urge upon the Commissioners the necessity of pushing on this work?

Mr. Bennett answered,—My honorable colleague is informed that it is anticipated that the Railway Commissioners will be able to open an electric service along Cleveland-street to the Randwick Road in about six weeks or two months; but electric tram communication with Coogee will not be practicable for some nine months.

(13.) Public School Teachers who have taken a B.A. and M.A. Degree, Sydney University:—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—The number of teachers (male and female) at present engaged as teachers in our public and superior schools who have taken a B.A. and M.A. degree at the University of Sydney, and the salary each receives respectively; and the names of the respective schools in which they are employed?

Mr. Perry answered,—Will the Honorable Member kindly move for this information in the form of a return.

(14.) Registration of Firms:—Mr. Nobbs, for Mr. Winchcombe, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce legislation this Session regarding the registration of firms?

Mr. See answered,—I am doubtful if this can be done during the present Session.

2. OPAL-MINING INDUSTRY:—Mr. Sleath presented a Petition from certain residents of White Cliffs, referring to the report of the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the Opal-mining Industry, and representing that the whole of the witnesses before the Commission favoured the resumption of the whole of the leases; that the Commissioners only recommended the resumption of the leases held by the White Cliffs Opal Mines (Limited), and a rigid system of registration of opal buyers, although the bulk of the evidence was opposed to registration; that Petitioners by resolution, and by Petition to the Minister for Mines, protested against the proposal to license opal buyers; that Petitioners believe that the registration of buyers would not be in the best interests of the producers; that the only effective remedy is the resumption of the whole of the leasehold areas, and the abolition of the tribute system; and praying the House to eliminate from the proposed Mining Bill the clauses relating to the registration of opal buyers and cutters.  
Petition received.

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

- (1.) Correspondence respecting Messrs. Barling and Coghlan's pensions.

- (2.) Report of Mr. Crown Prosecutor Browning respecting the case of Rex v. Thompson.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. INVERELL GAS, COKE, COAL, AND ELECTRIC LIGHTING COMPANY (LIMITED) BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

Mr. McIntyre moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Inverell Gas, Coke, Coal, and Electric Lighting Company, Limited, and to enable the said Inverell Gas, Coke, Coal, and Electric Company to construct gas and electric lighting works within the Municipal District of Inverell, in the State of New South Wales.

Question put and passed.

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5. PRINCE ALFRED HOSPITAL ADDITIONS 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 erection of two pavilions in connection with Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney; 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 erection of two pavilions in connection with Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney; and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
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6. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Tuesday next:—

- (1.) Drainage Promotion Act Amendment Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Brunker.*]
- (2.) Aberdare Collieries Railway Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading. [*Mr. Gillies.*]
- (3.) Agricultural Holdings Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Price.*]

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

- (1.) Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill (No. 3):—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1901-1902,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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Sydney, 20th November, 1901.*

W. J. TRICKETT,  
Deputy-President.

- (2.) Trustee Act Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the law relating to trustees and trust property,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

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W. J. TRICKETT,  
Deputy-President.

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

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

8. CLAIMS OF ROBERT ROBERTS, LATE BOOKBINDER IN THE REGISTRAR-GENERAL'S OFFICE:—MR. E. M. Clark moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(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. See, Mr. Archibald Campbell, Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Briner, Mr. Hawthorne, Mr. Meagher, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Daley, Mr. Nobbs, and the Mover.

Debate ensued.

And Mr. Archer requiring that the Committee be appointed by Ballot,—

Question put.

(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.

The House divided.

Ayes, 42.

Mr. Holman,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Quinn,
Mr. See,	Mr. Webster,
Mr. Broughton,	Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Carroll,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Jessep,	Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. Clara,	Mr. Whiddon,
Mr. Moxham,	Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. Mackenzie,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Evans,	Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Scobic,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Winchcombe,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Price,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. McGowen.
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Newman,	
Mr. E. M. Clark,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.

Noes, 29.

Mr. Macdonell,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. John Hurley,	Mr. Dight,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Eden George,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Miller.
Mr. Bennett,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Thomeon,	
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Davidson,
Mr. Archer,	Mr. McIntyre.
Mr. Cann,	
Mr. Gilbert,	
Mr. Coleman,	
Mr. Affleck,	
Mr. Brunker,	
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	
Mr. Davis,	
Mr. Frank Farnell,	
Mr. Walsh,	
Mr. T. H. Griffith,	
Mr. Henry Clarke,	
Mr. Sleath,	
Mr. T. R. Smith,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Whereupon, the House being about to proceed to the Ballot, a suggestion was made, and (*by consent*) agreed to, that the right to Ballot should be waived.

Question (*as amended by consent*),—

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. See, Mr. Archibald Campbell, Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Briner, Mr. Hawthorne, Mr. Meagher, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Eden George, Mr. Crick, and the Mover,—put and passed.

*And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business only proceeded with, under Sessional Order adopted on 6th November, 1901.*

9. **TREASURY BILLS DEFICIENCY (AMENDMENT) BILL**:—Mr. Waddell 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 Treasury Bills Deficiency Act, 1900.

Question put and passed.

10. **BOGAN GATE TO BULBODNEY RAILWAY BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put and passed.

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 sanction the construction of a line of Railway from Bogan Gate to Bulbodney; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the duty of the Constructing Authority to make and maintain fences along the said line; 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 Bogan Gate to Bulbodney; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the duty of the Constructing Authority to make and maintain fences along the said line; 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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11. **MANILLA TO BARRABA RAILWAY 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 and provide for the construction of a line of Railway from Manilla to Barraba; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the duty of the Constructing Authority to make and maintain fences along the said line; 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 and provide for the construction of a line of Railway from Manilla to Barraba; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the duty of the Constructing Authority to make and maintain fences along the said line; and for other purposes.*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 20th November, 1901.*

12. **DEMISE OF THE CROWN BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put and passed.

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

Mr. See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the law relating to the holding of offices in case of the demise of the Crown.*"

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 law relating to the holding of offices in case of the demise of the Crown,*"—with the amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendment the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

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## DEMISE OF THE CROWN BILL.

*Schedule of the Amendment referred to in Message of 20th November, 1901:*

F. W. WEBB,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

Page 1, clause 2. *After* sub-section (1) *insert* the following new sub-section:—

- (2) It shall not be necessary for the holder of any office under the Crown, who before such demise has taken any oath prescribed or provided for in any statute, to again take such oath after such demise; but where any such oath relates only to the then reigning Sovereign, it shall be deemed to relate to such Sovereign, Her or His Heirs and Successors, according to law.

Examined,—

J. H. CANN,

Chairman of Committees.

13. **CORONERS' BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.  
Question put and passed.  
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 give coroners and deputy-coroners the powers and duties of justices; to give certain magistrates the powers and duties of coroners; and to amend the law relating to coronial inquisitions.*"  
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 give coroners and deputy-coroners the powers and duties of justices; to give certain magistrates the powers and duties of coroners; and to amend the law relating to coronial inquisitions,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 20th November, 1901.*
14. **TEMORA TO BARELLAN RAILWAY 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 construction of a line of Railway from Temora to Barellan; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as relates to the duty of the Constructing Authority to make and maintain fences along the said line; 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 Temora to Barellan; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as relates to the duty of the Constructing Authority to make and maintain fences along the said line; 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,  
Sydney, 20th November, 1901.*
15. **ADVANCES TO SETTLERS (AMENDMENT) BILL:**—  
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Crick, 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 Advances to Settlers Act, 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 amend the Advances to Settlers Act, 1899.  
On motion of Mr. Crick, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.  
(2.) Mr. Crick then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Advances to Settlers Act, 1899,*"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time. To-morrow.
16. **FRIENDLY SOCIETIES (FURTHER AMENDMENT) BILL (No. 2):**—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on motion of Mr. Sec, "That this 'Bill' be now read a second time,"—  
And the Question being again proposed,—  
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.  
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "Bill," and inserting the words "be referred to a Select Committee for consideration" and report.

(2.)

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"(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. See, Mr. Lee, Mr. Dick, Mr. Hollis, Mr. J. F. Smith, Mr. McIntyre, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Williams, and the Mover,"—instead thereof.

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

Débate 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, 42.			Noes, 5.
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Macdonell,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Price.  <i>Tellers,</i> Mr. Clara, Mr. Gilbert.
Mr. Davidson,	Mr. John Storey,	Mr. J. F. Smith,	
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Howarth,	Mr. Sleath,	
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Newman,	Mr. McLaurin,	
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Nicholson,	
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Gillies,	
Mr. See,	Mr. Mahony,	Mr. McGowen,	
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Williams,	Mr. Hollis,	
Mr. McCoy,	Mr. Levy,	Mr. John Hurley,	
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Lee,	Mr. Ferguson.	
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Oakes,	<i>Tellers,</i>	
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Nobbs,	
Mr. Coleman,	Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Mackenzie.	
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. McIntyre,		
Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. Young,		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 43.		Noes, 5.
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Macdonell,	Mr. Clara, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Price.  <i>Tellers,</i> Mr. Walsh, Mr. Ferguson.
Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Young,	
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. McIntyre,	
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Gilbert,	
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Fallick,	
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Newman,	
Mr. See,	Mr. Howarth,	
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. John Storey,	
Mr. McCoy,	Mr. Scobie,	
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Archibald Campbell,	
Mr. Mackenzie,	Mr. W. F. Hurley,	
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Coleman,	
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Brunker,	
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Cann,	
Mr. Williams,	Mr. McGowen,	
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Hollis,	
Mr. Lee,	Mr. John Hurley,	
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Wood.	
Mr. Gillies,	<i>Tellers,</i>	
Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Oakes,	
Mr. McLaurin,	Mr. Mahony.	
Mr. Sleath,		
Mr. J. F. Smith,		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

17. **AUDIT BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Waddell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make provision for the collection and payment of the public moneys; the audit of the public accounts; and the protection and recovery of public property; 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 make provision for the collection and payment of the public moneys; the audit of the public accounts; and the protection and recovery of public property; and for other purposes.

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

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18. RAILWAY EXTENSION INTO THE CITY OF SYDNEY:—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of extending the railway into the city by the construction of a double line, starting from the proposed new terminal station on the northern side of Devonshire-street, passing over Garden-road and Belmore Park, then over Pitt and George Streets, and then bearing in the direction of Kent-street, through the centre of which the track is to proceed overhead as far as Erskine-street; from that point bearing to the left the lines are to pass by means of a reverse curve under Kent-street, and proceed in a tunnel to Harrington-street, where they are to run into the open and connect with a depôt between Harrington and George Streets; the lines continuing are to pass over George and Pitt Streets, Macquarie Place, Loftus and Bridge Streets, and enter a tunnel near the offices of the Department of Public Instruction, and, turning to the left, pass under and follow Elizabeth-street as far as Liverpool-street, and from thence back to the new terminal railway station.

Debate ensued.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Wednesday next.

19. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS (*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. Question put and passed.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*

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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 21 NOVEMBER, 1901.

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

ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor were delivered by Mr. See, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) Temora to Wyalong Railway Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 127.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Temora to Wyalong; to amend the provisions of the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as they relate to the duty of the Constructing Authority to make and maintain fences along the said line; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; 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 His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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- (2.) Sydney Female School of Industry (Sale) Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 128*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the trustees of the Sydney Female School of Industry to sell and convey certain lands; to provide for the application of the proceeds of such sale and the income arising therefrom; and to provide for the appointment of new 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 His 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, 21st November, 1901.*

2. MESSAGES FROM THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor were delivered by Mr. O'Sullivan, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) Sydney Mint (Amendment) Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 129.*

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 Sydney Mint Act of 1865.

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Sydney, 21st November, 1901.*

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

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## (2.) Manly Water Supply and Sewerage Transfer Bill :—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.**Message No. 130.*

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 vest certain works of water supply and property and certain sewerage works at Manly in the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage; to validate certain things done in carrying out such sewerage works in excess of the authority in that behalf; and for purposes consequent on, or incidental to, those objects.

*State Government House,  
Sydney, 19th November, 1901.*

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

## (3.) University of Sydney (Fisher Library) Bill :—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.**Message No. 131.*

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 sanction the erection of a library within the grounds of the University of Sydney; and for other purposes.

*State Government House,  
Sydney, 20th November, 1901.*

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

## 3. QUESTIONS :—

## (1.) Salaries of Clerks of Petty Sessions :—Mr. T. R. Smith asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) The amounts received by the Clerks of Petty Sessions as salaries at the following places,—Eden, Hillgrove, Paterson, Liverpool, and Picton?

(2.) Is there any District Court work at any of the above places?

(3.) Is there any electoral work at any of the above places?

(4.) What are the salaries paid to the Clerks of Petty Sessions at Gosford, Port Macquarie, and Campbelltown?

(5.) What are these gentlemen's duties, and what revenue was received from each of the above places during the year 1900?

(6.) What revenue was received from Penrith Court-house during the year 1900?

(7.) What are the duties of the Clerk of Petty Sessions at Penrith, and what amount does he receive for those duties?

*Mr. See answered,—The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice informs me as follows :—This information can more conveniently be given in the form of a return. There will be no objection to furnishing such return, if moved for in the usual way.*

## (2.) Railway from Liverpool to Mulgoa :—Mr. T. R. Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works,— Will he have referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for report the expediency of constructing a line of railway from Liverpool to Mulgoa, as promised last year?

*Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—The matter will be submitted to the Cabinet to-morrow.*

## (3.) Hours of Labour of Night Railway Station-masters :—Mr. T. R. Smith asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What hours did night station-masters at Bathurst, Eskbank, and Penrith sign on and off during the last three months?

(2.) How many days per week have these men been on duty during the last three months?

(3.) Is it a fact that these men are on duty over eleven hours every night, Sundays included, for years; if not, how many hours have they been on duty each day, and the name of each man, and the hours he was on duty during the last three months?

(4.) Is it a fact that these night station-masters, mentally, are the hardest worked men in the Railway Department; if not, what are the names of men that work longer hours and, mentally, are in more important positions?

(5.) Will he see that these men's hours of labour are reduced considerably?

*Mr. Waddell answered,—The information desired will require some compilation, and will be supplied if moved for in the form of a return.*

## (4.) Electric Light supplied by Council to Railway Department at Penrith :—Mr. T. R. Smith asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) The number of electric lights supplied by the Council to the Railway Department at Penrith during the month of October, 1900; and the cost of such lights per year?

(2.) Is it a fact that the Railway Commissioners have ceased taking the electric lights from the Council and had another light installed?

(3.) What was the total cost of the installation and plant of the new light; the number of lights, power of each, number of men engaged, and the number of hours such men are engaged per day?

(4.) The estimated yearly cost per light; and is it as good as the electric light?

*Mr. Waddell answered,—*

(1.) I am informed that during the month of October, 1900, 108 electric lamps of nominally 16 candle-power each were supplied by the Penrith Council to the Railway Department. The charge was £255 5s. for current only.

(2.) The Council discontinued the supply in consequence of the refusal of the Railway Commissioners to accept a very heavy increase in the charge. The Railway Commissioners, therefore, installed acetylene gas.

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(3.) The total cost of the installation of acetylene was £316 3s. 11d. There are ninety-five acetylene lights, fifty-nine being 16 candle-power each; thirty 18 candle-power each; and six 30 candle-power each.

(4.) The estimated yearly cost per light is £3 15s. 9d. The light is as good as that previously supplied by the Penrith Council, and much more reliable.

(5.) Life Railway Passes:—Mr. T. R. Smith asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In view of the large number of persons holding life railway passes, will he introduce an amending Bill providing for the prevention of any further life railway passes being issued?

Mr. Waddell answered,—Nineteen life passes have been granted in pursuance of section 6C of the Government Railways Act, 1901. This House, on the 30th October, 1900, by a vote of 31 to 15, rejected a Bill for the purpose mentioned by the Honorable Member.

(6.) Life Railway Passes:—Mr. T. R. Smith asked the Colonial Treasurer,—The names of all persons holding life railway passes, and the reason for granting each person such pass?

Mr. Waddell answered,—The desired information will be supplied if moved for in the form of a return.

(7.) Glenbrook Tunnel:—Mr. T. R. Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a trial survey is being made with a view of doing away with the Glenbrook tunnel?

(2.) What will be highest and lowest grade, respectively, in this deviation?

(3.) What is the highest grade on the present line between Emu Plains and Glenbrook?

(4.) Is it a fact that trains are frequently blocked in the Glenbrook tunnel in consequence of the high grade?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) I am informed that a trial survey, with a view of doing away with the Glenbrook tunnel, is not being made.

(2.) The highest grade on the present line between Emu Plains and Glenbrook is 1 in 30.

(3.) Trains have occasionally come to a stand in the Glenbrook tunnel, which is a difficulty at times experienced in other places.

(8.) Government Appointments held by the family of Mr. Mackinnon, of Ballina:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) How many sons and daughters has Mr. Mackinnon, acting Clerk of Petty Sessions at Ballina, employed in the Ballina Public School as pupil-teachers?

(2.) Was one of his daughters recently sent direct from the training-school to fill the position of assistant teacher at Ballina; and were there not teachers possessed of prior claims to such appointment?

(3.) Was one of Mr. Mackinnon's sons, attending the Ballina public school as an ordinary scholar in June last, appointed in July by the Harbours and Rivers Department to take solitary charge of an isolated pumping-station as fireman?

(4.) Does he approve of a mere lad receiving an appointment of this kind, which gives him complete control of isolated boilers and engines?

Mr. Perry answered,—

(1.) One son employed as pupil-teacher.

(2.) No. Miss Mackinnon is merely employed in Ballina as an ex-student of the training school (as a matter of convenience—her home being there) pending her appointment as an assistant teacher when her turn comes. She is being paid the salary of an ex-student, not that of an assistant.

(3 and 4.) These Questions should be addressed to the Honorable the Minister for Works.

(9.) Drill at Public Schools:—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Will he see that steps are taken to suspend the regulation or necessity of enforcing school drill being carried out in our public schools during the hot weather of summer, seeing the danger the excessive heat of summer has upon children and public health?

Mr. Perry answered,—This must be necessarily left to a large extent to the discretion of teachers, who are empowered to suspend drill whenever the weather is such as to render that course advisable.

(10.) Police Magistrate, Molong:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has the Government yet taken into consideration the necessity of making provision on the Supplementary Estimates for the appointment of a Stipendiary or Police Magistrate for Molong and district?

Mr. See answered,—The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice informs me that the appointment of a Police Magistrate for Molong is under consideration.

(11.) Hours of Labour, Railway Employees:—Mr. Gilbert asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Are the Railway Commissioners aware that a number of goods' shed porters, in their employ, work twelve hours a day?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Commissioners to reduce the hours of these men at the beginning of the next financial year?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed that goods porters are not called upon to work twelve hours a day unless, under exceptional circumstances, to deal with temporarily increased traffic. In such cases they would be paid for the overtime they work.

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- (12.) Watering Tram Lines, Newcastle District:—Mr. Gilbert asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Can he state definitely when a tram water-tank will be available for watering the tram-lines in the Newcastle district?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed that a water-tank will be available for this purpose in about six weeks; but there is a difficulty in withdrawing a motor from ordinary traffic work to haul it. The matter is, however, receiving special attention.

- (13.) Australians at the War in South Africa:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. Oakes, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will the Government consult the Federal authorities with a view of getting an expression of opinion as to whether it is the Federal Government's intention of maintaining the full complement of men in South Africa until the war is finished?

Mr. See answered,—I am not quite clear what the honorable gentleman desires to know. The Imperial authorities have the right of continuing the services of the men who have gone to South Africa, as long as they deem their services to be necessary. They do not consult the Federal authorities or the State authorities. If my honorable friend desires me to communicate with the Federal Government, I shall be happy to do so.

- (14.) Railway Employees:—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick*, for Mr. McGowen, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it allowed by the Railway Commissioners that persons in their employ should receive commission for influencing insurance on the lives of fellow employees?
- (2.) Are the Commissioners aware that such commissions are being paid, in some cases, to persons in a responsible position in the Service?
- (3.) If this is not allowed, will the Commissioners prevent any recurrence in the future?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed that the Commissioners are unaware of anything of the kind, and that it would be improper for persons in their employ to canvass for insurance business. Inquiry will be made into the matter.

- (15.) Case of E. L. Warton, Fettle's Ganger:—Mr. Nielsen asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House all papers, books, correspondence, and evidence taken before the Appeal Board and the Railway Commissioners in the case of E. L. Warton, fettle's ganger, who was lately dismissed from the Service and afterwards reinstated?

Mr. Waddell answered,—The evidence taken in this case by the Appeal Board, and subsequently at the hearing of the appeal made to the Commissioners against the decision of the Appeal Board, is very voluminous. The decision of the Appeal Board was modified by the Commissioners, and Warton offered re-employment, which he declined to accept. No good purpose would be served by laying the voluminous papers before the House, but I will do so if the Honorable Member still desires it, and moves a resolution to that effect.

- (16.) Temporary Clerks in Offices of Old-age Pensions Boards:—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick*, for Mr. Sleath, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) If it is a fact that a number of the temporary clerks in the offices of the Central Board for Old-age Pensions and the Metropolitan Board for Old-age Pensions, who have been employed for over eleven months, and have various sums for overtime due to them, are unable to obtain payment for same, or any definite answer as to payment?
- (2.) If it is the intention of the Old-age Pensions Board to recommend the Public Service Board to pay overtime only after 7 p.m., although compelling these temporary clerks to work almost every evening up to 6 p.m., or one and a half hours extra daily, after official hours?
- (3.) If these facts are correct, will the Honorable the Colonial Treasurer cause steps to be taken for immediate payment of such overtime arrears, and for the full number of hours worked?

Mr. See answered,—The only claims made have been by clerks temporarily employed in the office of the Metropolitan Board, and by the officer lately acting as Deputy-Registrar. The Central Board would have dealt with their claims some time ago if they were satisfied that they ought to be paid. Careful inquiry is now being made as to the merits of each claim. No clerks have been employed eleven months, none so long as six months.

- (17.) Machine Assistants, Government Printing Office:—Mr. Law asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that there are a number of men employed as machine assistants in the Government Printing Office receiving only £1 and £1 5s. per week?
- (2.) Is it true that all these men are over the age of 21 years, and have served from three to eight years?
- (3.) If so, will he, in view of the fact that they do the same work as others receiving 6s. a day, see that they receive similar payment?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

- (1.) It is a fact that there are a number of such employees in the Government Printing Office in receipt of the wages named.
- (2.) It is not a fact that all these employees are over 21 years of age. The exact particulars are as follows:—Of those in receipt of £1 per week, there are eight under the age of 21 years and three over that age. Of those in receipt of £1 5s. per week, there is one under 21 years of age and five over that age.
- (3.) It is not correct that they are performing the same work as other employees in receipt of 6s. per day. As a matter of fact, they are doing lads' work, which, in private employment, usually carries a remuneration of 15s. per week.

- (18.) Melville-street Swamp Nuisance, Hamilton:—Mr. Gilbert asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Since the Hamilton Council has failed to take action in regard to the Melville-street swamp nuisance, notwithstanding repeated warnings from the Board of Public Health, can he inform me when the Board of Health purposes serving notice on the A. A. Company under section 16 of the Public Health Act?

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Mr. Waddell answered,—The papers have been referred to the Department of Public Works for professional advice, for the guidance of the Board of Health in further dealing with this matter. Pending the receipt of such advice, no action can be taken. Since this reply was written, the papers have been received, and forwarded to the Board of Health. I expect that definite action will be taken within a few days.

- (19.) Sunday Trading:—Mr. Haynes asked the Colonial Secretary,—Can he see his way, pending legislation on the subject, to arrange that the police shall not interfere with any person selling fruit and temperance refreshments on the Sunday?

Mr. See answered,—The law as it exists is, as far as practicable, administered. If the Honorable Member were a Minister, he would have to administer the law. I cannot undertake to break the law. I have given the information to the honorable gentleman that in certain cases the law has not been enforced. The sale of these articles generally on Sunday is against the law, and I am not going to be a party to breaking the law. It may, perhaps, appear hard on certain persons who desire to get a drink of ginger beer or anything of that kind on Sundays; but in Melbourne, I find there is no Sunday selling at all, and I have not heard that there has been any serious inconvenience. There are certain cases which have been exempted, and I gave an answer to the honorable gentleman the other day. That may constitute an infraction of the law, and if the honorable gentleman desires to have the law enforced, he can bring an action against the persons who sell anything on Sundays. As far as I am concerned, I am very desirous that the law should be obeyed, and I am not going to interfere to have the law broken. There are many cases, no doubt, when a man inclined to have a drink of ginger beer should be able to get it in places remote from the city; but I think there is a good deal more imagination than reality about these complaints.

- (20.) Bubonic Plague:—Mr. McIntyre asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he take steps to see that any expense caused by the fresh outbreak of plague shall be paid by the City Council, and not by the Government?

Mr. See answered,—I look upon this matter as being of more than parochial importance. It not only concerns the residents of the metropolitan and suburban area; but it also affects all the people of the State. The Government have taken the responsibility upon themselves, because I have given instructions to the Board of Health to take every precaution to prevent the spread of plague. I am quite sure that the Sydney Municipal Council will work with the Government in every way they can. In incurring expenditure for the suppression of so great a disaster as the plague, the Government think that it should fall upon the general public, and not upon the Municipal Council of Sydney. I am quite sure the City Council will give the Government every assistance, and, as far as I am concerned, I will not put any hindrance in the way of the City Council in any endeavour which they may make to prevent the spread of the plague for the good of the whole people.

4. LIQUOR TRAFFIC:—The following Petitions,—praying the House to pass into law a measure embodying the following provisions:—(1) extension of the existing local option law; (2) earlier hours of closing; (3) effective Sunday closing; (4) non-employment of barmaids; (5) closing of public-houses on election days; (6) prohibition of sale of liquor to young people under seventeen years of age,—were presented by the Members named:—

(1.) By Mr. Affleck,—From certain members of "Eureka" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Gunning.

(2.) By Mr. Estell,—From certain residents of Wallsend and Plattsburg.

(3.) By Mr. Estell,—From William Humphreys, Chairman of "Friend in Need" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Wallsend.

(4.) By Mr. See,—From certain members of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, Grafton. Petitions received.

5. LAND AND INCOME TAX (CONTRIBUTION) BILL:—Mr. Waddell, pursuant to leave granted on 12th November, 1901, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Land and Income Tax Assessment Act of 1895, and the Land Tax (Contribution) Act, 1900*,"—which was read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

6. WESTERN LANDS BILL:—The Order of the Day, for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to vest the management and control of that portion of New South Wales known as the Western Division in a Board, to be called the Western Land Board; and for all purposes necessary thereto,—on motion of Mr. Crick, discharged.

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

(1.) Servants Registry Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate charges made by registry offices in regard to obtaining employment for servants, and for the registration and regulation of such offices. [*Mr. Anderson*];—until Tuesday, 17th December.

(2.) Legitimation Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading. [*Mr. Hogue*];—until Tuesday, 3rd December.

8. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES (FURTHER AMENDMENT) BILL (No. 2):—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with amendments.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

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9. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. See (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn until Tuesday next.  
Question put and passed.
10. CLOSER SETTLEMENT 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 with amendments.  
On motion of Mr. Crick, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

11. ADVANCES TO SETTLERS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Crick moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Question put and passed  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. Crick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. Crick, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
12. MINERS' ACCIDENT RELIEF (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—  
Mr. Kidd moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Mr. Lee moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.  
Debate ensued.  
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.  
Debate, on the Question for the second reading of the Bill, ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. Kidd, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

The House adjourned, at Two o'clock, a.m., until *Tuesday next*, at Four o'clock.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 26 NOVEMBER, 1901.

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

ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor were delivered by Mr. See, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill (No. 3):—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 132.*

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 1901-1902,*"—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 His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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- (2.) Maitland Hospital Enabling Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 133.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Committee of the Maitland Hospital to apply certain moneys for the purpose of the erection and furnishing of a new hospital,*"—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 His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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

- (1.) Hay Irrigation (Amending) Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 134.*

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 Hay Irrigation Act and Hay Irrigation (Amendment) Act, 1896.

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Sydney, 25th November, 1901.*

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

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## (2.) Western Lands Bill :—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 135.*

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 vest the management and control of that portion of New South Wales known as the Western Division in a Board to be called the Western Land Board; to grant extension of leases in the said division and tenant-right in certain improvements; and for all purposes necessary and incidental thereto.

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

## 3. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Pension Payable to Mr. Joseph Barling :—Mr. Gillies asked the Colonial Secretary, —

(1.) Referring to Mr. Gillies' Question of 13th November, No. 1, "Pension Payable to Mr. Joseph Barling," will he please say why a negative reply was given to part 1 of such Question, in view of the subsequent admission that "in the event of Mr. Barling retiring on a pension, this (*i.e.*, the £308) would be the amount payable by him to the fund"?

(2.) Referring to the further statement, in reply to the same Question, that "it is not necessary that it (*i.e.*, the £308) should be paid by Mr. Barling in order to secure his pension, as it could be deducted by instalments from the amount of his pension," will he please say why, under such circumstances, it was proposed that the public funds should provide the amount, instead of allowing it to be deducted from Mr. Barling's pension, as has been done in other cases?

(3.) Referring to the answer given to part 3 of such Question, is he aware that, on 19th October, 1899 (*vide Hansard*, page 1488), the present Attorney-General gave the following opinion in regard to the arrangement entered into between Mr. G. H. Reid and Mr. Barling:—"I have no hesitation in saying that the document has no legal validity whatever"?

(4.) In view of such opinion, why is Mr. Barling proposed to be relieved, at the taxpayers' cost, of an obligation which other public servants are expected to meet on their retirement?

(5.) Is the amount of £308 in question to be re-submitted; if so, will he also include with it an amount to recoup Messrs. Harrie Wood, F. Ironside, and others, the abatements which they have had to pay out of their own pockets?

Mr. See answered, —

(1.) The answer was quite correct, as Mr. Barling is entitled to a pension whether he pays the £308 or not. As already stated, the amount represents what is owing to the fund for the years of his service prior to 1885, and the usual practice is for such sums to be dealt with when the pension is calculated, *viz.*, at the time when retirement of the officer occurs.

(2, 3, and 4.) Because it was a good bargain by the Government, on behalf of the Superannuation Fund. Mr. Barling, when going over to the Public Service Board, did so conditionally on being allowed to preserve all his rights to a pension, as was done in other cases, and which was approved by Executive Minute; and he, with Mr. Coghlan, were permitted to continue their annual payments to the fund as if they were still in the Departmental Service. This latter arrangement was embodied in an agreement, signed by Mr. Reid, the then Premier, which although perhaps not legally binding, is so morally; and under it, Mr. Barling would be entitled to receive, should he retire on 17th January next, about £100 per annum more pension than if he had left the Service in 1896, when he became a Member of the Public Service Board. He, however, is willing to forego any rights beyond those belonging to him up to this latter date, provided the contribution to the fund, due by him at 4 per cent. on his salary prior to 1885, be paid by the Government, and this amount is certified to be £308. It was considered a good bargain to consent to pay this sum and allow Mr. Barling to also withdraw the amount he had paid in since 1896, when he left the Public Works Department. If Mr. Barling had continued in office as Under Secretary for Public Works, he would be entitled on retirement to a pension calculated on his whole service. Under the proposed arrangement, if he were to retire, the years during which he has served as a Member of the Public Service Board would be deducted.

(5.) With respect to Messrs. Wood, Ironside, &c., it is not proposed to recoup them the amount of their abatement, as the same conditions do not apply in their case as in that of Mr. Barling.

(2.) Hours of Labour of Firemen and Drivers on Railways :—Mr. T. R. Smith asked the Colonial Treasurer, —

(1.) Will he give the exact time the firemen and drivers sign on and off the train that leaves Penrith at 8'7 a.m.?

(2.) Is it a fact that there were some mistakes in the answer the Treasurer gave to the Questions Mr. Smith asked, and which were answered on 29th October?

(3.) Will he have these mistakes corrected in all the answers?

Mr. Waddell answered, —I am informed by the Railway Commissioners that the times may vary according to the fluctuation of the traffic. The matter is one of detail, but in order that the position may be fully understood, the report of the Chief Mechanical Engineer on the subject is quoted, *viz.* :—"The times given in the previous answers are correct for a normal condition of traffic. They are the times entered on the working diagram issued for the guidance of the staff, but there is also a provision that when men take out a fresh engine which they did not work the day before, an additional 15 minutes is allowed them to prepare such engine. At Penrith, recently, it has been much more frequently the rule than the exception (in consequence of the busy state of the line) that the men have not been able to keep engines to themselves, and, as representing the  
" present.

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“ present traffic, the time, 7.25 a.m. for drivers and 7.10 a.m. for firemen, given in the previous answers, should be 7.5 a.m. for drivers and 6.50 a.m. for firemen. The times that drivers and firemen have gone off duty have varied during the past two months from 5.35 p.m. to 6.50 p.m., or an average as given in the previous answer of, say, 6.30 p.m. Six of these cases occur to the same men in three weeks, but there is also a similar, or seventh, case with another train which was properly included in the previous answer.”

(3.) Superannuation Fund:—Mr. Young asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What is the amount to the credit of ex-contributors to the Superannuation Fund?
- (2.) As the Government have to credit the Superannuation Account with 3 per cent. on the amount belonging to ex-contributors, can the Government see its way to issue to ex-contributors Treasury Bills covering the various sums due them?

Mr. See answered,—It is impossible to obtain this information at a moment's notice, but if the Honorable Member will move for a return, I shall endeavour to furnish it.

(4.) Public Servants:—Mr. Nobbs, for Mr. Moxham, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Are Civil Servants who have had a break in their services entitled to a refund of the amounts paid into the Superannuation Fund prior to such break?
- (2.) Are Civil Servants who have had a break in their services, but who have served twenty years in the aggregate, entitled to six months' leave on full pay?
- (3.) If not, is it intended to amend the Act and Regulations to allow these privileges being extended to those entitled?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) As this involves a question of the interpretation of a Statute, I must decline, according to the practice of Parliament, to answer it.

(2.) No. The regulation permitting officers of long service to be granted extended leave is expressly limited in its operation to officers who have twenty years' continuous service.

(3.) The question of amending the Public Service Act must stand over to next Session.

(5.) Crown Solicitor:—Mr. Nobbs, for Mr. Cohen, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has the Cabinet yet decided who is to be appointed Crown Solicitor?
- (2.) If not, what is the cause of the delay?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) Consideration has not yet been given to the question.

(6.) Pay to the 2nd Contingent:—Mr. Gillies, for Mr. Kelly, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the men who left Sydney in the 2nd Contingent signed and agreed for same conditions respecting pay as the 1st Contingent?
- (2.) Will the Colonial Treasurer place upon the Supplementary Estimates an amount equal to meet the requirements, similar to that of the 1st Contingent?
- (3.) Is he aware that there is a great amount of dissatisfaction existing amongst the men, as he promised that he would treat both contingents alike if they were morally entitled to the money?

Mr. See answered,—I will have the information prepared and laid upon the Table in the shape of a return.

(7.) New Police Depot:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) When does the Government intend to proceed with the erection of the new Police Depot, to be used in place of Belmore Barracks?
- (2.) Will the work be carried out by contract or by day-labour?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) Plans are in course of preparation, and work can be started in two months.

(2.) A decision cannot at present be given on this point, but the scheme is one that can be carried out either by contract or day-labour.

(8.) Police Superannuation Fund:—Mr. T. R. Smith asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Does he intend to place on the Supplementary Estimates a sum of money sufficient to meet the requirements necessary to pay the Police Superannuation Fund?
- (2.) Is it his intention to introduce a Bill this Session to place the Police Superannuation Fund on a solvent basis?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) A sum of £16,000 has already been voted for this purpose.

(2.) Ample provision will be made next year and the following years for this purpose.

(9.) Customs Duties:—Mr. T. R. Smith asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it a fact that 10 per cent. is added to the invoice price of goods, and duty charged on the total amount?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I referred this question to the Acting Collector of Customs, Sydney, and received the following reply,—“I would point out that such inquiries as the above should be addressed to the Right Honorable the Minister of Trade and Customs, Melbourne.”

(10.) Australian Military Officers arriving in South Africa without credentials:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has his attention been called to a complaint made by Lord Kitchener to the effect that a number of unemployed military officers, without credentials, are constantly arriving in South Africa in search of work; and will he adopt the advice tendered by Lord Kitchener, and warn any New South Wales officers who propose to seek employment in South Africa against going there on the chance of getting employment?

Mr. See answered,—A telegraphic despatch has been received from the Commander-in-Chief, South Africa, on this subject, and was published in General Orders on the 23rd instant.

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- (11.) Hours of Labour of Nurses at Gladesville Asylum :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is he aware that the nurses at Gladesville Asylum have to work very long hours, and will he see that some change or improved system is adopted to afford relief to nurses who have to attend (often four to six hours continuously) the most violent inmates in the institution, and without even being supplied with a cup of tea?
  - (2.) Could no other system be adopted for controlling the most violent inmates—by padded cells, medicine, or otherwise—besides compelling nurses (at the risk of their own lives) to be continually watching and holding them from doing mischief?
- Mr. See answered,—I am informed by the Inspector-General of the Insane that the methods of treating patients adopted in Hospitals for the Insane are those found by experience to be the most likely to promote their recovery and return to their homes. In carrying them out, due consideration is paid to the nurses and attendants who come in contact with the patients.
- (12.) University Students—Technical College Students:—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) The number of students (male and female) that have attended day classes (senior and junior) at the University of Sydney during the last twelve months?
  - (2.) The same information in regard to the number of students who attended night classes (if any)?
  - (3.) The number of students attending the Medical School attached to the University during the last twelve months?
  - (4.) The same information in regard to the number of students that have attended the Technical College in Sydney; and the number of teachers, or classes, attached to the same?
  - (5.) The number who have qualified or received certificates during the curriculum of their attendance?
- Mr. Perry answered,—
- (1.) 549 (including 80 women).
  - (2.) 52 (including 8 women).
  - (3.) 170 (including 13 women).
  - (4.) 4,123 students. 69 lecturers or teachers of classes.
  - (5.) Information on this point cannot be given until after the examination of the students, which will take place next month.
- (13.) Civil Servants and Police in the Western Districts:—Mr. Williams asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the Civil Servants in the Western District receive an extra allowance of 1s. per day, with the exception of the members of the Police Force?
  - (2.) Is it a fact that the members of the Police Force in the Western District receive 6d. per day only as an extra allowance?
  - (3.) Will he take the necessary steps to extend to them the same concession?
- Mr. See answered,—
- (1.) Civil Servants stationed in remote parts of the State receive allowances to compensate for extra cost of living in terms of the Regulation No. 142, a copy of which I will presently lay upon the Table. The extra allowance is an annual not a daily one.
  - (2.) Non-commissioned officers and constables at the same towns receive a special allowance of 6d. per diem. To grant an extra allowance would necessitate an increased amount being voted for the purpose.
- (14.) Increments to Public Servants:—Mr. Nobbs, for Mr. Oakes, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is he aware of the fact that last year the increment money (£5,500) voted on the Estimates to meet adjustment of salaries of Public Servants, although available in December, was not paid till the following June?
  - (2.) Will he cause instructions to be given by which the increments voted this year will be paid without delay?
- Mr. See answered,—
- (1.) Yes, but this was due to the fact that the granting of increments was dealt with by the Public Service Board in connection with the quinquennial re-grading of the Service which was carried out in the early part of the year, and necessarily took a considerable time, being only completed in time to permit of the Vote being distributed.
  - (2.) Public Service Board informs me that every effort will be made to permit of the increments due to officers being paid as soon as the Vote becomes available by the passing of the Appropriation Act.
- (15.) Trooper J. B. C. Morris, of C Squadron, Mounted Rifles:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he be good enough to cause inquiry to be made as to the present whereabouts of Trooper J. B. C. Morris, of C Squadron, Mounted Rifles, who two months since was in Helibron Hospital, down with fever and measles?
- Mr. See answered,—I have no information at present, but will cause inquiries to be made if the honorable gentlemen so desires and communicates in the usual way by writing.
- (16.) Receipts at the Agricultural Society's Gates during stay of Imperial Troops:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Reverting to his answer to Questions relating to the receipts at the Agricultural Society's gates during the stay of the Imperial troops, will he give further information on these points: (a) how the expenses (£216 11s. 11d.) are made up; (b) how it is that no portion of the total proceeds (£924 4s. 6d.) has been handed over to the city charities, as promised?
  - (2.) Will he inform this House as to the financial position of the Agricultural Society of New South Wales, whether it has an overdraft at the bank; and, if so, what is the amount of same?

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Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) (a) A statement of the receipts and expenditure was laid upon the Table on the 19th instant;  
 (b) No promise made in respect to charities.  
 (2.) This is a matter which alone concerns the Royal Agricultural Society, but I may add that the Society has rendered valuable assistance to the producing interests of the State.

(17.) Cook Park :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is the land comprising Cook Park the property of the Crown; and what is its area and estimated value?  
 (2.) What is the area held by the City Bowling Club, and under what conditions as to tenancy does it hold possession; is any rental paid, and, if so, what is it?  
 (3.) Have the public free access to all portions of this park, including that part used by the Bowling Club?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) The land having been dedicated is technically not Crown property, though on revocation of the dedication it would become Crown property. It contains about  $3\frac{1}{2}$  acres, but without further inquiry I could not state what its present value is.  
 (2.) About three-quarters of an acre. I understand the Bowling Club does not pay rent, and that their tenancy is determinable on comparatively short notice.  
 (3.) I am told they have.

(18.) Canteen for the Sale of Liquor on Garden Island :—Mr. Fegan asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Naval Authorities at Sydney intend to create a canteen, for the sale of intoxicating liquor to the men of the Royal Navy on Garden Island?  
 (2.) In which ward of the city of Sydney is Garden Island?  
 (3.) If it is the intention of the Naval Authorities to create such an establishment for the sale of liquor, is intended that it will be subject to the Local Option Vote of the ratepayers of the ward in which it is located in accordance with the law of the State?  
 (4.) Is it intended that the public funds of this State shall be used for the purpose of erecting a building for such canteen (if such be erected), and to what amount?

Mr. See answered,—I have no knowledge of the intentions of the Naval Authorities in the matter referred to, but it may be mentioned that, if a canteen were established, it would not be subject to the Local Option Vote. Garden Island is not included in any of the wards of the City of Sydney.

(19.) Adulterated Wine :—Mr. Sullivan, for Mr. Nielsen, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is he aware that considerable quantities of adulterated wine from the other States are being offered for sale on this market?  
 (2.) In view of this, will he grant early facilities for the passage of a Bill to prevent adulteration?  
 (3.) In the event of any delay in introducing and passing such measure, will he authorise the Board of Health to take action at once in the interests of the public?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

- (1.) It is stated that wine alleged to be adulterated is being brought into this State.  
 (2.) A Bill has been prepared, and it is proposed to proceed with it at the first opportunity.  
 (3.) The attention of the Colonial Treasurer has already been drawn to the complaint that adulterated wine is being introduced into this State, with a view to action being taken by the Board of Health.

4. JUVENILE SMOKING SUPPRESSION BILL :—Dr. Ross presented a Petition from certain residents of New South Wales, representing that Petitioners view with satisfaction the advance made in connection with the suppression of juvenile smoking; and praying that the Juvenile Smoking Suppression Bill may at an early date be passed into law.  
 Petition received.
5. LIQUOR TRAFFIC :—The following Petitions,—praying the House to pass into law a measure embodying the following provisions :—(1) extension of the existing local option law; (2) earlier hours of closing; (3) effective Sunday closing; (4) non-employment of barmaids; (5) closing of public-houses on election days; (6) prohibition of sale of liquor to young people under seventeen years of age,—were presented by the Members named :—  
 (1.) By Mr. Kidd,—From certain residents of New South Wales.  
 (2.) By Mr. Nobbs,—From W. Hall, Chairman of a meeting of members of the "Reunion" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Granville.  
 (3.) By Mr. Gillies,—From C. E. Stevens, Chairman of a meeting of members of "Australia's Hope" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Maitland.  
 Petitions received.
6. PAPER :—Mr. See laid upon the Table,—Regulation respecting the living allowances to officers stationed in remote parts of the State.  
 Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
7. TEACHERS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS HOLDING A DEGREE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY (*Formal Motion*) :—Dr. Ross moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing the number of teachers (male and female) at present engaged as teachers in our public and superior schools who have taken a B.A. and M.A. degree at the University of Sydney, and the salary each receives respectively; and the names of the respective schools in which they are employed; also the names of each of the respective teachers.  
 Question put and passed.

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8. WESTERN LANDS BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Crick 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 vest the management and control of that portion of New South Wales known as the Western Division in a Board, to be called the Western Land Board; to grant extension of leases in the said division and tenant-right in certain improvements; and for all purposes necessary and incidental thereto.  
Question put and passed.
9. CLOSER SETTLEMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Crick, read a third time, and passed.  
Mr. Crick then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to authorise the acquisition for purposes of settlement of private lands or lands leased from the Crown, and to provide for dealing with and disposing of such lands.*"  
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 acquisition for purposes of settlement of private lands or lands leased from the Crown, and to provide for dealing with and disposing of such lands,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.  
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10. ADVANCES TO SETTLERS (AMENDMENT) BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Crick, read a third time, and passed.  
Mr. Crick then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Advances to Settlers Act, 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 amend the Advances to Settlers Act, 1899,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 26th November, 1901.*
11. DISMISSAL OF JAMES STEPHEN INCH FROM THE PUBLIC SERVICE:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. Affleck,—  
" (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon all the circumstances attending the dismissal of James Stephen Inch from the Public Service of New South Wales.  
" (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. See, Mr. Arthur Griffith, 'Mr. Millard,' Mr. Haynes, Mr. McCoy, Dr. Ross, Mr. Levy, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Archer, and the Mover."  
And the Question being again proposed,—  
The House resumed the said Debate.  
Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out the words "Mr. Millard," and inserting the words "Mr. Sleath,"—instead thereof.  
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.  
Debate continued.  
And Mr. Eden George requiring that the Committee be appointed by Ballot,—  
Debate continued.
- And it being Seven o'clock, p.m., Government Business only proceeded with, under Sessional Order adopted on  
6th November, 1901.*
12. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS (*Erection of Fisher Library, University of Sydney*):—Mr. See moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient that the erection of a Library within the grounds of the University of Sydney, as recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out.  
Mr. Lee moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.
13. COBAR TO WILCANNIA RAILWAY BILL:—Mr. See moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Cobar to Wilcannia; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as relates to the duty of the constructing authority to make and maintain fences along the said line; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to provide for the imposition of a tax on certain lands in connection with such line; and for other purposes.  
Question put and passed.
14. MANLY WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE TRANSFER BILL:—Mr. See moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to vest certain works of water supply and property, and certain sewerage works at Manly, in the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage; to validate certain things done in carrying out such sewerage works in excess of the authority in that behalf; and for purposes consequent on, or incidental to, those objects.  
Question put and passed.

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15. SYDNEY MINT (AMENDMENT) BILL:—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 to amend the Sydney Mint Act of 1865.  
Question put and passed.
16. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES (FURTHER AMENDMENT) BILL (No. 2):—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this "Bill" be now read a third time.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. Cohen moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "Bill" and inserting the words "be recommitted for the reconsideration of Clause 2,"—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, 44.

Mr. Perry,	Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. Evans,	Mr. Power,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Young,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Sleath,
Mr. See,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Pyers,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. McIntyre,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. MacMahon,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. MacFarlane,	Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Mengher,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Thomson,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,	Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. Daley,	Mr. Willis,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. Rose,	Mr. D. R. Hall.
Dr. Ross,	
Mr. Archer,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. John Storey,	Mr. W. F. Hurley,
Mr. Sullivan,	Mr. Eden George.

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Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Quirk,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Anderson.
Mr. McKenzie,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Morton.
Mr. Hogue,	
Mr. Fullick,	
Mr. Davidson,	
Mr. Coleman,	
Mr. Afleck,	
Mr. Winchcombe,	
Mr. Brunner,	
Mr. Ashton,	
Mr. Carruthers,	
Mr. Dick,	
Mr. Edden,	
Mr. Estell,	
Mr. Nicholson,	
Mr. Miller,	
Mr. Wood,	
Mr. Williams,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

Mr. See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to further amend the law relating to Friendly Societies.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to further amend the law relating to Friendly Societies,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*

*Sydney, 26th November, 1901.*

17. MINERS' ACCIDENT RELIEF (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.  
On motion of Mr. Kidd, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
18. INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Crick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to some, including the amendment in the Title, disagreed to others, and amended one, of the Council's amendments.

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

19. RABBIT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Crick moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. Crick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*



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FIRST SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 27 NOVEMBER, 1901.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Tram Service:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for *Mr. Hawthorne*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Will he confer with the Commissioners for Railways and ascertain if it be possible to introduce workmen's trams to and from the various suburbs in the evening, between the hours of 5 and 7, so that the working-classes may have the same privileges as are granted to those who use the railways?

(2.) Will he also have the same concessions granted to students attending technical, shorthand, and typist colleges and schools who use the trams as are granted to those who use the railways?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—I have referred the matter to the Railway Commissioners who, in view of the very favourable conditions which already prevail on the trams, coupled with the increased cost of working, regret they cannot see their way to favourably consider further concessions.

(2.) Sydney Mint:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for *Mr. Hawthorne*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he place himself in communication with the Imperial Government, and ascertain if it be possible to obtain the land on which the Sydney Mint is built, so as to hand it over to the Sydney Hospital Committee for the benefit of the patients who are treated in that institution; and in lieu thereof, grant them another site equally suitable for a New South Wales branch of the Royal Mint?

*Mr. See* answered,—This proposal, if carried out, would involve an enormous expenditure, which the Government does not see its way clear at present to incur.

(3.) Women's Military Service Relief Fund:—*Mr. Edden*, for *Mr. Fegan*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Was not a fund inaugurated called the Women's Military Service Relief Fund?

(2.) If so, what payments (if any) have been made from the funds, and to whom?

(3.) What amount is to the credit of the fund (if any)?

*Mr. See* answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) *Mrs. McKee*, £25—refunded, £20; *Mrs. W. F. Goldsborough*, £24—refunded, £24; *Mrs. D. J. Wailes*, £5; *Sergeant Cooke*, £10; *S. S. M. Willcock*, £10; *Band-Sergeant Buman*, £10; *Sergeant Kelly*, £10; *Private Horan*, £25; Bank charges, £1 11s. 1d.—£120 11s. 1d.; deduct refunds, £44—£76 11s. 1d.

(3.) £124 12s. 4d.

(4.) Public Service Appeals:—*Mr. E. M. Clark* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Will he give immediate instructions for the appeals already dealt with by the Public Service Board to be announced?

(2.) Will he also give instructions that the remaining appeals are published as each Department is dealt with?

(3.) Will he make provision that all moneys may be available to those interested before Christmas, or as soon as the Appropriation Act is passed, instead of keeping back the results or delaying payments until the whole Service has been dealt with?

*Mr. See* answered,—These matters will receive due attention.

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- (5.) Sunday Trading :—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Secretary,—  
 (1.) Is it a fact there were fifteen fruit and other shops open on Sunday last in George, Market, King, and Elizabeth Streets, kept by foreigners, while our own nationality had their shops closed?  
 (2.) Is it the intention of the police to prosecute those who so openly broke the law?  
 Mr. See answered,—The Inspector-General of Police has furnished me with the following information :—  
 (1.) Yes, half were kept by British and the rest by foreigners. A watch was being kept on the police, who therefore could not obtain evidence to justify prosecution.  
 (2.) Yes.
- (6.) Railway Life Passes :—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Treasurer,—  
 (1.) Was he aware, when he replied to Mr. T. R. Smith's Question on Thursday, 21st November, by stating that a Bill to do away with the life passes on the railway was defeated on division of 31 to 15, that the said Bill was in the hands of a private Member, and not the Government?  
 (2.) Does he say that forty-six Members voting on a measure is a fair representation of the 125 Members?  
 (3.) Seeing that only forty-six Members voted on the Bill when last before the House, and that it was in the hands of a private Member, will the Government have a fair test made of the opinion of the House, by introducing a Bill to do away with the issue of free life passes on the railways for the future?  
 Mr. Waddell answered,—  
 (1.) Yes.  
 (2.) May I venture to remind the Honorable Member that twenty Members constitute a Quorum of the Legislative Assembly.  
 (3.) The Government have not considered this matter, but even if they were disposed to adopt the Honorable Member's views, it would be impracticable to take any action during the current Session.
- (7.) Persons Sworn in as Justices of the Peace :—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Secretary,—  
 (1.) Is it a fact that there were a large number of persons sworn in as Justices of the Peace before Judge Murray, at Darlinghurst, on the 5th November?  
 (2.) Is it a fact that several of them could neither read nor write, or was there any who could not read or could not write?  
 (3.) If so, how many of them were unable to either read or to write, or both?  
 (4.) If such were the case, is it the intention of the Government to do anything in such cases, or to allow such persons to remain Justices of the Peace?  
 Mr. See answered,—It is not the fact that any of the Justices who took the oaths of office before Judge Murray on the 5th instant were unable to read or write.
- (8.) New Central Railway Station :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to resume the whole of the property in George-street, Haymarket, and Pitt-street, between the Civil Ambulance Department and Anthony Hordern's, in the erection of the new Central Railway Station; if so, does he intend to make any provision by way of compensating shopkeepers and others who, in consequence, will be turned out to the complete loss and injury of their business?  
 Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—The Government has resumed all the property between Gipps-street and the Civil Ambulance, except Christ Church. Those having claims are at liberty to make them, when they will be dealt with on their merits.
- (9.) Increments to Public Servants :—Mr. McGowen, for Mr. John Storey, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Referring to the reply given to Mr. E. M. Clark's Question, No. 17, in the Legislative Assembly on the 4th of September last, regarding the restoration of the £15 annual increments from 1st July, 1900, to officers in receipt of salaries between £50 and £150 per annum, will he state definitely when the additional amounts, now nearly eighteen months overdue, will be paid to the officers concerned?  
 Mr. See answered,—The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice has furnished me with the following reply :—I would invite the attention of the Honorable Member to the answer given yesterday to the Question with regard to the payments of increments which was asked by the Honorable Member for Granville on behalf of the Honorable Member for Paddington.
- (10.) Boilers in the Metropolitan District :—Mr. McGowen, for Mr. John Storey, asked the Colonial Secretary,—  
 (1.) Is he aware of the fact that there are hundreds of boilers in the metropolitan district in charge of incompetent and uncertificated men and boys which may be a danger to the lives of the public?  
 (2.) Has the Government any intention of introducing legislation with a view of compelling each of these persons to be the possessor of a certificate of qualification?  
 (3.) Will he also provide for the proper inspection of these boilers?  
 Mr. See answered,—  
 (1.) It is believed there are.  
 (2 and 3.) Yes.
- (11.) The Honorable Henry Copeland, Agent-General :—Mr. Sleath, for Mr. Willis, asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the early appointment of General Commercial Agents by this State, and the appointment of a High Commissioner in London by the Federated States, what steps does he contemplate with regard to recognising the very great services rendered to this State, especially in a commercial sense, by the present Agent-General, the Honorable Henry Copeland?  
 Mr. See answered,—This is a matter that the Government has not yet considered.

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(12.) Permanent Officers of the First Contingent:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for *Mr. Cohen*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Will the permanent officers of the First Contingent who have not drawn their Imperial pay, and for whom the Imperial pay has been remitted to New South Wales, receive such pay in addition to their Colonial pay?

(2.) If not, what is the reason of the distinction made between the permanent officers and the volunteers?

*Mr. See* answered,—These officers will be paid strictly in accordance with the agreement entered into at the time of their appointment.

(13.) Icebergs in the Southern Ocean:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Has his attention been directed to a cable from London, appearing in the *Herald* of the 26th November, headed "Icebergs off Cape Horn," in which it is stated that the officers of the New Zealand Shipping Company's steamer "Rimutaka" report having seen 700 icebergs (one which was 4 miles long) in the vicinity of Cape Horn?

(2.) Will he obtain from the Government Astronomer a report as to the effect (if any) the appearance of so large a number of icebergs in the Southern Ocean will have in bringing about any climatic variations or conditions of the Continent of Australia in the near future or otherwise?

*Mr. Perry* answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The Government Astronomer reports as follows:—"During 1895, 1896, and 1897, icebergs innumerable, off and on, were reported on the tracks of vessels from London to Australia. Some of these reached almost to the longitude of Western Australia, and these years here were remarkably hot, *i.e.*, 1895, 1896, and 1897. The great cold spell in New South Wales was in 1900."

(14.) Overcrowding Trams:—*Mr. Levy* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What regulations are in existence to prevent overcrowding on tramways?

(2.) Will he issue instructions that these regulations should be more strictly observed than they are at present?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—I am informed there is a regulation to the effect that if cars are fully loaded so as to be unable to accommodate more passengers, drivers may pass certain stopping places; but in the busy thoroughfares this is not always practicable, and it is most difficult to absolutely prevent further passengers from joining full cars. It may be added the same difficulty is experienced on all important tram systems at the busy hours of the day, and is accentuated here by the compulsory closing of the establishments at 6 p.m.

(15.) Weather-sheds for Vanmen and Cabmen:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) When are any steps likely to be taken to have proper covered sheds erected on delivery van and cabstands for the protection of cabmen and horses often waiting for hours to pick up a fare under the heat of a roasting summer sun, and without the slightest protection to man or beast?

(2.) What becomes of the license fees, paid by vanmen and cab-drivers, collected; and why could not the money so collected from this source be expended on the erection of necessary weather-sheds as proposed?

*Mr. See* answered,—The following information has been furnished by the Inspector-General of Police:—

(1.) Efforts have been made at various times in this direction, but action has been found impracticable, owing to the obstructions which would be thereby occasioned in the streets, and the enormous cost of such shelters if generally provided.

(2.) The license fees, amounting approximately to £2,000 per annum, are paid into the Consolidated Revenue as provided by the Act. The cost approximately of providing police to specially superintend the traffic is £9,000 per annum.

(16.) Tax on Jockey Clubs, Cricket, and other Sporting Associations:—*Mr. W. F. Hurley*, for *Mr. Davis*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he take into consideration the advisability of introducing legislation to provide for a tax on jockey clubs, cricket associations, and other sporting associations, with a view to providing that part of the enormous sums of money, contributed by the public in pursuit of pleasure, shall be ultimately directed to charitable objects?

*Mr. See* answered,—This is a matter that I am not prepared to answer upon such short notice.

(17.) Travelling Allowances to Ministers of the Crown:—*Mr. Hogue* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What is the amount received by Ministers—giving that for each Minister separately—for travelling allowances from the 1st of January, 1901, to date?

(2.) Have the Honorary Ministers, or either of them, received any allowance, either from the public funds or other source, for travelling since they became members of the Executive?

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

(18.) Appointment of *Mr. B. R. Wise* as Acting Chief Justice:—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has his attention been called to an article in the *Evening News* in which a rumour is dealt with to the effect that *Mr. B. R. Wise*, Attorney-General, is to be appointed Acting Chief Justice during the projected absence from the State of the Chief Justice?

(2.) Is there any justification for the rumour referred to, and is it competent for such an appointment to be made?

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Mr. See answered.—The Attorney-General has furnished me with the following reply:—

(1.) That he read the article referred to, but paid no attention to it, because he has been long enough in public life not to believe anything which he reads about himself in a newspaper, even though he might know it to be true.

(2.) Sir James Dowling sat as Acting Chief Justice from 16th April, 1836, to 29th August, 1837. Sir John Dickinson sat as Acting Chief Justice from 15th February, 1860, to 17th February, 1861.

(19.) Mr. E. Beeby, Crown Solicitor's Office:—Mr. John Hurley asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is there a clerk named E. Beeby employed in the Crown Solicitor's office, and at what salary?

(2.) Is he aware that this clerk is the plaintiff's solicitor in a lawsuit, which was before the Full Court many days during the last week, viz., *Harris v. Carruthers*?

(3.) Is he aware that this clerk attended at the Supreme Court during the trial of this case last week, instructing Mr. B. R. Wise, K.C., the Attorney-General, who was leading counsel for *Harris*, the plaintiff?

(4.) Is he aware that this clerk, during part of the hearing, sat at the barristers' table instructing counsel until the Chief Justice requested him to remove from his seat, as the table was reserved for the bar?

(5.) Is it permitted that a person employed in the Government Service, and paid for such employment as a clerk, should conduct cases for his own private gain in his office hours, such cases being between private citizens?

(6.) Does the Department of Justice allow a Government employee to privately fee the head of his Department (the Attorney-General) to conduct litigation in matters which does not concern the Government?

(7.) Is he aware that the defendant in this case is a Member of this House, sitting in opposition to the Government, who has refrained from making any complaint in the matter, simply because of his personal connection with the matter?

(8.) Do the Civil Service Regulations permit what has been done?

(9.) Is it a fact that the Attorney-General requested this clerk to obtain a change of attorney; and is he aware that up to the conclusion of the hearing of the case, on Friday last, no change of attorney had been made?

(10.) Is Mr. Beeby being paid his salary for the days on which the case was on for hearing?

(11.) Will the Colonial Secretary obtain an extract from Mr. Justice Cohen's summing-up to the jury on the action of this clerk, in respect of his former employment in the office of the Department?

Mr. See answered.—The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice informs me as follows:—

(1.) Yes; in temporary employment, at £300 per annum.

(2.) Yes; he was such solicitor at the time of his appointment, and the case at that time had been heard before a jury.

(3.) Yes; for a few moments.

(4.) I am not aware.

(5.) No.

(6.) No. Mr. Wise was retained, and conducted the case many months before Mr. Beeby's appointment.

(7.) I am not aware.

(8.) There are no regulations on the subject.

(9.) Yes.

(10.) Yes; he was only away from the office for a few minutes.

(11.) There was no such previous employment. I would add that this officer was selected for temporary employment, after advertisement, from a number of candidates, by a sub-Board of professional men appointed by the Public Service Board, and without any interference or suggestion from the Attorney-General or any political influence, and that his selection, with that of others, was formally approved by the Attorney-General as Ministerial head of the Department, without his attention being called to the fact that it was the same gentleman who had been in the office of Mr. Carruthers. Had this been noticed, Mr. Wise would have insisted at once on a change of attorney in the case of *Harris v. Carruthers*. His attention was not called to the matter until the day that the appeal came on for argument, and he then at once directed that Mr. Beeby must either abandon all private work or leave the Crown Solicitor's office. Mr. Beeby undertook to do the former.

(20.) Trams to Randwick and Coogee, *via* Cleveland-street:—Mr. Whiddon asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Referring to the Question asked by Mr. Whiddon on 20th November, relative to the running of trams to Randwick and Coogee, *via* Cleveland-street, will he have any objection to confer with the Commissioners for Railways as to the possibility of opening this line as far as the Randwick-road for the Christmas holidays?

(2.) As the opening of this line to connect with the Randwick and Coogee line would be of immense convenience to thousands of citizens during the Christmas season, will he make every effort to secure this boon for the large numbers who would undoubtedly avail themselves of this route?

Mr. Waddell answered.—I am informed that the Railway Commissioners do not anticipate that the necessary power can be available for the Christmas Holidays, but everything possible is being done to expedite matters.

(21.) Travelling Expenses incurred by Police Magistrate, Albury:—Mr. T. H. Griffith asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House a return of all travelling expenses incurred by the Police Magistrate in travelling from Albury (where he was resident) to Corowa and Corowa district in the discharge of his duties for the last twelve months?

Mr. See answered.—Yes.

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2. LIQUOR TRAFFIC:—The following Petitions,—praying the House to pass into law a measure embodying the following provisions:—(1) extension of the existing local option law; (2) earlier hours of closing; (3) effective Sunday trading; (4) non-employment of barmaids; (5) closing of public-houses on election days; (6) prohibition of sale of liquor to young people under seventeen years of age,—were presented by the Members named:—

(1.) By Mr. Hollis,—From certain residents of New South Wales.

(2.) By Mr. O'Connor,—From Alexander George, chairman of a meeting of members of the "Linwood" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Guildford.  
Petitions received.

3. INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION BILL:—Ordered, on motion of Mr. Crick, 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 13th November, 1901, requesting its concurrence in certain amendments made by the Council in the Industrial Arbitration Bill,—

Agrees to all the amendments in the Bill, including the amendment in the Title, made by the Council, except,—

(1.) The insertion after the word "shall" of the word "not" in clause 18, page 7, line 9, and in clause 19, page 7, line 13, to which it disagrees, because—(1) the insertion of the word "not" needlessly limits the choice of suitable men for the position of member of the Court; (2) if a member of the Court has shown capacity in his position he should not be disqualified from being re-elected.

(2.) The omission of all the words after the word "minimum" clause 41, page 13, line 22, to the end of the clause, to which omission it disagrees—(1) because the omission of this paragraph will give rise to a misunderstanding as to the powers of the Court, which will deter trade unions from registering under the Act; (2) because the re-insertion of the paragraph will prevent any doubts arising as to the power of the Court to make the declaration contained in the said paragraph; (3) because the said paragraph being declaratory only of powers which are already contained in clause 2 and clause 42 (1), to omit the paragraph is inconsistent with the action of the Legislative Council in carrying the two clauses previously mentioned. In other words, without this paragraph the Bill gives power to the Court to declare that, other things being equal, as between men applying for work at the same time, unionists shall have a preference. This power is necessarily conferred by implication in the definition of industrial matters contained in clause 2. The Court having power under clause 2 to decide an industrial dispute as to the "status" of persons to be employed, or as to "the persons or class of persons" employed "in any industry, or the dismissal of or refusal to employ any particular person or persons, or class of persons therein," cannot perform this duty unless it has the power to declare that preference shall be given to members of an industrial union. It was under these words that the New Zealand Arbitration Court for several years directed that preference should be given to unionists, and the Supreme Court of New Zealand held, on appeal, that this power was necessarily implied in the authority of the Court under the section corresponding in the New Zealand Act with clause 2 of this Bill. Clause 42 (1), which is not in the New Zealand Act, provides further that the Court may declare that "any practice, regulation, rule, custom, condition of employment, or dealing whatsoever in relation to an industrial matter shall be a common rule of an industry." These words by themselves would empower the Court to direct a preference to unionists where the practice in any industry was to give such preference.

(3.) Proposes to amend in clause 30, page 9, the amendment which adds at end of clause the words "or to be guilty of any offence under sections thirty-one or thirty-two of this Act," by omitting the words "thirty-one" and "thirty-two" respectively, and substituting the words "twenty-six" and "twenty-seven" respectively,—in which amendment the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council, such alteration being consequential on the Council's amendments.

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4. PAPERS:—

Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order made on 5th November, 1901,—“Railway-guard Corr.”

(2.) Return to an Order made on 14th November, 1901,—“Fines and Forfeitures from Seamen's Wages.”

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table,—Return respecting expenditure on Road Works, Molong District.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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

(1.) Agricultural Holdings Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Price.*];—until Tuesday next.

(2.) Miners' Accident Relief (Balli Fund) Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Fegan.*];—until Wednesday next.

(3.) Coal Mines (Payment of Wages) Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Fegan.*];—until Thursday, 5th December.

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

## (1.) Wharfage and Tonnage Rates Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

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

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 27th November, 1901.*

W. J. TRICKETT,  
Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. See, read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

## (2.) Jury Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

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

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 27th November, 1901.*

W. J. TRICKETT,  
Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. See, read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

## (3.) Building and Co-operative Societies Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the law relating to benefit building, trading, and industrial societies,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

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W. J. TRICKETT,  
Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. See, read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

## (4.) Games, Wagers, and Betting-houses Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Acts concerning games and wagers, and for the suppression of betting-houses,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

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W. J. TRICKETT,  
Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. See, read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

## (5.) Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

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

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W. J. TRICKETT,  
Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. See, read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

## (6.) Sydney Coal Delivery Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to the sale and delivery of coal in Sydney and its vicinity,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

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Sydney, 27th November, 1901.*

W. J. TRICKETT,  
Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. See, read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

## (7.) Native Dogs Destruction and Poisoned Baits Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate enactments relating to the destruction of native dogs and the laying of poisoned baits,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

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Sydney, 27th November, 1901.*

W. J. TRICKETT,  
Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. See, read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

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## (8.) Vice-Admiralty Vexatious Arrests Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the law relating to frivolous and vexatious arrests by process issuing out of the Vice-Admiralty Court,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 27th November, 1901.*

W. J. TRICKETT,  
Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. See, read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

## (9.) Necropolis Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

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

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 27th November, 1901.*

W. J. TRICKETT,  
Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. See, read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

## (10.) Navigation Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

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

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Sydney, 27th November, 1901.*

W. J. TRICKETT,  
Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. See, read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

## (11.) Commonwealth Portland Cement Company Railway Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable a company called the Commonwealth Portland Cement Company, Limited, to cross (in connection with the construction by them of a railway) with the said railway the public road from Portland village to Cullen Bullen, and the road from Portland village to Portland siding, and reserve No. 150, parish of Cullen Bullen, county of Roxburgh,*"—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 November, 1901.*

W. J. TRICKETT,  
Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. See, read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

## (12.) Casino Municipal Boundaries Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to reduce the area of the Municipality of Casino,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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Sydney, 27th November, 1901.*

W. J. TRICKETT,  
Deputy-President.

7. 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 deviation of the Gundagai-Tumut Railway through the town of Adelong."

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.

*And it being Seven o'clock, p.m., Government Business only proceeded with, under Sessional Order adopted on 6th November, 1901.*

8. MUNICIPALITIES (INCORPORATION VALIDATING) BILL:—Mr. See, pursuant to leave granted on 31st October, 1901, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the law with respect to proclamations incorporating municipalities; and to amend the Municipalities Act, 1897,*"—which was read a first time.

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

9. HAY IRRIGATION (AMENDING) BILL:—Mr. Crick 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 Hay Irrigation Act and the Hay Irrigation (Amendment) Act, 1896.

Question put and passed.

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10. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS (*Erection of Little Bay Penitentiary and Prison*):—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient that the erection of a Penitentiary and Prison for Females near Randwick, as referred by the Legislative Assembly to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.

11. MINERS' ACCIDENT RELIEF (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Kidd 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. Kidd, *passed*.  
Mr. Kidd then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Miners' Accident Relief Act, 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 amend the Miners' Accident Relief Act, 1900,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 27th November, 1901.*

12. WESTERN LANDS BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Crick, 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 vest the management and control of that portion of New South Wales known as the Western Division in a Board, to be called the Western Land Board; to grant extension of leases in the said division and tenant-right in certain improvements; and for all purposes necessary and incidental thereto.

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, 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 vest the management and control of that portion of New South Wales known as the Western Division in a Board, to be called the Western Land Board; to grant extension of leases in the said division, and tenant-right in certain improvements; and for all purposes necessary and incidental thereto.

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

(2.) Mr. Crick then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to vest the management and control of that portion of New South Wales known as the Western Division in a Board, to be called the Western Land Board; to grant extension of leases in the said division and tenant-right in certain improvements; and for all purposes necessary and incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time.

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

13. SYDNEY INDUSTRIAL BLIND INSTITUTION INCORPORATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

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

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

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 56.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 28 NOVEMBER, 1901.

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

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS (COMMISSIONER'S SALARY) BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. See, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 136.*

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 make further provision with respect to the salary of one of the Railway Commissioners.

*State Government House,*

*Sydney, 28th November, 1901.*

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

2. CORONERS' BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. See, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 137.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to give coroners and deputy-coroners the powers and duties of justices; to give certain magistrates the powers and duties of coroners; and to amend the law relating to coronial inquisitions,*"—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 His 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.

*State Government House,*

*Sydney, 28th November, 1901.*

3. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Night-watchman at Darling Island:—Mr. Kelly asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that the night-watchman at Darling Island is working from 90 hours to 100 hours per week?

(2.) If so, will he take into consideration some method whereby these long hours can be reduced?

(3.) What is the rate of wages paid this man?

(4.) Is he entitled to any holidays; if so, when does he receive them?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—The watchman in question is in the service of the Sydney Harbour Trust, who are not under my control.

(2.) Carters employed on Public Works:—Mr. Kelly asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the carters employed on all public works only receive 10s. per day?

(2.) Is he aware that the ruling rate for carters is 12s. per day?

(3.) Will he cause inquiries to be made with a view to having all carters paid the ruling rate?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—Carters are paid 10s., 11s., and 12s. per day according to district and circumstances.

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(3.) The King's Coronation :—Mr. Archer asked the Colonial Secretary,—  
 (1.) Will he inform this House if the Home Government are now making arrangements to enable those Honorable Members of this House, who choose to be present, to attend at the King's Coronation in 1902?

(2.) If not, will he place himself in communication with the Home Authorities with the view of ascertaining if they intend to make provision for Honorable Members to be present?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) I have no information upon the subject.

(2.) I do not consider it advisable to communicate with the Home Authorities upon this subject.

(4.) Labour Settlement, Jervis Bay :—Mr. Nobbs, for Mr. Morton, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is there any truth in the rumour that the Labour Commissioners, in view of their recent visit to Jervis Bay, propose establishing a Labour Settlement in that vicinity?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—No.

(5.) Dead Carcasses of Beasts and Rabbits in the Interior :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is he aware that it is a frequent occurrence for drovers in charge of travelling stock in the interior to be fined in heavy penalties for leaving (for more than twelve hours) carcasses of beasts that have died from disease or starvation, within half a mile of a road or travelling stock route, and not destroying or burning the same?

(2.) What becomes of the millions of rabbits alleged to be killed annually in the interior by poison; are their bodies burnt, or what becomes of them; or are they left to decompose and pollute the atmosphere and water supply to the danger of public health?

(3.) Is it the intention of the Government to adopt any scheme by which the dead carcasses of rabbits are destroyed by fire, on the same principle now enforced on drovers?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

(1.) Yes; the destruction of the carcasses of stock dying on or near the road is enforced, with the view of preventing the spread of disease, as the stock frequently die of an infectious or contagious disease. It is not so, however, with the poisoned rabbits.

(2.) Owners have been advised by the Department to collect and burn the rabbits which have been killed by poison, and it is believed they are in many cases now doing so.

(3.) It is not considered necessary to do so.

(6.) Sewerage Works at Lower Randwick and Kensington :—Mr. Henry Clarke asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) When will the sewerage works at Lower Randwick and Kensington be completed?

(2.) What is the cause of delay in this important work?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) The sewerage works at Kensington and Lower Randwick will be complete in about twelve months' time.

(2.) The reason for the delay on this work is the extremely wet nature of the ground met with—running sand and water—which retarded the progress of the work very considerably.

(7.) Prosecution of Anthony Hordern and Sons for Breaches of Early Closing Act :—Mr. Hollis, for Mr. McGowen, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is it a fact that some time ago summonses were issued against Anthony Hordern and Sons for breaches of the Early Closing Act?

(2.) Same in the cases of Grace Brothers, and McClelland and Roach?

(3.) Have all these summonses been withdrawn?

(4.) If so, by whose authority, and for what reason?

Mr. Perry answered,—Complaints were received to the effect that the carters of a number of city firms were not receiving the holiday prescribed by the Early Closing Act, and in two cases, viz., Messrs. A. Hordern and Sons, and Messrs. McClelland and Roach, summonses were issued. Explanations were furnished by these two firms, and at an interview the managers pointed out that efforts had been made, by sending the carters out at an earlier hour, to arrange for them to get back in time to avail themselves of the half-holiday, but that they had failed to return by 2 p.m. An arrangement being made that in future one whole day a month would be allowed each carter, it was decided to withdraw the summons. No summons has been issued against Grace Brothers. That is the practice I have followed in all cases. In order to prove a case we have to put an employee into the witness box, which might mean dismissal, and where I could bring about the same result without any prosecution, I have invariably done so.

(8.) Private Boat-sheds and Landing-places, Sydney Harbour :—Mr. Hogue asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that representatives of the Sydney Harbour Trust are making inquiries respecting the ownership and lesseship of the various private boat-sheds and landing-places on the riverside portions of Sydney Harbour?

(2.) What is the object of the Sydney Harbour Trust in causing such inquiries to be made?

(3.) Is it the intention of the Sydney Harbour Trust to claim jurisdiction over such private boat-sheds and landing-places, and frame regulations, or impose fees in connection with the same?

Mr. See answered,—The Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners are not taking action in the direction of dealing with any boat-sheds or landing-places which are not vested in them by the Sydney Harbour Trust Act.

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- (9.) Locally Manufactured Cement:—Mr. Fallick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Have Messrs. Goodlet and Smith a contract with the Government for the supply of locally-manufactured cement; and, if so, when did such contract commence, and when does it expire?
  - (2.) Is it a fact that since the Federal tariff came into force the contractors have been receiving an addition to their contract price of the amount of the tariff on cement?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

- (1.) Yes; (a) for Wollongong Water Supply, for supply of 3,500 casks from 13th February to 13th November, 1901; (b) Blayney Water Supply, 400 casks from 27th November, for immediate delivery.
- (2.) No.

- (10.) Watchmen Employed by the Harbour Trust Commissioners:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. E. M. Clark, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Have a number of men employed by the Harbour Trust as watchmen received notice that their services will be dispensed with on Saturday next; and, if so, what number of men are so affected, what is the salary each is receiving, and what hours per day have these men been employed in the performance of their duties?
- (2.) Are these men paid monthly; and, if so, why have the Harbour Trust Commissioners given them only a week's notice of the discontinuance of their services?
- (3.) What is the reason for their dismissal, and is it because two Assistant Harbour-masters have been appointed to perform their duties?
- (4.) If two Assistant Harbour-masters have been appointed to perform the duties of about twelve watchmen, by what means do the Harbour Trust Commissioners propose to substitute the services of these two men at a high salary as against the large number of smaller-paid men dispensed with?
- (5.) Will he take steps that proper notice and proper opportunities are given to these watchmen to obtain employment, if it is absolutely necessary to dispense with their services?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) Yes. The number of men is eleven; their names and salaries are as follows:—O. N. Hansen, £130 per annum; H. Jackson, £130 per annum; H. Lawson, £130 per annum; M. Molloy, 7s. per day; H. H. White, 7s. per day; J. O'Brien, 7s. per day; C. Dwyer, 7s. per day; W. McLain, 7s. per day; M. F. Walsh, 7s. per day; Frank Rolls, 7s. per day; G. W. Willis, 7s. per day.
- (2.) In every case in which the officer is entitled to a month's notice, he has received such notice. In the case of men who were employed at a daily wage, a week's notice has been given, which is more than they are actually entitled to.
- (3 and 4.) Owing to the operation of the new regulations and the consequent reorganisation of the staff, the services of the men to whom notice has been given are not now necessary.
- (5.) Every effort is being made by the Commissioners to find employment in other directions for the men referred to.

- (11.) Erection of a Hospital for the Treatment of Cancer:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Referring to Dr. Ross' Question of the 19th November, *re* necessity for the erection of a hospital for the treatment of special cases of cancer, and Mr. See's reply thereto, *viz.*, "Cancer not being an infectious disease, is treated in the general hospitals which appear to contain sufficient accommodation for present demands," if this statement is correct, as alleged, what is the necessity for expending £45,000 on the enlargement of Prince Alfred Hospital in the shape of 200 extra beds, besides spending another £15,000 or £20,000 on the erection of a hospital for cases of consumption?
- (2.) Will he inform this House the source from which he obtained his information, or will he lay copy of reports on the Table of this House for the information of Honorable Members?
- (3.) What is the number of cases of cancer (male and female) that have been treated in the Sydney hospitals during the last twelve months?
- (4.) Is it not a fact that several hospitals are in existence in London, &c., for the treatment of cancer cases specially; if so, why is a similar institution not established in Sydney for this malignant and fatal disease?
- (5.) Will he obtain from the Board of Health a report why cancer is not regarded as infectious in man, yet, on the other hand, it is laid down and treated as an infectious disease in animals, under the Disease in Animals Act; and why the disease is considered infectious in animals, and not in man?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) The increased accommodation at Prince Alfred Hospital is required for general purposes. The special consumptive hospital is being built because tuberculosis is an infectious disease.
- (2.) The information was supplied by the Department of Public Health.
- (3.) The number of cases of cancer treated during the last twelve months at the Sydney Hospital was 127; at Prince Alfred Hospital, 88; and at the Coast Hospital, 22. The returns immediately available do not distinguish between males and females.
- (4.) There are such special hospitals for cancer in London, but the great bulk of the cases are treated in the general hospitals. The number of cases in Sydney is not in excess of available accommodation at the general hospitals.
- (5.) The provisions of the Diseased Animals and Meat Act apply to the sale of diseased animals, or of meat which is "diseased or unsound or unwholesome, or unfit for the food of man"; and the reason for including cancer is that the meat from a cancerous animal is regarded as unwholesome.

- (12.) Moree Railway Station:—*Mr. Carroll*, for Mr. Webster, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the large railway revenue derived from the Moree Station entitles the town to a more commodious railway station?
- (2.) Would he urge the Commissioners for Railways to make the necessary improvements at an early date?

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Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed that considerable railway traffic is transacted at Moree, but the revenue of the railways generally is not showing signs of expansion in comparison with the expenditure, and the Commissioners are anxious to exercise close economy. The additional accommodation would not appear to be of great urgency, and the Commissioners have, therefore, decided to look into the matter on the ground when they are next at Moree.

(13.) Railway Men Loading Wool at Moree:—*Mr. Carroll*, for Mr. Webster, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is he aware that men are worked as casual hands loading wool at Moree at 6s. a day?
- (2.) Will he urge the Commissioners to grant a reasonable wage for such heavy and irregular employment?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

- (1.) I am informed the rate paid for casual work at Moree is 6s. per day.
- (2.) Wages in the Railway Department are regulated by those paid by outside firms, and it is understood the rates paid are equal to those paid by private firms in the district referred to.

(14.) Police Force:—*Mr. Scobie*, for Mr. Dacey, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) The number of policemen doing clerical work in Superintendent Larkins' office?
- (2.) The number of hours they work each day?
- (3.) The number of holidays they get in the year?

Mr. See answered,—The Inspector-General of Police has furnished the following information:—

- (1.) Five.
- (2.) About eight.
- (3.) Fifty-four days, *i.e.*, fifty-two Sundays, with Christmas and Good Friday; also special leave on application.

(15.) Master Bakers and Bread Carters:—*Mr. Hollis* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Is he aware that master bakers are disobeying the law in respect of the bread-carters' holiday, by causing these men to go to their employment for as much as two hours in the morning and the evening of the holiday?
- (2.) Is it a fact that his Department has given permission to some master bakers to thus break the law in respect of the bread-carter's holiday?
- (3.) Will he cause inquiries to be made, and prosecute these offenders against the law?
- (4.) Is he aware that the law relating to bread-carters having a holiday is being set aside by the bread-carter being made a partner in the business, and thus permitting an unfair competition with other master bakers?
- (5.) Will he use his powers to prevent such violations of the law, and take steps that all bread-carters, whether or not partners in the business, shall have the full monthly holiday the law provides?

Mr. Perry answered,—

- (1 and 2.) No; but where representations have been made to the Department, carters have been allowed to return for the purpose of feeding the horses under their care, provided it is done voluntarily, and by so doing they are not deprived of the benefit of their holiday.
- (3.) Yes, where the law has been violated.
- (4.) No.
- (5.) The law does not prevent proprietors themselves delivering bread on the holiday.

(16.) Generating Electric Power on the Colo River:—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Referring to a paragraph in the *Daily Telegraph*, of 27th November, in reference to concessions granted to a company to generate electric power on the Colo River, will he give this House some information as to the character of the company alleged to be established, and as to the conditions upon which such company holds the water rights of the Colo?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—I have not any knowledge of the company referred to by the Honorable Member, but on the 20th March last a license was granted for a period of two years to Jeremiah Roberts and Arthur Rolfe Gregory for a concrete-faced overshot anchor crib weir for hydraulic power purposes in connection with the storage of water only, with a view of increasing the flow of the river in times of drought.

4. LIQUOR TRAFFIC:—*Mr. Dick* presented a Petition from Thomas J. Massingham, Chairman, and J. Downey, Secretary, of the Ministers' Association of Newcastle, praying the House to pass into law a measure embodying the following provisions:—(1) extension of the existing local option law; (2) earlier hours of closing; (3) effective Sunday trading; (4) non-employment of barmaids; (5) closing of public-houses on election days; (6) prohibition of sale of liquor to young people under seventeen years of age.  
Petition received.

5. MUNICIPALITIES ACT:—*Mr. Dick* presented a Petition from W. J. Ellis, Mayor, and E. Scott Holland, Town Clerk, of the Borough of Newcastle, representing that, in certain respects, the provisions of the Municipalities Act are unsatisfactory to Petitioners; that the recent judgment in the Equity Suit, Block 14 Silver Mining Company, Limited, *v.* the Municipal District of Broken Hill, warrants a reform of the method of assessing mines and mining properties; and praying the House to so amend the Municipalities Act as to enable a municipality to value and assess mines and mining properties.  
Petition received.

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## 6. PAPERS:—

Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—Papers in connection with the payments to the First and other Contingents to South Africa.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. See laid upon the Table,—

(1.) By-law of the Municipal District of Warrialdra.

(2.) Return to an Address adopted on the 2nd October, 1901, a.m., "Assent to the Sydney Harbour "Trust Act."

(3.) Report respecting ex-Constable Stone, of Cooperbrook.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

## 7. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Gormly, as Chairman, brought up the Tenth Report from the Printing Committee.

8. SYDNEY INDUSTRIAL BLIND INSTITUTION INCORPORATION 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 constitute the members of the Sydney Industrial Blind Institution a body corporate; to confer and impose upon that body certain powers, duties, rights, and liabilities; to transfer to and vest in it the property of the said institution and the Institution for the Blind, Strathfield; to discharge the trustees of the last-named institution from certain liabilities; and generally to carry out the said objects and the objects for which the said institutions were established.*"

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 constitute the members of the Sydney Industrial Blind Institution a body corporate; to confer and impose upon that body certain powers, duties, rights, and liabilities; to transfer to and vest in it the property of the said institution and the Institution for the Blind, Strathfield; to discharge the trustees of the last-named institution from certain liabilities; and generally to carry out the said objects and the objects for which the said institutions were established,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 28th November, 1901.

## 9. OLD-AGE PENSIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Waddell, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 138.

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 Old-age Pensions Act, 1900; to provide that pensioners shall not be refused admittance to certain charitable institutions; and to enforce contributions from relatives of pensioners or of persons receiving aid from such institutions or maintained at the public expense; and for other purposes.

State Government House,

Sydney, 28th November, 1901.

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

## 10. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE ELECTION 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 make better provision for the election and appointment of Members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works; and for purposes consequent upon, and incidental to, that object,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 28th November, 1901.

W. J. TRICKETT,  
Deputy-President.

11. WESTERN LANDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Crick moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.

*Point of Order*:—Mr. O'Connor submitted that clause 33, authorising the holder of any home-  
stead lease to acquire lands in the Eastern or Central Division, was outside the Order of Leave,  
which referred specifically to the Western Division.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker quoted a decision given by Mr. Speaker Peel in the House of Commons on 3rd  
May, 1894, to the effect that there was no necessity whatever in the Title of a Bill to enter  
into particularities, but general terms might be used to cover the general scope and purport,  
so as to include all the subject-matters comprised in the Bill. He ruled, in accordance with  
that decision, that as the clause referred to only removed a disability from the holder of a  
lease in the Western Division, it was within the scope of the Bill, and sufficiently covered by  
the Title thereof.

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Debate continued.  
Mr. Lee moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.  
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

12. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Waddell (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn until Tuesday next.  
Question put and passed.

13. TREASURY BILLS DEFICIENCY (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Waddell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Treasury Bills Deficiency Act, 1900.

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 Treasury Bills Deficiency Act, 1900.

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

14. FACTORIES AND SHOPS BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Perry, 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 factories, bakehouses, laundries, dye-works, shops, restaurants, and hotels, and the work carried on therein or in connection therewith; to regulate employment and wages in certain trades; to extend the liability of employers for injuries to employees; and for purposes consequent upon, 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 factories, bakehouses, laundries, dye-works, shops, restaurants, and hotels, and the work carried on therein, or in connection therewith; to regulate employment and wages in certain trades; to extend the liability of employers for injuries to employees; and for purposes consequent upon, or incidental to, those objects.

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 to regulate factories, bakehouses, laundries, dye-works, shops, restaurants, and hotels, and the work carried on therein or in connection therewith; to regulate employment and wages in certain trades; to extend the liability of employers for injuries to employees; and for purposes consequent upon, or incidental to, those objects,*"—which was read a first time.

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

15. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Perry moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 57.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 3 DECEMBER, 1901.

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

CASINO MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. See, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 139.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to reduce the area of the Municipality of Casino,*"—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 His 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.

*State Government House,  
Sydney, 3rd December, 1901.*

2. PUBLIC INSTRUCTION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Perry, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 140.*

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 provide for the attendance and efficient instruction of children at school, the certification of efficient schools, and the registration of children; to establish truant schools; for these purposes to amend the Public Instruction Act of 1880; and for purposes incidental to, and consequent upon, these objects.

*State Government House,  
Sydney, 30th November, 1901.*

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

3. DEMISE OF THE CROWN BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the amendment made by the Legislative Assembly in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the law relating to the holding of offices in case of the demise of the Crown.*"

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 28th November, 1901.*

W. J. TRICKETT,  
Deputy-President.

4. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Grant of £500 to the Northern Volunteer Fire Brigade Association:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. Hogue, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Will he state if any of the £500 granted to the Northern Volunteer Fire Brigade Association is to be devoted to purchasing fire appliances for Newcastle?

(2.) Does he intend to place a sum of money on the Supplementary Estimates to assist the Metropolitan Fire Brigade to obtain more appliances, and men, which are represented to be urgently required?

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Mr. See answered,—No money has been voted so far; but there is a sum of £500 noted on the Additional Estimates, though I do not know what the intention of the Volunteer Fire Brigade Association may be in that direction. I shall make full inquiry with reference to the proposed expenditure in the event of the money being voted by Parliament.

(2.) Remarks made by Judge Docker to a Jury at Forbes:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Will he cause inquiries to be made as to the truth or otherwise of a newspaper report to the effect that, at Forbes, last week, Judge Docker, addressing a jury who had failed to come to a decision upon a criminal case there being heard, said that the case was so simple that a parcel of idiots would have arrived at a decision hours ago, and he could only conclude that the heat of the sun had affected their brains?

(2.) If these remarks were made, will he take steps to prevent jurors from being subjected to such gratuitous insults by Judge Docker in future?

Mr. See answered,—Inquiries will be made into this matter.

(3.) Sydney Cricket Ground Passes:—*Mr. T. R. Smith*, for Mr. Eden George, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Do the Members of this Parliament receive passes to the Sydney Cricket Ground as a right connected with the grant of land, or is it a matter of courtesy?

Mr. See answered,—The deed of grant of the Sydney Cricket Ground makes no provision for a Member of Parliament to have free access to the ground, but it has been the practice of the trustees to issue complimentary tickets.

(4.) Railways and Tramways:—*Mr. Lee* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) The number of railways now in course of construction, including the extension to Devonshire-street from Redfern?

(2.) The number of tramways in course of construction?

(3.) The number of public works, other than railways or tramways, being carried out from Loan Votes?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) Thirteen.

(2.) Eleven.

(3.) Three hundred and seventeen.

(5.) Loading and Unloading Drays at Circular Quay:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. Winchcombe, asked the Colonial Secretary,—The police having compelled owners of property in the neighbourhood of Circular Quay to make such alterations as will enable them to do all their loading and unloading of drays inside the building, will he instruct the police to see that similar alterations are made to the Government stores in Young-street, where loading and unloading is still carried on across the footway, to the danger of the public?

Mr. See answered,—Yes.

(6.) Metropolitan Fire Brigade:—*Mr. Burgess*, for Mr. Holman, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that members of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade are now compelled to live within a fixed radius of their stations?

(2.) Is it a fact that, owing to the lack of accommodation in the prescribed position, many of the members of the brigade have been compelled to take up very inferior tenements at an exorbitant rental?

(3.) Will the Government see its way to resuming land near the Castlereagh-street head station, and erecting satisfactory quarters for married members of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade?

Mr. See answered,—

(1 and 2.) Yes.

(3.) The matter is under the consideration of the Cabinet. It involves a very large amount of money. I recognise the importance of the work being done, but there are so many things to be done that we cannot do them all within one year.

(7.) Sydney Cricket Ground:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. Oakes, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Who are the trustees of the Sydney Cricket Ground?

(2.) What position does Mr. Sheridan hold, and the amount of his remuneration?

(3.) What position does Mr. Fairland hold, and the amount of his remuneration?

(4.) What amount has been spent on the ground to date?

(5.) When was the last balance sheet laid upon the Table of this House?

(6.) Have the trustees any amount invested in the ground; if so, state names and amounts, also the interest payable?

(7.) Will he suggest to the trustees that the members of the ground should have a voice in the management of the ground?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) His Honor Mr. Justice Stephen, the Right Honorable G. H. Reid, P.C., the Honorable Sir William Lync, K.C.M.G., the Honorable John See, M.L.A., Mr. C. Oliver, Mr. R. Teece, Mr. W. Houston, and Mr. H. Curry.

(2.) Mr. Sheridan is the General Manager of the ground, under the trustees, and receives £500 per annum.

(3.) Mr. Fairland is Secretary to the trustees, and receives £300 per annum.

(4.) £123,000.

(5.) In January last.

(6.) No.

(7.) The deed of grant does not empower the trustees to delegate their authority, as would be necessary if the members of the ground were permitted to have a voice in the management, but the interests of the members and of the general public are well studied by the trustees.

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(8.) The Unemployed :—Mr. Hollis asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In view of the large number of men out of employment in the city and suburbs, and the distress consequent thereon, will he provide some employment so as to enable these people to have some means before Christmas? Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—Yes; I am making arrangements for the employment, for a fortnight in turn, of fathers of families and single men who can prove that they have relatives dependent upon them. Yesterday, orders were received to send out 375 men, most of them to start work to-morrow (Wednesday). Notices were sent out for 400 second-grade men and 60 first-grade men, to report at 2 p.m. to-day. Result—Accepted work, 102 second-grade and 16 first-grade; refused work, 53 second-grade—171. No response, 289. Total, 460.

(9.) Dr. J. A. Beattie, Medical Superintendent, Liverpool Asylum :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that one Dr. J. A. Beattie, the Medical Superintendent of the Liverpool Asylum, and who has lately returned to the State from a visit to the United Kingdom and the Continent, was engaged as representative of the State of New South Wales at the Congress meeting held in England during the year on the question of tuberculosis; if so, has he sent in any report on the result of the Congress meeting on tuberculosis, and will he, for the information of Honorable Members, lay a copy of the report upon the Table of this House?

(2.) Was he in receipt of any pay or salary when in attendance as the representative of New South Wales at the late Congress; if so, how much?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) Yes; and he is now writing a report which will, in due course, be laid upon the Table of this House.

(2.) Dr. Beattie was granted six months' leave of absence on full pay, under the provisions of the Public Service Regulations. In consideration of the duties he had to perform in connection with the conference, the Government propose to pay his passage to and from England, and £115 has been voted for the purpose.

(10.) Conditional Purchase Inspector, Molong District :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) The amount of salary paid to the Conditional Purchase Inspector in the Molong district?

(2.) The number of selections he has to report on yearly?

(3.) Does he reside in the Molong district or elsewhere; if so, is he allowed travelling expenses, and the amount?

Mr. Hayes answered,—

(1.) £275 per annum, 7s. per diem when travelling on field duty, and an equipment allowance.

(2.) The following are the number of instructions issued to him during the past five years :—1897, 423; 1898, 323; 1899, 533; 1900, 451; 1901 (to 31st October last), 685.

(3.) The Inspector for the Molong Land District is also the Inspector for the districts of Bathurst, Carcoar, Cowra, Lithgow, and Orange. He resides at Bathurst.

(11.) Garbage Destructors :—Mr. Nobbs, for Mr. Hogue, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Have any applications been made to his Department by municipalities for advances from the Treasury for the construction of garbage destructors?

(2.) Have any of such applications been granted; and to what municipalities?

(3.) What are the terms and conditions upon which such advances are made?

(4.) From what Vote are such advances made?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) Yes, by the municipalities of Annandale and Camperdown.

(2.) The application has been granted to the municipalities named.

(3.) Type of destructor to be approved by the Government, and repayment of total sum advanced, with interest at 3½ per cent. per annum, in twenty-one yearly instalments.

(4.) No advances have as yet been made, pending execution of bond.

(12.) Retired Public Servants :—Mr. Haynes asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) The names of all retired servants whose amounts of abatements have been placed upon the General or other Estimates by the present Government from the date of their entering office?

(2.) What are the actual reasons existing for inclusion of some, and the exclusion of other officers having equal rights?

(3.) Is it a fact that the payment of abatements referred to by the Government, although recognised in some cases, have been absolutely refused to others, where the conditions are co-equal as to length of service, &c.?

(4.) If so, would he state upon what grounds?

Mr. See answered,—As it would take some time to furnish this information, I shall be glad if the Honorable Member will move for it in the usual way. I shall offer no objection to a formal motion, and will have the information prepared.

(13.) Public Library :—Mr. T. R. Smith, for Mr. Eden George, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Were tenders publicly invited for the publishing of the January, 1899—June, 1900 Supplementary Catalogue of the Lending Branch of the Public Library?

(2.) (a) Who got the contract for the publishing of such catalogue; (b) what were the full terms of the contract, and its date; and (c) how many copies of such catalogue have been issued gratis from such date to the present to borrowers in the branch?

Mr. Perry answered,—

(1.) Tenders were invited from the twelve largest printing firms in Sydney.

(2.) (a) William Brooks & Co.; (b) To supply 10,000 copies of the Supplementary Catalogue free, with the right of inserting advertisements approved by the Trustees, 12th July, 1900.

(c) 7,750. (14.)

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- (14.) **Rocks Resumed Area**:—Mr. T. R. Smith asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that a Miss Donohoe is the owner of property within the Rocks resumed area?
  - (2.) Has the price been settled for this property?
  - (3.) What is the reason of the delay in having purchase completed?
  - (4.) Is it a fact that Miss Donohoe has not been allowed to collect the rents of this property for some time?
- Mr. Sec answered,—
- (1.) Yes; Miss Donohoe was an owner.
  - (2.) Yes.
  - (3.) Miss Donohoe's solicitors are now arranging with the Crown Solicitor's Department for payment of compensation and execution of the necessary documents affecting the title.
  - (4.) Miss Donohoe has been receiving advances on account of rents received by the Crown.
5. **LIQUOR TRAFFIC**:—The following Petitions,—praying the House to pass into law a measure embodying the following provisions:—(1) extension of the existing local option law; (2) earlier hours of closing; (3) effective Sunday closing; (4) non-employment of barmaids; (5) closing of public-houses on election days; (6) prohibition of sale of liquor to young people under seventeen years of age,—were presented by the Members named:—
- (1.) By Mr. Daley,—From Thos. W. Marshall, Chairman of meeting of members of "Lifeboat" Lodge, No. 9, of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Sydney.
  - (2.) By Mr. Thomson,—From W. Basham, Chairman of a meeting of members of the "John Wright" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Tinonee.
  - (3.) By Mr. Jessep,—From Henry D. Williams, Chairman of a meeting of members of "Pacific" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Waverley.
- Petitions received.
6. **CASE OF E. L. WARTON, FETTLER'S GANGER, GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Nielsen moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House all papers, books, correspondence, and evidence taken before the Appeal Board and the Railway Commissioners in the case of E. L. Warton, fettlers' ganger, who was lately dismissed from the Service and afterwards reinstated.
- Question put and passed.
7. **GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS (COMMISSIONER'S SALARY) BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—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 to make further provision with respect to the salary of one of the Railway Commissioners.
- Question put and passed.
8. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Aberdare Collieries Railway Bill (*Council Bill*) postponed until To-morrow.
9. **BOILERS REGULATION BILL**:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Perry, and read by Mr. Speaker:—
- FREDK. M. DARLEY,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.* *Message No. 141.*
- 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 regulate the construction and use of steam-boilers, and to provide for inquiry into boiler explosions.
- State Government House,  
Sydney, 6th November, 1901.*
- Ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.
10. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Balmain South, Mr. Law, 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 urgent necessity of the Government introducing a Bill this Session to abolish the pernicious "Coupon System."
- And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—
- Mr. Law moved, That this House do now adjourn.
- Point of Order*:—Mr. John Hurley submitted that the Honorable Member for Balmain South was not in order in attempting a discussion on this subject, he having only to-day withdrawn the Notice of Motion for the introduction of the Bill referred to.
- Mr. Speaker said the objection taken was well founded upon an explicit rule laid down in May's *Parliamentary Practice*, 10th ed. p. 242, viz.:—"Equally, discussion cannot be raised "on a motion for adjournment on any matter already appointed for consideration, or of "which notice has been given; nor can exemption from this rule be obtained by a withdrawal "of such matter from the Notice Paper at the commencement of the sitting on which the "motion for adjournment is sought to be made."
11. **TIED HOUSES BILL (No. 2)**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
- Debate ensued.

*And it being Seven o'clock, p.m., Government Business only proceeded with, under Sessional Order adopted on 6th November, 1901.*

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12. WESTERN LANDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Crick, "That this Bill be now read a second time." And the Question being again proposed,—  
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 4 DECEMBER, 1901, A.M.

Question put,—That this Bill be now read a second time.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 56.

Mr. Evans,	Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Webster,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Richards,
Mr. E. M. Clark,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. Clara,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,	Mr. T. H. Griffith,
Mr. Meagher,	Mr. Scath,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. McIntyre,	Mr. Law,
Mr. Coleman,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Archer,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Rose,	Mr. Davidson,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Dight,

Mr. Lee,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,
Mr. D. R. Hall,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Levy,
Mr. Mackenzie,
Mr. Collins,
Mr. Millard,
Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Winchcombe.

Tellers,

Mr. Willis,  
Mr. Fleming.

Noes, 7.

Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Wood.

Tellers,

Mr. Macdonell,  
Mr. Nielsen.

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

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

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

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

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

13. COBAR TO WILCANNIA 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 Cobar to Wilcannia; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as relates to the duty of the constructing authority to make and maintain fences along the said line; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to provide for the imposition of a tax on certain lands in connection with such line; 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 Cobar to Wilcannia; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as relates to the duty of the constructing authority to make and maintain fences along the said line; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to provide for the imposition of a tax on certain lands in connection with such line, 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 Cobar to Wilcannia; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as relates to the duty of the constructing authority to make and maintain fences along the said line; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to provide for the imposition of a tax on certain lands in connection with such line; and for other purposes.*"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed and read a second time To-morrow.

14. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
Speaker.



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## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 4 DECEMBER, 1901.

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

## QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Valuation of Resumed Land :—*Mr. Gillies*, for *Mr. McIntyre*, asked the Colonial Secretary,— Will the Government consider the advisability of introducing a Bill providing that, on all inquiries regarding the value of land resumed during 1900, the assessed value of the land, without improvements, for land tax purposes shall be *prima facie* evidence of the value of such land without improvements?

*Mr. Crick* answered,—This matter is under consideration, but it is impossible to introduce a Bill this Session.

- (2.) Appointment of Nautical Assessors :—*Mr. Nobbs*, for *Mr. McCoy*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—  
 (1.) How many nautical assessors have been appointed to sit with the Judge in marine inquiries under the Navigation Act?  
 (2.) What are their names?  
 (3.) In what manner and order are they summoned for duty?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table a memorandum, furnished by the Department of Navigation, giving the information desired.

- (3.) Customs Staff, Sydney :—*Mr. Nobbs*, for *Mr. Carruthers*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—  
 (1.) Is he aware that the staff of the Customs in Sydney is being recruited largely by Victorian officials?  
 (2.) Is he aware that it is announced that the headquarters of the Military Commandant of the Australian Forces is to be at Melbourne, Victoria?  
 (3.) In view of these facts, and also of the further facts that the headquarters of the Postal Department, Customs, and other Federal Departments have been established at Melbourne, and that the vice-regal residence, apparently, is also permanently established in Melbourne, will he take some action to see that this State is not completely subordinated in the Federal arrangements?  
 (4.) Will he take action to see that section 125 of the Commonwealth Constitution is carried out, the terms of that section being imperative that the seat of Government shall be in the State of New South Wales, although the Parliament shall temporarily sit in Victoria?  
 (5.) Will he ascertain where the seat of Government now is; and if it is in any other State than New South Wales, under what authority?

*Mr. See* answered,—I will see that New South Wales State rights and interests are carefully guarded.

- (4.) Painters Employed Painting Suburban Stations :—*Mr. Kelly* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—  
 (1.) Is he aware that the painters employed painting suburban stations are, in many instances, paid at the rate of 4s. per day?  
 (2.) Will he, through the Railway Commissioners, see that the ruling rates are paid to all painters working for the contractor?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—

(1.) I am informed that the work referred to is carried out by contract, and the Commissioners are not aware of the wages paid. It is thought to be questionable, however, that painters are paid 4s. per day.

(2.) The Commissioners do not interfere between the contractors and the men employed.

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- (5.) CC Class, Passenger Locomotive Engines :—Mr. Hollis asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the CC class passenger locomotive engines have all been temporarily withdrawn from service?
  - (2.) If so, what is the reason therefor?
  - (3.) How long have these engines been running since they were rebuilt?
  - (4.) Were all these engines fitted with new boilers when they were rebuilt?
  - (5.) Who was the officer upon whose design these engines were rebuilt?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

- (1 and 2.) I am informed that four CC class engines out of fourteen have been temporarily withdrawn from service for general repairs and for repairs to fire-box stay-bolts, which are always seriously affected by the Sydney water, within which district they are solely employed.
  - (3.) The four engines concerned have been running from two and a half to three years since they were rebuilt.
  - (4.) Yes.
  - (5.) The Chief Mechanical Engineer.
- (6.) Cracking of a Locomotive Fire-box outside Shell :—Mr. Hollis asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that, a short time ago, at or near Quirindi, a locomotive fire-box outside shell cracked whilst the train was in motion, severely scalding the driver?
  - (2.) What was the cause thereof?
  - (3.) Has he received a report of this occurrence, in terms of section 51, Government Railways Act, 1888?
  - (4.) If so, will he lay that report upon the Table of this House?
  - (5.) Is it his intention to cause an independent inquiry to be held into this matter, as per powers conferred by section 52, Government Railways Act, 1888, in view of the fact that such occurrences are extremely uncommon?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
  - (2, 3, and 4.) A report was submitted to me a few days ago, but the cause of the failure has not yet finally been determined, but it appears to have resulted from ordinary wear and tear.
  - (5.) A further report has been promised, and I will consider the matter when it has been received.
- (7.) Water Conservation—Erection of Weirs :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- In view of the large sums of public money granted to Ashburnham and other districts, *re* water conservation, will he see that a fair share of public money and equal justice is extended to the district of Molong in this respect, and that the necessary steps may be taken to have a suitable weir erected on the Molong Creek; also, a weir constructed at Cumnock, one at Dilga, and one at Cudal, on the Bore Creek, in the interest of settlers and the travelling public?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—I will call for a report, and on receipt thereof, communicate with the Honorable Member.

- (8.) Hours of Labour of Railway Employees in Hot Districts :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Are men employed at inland railway stations or on the line at Nyngan, Cobar, Nevertire, and Bourke, working nine to ten hours per day, and often seven days in the week, under the heat of a tropical sun ranging from 100 to 115 degrees, in receipt of any higher rate of wages than those employed in a more temperate climate?
  - (2.) Will the Railway Commissioners see that some steps are taken to lessen the hours of labour, or else to increase their pay in proportion to the extra hardships they have to endure living in a district under a tropical heat?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

- (1.) I have referred the matter to the Railway Commissioners, who point out that it would be a matter of considerable difficulty to discriminate in regard to conditions of employment at the various railway stations. As a rule, private employers do not vary the remuneration paid on account of climatic conditions, while railway servants enjoy many advantages in the shape of holidays, free passes, and, at places remote from trade centres, free carriage of goods.
  - (2.) The Commissioners are unaware of men working seven days per week in the hot districts referred to.
- (9.) Railway from Cowra to Gregra :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) When is the survey of the line of railway from Cowra to Gregra, *via* Canowindra and Cudal, likely to be completed?
  - (2.) Will he see that the matter is referred to the Public Works Committee before the Session closes?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

- (1.) Owing to the scarcity of surveyors, we have had considerable trouble in providing for this survey, and the Engineer-in-Chief for Railway Construction reports that the work will be completed in four or five months.
  - (2.) In view of the foregoing answer, it does not seem probable to remit the Cowra-Gregra line to the Public Works Committee this Session; but with the approbation of the Cabinet, I certainly will do so early next Session, so that not much time will be lost.
- (10.) Hours of Labour of Railway Employees working between Molong and Parkes :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it true that a gang of men (sixty in all) are working on the railway line between Molong and Parkes, and paid at the rate of 6s. 6d. per day of eight hours, in place of 7s. per day, the minimum wage?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed that a number of casual labourers employed by the Railway Department in the district referred to are paid 6s. 6d. per day, it being considered that it is equal to the average wage for labour prevailing in the district.

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- (11.) Draftsmen selected from England:—Mr. Hollis asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that he stated, in the matter of importing draftsmen from England—(a) that he would have a very searching inquiry made; (b) it was now too late to stop them from coming out; (c) he would never give consent to anyone being brought out for any position unless suitable men could not be got in this State?
  - (2.) If so, has this searching inquiry been made?
  - (3.) What is the result of such inquiry?
  - (4.) Have the Railway Department, or the Government, any advice that the men selected have left England?
  - (5.) If not, will he cable and prevent these men leaving England until the provisions of the Government Railways Act, as laid down in section 66 and section 59, have been complied with, and it is thus proved that there are no men in the Railway Service or in the State of New South Wales competent to fill the positions which these men are being imported for?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
  - (2.) Yes. I have personally gone into the matter with the Railway Commissioners. By the course which has been pursued, the efficiency of the Railway Department will be maintained, and better arrangements made for training draftsmen to meet future requirements.
  - (3.) I find, on inquiry, that the Commissioners appear to have made all reasonable efforts to obtain qualified draftsmen within the States of New South Wales, Victoria, and Queensland, and failed. Thereafter they gave the certificate under seal required by section 63 of the Government Railways Act, 1888, and were authorised by Sir William Lyne to obtain draftsmen from abroad, and two have been engaged.
  - (4.) No.
  - (5.) Directions were given for the engagements to be made, and it is assumed that the officers are now on their way to take up duty.
- (12.) Public Service Board Appeals:—Mr. Dick, for Mr. Quirk, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- Will he give instructions for the results of those appeals from Departments already dealt with by the Public Service Board to be published, and the money paid to those interested as soon as the Appropriation Act is passed?
- Mr. See answered,—The Public Service Board inform me that they have heard a number of the appeals from officers (of which over 1,000 were submitted), and that they are continuing the hearing almost every day. The work, however, is necessarily taking some time, there being a number of appeals from country officers to be heard, as well as those from officers in town. The Board does not consider it desirable to come to a final decision in any individual case until they have heard the whole of the appeals. No definite information can be given at present as to when the work will be completed, for the reason stated above.
- (13.) Accident at Saxton and Binn's Timber Yards:—Mr. Whiddon asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Has his attention been called to the serious accident that occurred at Saxton and Binn's timber yards on Thursday, 28th November, at which two men were seriously injured, and one died as a result of the injuries received?
  - (2.) Has his attention been called to the complaint made by Mr. J. D. Holt, Chief Executive Officer of the Civil Ambulance Brigade, that a police officer roughly reprimanded Mr. Holt for trotting over crossings while on ambulance duty?
  - (3.) In view of the necessity that occurs in urgent cases that the injured should be conveyed to the hospital as soon as possible, will he cause instructions to be given to the police that, for the future, they are expected to assist in keeping the traffic clear, with a view to helping the ambulance men to save life, as the question of a few minutes delay may frequently cause loss of life; and, instead of the suggested clanging of a bell, the ambulance officer in charge shall be required to show a small red-cross flag, indicating that he is conveying an injured person to the hospital?
- Mr. See answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
  - (2.) Attention was directed to the case in the public Press and reports were called for. The traffic constables report as follows:—"An ambulance waggon, conveying an injured man to the Sydney Hospital, was driven over the intersection of Pitt and Market Streets at a very reckless speed. A lady, crossing the street at the time, was nearly run over, and only for the prompt action of the driver of another vehicle pulling his horse up on its haunches, a collision would certainly have occurred. The wheels of the waggon are rubber-tyred, and the driver sounded no bell, nor gave any warning of his approach. About twenty minutes after, when the waggon was returning empty, the constable stopped the vehicle and obtained name and address of driver." The second constable states:—"He saw an ambulance waggon proceeding along Market-street, going east at a pace of about 16 miles an hour across the intersection of George and Market-streets, which is a great danger to traffic on account of not giving any warning of their approach, and the waggon runs very lightly."
  - (3.) The matter is under consideration.
- (14.) Resumption of Land in Elizabeth-street:—Mr. Whiddon asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to resume any portion of the eastern side of Elizabeth-street, from Cleveland-street to Kippax-street?
  - (2.) As there seems to be a great deal of misapprehension on the part of owners of property and tenants as to what the Government's intentions are with reference to the resumption of any portion of Elizabeth-street, will he have any objection to stating what portion of Elizabeth-street, and which side, the Government intend resuming?
- Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—
- (1.) Not at present.
  - (2.) From Kandle-street to Railway-place on the west side has been resumed. (15.)

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- (15.) Gold and Mineral Leases:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for *Mr. Lonsdale*, asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Is it not a fact that a number of gold and mineral leases will shortly expire?
  - (2.) Is not the effect of the uncertainty with regard to the renewals of such leases, and the conditions upon which such renewals will be made, preventing the expenditure of capital in their development?
  - (3.) Will he introduce a short Bill this Session, dealing with the renewals and the conditions of such renewals?
- Mr. Kidd* answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
  - (2.) It is represented that such is the case.
  - (3.) This matter is now under consideration.
- (16.) Temporary Hands, Stores Department:—*Mr. Scobie*, for *Mr. Holman*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Has he made the inquiries promised to *Mr. E. M. Clark, M.P.*, re the condition of temporary hands in the Stores Department?
  - (2.) If he ascertains that men of ten years' service and upward are ranked as temporary employees, will he take steps to redress the anomaly of their position?
- Mr. Waddell* answered,—It has been decided to classify as permanent those temporary hands employed in the Stores Department whose work is of a permanent nature, and whose classification as permanent hands is recommended by the Tender Board; and the necessary steps in the matter are now being taken.
- (17.) Stone-carving of the Art Gallery Portico:—*Mr. Latimer* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—If a tender is not yet accepted for the stone-carving of the Art Gallery portico, will he consider the advisability of executing the same by day-labour, so as to ensure a high standard of decorations, in unison with the contents of the Gallery?
- Mr. O'Sullivan* answered,—Offers from carvers of known merit are in hand, and will be dealt with as soon as funds are available. However, I will give consideration to the views of the Honorable Member before finally deciding what shall be done.
- (18.) *Mr. Barling's Pension*:—*Mr. Gillies* asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Referring to *Mr. Gillies' Questions* of date 13th and 26th November, relative to *Mr. Barling's* pension arrangements,—can *Mr. Barling* obtain his pension (*i.e.*, his pension at full rate) unless the sum included in the Estimate (£308) be paid either by *Mr. Barling* personally, or by the Government, out of the taxpayers' money, on his behalf?
  - (2.) Was *Mr. Barling* legally entitled to continue as a contributor to the Superannuation Fund after accepting his present position; if so, under what Act and section is the right conferred?
  - (3.) If the reply to part 2 be yes, are not *Mr. C. Oliver*, Chief Railway Commissioner, *Mr. Alexander Oliver*, President Land Court, and others who left the Public Service proper, under similar conditions to *Mr. Barling*, entitled to continue contributing to the Superannuation Fund, with a view of increasing the amount of their respective pensions at ultimate retirement?
  - (4.) If the reply to part 3 be yes, will he notify the gentlemen named, and any others affected, that they may continue contributing, and pay up arrears of contributions?
  - (5.) If the answer to part 2 be no, will he say why an agreement, pronounced by the Attorney-General to have "no legal validity whatever," is allowed to confer such a right?
  - (6.) Do the cases of *Mr. Harrie Wood* and *Mr. F. Ironside* present any practical difference from *Mr. Barling's* in respect of rights at retirement, excepting that *Mr. Barling* obtained from the Reid Government an agreement having, according to the present Attorney-General, "no legal validity whatever"?
  - (7.) Have any special terms as to retirement been granted to *Mr. Delohery* by the present Government; if so, what are they, and under what authority have they been granted?
- Mr. See* answered,—
- (1 to 6.) I will have a full statement of this case prepared, and laid upon the Table of this House in the course of a few days.
  - (7.) No.
- (19.) Whereabouts of the Person who reported *Dr. Bernstein*, of Lismore, for certain Disloyal Utterances:—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Did a person some time since report *Dr. Bernstein*, of Lismore, Coroner and Government Medical Officer, for certain disloyal utterances of his, and, as a consequence, was an investigation conducted by Acting Judge Heydon, the outcome being that *Dr. Bernstein* resigned the official position above alluded to?
  - (2.) Is this person who reported *Dr. Bernstein* identical with a person of the same name for whose arrest a warrant has been issued on a charge of misappropriating the sum of £2,000, the property of an insurance company for whom he was acting as the Lismore agent?
  - (3.) Do the authorities possess any knowledge as to the present whereabouts of the person referred to?
  - (4.) Is it known whether or not he enlisted in one of the Contingents which went to South Africa about the time he left Lismore?
- Mr. See* answered,—Inquiries will be made, and reports obtained, regarding this matter.
- (20.) Police Force:—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is he aware of the fact that, in answer to an application made by the Lane Cove Council for more police protection, the Inspector-General of Police stated that whilst he admitted that more police protection was necessary, he was unable, owing to want of funds, to make any additions to the force, and was, therefore, reluctantly compelled to refuse the request?

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(2.) Is he also aware of the fact that, because of alleged want of funds, police constables in many country districts are compelled to reside in mere hovels, long after the necessity for providing new quarters has been officially admitted?

(3.) Will he see that some means are devised whereby increased expenditure in the directions indicated may be provided for?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) The Inspector-General replied, on the 2nd November, that an additional constable would no doubt be an advantage, but he was not at present in a position to increase the Force. The additional police voted by Parliament will be at once appointed, but the distribution has not yet been determined upon.

(2.) As a rule, the police stations contain adequate accommodation; additional buildings and repairs are required, and will be provided when funds are available.

(3.) The matter shall have my attention.

(21.) Manufacture of Kerosene in the State:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Has he yet procured information which will enable him to reply to the Question, asked some weeks since, *re* the quantity of kerosene manufactured in New South Wales during the years 1899-1900, the value of same, the number of hands directly employed, and the amount paid as wages to such hands?

Mr. Waddell answered,—The only product of kerosene shale now made in this State is crude oil. In Pitman's "Mineral Resources of New South Wales" it is stated that the only firm now at work have a contract for the supply of 1,000,000 gallons annually to the Australian Gaslight Company. No information can be obtained in regard to wages or hands employed.

(22.) Chief Clerk, Crown Solicitor's Office:—Mr. Kelly, for Mr. Sullivan, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) How long has Mr. Parkinson, Chief Clerk, Crown Solicitor's Office, been absent from his duties during the past three years?

(2.) Is he aware that Mr. Parkinson's Department (Conveyancing) is very much in arrears with its work?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) The officer named has been absent from his duties during the last three years for an aggregate period of five months, which period does not exceed the statutory leave to which he was entitled under the Civil Service and Public Service Acts, and was partly in respect of leave granted in 1895, but which, through pressure of work, could not be taken.

(2.) Mr. Parkinson's Department is not exclusively the Conveyancing Department; but he has supervision and control of the general work of the office. It is not a fact that the Conveyancing Department is very much in arrears with its work.

(23.) Remission of Sentences on Occasion of the King's Coronation:—Mr. Holman asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he take into consideration the advisability of distinguishing the auspicious occasion of His Majesty's coronation by granting remission to long-sentence prisoners where there are any mitigating circumstances and their conduct has been good?

Mr. See answered,—I will bring the matter under the notice of my colleagues. The remission of a sentence or sentences is generally referred to the judges. I will have the necessary inquiries made, and if I can see my way clear to make a recommendation, I shall be happy to do so.

(24.) Case of Police *v.* Lawson, Wyalong:—Mr. Holman asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has he any objection to the papers in the case of the Police *v.* Lawson, of Wyalong, being laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. See answered,—I have no objection.

(25.) Moree to Inverell Railway:—Mr. Kelly, for Mr. Price, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) How long was the railway line from Moree to Inverell in course of construction?

(2.) What was the Departmental estimate of the work?

(3.) What was the gross cost to the Department?

(4.) Was this work done by day-labour, under Government supervision, or by contract?

(5.) If by day-labour, what was the rate of wages paid per diem?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) Three years and five months to the present date. It will be completed about the end of the year.

(2.) £279,500.

(3.) The work not having been completed, this information is not yet available.

(4.) The construction of the line was carried out by day-labour. Contracts were let for the station buildings, sleepers, and one bridge.

(5.) Labourers, 7s.; platelayers, 9s.; blacksmiths, 10s.; carpenters, 12s.

(26.) Prosecution for Bathing in Harbour Waters:—Mr. Haynes asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) On whose instructions are the police prosecuting persons for bathing in the harbour waters, though such persons are clad in costume authorised for public natatorial contests?

(2.) If there has been a mistake in the matter, will he see that the prosecutions are stopped?

Mr. See answered,—The Superintendent of the Metropolitan Police reports as follows:—

(1.) That proceedings were taken against persons for bathing in Sydney Harbour, under section 77, Act No. 5, 1901. Complaints were made by the Military Authorities and by travellers in the harbour and ferry boats of persons bathing in an indecent manner.

(2.) That there was no mistake. The prosecutions were for bathing in a nude state.

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(27.) State Education:—Mr. Haynes asked the Colonial Secretary,—Can he say whether it is the intention of the Government to proceed this Session with the proposal to make State education free; or will he facilitate the passing of the private Bill for the purpose now on the Business Paper of this House?

Mr. See answered,—The necessities of the State have hitherto prevented the abolition of fees. When the Federal finances have been adjusted, the matter will be dealt with by the Government.

(28.) Appointment of a Governor for the State:—Mr. Levy asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has anything further been done in connection with the appointment of a Governor for the State of New South Wales since the time when the honorable gentleman last made a statement to this House on the subject?

Mr. See answered,—I have received no further information with reference to this matter. As I told this House some time ago, I cabled Home, stating that Government House had been prepared, and that all the necessary accommodation had been made available, but I have received no reply. Probably, I will inquire in a day or two hence if anything has been done.

## 2. PAPERS:—

Mr. See laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order made on 26th September, 1901,—“Visits of Police Magistrate to Molong, Cummoock, Cudal, &c.”

(2.) By-laws of the Borough of West Maitland.

(3.) Report of the National Park Trust for the year ended 30th June, 1901.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, 1900, of land for Public Baths at Narrabri.

(2.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, 1900, of land for the construction of a Weir at Queanbeyan.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Regulation under the Navigation Acts, 1871-1896, and the Navigation (Amendment) Act, 1899, *re* Newcastle Harbour.

(2.) Return respecting Nautical Assessors appointed under the Navigation (Amendment) Act 1899.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Perry laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on the 26th November, 1901,—“Teachers in Public Schools holding a Degree of the University of Sydney.”

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. TREASURY BILLS DEFICIENCY (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Waddell, pursuant to leave granted on 29th November, 1901, a.m., presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to amend the Treasury Bills Deficiency Act, 1900*,”—which was read a first time.

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

4. LAND AND INCOME TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Waddell, pursuant to leave granted on 12th November, 1901, presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to amend the Land and Income Tax Assessment Act of 1895, and the Land and Income Tax (Declaratory) Act, 1898; and to provide for the remission and refunding of fines under the first-mentioned Act or any Act amending it*,”—which was read a first time.

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

5. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS (AMENDING) BILL:—Mr. E. M. Clark, pursuant to leave granted on 20th August, 1901, presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to amend the Medical Practitioners Act*,”—which was read a first time.

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

6. TRANSACTIONS OF WILLIAM LANGLEY, J.P., IN OBTAINING TIMBER OFF CROWN LANDS IN THE LANDSDOWNE (MANNING RIVER) DISTRICT (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Haynes moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House all correspondence in the Forestry Department relative to the transactions of William Langley, Justice of the Peace, in obtaining timber off Crown lands in the Landsdowne (Manning River) district.

Question put and passed.

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

(1.) Abordare Collieries Railway Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading. [*Mr. Gillies*];—until Friday next.

(2.) State Labour Selection Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Carruthers, “That this Bill be now read a second time”;—until Friday next.

(3.) Legitimation Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading. [*Mr. Hogue*];—until Friday, 20th December.

(4.) Drainage Promotion Act Amendment Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Brunker*];—until Tuesday, 10th December.

(5.) Trustee Act Amendment Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading. [*Mr. Carruthers*];—until Friday, 20th December.

(6.) Tied Houses Bill (No. 2); resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. Arthur Griffith, “That this Bill be now read a second time”;—until Friday next.

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8. SHEARERS' ACCOMMODATION BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to provide for the proper and sufficient accommodation of shearers*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 4th December, 1901.

W. J. TRICKETT,  
Deputy-President.

SHEARERS' ACCOMMODATION BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 4th December, 1901.

JOHN J. CALVERT,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 3, line 6. *After* "therewith" *insert* "but does not include a person who is employed on the holding on which the shearing shed is situate when the shearing is not in progress"

Page 2, clause 6. *Omit* clause 6.

Page 2, clause 7, line 24. *After* "employed" *insert* "and require it"

Page 2, clause 7, line 25. *Omit* "other"

Page 2, clause 7, line 25. *After* "buildings" *insert* "separate from the shearing shed"

Page 2, clause 7, lines 27 and 28. *Omit* "one or more" *insert* "any"

Page 2, clause 7, line 30. *Omit* "one hundred" *insert* "fifty"

Page 2, clause 7, line 31. *Omit* "Providing" *insert* "Provided"

Page 2, clause 7, line 32. *Omit* "within the required distance" *insert* "at a distance from the shearing shed less than fifty yards, but"

Page 2, clause 7, line 33. *After* "containing" *insert* "or which can be altered to contain"

Page 2, clause 7, line 33. *Omit* "provided for" *insert* "defined"

Page 2, clause 7. *Omit* subsection (c).

Page 3, clause 7, line 3. *Omit* "compartment" *insert* "building"

Page 3, clause 7, line 4. *Before* "when" *insert* "no room used for sleeping shall be used for the cooking or serving of meals and"

Page 3, clause 7, line 9. *Omit* "one hundred" *insert* "twenty-five"

Page 3, clause 7, lines 9 to 11. *Omit* "so as to exclude any probability of the pollution of any water supply; or" *insert* "and not less than fifty yards from the water supply"

Page 3, clause 7, line 13. *Omit* "or"

Page 3, clause 7, line 15. *Omit* "ventilators and windows; or" *insert* "sufficient light and ventilation"

Page 3, clause 7, line 17. *Omit* "or"

Page 3. *After* clause 7 *insert* the following new clause:—

(1) Every building provided by an employer for the accommodation of shearers, not being a shearing shed, shall be kept clean by the shearers occupying the same during their occupation thereof; and whenever, in the opinion of an inspector, any such building is not being kept clean by the shearers occupying the same, such inspector shall give to the employer a notice in writing to that effect, and such employer may thereupon have such building restored to a clean state and thenceforward kept so from day to day.

(2) The shearers occupying any such building as aforesaid shall not cause or suffer any damage to be done to such building, or to any property of an employer contained therein, and whenever, in the opinion of an inspector, any damage has been done to any such building or property by such shearers, such inspector shall give to the employer a certificate to that effect, and such employer may have such damage repaired.

(3) The employer may, in any such case as aforesaid, deduct the cost of any work necessary for either of the aforesaid purposes, in equal parts, from the wages due or accruing due to such shearers, or may recover such cost as a debt from such shearers jointly in any competent Court, with reasonable costs of suit.

Page 3, clause 8, lines 21 and 22. *Omit* "shearing sheds and all other"

Page 3, clause 11, line 42. *Omit* "reason to believe" *insert* "ascertained"

Page 4, clause 11, line 16. *Omit* "two pounds" *insert* "one pound"

Page 4, clause 14, line 28. *Omit* "shearing shed or"

Examined,—

F. T. HUMPHERY,

Deputy Chairman of Committees.

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

9. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Sydney-Denison Division, Mr. Kelly, 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 unsatisfactory administration of the Labour Bureau in dealing with the Unemployed." And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—

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

Debate ensued.

And it being Seven o'clock, p.m., Government Business only proceeded with, under Sessional Order adopted on 6th November, 1901.

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10. OLD-AGE PENSIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Perry 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 Old-age Pensions Act, 1900; to provide that pensioners shall not be refused admittance to certain charitable institutions; and to enforce contributions from relatives of pensioners or of persons receiving aid from such institutions or maintained at the public expense; and for other purposes.  
Question put and passed.
11. PUBLIC INSTRUCTION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Perry 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 attendance and efficient instruction of children at school, the certification of efficient schools, and the registration of children; to establish truant schools; for these purposes to amend the Public Instruction Act of 1880; and for purposes incidental to, and consequent upon, these objects.  
Question put and passed.
12. BOILERS REGULATION BILL:—Mr. Perry 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 the construction and use of steam-boilers, and to provide for inquiry into boiler explosions.  
Question put and passed.
13. LITTLE BAY PENITENTIARY AND PRISON 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 and authorise the erection of a penitentiary and prison for females near Randwick; and for other purposes.  
Question put and passed.
14. GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS (COMMISSIONER'S SALARY) BILL:—  
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make further provision with respect to the salary of one of the Railway Commissioners.  
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 further provision with respect to the salary of one of the Railway Commissioners.  
On motion of Mr. See, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.  
(2.) Mr. See then presented a Bill, intitled "*A Bill to make further provision with respect to the salary of one of the Railway Commissioners*,"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
15. INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION 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 the 27th November, 1901, in reference to the "Industrial Arbitration Bill,"—does not insist upon its amendments disagreed to by the Assembly, and agrees to the Assembly's amendment upon the Council's amendment in this Bill.  
*Legislative Council Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 4th December, 1901.*
- W. J. TRICKETT,  
Deputy-President.
16. WESTERN LANDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Crick moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Cann,	Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Pyers,	Mr. Evans,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. McIntyre,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. J. F. Smith,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Richards,
Mr. See,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. T. H. Griffith,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Meagher,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Lee,	Mr. Willis.
Mr. Broughton,	Mr. Jessep,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Dick.
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. McLaurin,	Mr. Alexander Campbell,
		Mr. Cohen.

Noes, 5.

Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Holman.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Dick.

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

Whereupon Mr. Crick moved, That this Bill do now *pass*.

Question put, and voices given,—Mr. Speaker stated his opinion that the *Ayes* had it.

Whereupon Division called for, and Mr. Speaker having, in accordance with Standing Order No. 213, directed the Members to take their seats to the right and left of the Chair respectively, declared the determination of the House to be in the *affirmative*, as there were only five Members in the minority who had challenged his decision.

The following are the names of the Members in the minority, *viz.*:—Mr. Dick, Mr. Macdonell, Mr. Miller, Mr. Holman, and Mr. Burgess.

Mr.

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Mr. Crick then moved, that the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to vest the management and control of that portion of New South Wales known as the Western Division in a board, to be called the Western Land Board; to grant extension of leases in the said division and tenant-right in certain improvements; and for all purposes necessary and incidental thereto.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to vest the management and control of that portion of New South Wales known as the Western Division in a board, to be called the Western Land Board; to grant extension of leases in the said division and tenant-right in certain improvements; and for all purposes necessary and incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 5 DECEMBER, 1901, A.M.

17. WHARFAGE AND TONNAGE RATES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. See, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
18. JURY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. See, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
19. BUILDING AND CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. See, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
20. GAMES, WAGERS, AND BETTING-HOUSES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. See, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
21. PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. See, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
22. SYDNEY COAL DELIVERY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. See, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

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23. NATIVE DOGS DESTRUCTION AND POISONED BAITS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. See, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
24. VICE-ADMIRALTY VEXATIOUS ARRESTS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. See, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
25. NECROPOLIS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. See, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
26. NAVIGATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. See, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 59.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 5 DECEMBER, 1901.

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

SYDNEY INDUSTRIAL BLIND INSTITUTION INCORPORATION BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. See, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

Message No. 142.

Lieutenant-Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to constitute the members of the Sydney Industrial Blind Institution a body corporate; to confer and impose upon that body certain powers, duties, rights, and liabilities; to transfer to and vest in it the property of the said institution and the Institution for the Blind, Strathfield; to discharge the trustees of the last-named institution from certain liabilities; and generally to carry out the said objects and the objects for which the said institutions were established.*"—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 His 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.

State Government House,

Sydney, 5th December, 1901.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Pleuro-pneumonia in Cattle, Mudgee District:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is it true, as reported, that pleuro-pneumonia has lately broken out among cattle in the Mudgee district, &c.; and, if so, what steps (if any) do the Government intend to take to suppress the evil?

(2.) Has the matter been investigated by any professional or competent person; if so, by whom; and will he cause a copy of the report to be laid upon the Table of this House?

(3.) Can any reason be assigned for the disease breaking out during the present hot season of the year?

(4.) In view of the increasing prevalence of disease among stock of late years, will the Government take into consideration the desirability or necessity of taking steps for affording the rising generation an opportunity of studying the various diseases affecting stock, and establishing a veterinary school of medicine, and the issuing of certificates of qualification?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

(1.) Yes, pleuro-pneumonia has been reported from Mudgee. The owners, under the advice of the inspector for the district, have been inoculating, with the view to prevent the spread of the disease.

(2.) Yes; by Mr. Inspector Crocker, who is competent to diagnose the disease, and his report is to the following effect:—"3rd December, 1901. I have the honor to report that pleuro-pneumonia has broken out among cattle near Mudgee. Many deaths having occurred, but owners are inoculating and taking every precaution to prevent the spread of the disease."

(3.) No; the disease is due to infection or contagion.

(4.) The matter will receive consideration.

(2.) Work Performed by Mr. Barling in England on behalf of the State:—Mr. T. B. Smith, for Mr. Brinsley Hall, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Did Mr. Barling, during his absence in England, perform any work for the Government of this State?

(2.) Was he on leave of absence; was he entitled to this by reason of his service?

(3.) Did he receive any remuneration as travelling expenses?

(4.) Will the result of his labours be made public?

Mr.

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Mr. See answered,—

(1 and 2.) Yes.

(3.) No; nor has he made any claim for such.

(4.) I have had the report, but have not yet been able to read it. No doubt I shall be able to lay the papers upon the Table of this House.

(3.) Public Library Staff :—*Mr. E. M. Clark*, for *Mr. Daley*, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is it a fact that two positions in the Lending Branch of the Public Library, one at £200 and another at £180, were rendered vacant about the middle of this year?

(2.) Have these positions been filled by promotion of members of the Library Staff; if not, why?

(3.) Is it a fact that three women have been appointed to the Library Staff; if so, what are their positions, salaries, and previous experience?

(4.) Is it intended to send these women to the Lending Branch to fill the vacant positions?

(5.) Is it necessary to make these appointments to the Reference Branch Staff at the expense of the Lending Branch?

(6.) Is it a fact that an examination for cataloguers at the Library was held recently; if so, what were the names of the candidates, and what marks did each obtain in each paper set at the examination, and who were the successful candidates?

(7.) Who was the examiner at this examination?

(8.) How many junior officers have been transferred from the Library Staff to other branches of the Service during the last five years, and can any reason be given why these officers obtained transfers from the Library?

Mr. Perry answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Principal Librarian :—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) It was not necessary to fill these particular positions in the Lending Branch. Much more important positions were made and thrown open to public competition.

(3.) Yes. Cataloguers, £150, £180, £100 per annum respectively; one had been trained in American libraries, the other had had no special library experience.

(4.) No.

(5.) The Lending Branch is efficiently manned at present; but there are heavy arrears of work at the Reference Library in connection with the Mitchell collection and other matters.

(6.) Yes; applications were publicly invited, and an examination was conducted by the Public Service Board. Results are attached hereto. The first three candidates were appointed.

(7.) Honorable Dr. Norton, M.L.C., H. C. L. Anderson, M.A., R. F. Irvine, M.A.

(8.) Ten. Yes; because they generally gained promotion in salary by such transfer, and clerks and attendants always have better opportunities in a large department than in a small one.

Examination of Candidates for position of Cataloguer, Public Library. Three vacancies.

Name.	No.	Cataloguing, Max. 600.	Library Economy, 200.	Literature, 200.	Total, 1,000.	Order.
Bradford, W. W. ...	1	128	.....	.....	128	13
Casson, A. J. T. ...	2	124	74	30	228	11
Yarnold, Isabel M., B.A.	3	114	75	36	225	12
Purcell, Winifred D., B.A.	4	144	56	32	232	9 equal
Hammond, A. de Lisle, M.A.	5	208	99	52	359	7
Windeyer, Margaret ...	6	275	156	90	521	2
Kennedy, H. ...	7	138	70	24	232	9 equal
Quinn, J. J. ...	8	297	90	115	502	4
Smairl, J. H., B.A. ...	9	134	94	103½	331½	8
Rutherford, Florence M., B.A.	10	463	183	109½	755½	1
Ward, Ruby E., B.A. ...	11	248	94	55½	397½	6
Fitzhardinge, Maud Y., M.A.	12	235	168	98½	502½	3
Brereton, J. Le Gay, B.A.	13	246	69	164	479	5

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JAMES NORTON, Chairman.  
HENRY C. L. ANDERSON.  
R. F. IRVINE.

(4.) Amendment of the Fisheries Act :—*Mr. Gillies*, for *Mr. Sullivan*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he insert a provision in the new Fishery Bill, whereby the Commissioner may establish distributing depôts, thus ensuring to the fishermen a fair price for their fish, dispensing with the middleman's profits, and ensuring to the public a fresh article of the proper size?

Mr. See answered,—The matter shall receive consideration.

(5.) Public Schools Christmas Holidays :—*Mr. Haynes* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—As large numbers of public school-teachers engaged inland come to the coast districts during the Christmas holidays, can he see that the dates for the breaking up of the schools are fixed to enable the teachers to travel by the cheap excursion trains?

Mr. Perry answered,—As far as possible, this is done. Individual applications from teachers in distant places for earlier date of closing for holidays are dealt with on their merits.

(6.)

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- (6.) Metropolitan Stipendiary Magistrates:—*Mr. T. B. Smith*, for Mr. Daniel O'Connor, asked the Colonial Secretary,—What are the names of the Stipendiary Magistrates in the metropolitan area, their respective ages, and the number of years they have each been in the Public Service?

Mr. See answered,—

Name.	Age.	Service.
Smithers, George Henry ... ..	48	33 years.
Edwards, Frederick William ... ..	72	38 "
Isaacs, Francis Sheriff ... ..	54	33 "
Mair, James ... ..	63	39 "
Wilshire, Ernest Henry ... ..	43	23 "
Payten, Charles Newton ... ..	46	29 "

Mr. Mair is now on leave, prior to retirement.

- (7.) Mortality of Rabbits near Wellington:—*Mr. Wright*, for Mr. Quinn, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has he noticed the statement in the newspapers that rabbits are dying in numbers, in the vicinity of Wellington, of some disease?

(2.) Will he instruct the Government pathological experts to examine into this alleged disease in order to decide whether it may not be made an instrument in the eradication of the rabbit?

Mr. See answered,—I will have inquiries made into the matter.

- (8.) Cable News:—*Mr. Wright*, for Mr. Quinn, asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the very unsatisfactory method by which cable news concerning important events is published in this State, will he consider the advisability of arranging for important news to be cabled out by the Agent-General?

Mr. See answered,—This is a very important matter, and I have had it under consideration for some time past—I may say, long before I became the occupant of the position I hold now. I think there ought to be some more direct communication between the Government and the Agent-General than exists at the present time. I think also there ought to be more information of an official character afforded to the general public—I should say, to the people of the old world—than there is now. I have the matter under consideration, with a view of being able to transmit reliable information of an official character to and from the Old Country.

- (9.) Court-house at Bogan Gate:—*Mr. Clara* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Tenders having been accepted for the erection of court-house at Bogan Gate, will he explain why the Department of Justice continues to pay rent for use of building in place of erecting their own?

(2.) Does he approve of the taxpayers of the State continuing to pay unnecessary and exorbitant rentals when permission has been given for erection of a building?

Mr. See answered,—The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice has furnished me with the following reply:—I recently approved of steps being taken for the establishment of a Court of Petty Sessions at that place, provided that arrangements could be made to rent a suitable building for the purpose, as I was not prepared to sanction any considerable expenditure for buildings. No premises being available, the owner of the police quarters offered to erect premises and lease them to this Department at a rental of 10s. per week, which offer was considered reasonable, and has been accepted.

- (10.) Stock crossing the Victorian Border:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Was it one of the conditions upon which New South Wales joined the Commonwealth that there should be interstate freetrade?

(2.) Has Victoria, since she has been compelled to forego the stock tax, professed to discover that New South Wales animals are suffering from anthrax, and does she insist that stock shall now be vaccinated for anthrax before they are allowed to cross the border?

(3.) Has the Government thought fit to make any representations to Victoria on the subject; if so, will he inform this House the purport of the communications, and the reply (if any) thereto?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) No complaint has been made to this Government against action by Victoria of the nature here attributed to that State; but inquiry will be made as to the course she is taking with respect to stock from New South Wales, and whether there are any grounds for complaint such as those here indicated.

(3.) Is answered by No. 2.

- (11.) Improvements to Parliament House:—*Mr. Affleck* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware of the fact that the noise on the roof of the back library during the past two or three days has nearly made the Members deaf who use it for reading or writing?

(2.) What work is now being carried out on the roof of the back library; and is that a portion of the works he is going to ask Parliament to vote money for as improvements?

(3.) Will he state how much money he proposes to ask Parliament to vote for improvements or additions, and whether the sum is to be on the Additional or Loan Estimates?

(4.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House, before he asks Parliament to vote the money, a plan of the proposed improvements or additions, for the information of Members?

*Mr. Bennett* answered,—

(1.) Certain necessary repairs are being effected to the roof of the buildings near the back library, caused by ravages of the white ant, which has doubtless caused the noise referred to; however, instructions have been issued to reduce as much as possible the inconvenience arising from these most necessary repairs.

(2.) This is not a portion of the projected improvements.

(3.) A sufficient amount will be asked for on the Loans.

(4.) I hardly think such a course necessary.

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(12.) Life Railway Passes :—Mr. T. R. Smith asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he give the names of all persons holding life railway passes in this State ?

Mr. See answered,—The following persons hold life passes over the railways of this State, viz. :—His Honor the Chief Justice, Honorable Sir John Lackey, Right Honorable E. Barton, Mr. Thos. Woore, Miss Cowper, Honorable J. H. Young, Honorable F. B. Suttor, Sir G. R. Dibbs, Mr. J. F. Burns, Honorable James Watson, Mr. W. H. Suttor, Mr. Justice Simpson, Honorable J. N. Brunker, Honorable J. H. Carruthers, Honorable A. J. Gould, Honorable Sydney Smith, Honorable J. Garrard, Right Honorable G. H. Reid, Honorable J. H. Want, Honorable J. Cook, Honorable Sir W. J. Lyne, Honorable John See, Honorable W. McCourt.

(13.) Railway Employees, Lismore to Casino Railway :—Mr. Coleman asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) How many men are at present employed on the work of constructing the railway line from Lismore to Casino ?

(2.) Is he aware that the work is being delayed from some cause whereby the men are only working about half-time ?

(3.) Will he see that some means are devised whereby this work may be pushed on, so that the men may be enabled to work full time and earn full wages while the weather is favourable ?

Mr. Bennett answered,—

(1.) 272 ; fifty more men leaving to-morrow.

(2.) I am informed that the work is not being delayed.

(3.) The work is being pushed on as rapidly as possible.

(14.) Capture of the late Jimmy Governor :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What amount was determined upon as an allowance to Robert Woods for expenses, &c., in connection with his efforts to capture Jimmy Governor, and has that sum, or any part of it, yet been paid ?

(2.) If not, what is the cause of delay, and when will the money be available ?

Mr. See answered,—The Inspector-General of Police has furnished me with the following information :—

(1.) £56. £41 has been paid.

(2.) The balance (£15) is available when Woods is prepared to sign a voucher for the same, which, so far, he has declined to do.

(15.) Glebe Island Inspectors :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is he aware that there are some inspectors at Glebe Island receiving only probationer's salary, notwithstanding the fact that they are doing the same work as the other inspectors, and have been recommended by the Chief Inspector for the standard salary ?

(2.) Will he give instructions for them to receive the higher salary, and also to be paid the back pay due to them from the time of their gazettal ?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) I am aware that applications have been received for increases of salary from three sub-inspectors at the abattoir who have completed their periods of probationary service.

(2.) The matter is under consideration.

3. LIQUOR TRAFFIC :—Mr. Brunker presented a Petition from Stephen Fairhall, Chairman of a meeting of members of "Snowdrop" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, East Maitland, praying the House to pass into law a measure embodying the following provisions ;—(1) extension of the existing local option law ; (2) earlier hours of closing ; (3) effective Sunday closing ; (4) non-employment of barmaids ; (5) closing of public-houses on election days ; (6) prohibition of sale of liquor to young people under seventeen years of age.  
Petition received.

4. PAPERS :—

Mr. See laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return respecting New South Wales Troops on service in South Africa.

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Report of Royal Commission on the working of the Moore-street Improvement Acts of 1890 and 1892.

(3.) Return of Travelling Expenses incurred by the Police Magistrate, Albury.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Bennett laid upon the Table,—Abstract of Crown Lands authorised to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. PRINTING COMMITTEE :—Mr. Goimly, as Chairman, brought up the Eleventh Report from the Printing Committee.

6. WHARFAGE AND TONNAGE RATES 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 Acts relating to wharfage and tonnage rates.*"

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 wharfage and tonnage rates,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
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7. JURY 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 statutes relating to jurors.*"  
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 jurors,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 5th December, 1901.*
8. BUILDING AND CO-OPERATIVE 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 the law relating to benefit building, trading, and industrial societies.*"  
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 benefit building, trading, and industrial societies,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 5th December, 1901.*
9. GAMES, WAGERS, AND BETTING-HOUSES 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 Acts concerning games and wagers, and for the suppression of betting-houses.*"  
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 concerning games and wagers, and for the suppression of betting-houses,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 5th December, 1901.*
10. NEWCASTLE SEWERAGE BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. O'Sullivan, and read by Mr. Speaker:—  
FREDK. M. DARLEY, *Message No. 143.*  
*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 sanction the construction of sewerage works for Newcastle and suburbs; to provide for the transfer to the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board of the said works; to apply the provisions of the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Act of 1892, and any Acts amending the same, to such works; and for purposes consequent upon, or incidental to, those objects.  
*State Government House,  
Sydney, 19th October, 1901.*  
Ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.
11. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—  
(1.) Prince Alfred Hospital Additions Bill:—  
MR. SPEAKER,—  
The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the erection of two pavilions in connection with Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney; and for other purposes,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.  
*Legislative Council Chamber, W. J. TRICKETT,  
Sydney, 5th December, 1901. Deputy-President.*
- (2.) Manilla to Barraba Railway Bill:—  
MR. SPEAKER,—  
The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction and provide for the construction of a line of railway from Manilla to Barraba; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the duty of the constructing authority to make and maintain fences along the said line; and for other purposes,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.  
*Legislative Council Chamber, W. J. TRICKETT,  
Sydney, 5th December, 1901. Deputy-President.*

5th December, 1901.

## (3.) Friendly Societies (Further Amendment) Bill (No. 2):—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to further amend the law relating to Friendly Societies*,"—with the amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 5th December, 1901.

W. J. TRICKETT,  
Deputy-President.

## FRIENDLY SOCIETIES (FURTHER AMENDMENT) BILL (No. 2.)

Schedule of the Amendment referred to in Message of 5 December, 1901.

JOHN J. CALVERT,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2. After clause 2, insert the following new clause:—

The period of twelve months mentioned in section ninety-one of the Principal Act shall be deemed to have been and to be a period of two years and six months.

Examined,—

F. T. HUMPHERY,  
Deputy Chairman of Committees.

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

## (4.) Miners' Accident Relief (Amendment) Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Miners' Accident Relief Act, 1900*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 5th December, 1901.

W. J. TRICKETT,  
Deputy-President.

## (5.) State Children Relief Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to the establishment of a system of boarding-out children*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 5th December, 1901.

W. J. TRICKETT,  
Deputy-President.

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

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

## (6.) Blockholders Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to provide for setting apart certain Crown lands for working men's blocks; for providing loans to the lessees of such blocks; and for other purposes*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 5th December, 1901.

W. J. TRICKETT,  
Deputy-President.

## BLOCKHOLDERS BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 5 December, 1901.

JOHN J. CALVERT,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 2. After line 5 insert—

"Crown lands' has the same meaning as in the Crown Lands Act of 1884, and includes also  
"lands declared by the Governor to be Crown land under this Act"

Page 2, clause 2. After line 7 insert—

"Lessee' includes the heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns of the lessee"

Page 2, clause 3, lines 16 and 17. Omit "and any lands acquired under the Act for closer settle-  
ment may be declared Crown lands"
Page 2, clause 3, line 22. After "notification" insert "all such applications shall be made and  
dealt with in the manner prescribed and"

Page 2, clause 3, line 41. Omit "manner" insert "kind"

Page 3, clause 3. Before line 1 insert "for personal residence by the lessee on the leased land for  
nine months at the least in every year of the term"
Page 3, clause 3, line 6. After "Minister" insert "and notified in the Gazette prior to confirma-  
tion of the application for lease of the block"

Page 3, clause 3, line 9. After "to" insert "transfer"

Page 3, clause 3, line 9. Omit "or"

Page 3, clause 3, line 9. After "sublot" insert "or part with the possession of any of the land"

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- Page 3, clause 3, line 10. *After "conditions" insert "reservations"*  
 Page 3, clause 4, line 16. *Omit "more than one" insert "a"*  
 Page 3, clause 4. At end of clause *add "and no person may apply for or become the holder of  
 "more than one such lease"*  
 Page 3, clause 5. *Omit clause 5.*  
 Page 3, clause 6, line 27. *After "shall" insert "on notification in the Gazette"*  
 Page 3, clause 6, line 30. *Omit "if he thinks fit"*  
 Page 3, clause 6, line 30. *After "waive" insert "or reverse"*  
 Page 3, clause 6, line 30. *After "voidance" omit remainder of clause insert "subject to such  
 "conditions as he may determine"*  
 Page 3, clause 7, line 32. *Omit "any member of the family" insert "child"*  
 Page 3, clause 8, line 37. *Omit "at least four feet in height and"*  
 Page 4, clause 13, line 27. *Omit "to the Minister"*

Examined,—

F. T. HUMPHERY,

Deputy 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.

12. FRIDAY SITTINGS—ORDER OF BUSINESS (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. See moved, pursuant to amended Notice, That, during the remainder of the present Session, unless otherwise ordered, this House shall meet at 4 o'clock, p.m., on Fridays, and General Business shall take precedence; that Orders of the Day shall take precedence on Friday next, and on each alternate Friday, and Notices of Motions on Friday week, and on each alternate Friday; and that section (2) of the Sessional Order relating to Friday sittings, is hereby rescinded.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question put and passed.

13. PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.  
 Question put and passed.

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 consolidate the Acts for the prevention of cruelty to animals.*"

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 prevention of cruelty to animals,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
 Sydney, 5th December, 1901.*

14. SYDNEY COAL DELIVERY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put and passed.

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 consolidate the Acts relating to the sale and delivery of coal in Sydney and its vicinity.*"

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 sale and delivery of coal in Sydney and its vicinity,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
 Sydney, 5th December, 1901.*

15. NATIVE DOGS DESTRUCTION AND POISONED BAITS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put and passed.

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 consolidate enactments relating to the destruction of native dogs and the laying of poisoned baits.*"

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 enactments relating to the destruction of native dogs and the laying of poisoned baits,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

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16. VICE-ADMIRALTY VEXATIOUS ARRESTS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put and passed.

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 consolidate the law relating to frivolous and vexatious arrests by process issuing out of the Vice-Admiralty 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 law relating to frivolous and vexatious arrests by process issuing out of the Vice-Admiralty Court,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 5th December, 1901.

17. NECROPOLIS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See 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. See, *passed*.

Mr. See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to the establishment and regulation of the Necropolis.*"

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 establishment and regulation of the Necropolis,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 5th December, 1901.

18. NAVIGATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put and passed.

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 consolidate the Acts relating to navigation.*"

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 navigation,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 5th December, 1901.

19. OLD-AGE PENSIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Waddell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Old-age Pensions Act, 1900; to provide that pensioners shall not be refused admittance to certain charitable institutions; and to enforce contributions from relatives of pensioners or of persons receiving aid from such institutions or maintained at the public expense; and for other purposes.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

Ordered, on motion of the Temporary Chairman, That the report be *now* received.

The Temporary 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 Old-age Pensions Act, 1900; to provide that pensioners shall not be refused admittance to certain charitable institutions; and to enforce contributions from relatives of pensioners or of persons receiving aid from such institutions or maintained at the public expense; and for other purposes.

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

- (2.) Mr. Waddell then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Old-age Pensions Act, 1900; to provide that pensioners shall not be refused admittance to certain charitable institutions; and to enforce contributions from relatives of pensioners or of persons receiving aid from such institutions or maintained at the public expense; and for other purposes,*"—which was read a first time.

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

20. ADVANCES TO SETTLERS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Advances to Settlers Act, 1899,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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Sydney, 5th December, 1901.

W. J. TRICKETT,  
Deputy-President.

5th December, 1901.

21. **RABBIT 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 Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

22. **GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS (COMMISSIONER'S SALARY) BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Sec moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 32.

Mr. W. F. Hurley,  
Mr. Broughton,  
Mr. D. R. Hall,  
Mr. Perry,  
Mr. Sec,  
Mr. O'Sullivan,  
Mr. Sleath,  
Mr. Bennett,  
Mr. Evans,  
Mr. Macdonell,  
Mr. Archer,  
Mr. Barnes,

Mr. Donaldson,  
Mr. Kidd,  
Mr. Collins,  
Mr. Hollis,  
Mr. McGowen,  
Mr. Scobie,  
Mr. Lee,  
Mr. Fegan,  
Mr. Phillips,  
Mr. Gillies,  
Mr. Anderson,  
Mr. J. F. Smith,

Mr. Rose,  
Mr. Ferguson,  
Mr. Hogue,  
Mr. McLaurin,  
Mr. Brunner,  
Mr. Carroll.

Tellers,

Mr. Jessep,  
Mr. McIntyre.

Noes, 8.

Mr. Burgess,  
Mr. Nielsen,  
Mr. Estell,  
Mr. Clara,  
Mr. Chapman,  
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.

Tellers,

Mr. MacMahon,  
Mr. Dick.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

23. **COBAR TO WILCANNIA RAILWAY BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. O'Sullivan 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. 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 Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary 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 on Tuesday next.

24. **PUBLIC INSTRUCTION (AMENDMENT) BILL**:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Perry, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the attendance and efficient instruction of children at school, the certification of efficient schools, and the registration of children; to establish truant schools; for these purposes to amend the Public Instruction Act of 1880; and for purposes incidental to, and consequent upon, these objects.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

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

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

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide for the attendance and efficient instruction of children at school, the certification of efficient schools, and the registration of children; to establish truant schools; for these purposes to amend the Public Instruction Act of 1880; and for purposes incidental to, and consequent upon, these objects.

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 to provide for the attendance and efficient instruction of children at school, the certification of efficient schools, and the registration of children; to establish truant schools; for these purposes to amend the Public Instruction Act of 1880; and for purposes incidental to, and consequent upon, these objects*,"—which was read a first time.

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

25. **SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Sec (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn until Tuesday next.

Question put and passed.

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26. SHEARERS' ACCOMMODATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Perry, 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. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had amended one and agreed to the remaining Council's amendments. On motion of Mr. Perry, the report was adopted.

27. COAL MINES REGULATION (FURTHER AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Kidd, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the "Coal Mines Regulation Act of 1896."

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

Ordered, on motion of the Temporary Chairman, That the report be *now* received.

The Temporary 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 "Coal Mines Regulation Act of 1896."

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

The House adjourned at half-past Two o'clock, a.m., until *Tuesday next* at Four o'clock.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 10 DECEMBER, 1901.

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

ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor were delivered by Mr. See, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) Demise of the Crown Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 144.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the law relating to the holding of offices in case of the demise of the Crown,*"—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 His 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, 10th December, 1901.*

- (2.) Industrial Arbitration Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 145.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the registration and incorporation of industrial unions and the making and enforcing of industrial agreements; to constitute a court of arbitration for the hearing and determination of industrial disputes and matters referred to it; to define the jurisdiction, powers, and procedure of such court; to provide for the enforcement of its awards and orders; and for purposes consequent on, or incidental to, those objects,*"—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 His 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.) Public Works Committee Election Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 146.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to make better provision for the election and appointment of Members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works; and for purposes consequent upon, and incidental to, that object,*"—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 His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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## 2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Rocks Resumptions:—*Mr. E. M. Clark*, for *Mr. Daley*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) What are the total reports, valuations, offers, acceptances, and payments made in connection with the Rocks resumption, to the 1st December?
  - (2.) How many cases of litigation are pending or awaiting trial at the present date?
- Mr. See* answered,—This information is being prepared, and will be laid upon the Table in the form of a return.
- (2.) Observatory Park, Sydney:—*Mr. E. M. Clark*, for *Mr. Daley*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Who are the trustees for Observatory Park, Sydney?
  - (2.) What is the annual vote to the Park?
  - (3.) Is he aware that the grounds are kept in a disgraceful condition?
  - (4.) Is it possible to have the Artillery Band for one evening a week there?
- Mr. Bennett* answered,—
- (1.) Messrs. C. Moore, F.L.S., H. C. Russell, P. F. Hart, A. J. Kelly, J. E. Ives, and J. Keane.
  - (2.) The sum varies according to the amount of funds at the disposal of the Department.
  - (3.) No, but a report is being obtained.
  - (4.) This is a matter for arrangement between the trustees and the Military Authorities.
- (3.) Improvements to Parliament House:—*Mr. T. R. Smith* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- When expending the £5,000 on improvements to Parliament House, does he intend making any alteration to the strangers' visiting-rooms, so that constituents wishing to interview their Member can have a decent private room to transact their business in?
- Mr. O'Sullivan* answered,—If the money be voted, I will see what can be done in this direction. It is almost needless for me to add that I have no other desire but to meet, wherever possible, the wishes of Honorable Members.
- (4.) Civil Service Co-operative Society:—*Mr. Haynes* asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) In reference to the replies to *Mr. Affleck's* Question, No. 4, of Tuesday, 25th September, 1900, respecting the Civil Service Co-operative Society, wherein the Minister stated, "I am informed that shareholders have to be in some way connected with the Public Service," is he aware that he has been misled, as the shares are frequently in the market, and the society has for years been a public one?
  - (2.) Will he state whether it will be competent for other Civil servants, in addition to those on the Board of the Civil Service Co-operative Society, to accept such offices as clerks of municipal councils, &c., &c., the duties of which are performed after office hours?
  - (3.) What are the names of the State officers who are on the Board as aforesaid, and what are the amounts of their salaries?
- Mr. See* answered,—
- (1.) Only such persons as, in the opinion of the Board of Directors, are in some way connected with the Public Service are qualified under the rules as shareholders. No person is entitled, by purchasing in the open market, to thereby become a shareholder.
  - (2.) This is a matter which comes within the jurisdiction of the Public Service Board.
  - (3.) *W. R. Beaver*, salary £750 per annum; and *W. Sinclair*, salary £170 per annum.
- (5.) Accounts in connection with Federal Celebrations:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for *Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Has an account for £174 been sent in to the State Government by the management of the Moss Vale Refreshment Room for the supply of liquid refreshments to New South Wales troops returning to Sydney from the Federal celebrations?
  - (2.) Is not this a charge for which the Federal Government is liable; and will he see that the State funds are not used in the matter of meeting it?
  - (3.) On whose authority was this account incurred?
  - (4.) What is the estimated aggregate amount of accounts still due by this State in connection with the Federal and Duke of York celebrations?
- Mr. See* answered,—The following information has been furnished by the Military Authorities:—
- (1.) No; the account was for ordinary meals—not for those generally known as liquid—which do not appear.
  - (2.) According to the Federal Minister's instructions, such is to be charged to the State.
  - (3.) On that of the General Officer Commanding, acting, it is understood, from instructions of the State Government.
  - (4.) To Military Department. Claims for, roughly, £600 have been received. There may be others to come in.
- (6.) Recommendations by Ministers for Appointments to the Public Service:—*Mr. John Hurley* asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Has it not been held that the Minister of Justice and Attorney-General has the power, under section 37 of the Constitution Act, 18 and 19 Vic. c. 54, and also by virtue of clause 45 of the Public Service Act, to recommend to the Governor the appointment of any officer in his Department, now holding the Commission of the Peace, to the office of Police Magistrate without reference to anybody under the Constitution Act?
  - (2.) Does he intend to allow a surrender of Executive authority to a body unknown under the Constitution Act, and therefore *ultra vires*?
  - (3.) Does any Minister of the Crown recommend to the Governor any appointment or promotion in his Department as he may deem necessary, or must such appointments be approved by the Public Service Board?

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Mr. See answered,—The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice has furnished me with the following reply:—

(1. and 2.) I am not aware of any such decision.

(3.) Recommendations are made by the Ministerial Head of a Department after approval by the Public Service Board; but although every appointment must be approved by the Board, a Minister is not bound to submit to the Governor every recommendation of the Board.

(7.) Hay and Oats ordered by the War Office from Victoria:—Mr. Quinn asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has he noticed the statement of the Victorian Minister for Agriculture that the War Office has recently placed in Victoria an order for 24,000 tons of hay and 35,000 tons of oats, for use in South Africa?

(2.) Have any such orders been placed in this State; if so, to what extent?

(3.) If no information is available locally, will he inquire of the Agent-General (as the Victorian Government did) and communicate the result to this House?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) During the present year, orders for jams, meats, oaten hay, oats, and butter have been placed with this State to the value of over £30,000.

(3.) The Government are constantly in communication with the Agent-General on this subject, and offering supplies to the War Office.

(8.) Annual Leave to Public Servants and Police:—Mr. Levy asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Are public servants allowed to take their annual leave at any convenient time during the year, provided that at least nine months have elapsed from date of previous leave?

(2.) Are members of the Police Force refused leave until twelve months have elapsed from date of previous annual leave?

(3.) Does this system make it necessary for the police to take their leave in the same month every year, or wait until more than twelve months have elapsed before leave is taken?

(4.) In the event of fifteen months elapsing between the holidays of a police constable for two years, would leave in the succeeding year be allowed after an interval of nine months?

(5.) Will he see that the system of granting annual leave to the police and public servants is made uniform in this respect?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) Under Regulation 40 of the Public Service Regulations, officers of the Special, Professional, and Clerical Divisions are entitled to leave of absence in each year at such time as the permanent head may deem convenient, provided that an interval of eight months shall elapse after leave has expired before an officer shall be again entitled to leave.

(2.) Police are allowed leave every year, *i.e.*, 12 months from the date the previous leave commenced.

(3.) Leave cannot be granted until it is due.

(4 and 5.) Yes.

(9.) Crown Lands open for Settlement, Walgett:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has the Farmers' and Settlers' Association in the Walgett district made any application to have the large area of land in that locality, lately surveyed, thrown open for settlement; if so, when will the land be made available for settlement, seeing the increasing demand for land in that locality?

Mr. Bennett answered,—I would be glad if the Honorable Member would give me further particulars of the land to which he refers, in order that I may reply to his Question.

(10.) Land Tax and Income Tax:—Mr. Nobbs, for Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What arrears are due in *re* (a) land tax, and (b) income tax; and what steps are being taken to enforce payment of same?

(2.) How many Members of Parliament have paid no income tax; and do they refuse to do so on the ground that the £300 per annum which they receive taking the form of an allowance, they do not consider themselves liable?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) On 30th November, 1901 (a) land tax, £38,116; (b) income tax, £17,850. The whole of the land tax, with the exception of £10,163, is in the hands of the Crown Solicitor for recovery. The balance of £10,163 is being placed in his hands as rapidly as possible. As regards outstanding income tax, with the exception of £6,230, the whole of the arrears is in the Crown Solicitor's hands for recovery. Of this balance, £2,000 is not yet due, and owing to recent Full Court decisions, £3,500 is now under adjustment, and the balance of £700 has just fallen due, and is being placed in the Crown Solicitor's hands.

(2.) All Members of Parliament have been assessed for income tax. The Commissioners are not aware that any Member of Parliament has refused to pay the tax on the grounds mentioned.

(11.) Life Railway Passes:—Mr. Nobbs, for Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) How many life passes over the railways have been granted during the terms of office of the Lyne and the See Governments, and what are the names of the persons to whom such passes were granted?

(2.) How many of these passes were granted by the Lyne Government, and how many by the See Government?

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Mr. See answered,—

(1.) Three; The Honorable Sir W. J. Lync, the Honorable John See, the Honorable W. McCourt.  
 (2.) Two during the former, viz.—The Honorable W. J. Lync and the Honorable John See.  
 One during the latter, viz.—The Honorable W. McCourt. I am to add that the passes are issued by the Railway Commissioners in accordance with the 27th section of the Government Railways Act of 1888 (section 60 of the Government Railways Act, 1901) which provides that the filling of certain offices entitles persons to free passes for life, viz. :—

(I) The position of (a) head of an administration or of Prime Minister, held for two years consecutively or in the aggregate; (b) The position of a Member of the Executive Council, so held for four years.

(II) The office of (a) Chief Justice, held for three years; (b) Lieutenant-Governor, held for one year; (c) President of the Legislative Council, held for one year; (d) Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, held for one year.

(12.) School Children taking part in Federal Celebrations:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) In connection with the Federal celebrations, was not one of its announced features the presentation of commemoration medals to all school children taking part; and, if so, will he inform this House how it is that no such medals have yet been so presented?

(2.) When is it intended that this deficiency will be made good?

Mr. See answered,—Such a suggestion was made to the Government, but was not approved of.

3. THE UNEMPLOYED:—Mr. Kelly presented a Petition from John Dwyer, President of the State Labourers Union of New South Wales, representing that Petitioners desire employment wherewith to furnish means to sustain themselves and their families or dependents; and praying the House to facilitate the giving of employment up to Christmas, for all the citizens of the State who need it.  
 Petition received.

4. LIQUOR TRAFFIC:—The following Petitions,—praying the House to pass into law a measure, embodying the following provisions:—(1) extension of the existing local option law; (2) earlier hours of closing; (3) effective Sunday closing; (4) non-employment of barmaids; (5) closing of public-houses on election days; (6) prohibition of sale of liquor to young people under seventeen years of age,—were presented by the Members named:—

(1.) By Mr. Nobbs,—From certain members of the Bowral Branch of the Women's Christian Temperance Union.

(2.) By Mr. Nobbs,—From certain members of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, Auburn.

(3.) By Mr. Nobbs, for Mr. Millard,—From William Rumph, Chairman of a meeting of members of the "Star of Friendship" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Tilba Tilba.

(4.) By Mr. Nobbs, for Mr. Millard,—From A. Cruickbank, Chairman of a meeting of members of the "Star of Peace" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Narooma.

(5.) By Dr. Ross,—From certain residents of Molong.

(6.) By Dr. Ross,—From certain residents of Garra.

(7.) By Mr. Davidson,—From John S. May, Chief Templar of the "Harbour of Safety" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Kempsey.

(8.) By Dr. Ross,—From certain residents of Meranburn, Manildra, and Murga.  
 Petitions received.

5. COAL MINES REGULATION (FURTHER AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Kidd, pursuant to leave granted on 6th December, 1901, a.m., presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act of 1896*,"—which was read a first time.  
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

6. PAPERS:—

Mr. Bennett laid upon the Table,—Amended Regulations Nos. 59 and 60, under the Crown Lands Acts.

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, 1901, together with Appendices and Plans.

(2.) Report of the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board for the year ended 30th June, 1901, together with Appendices and Plan.

Ordered to be printed.

(3.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, 1900, of land for a Bridge over the Nepean River at Maldon.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

7. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:—Mr. McFarlane, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table,—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, Appendix, and Plan relating to the proposed extension of the Pyrmont Bridge.  
 Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

8. COBAR TO WILCANNIA 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 Cobar to Wilcannia; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as relates to the duty of the Constructing Authority to make and maintain fences along the said line; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to provide for the imposition of a tax on certain lands in connection with such line; and for other purposes.*"

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 sanction the construction of a line of railway from Cobar to Wilcannia; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as relates to the duty of the constructing authority to make and maintain fences along the said line; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to provide for the imposition of a tax on certain lands in connection with such line; and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 10th December, 1901.*

9. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Waratah, Mr. Arthur Griffith, 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 waste of public money by the Crown Law Department in spending some £500 per week in fees daily "no less than four leading barristers in the Darling Harbour land resumption cases now being heard in Sydney."

And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—

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

Debate ensued.

*And it being Seven o'clock, p.m., Government Business only proceeded with, under Sessional Order adopted on 6th November, 1901.*

10. GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS (COMMISSIONER'S SALARY) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 59.

Mr. Perry,  
Mr. O'Sullivan,  
Mr. See,  
Mr. Newman,  
Mr. Bennett,  
Mr. W. F. Hurley,  
Mr. Hayes,  
Mr. Wright,  
Mr. Byrne,  
Mr. Crick,  
Mr. Evans,  
Dr. Ross,  
Mr. Cohen,  
Mr. Nelson,  
Mr. Hollis,  
Mr. Webster,  
Mr. Archer,  
Mr. Alexander Campbell,  
Mr. Pycers,  
Mr. Coleman,  
Mr. Jessep,

Mr. Davis,  
Mr. Quinn,  
Mr. Williams,  
Mr. Gillies,  
Mr. Lee,  
Mr. Donaldson,  
Mr. Quirk,  
Mr. Thomson,  
Mr. McCoy,  
Mr. Barnes,  
Mr. Henry Clarke,  
Mr. Brinsley Hall,  
Mr. Davidson,  
Mr. D. R. Hall,  
Mr. Nobbs,  
Mr. David Storey,  
Mr. Daley,  
Mr. McLaurin,  
Mr. Mackenzie,  
Mr. Collins,  
Mr. Bruncker,

Mr. Latimer,  
Mr. Gormly,  
Mr. John Hurley,  
Mr. J. F. Smith,  
Mr. Anderson,  
Mr. Phillips,  
Mr. Nicholson,  
Mr. Hogue,  
Mr. Kidd,  
Mr. Carroll,  
Mr. Millard,  
Mr. McFarlane,  
Mr. Scobie,  
Mr. McGowan,  
Mr. Oakes.

Tellers,

Mr. Sullivan,  
Mr. Ferguson.

Noes, 17.

Mr. Arthur Griffith,  
Mr. Levy,  
Mr. Mahony,  
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,  
Mr. Ashton,  
Mr. Aspleck,  
Mr. Lonsdale,  
Mr. Moore,  
Mr. Miller,  
Mr. Dick,  
Mr. Estell,  
Mr. Edden,  
Mr. Price,  
Mr. O'Conor,  
Mr. Clara.

Tellers,

Mr. Nielsen,  
Mr. Chapman.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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 make further provision with respect to the salary of one of the Railway Commissioners.*"

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 further provision with respect to the salary of one of the Railway Commissioners,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 10th December, 1901.*

11. SHEARERS' ACCOMMODATION BILL:—Ordered, on motion of Mr. Perry, 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 4th December, 1901, requesting its concurrence in certain amendments made by the Council in the Shearers' Accommodation Bill,—

Agrees to all the amendments made by the Council in the Bill, but proposes to amend the one in clause 7, page 2, line 33, which inserts after the word "containing" the words "or which 'can be altered' to contain," by omitting the words "can be altered" and inserting the words "shall be altered so as"—in which amendment the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
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12. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES (FURTHER AMENDMENT) BILL (No. 2):—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendment.  
On motion of Mr. See, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—  
MR. PRESIDENT,—  
The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to further amend the law relating to Friendly Societies.*"  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 10th December, 1901.*
13. BLOCKHOLDERS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Crick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the 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. Crick, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—  
MR. PRESIDENT,—  
The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for setting apart certain Crown lands for working men's blocks; for providing loans to the lessees of such blocks; and for other purposes.*"  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 10th December, 1901.*
14. RABBIT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.  
Mr. Crick moved, "That" the report be now adopted.  
Mr. Kidd 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 Clause 14,"—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 Clause 14,—put and passed.  
On motion of Mr. Crick, 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<sup>o</sup>, with a further amendment.  
Mr. Crick then moved, That the report be now adopted.  
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*.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
15. HAY IRRIGATION (AMENDING) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Crick, 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 Hay Irrigation Act and the Hay Irrigation (Amendment) Act, 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 the Hay Irrigation Act and the Hay Irrigation (Amendment) Act, 1896.  
On motion of Mr. Crick, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
16. LITTLE BAY PENITENTIARY AND PRISON 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 and authorise the erection of a penitentiary and prison for females near Randwick; 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 and authorise the erection of a penitentiary and prison for females near Randwick; 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 and authorise the erection of a penitentiary and prison for females near Randwick; and for other purposes,*"—which was read a first time.

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

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 11 DECEMBER, 1901, A.M.

17. ABERDARE COLLIERIES RAILWAY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this "Bill" be now read a second time.
- Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "Bill," and inserting the words "be referred to a Select Committee for enquiry and report."
- "(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. See; Mr. Meagher, Mr. Edden, Mr. Lonsdale, Mr. E. M. Clark, Mr. Estell, Mr. Gillics, Mr. Carroll, and the Mover,"—instead thereof.
- Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.
- Debate ensued.
- Question put,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.
- The House divided.

Ayes, 36.

Mr. Coleman,	Mr. Crick,	Mr. J. E. Smith,
Mr. Leo,	Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Rose,	Mr. Davidson,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Estell,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. See,	Mr. Edden,	Mr. Clara,
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Burgees,	Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Archer.
Mr. Evans,	Mr. Price,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Donaldson,	
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Collins,	Mr. Gillics,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Phillips,	Mr. Oakes.
Mr. Mackenzie,	Mr. W. F. Hurley,	

Noes, 3.

Mr. E. M. Clark.  
*Tellers,*  
Mr. Miller,  
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.

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

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

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

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

18. MANLY WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE TRANSFER 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 vest certain works of water supply and property, and certain sewerage works at Manly, in the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage; to validate certain things done in carrying out such sewerage works in excess of the authority in that behalf; 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 vest certain works of water supply and property, and certain sewerage works at Manly, in the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage; to validate certain things done in carrying out such sewerage works in excess of the authority in that behalf; and for purposes consequent on, or incidental to, those objects.

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 vest certain works of water supply and property, and certain sewerage works at Manly, in the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage; to validate certain things done in carrying out such sewerage works in excess of the authority in that behalf; 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. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS (*Erection of Fisher Library, University of Sydney*):—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. See, "That it is expedient that the erection of a Library within the grounds of the University of Sydney, as recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out."

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Question put and passed.

20. STATE CHILDREN RELIEF BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. See, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
21. MARRIAGE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.
22. REAL PROPERTY AND CONVEYANCING (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.
23. FORFEITURE OF LEASES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. See, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Thursday next.

The House adjourned at half-past Two o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m., This Day.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 11 DECEMBER, 1901.

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

## QUESTIONS:—

(1.) The Rocks Resumed Area:—*Mr. E. M. Clark*, for Mr. Daley, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that a great number of workers in the Rocks resumed area are receiving notices to quit their dwellings?

(2.) Will he give instructions to rescind such notices until such time as he makes provision to house the said workmen there?

*Mr. O'Sullivan* answered,—

(1.) Owing to certain premises being condemned by the City Improvement Board as unfit for habitation, instructions have been given for their demolition; also notices to quit have been served in the cases of undesirable tenants who are considerably in arrears with their rents.

(2.) I will see what can be done to avert anything approaching harsh treatment to those concerned by reason of this action.

(2.) Dawes Battery:—*Mr. E. M. Clark*, for Mr. Daley, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Have any definite arrangements been arrived at as to the transferring of Dawes Battery to the State; if not, how does the matter stand?

(2.) Is it a fact that the Harbour Trust is to take control of all the residences and buildings on Dawes Point?

(3.) Will he, in deference to the wishes of the residents, cancel any preliminary negotiations that might have been entered into for the erection of a morgue there?

*Mr. See* answered,—

(1.) Dawes Battery is the property of this State.

(2.) With a view to providing suitable residences for the Harbour-master and his assistants, the Harbour Trust Commissioners have suggested that they be given control of all the buildings on the area in question, with the exception of one small structure on the portion proposed to be devoted to recreation purposes; but no action has yet been taken.

(3.) The matter shall have attention.

(3.) Railway Rolling Stock:—*Mr. Morton*, for Mr. Nobbs, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House a statement showing the number of railway carriages, cars, and waggons, and particulars of all rolling stock and materials ordered from outside the State during the years 1900 and 1901, together with the prices for same?

(2.) Will he see that all rolling stock required by the Commissioners be ordered from local manufacturing firms, and not from outside the State?

(3.) Will he ask the Commissioners to place their orders continuously and regularly throughout the year, and not in a spasmodic way, so that workmen can be given continuous employment?

(4.) Is he not aware that if this practice is pursued the factories within the State can more than supply all railway and tramway requirements, thereby avoiding the necessity of sending abroad for same?

*Mr. See* answered,—

(1.) There will be no objection, if moved for in the usual way.

(2.) Yes, as far as possible; and this is the practice of the Commissioners, I understand.

(3.) It is difficult to regulate the business mathematically, as the Honorable Member suggests; the supply being controlled by the requirements of the traffic, and it is difficult to anticipate. For instance, while the railways for 1900 showed an increase of £18,299, 1901 showed £410,207. Similar difficulty is experienced in Great Britain, as not long since orders had to be sent to the United States for locomotives.

(4.) The Commissioners endeavour to have as much work as possible done locally, and have, within the last two years, placed large orders for rolling stock with local firms.

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- (4.) Suburban Railway Carriages :—*Mr. Morton*, for *Mr. Nobbs*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it not a fact that the seats for all suburban railway carriages now under construction in this State for the Railway Commissioners are being imported from America?
  - (2.) Has it not been the custom (except in special cases) for the seats in such carriages to be made in this State?
  - (3.) Will he consult with the Commissioners, with a view to having the seats required for such carriages made in this State in the future, and thereby give employment to our own people?

*Mr. See* answered,—

- (1.) I am informed that seats are being imported.
- (2.) It has not been the custom to make them locally. About five years ago a few seats of the Henry type were made by the contractors; but the seats now used are of a superior class, and are patented by an American firm. They were selected as most suitable in design after trials and comparison with seats of other makers.
- (3.) The Commissioners would be glad to have the seats made locally if suitable offers can be obtained.

- (5.) Electric Trams :—*Mr. Whiddon* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Can he state why it is that the glass doors at the outer ends of many of the electric trams have been made a fixture, so as to prevent their being opened?
- (2.) As the permanent fastening of these doors has made the passage between the two outer seats practically useless, except to allow passengers to stand crowded together during the busy part of the day, making it most difficult for the guards to collect fares when so crowded, will he confer with the Commissioners with the view of having this description of car altered, so as to allow the construction of reversible seats across the car, and in this way minimising the danger, and increasing the comfort of passengers?

*Mr. See* answered,—

- (1.) I am informed that, owing to complaints made by the travelling public as to the difficulty of keeping the doors closed and the annoyance occasioned by the draughty conditions created thereby, it was decided to close the passages, and it is understood the arrangement is appreciated by those using the trams.
- (2.) The difficulty referred to does not occur in the design of cars now being built.

- (6.) Refund of Duties by Federal Treasurer :—*Mr. Whiddon* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Has he received any complaints or representations from the merchants and trading community of Sydney as to the matter of refunds where the duty originally proposed by the Federal Treasurer has been reduced?
- (2.) In view of the statement by the Federal Treasurer, "That he does not intend to return any portion of the duty so paid," will he, in defence of the State rights of New South Wales, and as an act of common justice, communicate with the Federal Treasurer, when representations are made, as to the refund of all duties paid in excess of the rate struck by the Commonwealth Parliament?

*Mr. See* answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) This appears to me to be a matter between the importers and the Federal authorities, and not one in which this Government is called upon to interfere.

- (7.) Pensioners Contributing to the Superannuation Fund :—*Mr. E. M. Clark* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Are pensioners under the Act of 1899 contributing their respective arrears to the Superannuation Fund, and, if so, do they not, as a matter of course, come under the provisions of section 62 of the Public Service Act of 1895?

*Mr. See* answered,—As soon as a contributor becomes a pensioner, he ceases to contribute to the Fund.

- (8.) Loans to Miners :—*Mr. Fegan*, for *Mr. Carroll*, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is he aware that a law exists in the State of Victoria, permitting loans to miners for the purpose of erecting machinery and general development purposes?
- (2.) Is he aware that the loans to miners had, in most instances, tended to give employment to a large number of men, and had the effect of producing a great deal of gold?
- (3.) Is it his intention to introduce up-to-date legislation of a similar character in this State?

*Mr. Bennett* answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) My honorable colleague is given to understand that the effect of the law, on the whole, has not been so satisfactory as was anticipated when it was passed.
- (3.) My honorable colleague will have inquiry made in the matter, and consider the question during the recess.

- (9.) The Rocks Resumed Area :—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) The number of claims paid to owners of wharfs and other properties within the wharfs and Rocks resumption areas?
- (2.) The names of the persons who have been paid, and the amounts, respectively?

*Mr. See* answered,—The information would take a considerable time to prepare; but can be given in the form of a return, if moved for in the usual way. I shall be glad to expedite the preparation of the information.

- (10.) Pine-apples infested with Mealy Bug :—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is he aware that pine-apples now being retailed throughout the State are infested with mealy bug, a pest more dreaded by vine-growers than phylloxera; and will he take steps in the direction of having all importations of this class of fruit closely and critically examined by experts from his Department?

*Mr.*

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*Mr. Bennett* answered,—The Government Entomologist is of opinion that the pine-apple mealy bug is not likely to cause any injury to vines or other plants. This insect is kept in subjection by a number of varieties of parasites and ichneumon flies. Pine-apples from other States and countries are examined by inspectors, and any found affected are always condemned.

- (11.) Admission of Stock and Fruit into Victoria:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Has it been the practice of the Government of Victoria to admit of the importation into that State of New South Wales fruit, on a certificate from the officers of the Agricultural Department that it has been fumigated for the destruction of insect life?
  - (2.) Has it been found that fumigation as practised insures the destruction of all scale or insect life?
  - (3.) Has the State Parliament of Victoria, at the instance of the Governor of that State, now passed an Act to amend the Vegetation Diseases Act of 1896, which makes the definition of the word "fungus" mean any fungus or vegetable parasite, whether dead or alive; and "insect life" mean any insect, whether dead or in any stage of living existence?
  - (4.) Was this law proposed immediately after the introduction of the Commonwealth tariff, by which the Victorian duties on fruit were superseded?
  - (5.) Will he ask Parliament for legislation which will protect New South Wales stock-owners against Victorian anthrax, and New South Wales fruit-growers against Victorian fungus and insect pest?

*Mr. Bennett* answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) A Bill has been introduced to that effect, and my honorable colleague has communicated with the Minister for Agriculture in Victoria, asking if its passage can be delayed until a conference has been held of all the States Ministers for Agriculture on the question of uniform legislation on this and other subjects.
- (4.) I am unable to say.
- (5.) Legislation is already in existence to deal with such matters.

- (12.) Nanami Estate, Molong District:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) The number of years settlers in the Molong district have been waiting for the exchanged land on the Nanami Estate and run, in the Molong district, county of Ashburnham, to be thrown open for selection?
  - (2.) When is the land likely to become available for selection and settlement?
  - (3.) Why is this matter being so long delayed, and land selection or settlement being retarded for the last few years?

*Mr. Bennett* answered,—

- (1.) My honorable colleague cannot say, but he understands selectors have been anxious to get the land.
- (2.) It has already been arranged to throw the lands open, and they will be gazetted immediately it is known on what date the Board will be in the locality to deal with applications when they are tendered.
- (3.) Pending the completion of an exchange, the matter could not be dealt with earlier.

- (13.) Devonshire-street Railway Station:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for *Mr. Winchcombe*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it intended to call for tenders in connection with the erection of the new railway station buildings at Devonshire-street; or is the whole of the work to be carried out by day-labour?

*Mr. O'Sullivan* answered,—A part of the scheme will be carried out by contract, and day-labour will also be introduced; but, as a matter of fact, no decision has yet been arrived at in regard to carrying out the details of the work.

- (14.) Exchange of Land on Terramongamine, Dubbo Land District:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for *Mr. Haynes*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is he aware that it is alleged that a most unfair deal, as far as State interests are concerned, is proposed in an extensive exchange of land on the Terramongamine Holding, in the Dubbo Land District?
- (2.) Is it a fact that 13,000 acres of ironbark scrub is offered in exchange for a similar area of good land on the Coonamble line?

*Mr. Bennett* answered,—

- (1.) An application has been lodged for an exchange of land on Terramongamine Holding.
- (2.) The Local Land Board recently held inquiry, and after taking evidence and hearing objections, decided to recommend the exchange. The case has not yet come before my honorable colleague, as an appeal has been lodged by some of the objectors, and the case is now before the Land Appeal Court.

- (15.) Rat Killers:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) The number of persons at present employed in killing rats in the city of Sydney, and the salary or fees each receives respectively?
- (2.) The number of days each have been employed, and the average number of rats that each kills daily respectively?
- (3.) Out of what fund is the money paid, or are the expenses of killing the rats borne by the City Council?

*Mr. See* answered,—This information is being prepared, and will be laid upon the Table in the form of a return.

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- (16.) Newcastle Harbour:—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick*, for *Mr. Frank Farnell*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What was the amount expended upon harbour improvements and dredging in connection with the Newcastle Harbour during the year 1900?

*Mr. O'Sullivan* answered,—£67,915 18s. 2d.

- (17.) Government Railways:—*Mr. Price* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Will he be good enough to state the amount of money received by the New South Wales Government Railways for the years 1898, 1899, 1900, and 1901, for advertisements upon railway stations?
- (2.) What expenses have been incurred in connection with the Advertising Branch, together with the cost of maintaining advertisements, and any other information in connection therewith?
- (3.) Is he aware that the appearance of the railway stations is materially disimproved by the presence of advertisements upon the railway platforms?
- (4.) Is it a fact that a large number of the advertisements are in a dirty and dilapidated condition; if so, who is responsible for such a state of things?
- (5.) Will he be good enough to make representations to the Railway Commissioners as to the advisability of removing unsightly advertisements from the railway stations in the State?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—

(1 and 2.) I am informed the average annual receipts for the four years in question were £7,650. The average expenditure, £1,000 per annum.

(3.) No.

(4 and 5.) The Commissioners' object in taking the advertising into their own hands was so that the business might be effectively controlled, and unsightly advertisements prevented. The advertisements are similar to those usually allowed by railway companies. There may be instances out of the large number exhibited where advertisements have become dilapidated. The stations are, however, regularly visited, and advertisements renewed when required. The officer controlling the matter is instructed that every attention must be paid to the sightliness of the signs displayed, and the positions selected are to be, as far as possible, unobjectionable.

- (18.) Lighthouse-keeper at Seal Rocks:—*Mr. Price* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Lighthouse Service is still being administered by the New South Wales State Government?

(2.) In view of the reply given by the Honorable the Premier in Parliament to the Honorable Member for Gloucester, viz., that steps would be taken to have the grading of the officers of the Lighthouse Service carried out, and the increases granted where warranted, would he be good enough to state what steps are being taken for the purpose of grading lighthouse officials, and if it is intended to grant the increases to which they are entitled; if so, will such increases date back to the period at which such officers were entitled to such increases?

(3.) Is it a fact that the lighthouse-keeper at Seal Rocks has been performing the duties of Principal Lighthouse-keeper, and only receiving remuneration as first assistant; if so, from what date has he been performing such duties?

(4.) Is it intended to place him upon his proper grade; if so, when?

(5.) Will his proper rate of pay and allowances be granted from the time of his appointment to the position of Principal Lighthouse-keeper?

(6.) Similar information with regard to the principal assistant and other officers connected with this lighthouse?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—

(1.) The Lighthouse Service of New South Wales is still being administered by the New South Wales Government.

(2.) The Public Service Board are now engaged in the work of grading the Lighthouse Branch of the Department of Navigation. The question of increases to the officers is now under the consideration of that body.

(3.) *Mr. Williams*, Principal Keeper at Seal Rocks, entered the Lighthouse Branch of the Service under the regulations of the late Marine Board, which provided that the minimum salary of a Principal Keeper should be £157 per annum, maximum £250, with increases of £10 per annum. These regulations were cancelled in September, 1897, and the increases abolished. In consequence, no addition was made to the Principal Keeper's salary, and he is still receiving the minimum salary of his grade. This is a matter which engaged the attention of the Superintendent upon assuming control of the Department, and has since been referred to the Public Service Board.

(4.) The matter of grading him is now in the hands of the Public Service Board, who will shortly complete it.

(5.) This is a matter which will be dealt with by the Public Service Board.

(6.) The positions of the first assistant and the other officers of this lighthouse will also be dealt with.

- (19.) Sydney Harbour Trust:—*Mr. Price* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What course is adopted in connection with the calling of tenders for the supply of timber to the Sydney Harbour Trust?

(2.) Are public tenders called by advertisement?

(3.) Is this matter of calling for tenders for the supply of timber to the Sydney Harbour Trust conducted by that body exclusively, or is it dealt with by the Tender Board?

(4.) Have private tenders been accepted by the Harbour Trust for the supply of ironbark and turpentine, or any other class of hardwoods?

(5.) Will he be good enough to give information with regard to the form of tenders and the dates upon which such were called?

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*Mr. See* answered,—

(1.) Public tenders are invited except in cases where timber is urgently required, when quotations are obtained. When the quantity of timber required is not sufficient to warrant the delay and expense involved in inviting tenders and preparing contract documents, the material is purchased in the open market.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) Exclusively by the Sydney Harbour Trust, in accordance with the provisions of the Sydney Harbour Trust Act No. 1 of 1901.

(4.) It is not very clear what is meant by private tenders, but in no case has an offer been accepted unless public tenders have been previously invited, or quotations obtained in urgent cases in the manner indicated in reply to Question 1.

(5.) This information can be given in the shape of a return, if moved for in the usual way.

(20.) Stock Inspectors:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) The number of inspectors of stock employed by the Department?

(2.) The number holding qualifications to enable them to act as veterinary surgeons, and where or at what veterinary college they obtained a certificate to entitle them to give advice on diseases of stock?

(3.) Does the Chief Inspector of Stock possess a license or certificate from any veterinary college; if so, the date of the same?

(4.) Are any of the inspectors of stock licensed by any veterinary college; if so, how many, and their names?

(5.) Is the Stock Inspector for Mudgee a duly qualified veterinary surgeon; if not, who gave him authority to advise stock-owners in that district to inoculate, with the view to prevent (as stated in reply to *Dr. Ross*' Question of the 5th December) the spread of pleuro-pneumonia?

(6.) Is he aware whether it is consistent with modern laws of science and hygiene to subject stock to the cruel system of inoculation for the alleged cure of disease during the heat of summer, when the reading of the thermometer ranges from 90 to 100 degrees and upwards?

*Mr. Bennett* answered,—

(1.) The number of inspectors of stock are as follows:—Fifty-four Sheep, eleven Border, and five Port Inspectors.

(2.) Two. Certificates of the Royal Veterinary Colleges, Edinburgh and London.

(3.) No.

(4.) Yes; two. *Mr. J. D. Stewart* and *Mr. C. J. Vyner*; both are M.R.C.V.S.

(5.) No; he has authority from the Department to assist owners in inoculating, a practice which is generally carried out by the owners themselves to prevent the spread of pleuro-pneumonia.

(6.) Inoculation is not practised for the cure of disease, but as a preventive; and as the effect of the operation on the cattle, when properly carried out, is very slight, and invariably stops the spread of the disease, it is considered better to accept any risk, if there be any, through the temperature being high, than allow the disease to spread.

(21.) Devonshire-street Railway Station:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Under whose advice are the Government using tip-carts for levelling the site of the new railway station?

(2.) Would the work be done cheaper if steam traction was used to remove the sand-hill from Devonshire-street to Belmore Park?

*Mr. O'Sullivan* answered,—

(1.) The work is being carried out under the direction of the Engineer-in-Chief for Railway Construction.

(2.) *Mr. Deane* states that steam traction would be altogether unsuitable for the work.

(22.) *Mr. Marshall*, Department of Navigation:—*Mr. Law*, for *Mr. John Storey*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Did the Public Service Board fine a *Mr. Marshall*, a surveyor in the Department of Navigation, in the sum of £50?

(2.) Is it a fact that, as a result of the inquiry into the administration of the Marine Board, they have completely exonerated this officer?

(3.) If so, have they refunded the £50 fine?

(4.) If not, why not?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) It is not a fact that he was exonerated from the charge for which the fine was inflicted.

(3.) No.

(4.) See reply to No. 2.

(23.) Survey Branch of the Department of Navigation:—*Mr. Law*, for *Mr. John Storey*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is he aware that the Survey Branch of the Department of Navigation is considerably undermanned?

(2.) Also, is he aware of the fact that, when making an extensive survey, it is a common practice for the surveyors of the Department to engage five or six boilermakers to examine the ship and point out the defects to them?

(3.) If so, will he appoint a number of these practical men, and thereby ensure an efficient and satisfactory examination?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—

(1.) The Survey Branch of the Department of Navigation is not undermanned; there are five engineer surveyors and four shipwright surveyors, the staff of each branch having been substantially increased for the purpose of coping with the extra work brought about by reason of the provisions of the new Navigation Act. (2 and 3.)

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(2 and 3.) It is not the practice of the surveyors of the Department, when making surveys, to engage boilermakers to examine a ship and point out defects. The assistance of these men, when required, is provided by the owners for the purpose of sounding the ship under the supervision of the engineer surveyors, in order to facilitate and expedite the survey, in accordance with the Navigation Acts. The surveys of this Department are carried on on lines similar to those adopted by the Board of Trade in the United Kingdom, where proper facilities are always provided for the surveyors to make the survey; and the owners and officers of the ship are required to give every assistance within their power for the purpose of enabling the surveyors to carry out their official duty.

- (24.) Increments to Officers of the Public Service:—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to pay the balance of increment due to officers of the lower grades of the Service before the Christmas holidays, now that the money has been voted?
  - (2.) If not, will he please state why; and when it is intended to pay this amount, as it has been due since 1st July, 1900?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) The Public Service Board inform me that, as soon as particulars are received which were asked for some time ago from the different Departments as to the amounts payable to the officers concerned, the matter will be at once dealt with. The Departments are now being pressed to supply the information.

(2.) It is pointed out that the money has not been due from the 1st July as stated. The money could not be paid until the necessary funds were voted, which was done on the Estimates recently, and the Appropriation Act has not yet been passed.

- (25.) Railway Rates in various States:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Do the Commissioners for New South Wales Railways charge the same rate for the same class of goods, irrespective of the place where the goods are produced?

(2.) Has the attention of the Government been drawn to the telegram in the *Daily Telegraph*, of 30th November, which stated that the South Australian railway authorities charge £1 17s. 7d. per ton for the carriage of South Australian bacon to Broken Hill, while they charge £5 14s. 3d. per ton for the carriage of New South Wales bacon from Adelaide to Broken Hill; and for South Australian cheese, £1 17s. 7d. per ton, and New South Wales cheese, £4 12s. per ton?

(3.) When any New South Wales bacon or cheese is so carried, how much of the freight goes into the pockets of the owners of the Silverton Tramway Company?

(4.) Do the Government intend to repeal the Silverton Tramway Company's Act, and complete a line of railway connecting Broken Hill with Sydney?

(5.) Do the owners of the Deniliquin railway combine with the Victorian railway authorities to charge differential rates in favour of Victoria as against New South Wales?

(6.) What (if any) representations have the New South Wales Government thought fit to make to the South Australian Government on the subject?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) I am informed that under similar circumstances all classes of traffic are charged uniform rates.

(2.) Yes; and it is understood the anomaly is being rectified by the South Australian railway authorities.

(3.) I am not aware.

(4.) The construction of a line of railway to Broken Hill is one for Parliament to finally decide, but I may point out that a section of such railway, viz., Cobar to Wilcannia, has just been approved by this Chamber. The Government have not under consideration the repeal of the Silverton Tramway Act.

(5.) I am not aware.

(6.) As already stated, it is reported the anomaly referred to in Question 2 is being rectified.

- (26.) Government Tank at Bogan Gate:—Mr. Clara asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has he noticed a paragraph in the *Daily Telegraph* of the 9th instant relative to the cost of excavation of the Government tank at Bogan Gate; if so, will he make investigation as to the truth of particulars therein, and inform this House?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—I have called for a report upon the matter, and will let the Honourable Member know the facts of the case.

- (27.) Pension to Mr. Barling:—Mr. Meagher, for Mr. Gillies, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it intended to proceed further with the project of paying out of the public funds the sum of £308 which is due by Mr. Barling to secure his pension at full rate?

(2.) As Mr. C. Oliver, Mr. A. Oliver, Mr. C. Delohery, and others left the Public Service proper under similar conditions in all respects to Mr. Barling, excepting that they obtained no agreements having no legal validity whatever, will any indulgence granted Mr. Barling be extended to those gentlemen; if not, why?

(3.) Do the cases of Messrs. Harrie Wood and F. Ironside present any practical difference from Mr. Barling's in respect of rights at retirement, excepting that Mr. Barling obtained from a former Government an agreement having, according to the present Attorney-General, no legal validity whatever?

(4.) If alleged moral rights are to be recognised in Mr. Barling's case, why is the Ministerial promise made to Mr. Harrie Wood, that his abatement would be made by the Government, not respected?

(5.) Has Mr. Barling exhibited the same regard for the public funds in negotiating his own terms of retirement that he has always shown when dealing with the interests of others in his capacity as member of the Public Service Board?

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(6.) Has Mr. Delohery at any time made application for similar concessions to those promised his colleague, Mr. Barling?

(7.) Have any 4 per cent. deductions been made from his salary, or accepted from him, since he was appointed to the Board?

Mr. See answered,—As promised in reply to a previous Question asked by the Honorable Member, the papers relating to the Question will be laid upon the Table of this House before the close of the Session. During the recess, all the cases which have been referred to will be considered.

(28.) Pension to certain ex-Civil Servants:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the following ex-Civil Servants, namely, Messrs. W. Dwyer, W. McIntyre, D. Ferguson, S. H. Lambton, and J. Barling, have had the amounts of their abatement placed upon the General or other Estimates, and by the present Government?

(2.) Is it a fact, in answer to a Question put by Mr. Affleck, Member for Yass, to the Minister for Public Instruction, on 11th October, 1900, referring to the case of Mr. Dwyer, that the Minister gave the following reply:—"The grant has been placed on the Estimates on the ground of Mr. Dwyer's long and efficient service of more than forty-four years, and of the fact that similar concessions have been made in the cases of other officers"?

(3.) Is it a fact that, either prior or subsequent to said Answer by the Minister of Public Instruction, Mr. F. J. Ironside (who entered the Service prior to the creation of Responsible Government in the year 1847) has made several written applications asking for similar consideration to that awarded to the gentlemen named in Question No. 1?

(4.) Were replies sent in substance that his application would not be entertained?

(5.) Will he, where lengthened and honorable service can be adduced, treat all alike, and thus avoid individual distinctions?

(6.) If so, will he make the necessary provision for this; and, if so, when?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) The abatements of Messrs. Dwyer and Lambton were placed upon the Estimates by Sir William Lyne's Government; those of Messrs. McIntyre, Ferguson, and Barling by the present Government.

(2, 3, and 4.) Yes.

(29.) The Public Service:—*Mr. Moxham* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Will he see that appeals by Civil Servants against the recent regrading are dealt with without delay, seeing that the regrading itself was not completed until six months after it became due?

(2.) When dealing with the Civil Service Superannuation Fund, will he make provision for a refund to those officers, who have had a break in their services, of the amounts contributed by them prior to such break?

(3.) Is it his intention to introduce an amending Public Service Bill; if so, will he insert a provision whereby the service of officers who have had a break may be counted as continuous?

(4.) In cases where officers have been employed for twenty years in the Public Service, excepting a short break, are they entitled to six months' leave on full pay, in accordance with the provisions of Regulation No. 42; if not, will he cause the regulation to be amended, so as to allow of the leave being taken?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) I would invite the attention of the Honorable Member to the answer given to Question on this subject on the 4th instant.

(2 and 3.) Proposals relating to the Superannuation Fund and the Public Service Act will be submitted to Parliament.

(4.) No; I am not prepared to amend the regulation as suggested.

(30.) North Coast Railway:—*Mr. Scobie*, for Mr. Thomson, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it his intention to submit to the Public Works Committee this Session a proposal for the construction of the North Coast railway?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—It is not possible to submit the North Coast railway to Parliament this Session. It will take many months to have a complete survey of the route and make the necessary preparations.

(31.) Viaduct between Penrith and the Nepean Bridge:—*Mr. T. R. Smith* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Did he notice in the daily papers recently an account of a terrible railway accident that occurred by a bridge giving way, and some 300 lives being lost?

(2.) Is he aware of the dangerous state of the viaduct between Penrith and the Nepean Bridge?

(3.) Will he give reasons why motions of the greatest importance to the lives of the people should be blocked by the Government by objections?

(4.) Is it a fact that part of the viaduct at Penrith sunk several inches, and that the mail and other trains were blocked on account of such sinkage?

(5.) Is it a fact that stays and props had to be placed under the viaduct before trains were allowed to pass over, and that trains are only allowed to travel at the rate of 4 miles an hour?

(6.) Is it a fact that Mr. T. R. Smith has several times drawn attention to the state of this viaduct, and no notice has been taken of the matter?

(7.) Will he have the state of these viaducts taken into consideration at once?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I have already, in reply to Questions, indicated that I had communicated with the Railway Commissioners, who are quite alive to their responsibilities and take every and constant care that the travelling public run no risk. I would refer him again to the reply given on the 29th October last.

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- (32.) Criminals from other States:—*Mr. Kelly*, for *Mr. Sullivan*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he consider the advisability of introducing a Bill to enable the police to arrest criminals arriving in Sydney who have served sentences in other States, the Vagrant Act being insufficient for that purpose?
- Mr. See* answered,—I am informed that such a Statute is in force in the State of Victoria. The question is a serious one and will be carefully considered.
- (33.) Conveyance of Prisoners to Metropolitan Police Courts:—*Mr. Kelly*, for *Mr. Sullivan*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is he aware that citizens who have the misfortune to be arrested for being drunk, and who cannot get bail, are conveyed, closely packed, from certain police stations to the Metropolitan Police Courts in what is commonly called "Black Maria"?
  - (2.) Is he aware that these persons, who can by no stretch of imagination be styled criminals, are thereby compelled to be in the closest proximity to accused persons charged with grave offences, vagrants, and the like, and are placed in the dock; and will he, as was the custom some twenty years ago, have them dealt with at 9.30 a.m.?
  - (3.) Will he see that some steps are taken in future to prevent this needless association of unfortunate first-offender drunks with criminals?
- Mr. See* answered,—
- (1.) Yes; but such persons are usually released on their own recognizances.
  - (2 and 3.) I will consult my colleague, the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice, on this matter.
- (34.) Prosecutions for Bathing in the Harbour:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for *Mr. Haynes*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Can he say whether the police are under instructions to prosecute all persons bathing in any part of the harbour, even though the bathers may be clad in costume permitted at public natatorial competitions?
- Mr. See* answered,—Proceedings will only be taken against bathers in such waters as are designated by section 77 of Act No. 5, 1901.
- (35.) Consolidation of Act, No. 13, 1901:—*Mr. Price* asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Who is responsible for the consolidation of the Statute Act No. 13, 1901?
  - (2.) Is he aware that a mistake has been made in the consolidation of such Statute?
  - (3.) Was subsection D of section 2, clause 4, inserted in clause 4 in error, or was the subsection designedly inserted in such clause?
  - (4.) Is he aware of the penalty imposed for offences committed in section 2, clause 4; if so, what steps does he intend to take to give effect to such penalty?
  - (5.) Is it intended that the Medical Staff at the Gaols perform the necessary operation to enforce the penalty, or does he intend to obtain the assistance of outside medical men for the purpose of carrying out the law; if not, is it intended to waive the penalty provided under section 2, clause 4, for a breach of sub-section D?
  - (6.) If not, will he be good enough to amend the Statute No. 13, 1901, in order that the punishment may fit the crime?
- Mr. See* answered,—
- (1.) The Commissioner for the consolidation of the statute law.
  - (2 and 3.) No.
  - (4.) Yes; the steps required by law.
  - (5.) I do not know to what this Question relates.
  - (6.) No amendment is necessary.
- (36.) Conveyance of Produce by Rail:—*Mr. Price* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Has his attention been directed to a paragraph in the *Evening News* of the 10th instant, which states "that a short time ago *Mr. W. Tindale* sent two trucks of chaff to Sydney, the "railway ticket giving the weights at Finley as 6 tons 1 cwt., and 6 tons 1 cwt. 1 qr. respectively. "The account sales returned the weights at 5 tons 14 cwt. 3 qr., and 5 tons 15 cwt. 2 qr. respectively, "a difference against the seller of 12 cwt.; and that nearly every truck sent from Finley and "neighbouring stations to Sydney shows a loss in weight on arrival at its destination, and, in some "instances, the loss has been as much as a ton and upwards; and that a difference of weight in "favour of the seller is unknown, and the matter should be investigated by the railway "authorities."
  - (2.) Is it a fact that farmers and agents consigning goods are obliged to give an indemnity to the Railway Commissioners relieving them from any liability with regard to the loss of grain, &c., in transit?
  - (3.) Will he be good enough to have inquiries instituted into this matter, and furnish this House (in the form of a report) with the number and amount of claims made for injury to goods, stock, and produce in transit between the various stations in the State?
  - (4.) The like information with regard to the loss of goods?
- Mr. Waddell* answered,—
- (1 and 2.) My attention has not previously been drawn to the paragraph in question, and I would point out that the matters referred to are details connected with the railway management, and I will refer them to the Railway Commissioners.
  - (3 and 4.) Such an inquiry and report must involve a great deal of labour, and before asking the Commissioners to go into it I would request the Honorable Member to submit further information to me to justify the investigation being made.
- (37.) Proposed Royal Commission on Education:—*Mr. Levy* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact, as reported in the newspapers, that the members of the proposed Royal Commission on Education will be appointed from the officials of the Public Instruction Department?
- Mr. See* answered,—The matter of the appointment of a Commission has not been finally dealt with.

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2. **THE UNEMPLOYED**:—Mr. Whiddon presented a Petition from John Dwyer, Chairman of a Meeting of Citizens held in the Exhibition Park, representing that Petitioners desire employment where-with to furnish means to sustain themselves and their families or dependents; and praying the House to facilitate the giving of employment up to Christmas, for all the citizens of the State who need it.  
Petition received.
3. **LIQUOR TRAFFIC**:—The following Petitions,—praying the House to pass into law a measure embodying the following provisions:—(1) extension of the existing local option law; (2) earlier hours of closing; (3) effective Sunday closing; (4) non-employment of barmaids; (5) closing of public-houses on election days; (6) prohibition of sale of liquor to young people under seventeen years of age,—were presented by the Members named:—  
(1.) By Dr. Ross,—From certain residents of Lockwood, Garra, Dilga, and Cargo.  
(2.) By Dr. Ross,—From certain residents of Cranbury and surrounding Districts.  
(3.) By Mr. Pyers,—From W. G. Simpson, Chairman of a meeting of members of the "Lion" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, and others, at Casino.  
(4.) By Mr. Price,—From W. P. McIntyre, Chairman of a meeting of members of "Banner of Hope" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, and others, at Stroud.  
Petitions received.
4. **AUDIT BILL**:—Mr. Waddell, pursuant to leave granted on 20th November, 1901, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to make provision for the collection and payment of the Public Moneys; the audit of the Public Accounts; and the protection and recovery of Public Property; and for other purposes*,"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
5. **PAPERS**:—  
Mr. Bennett 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 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.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- Mr. See laid upon the Table,—  
(1.) By-laws of the Borough of Bathurst.  
(2.) By-laws of the Borough of Orange.  
(3.) Regulation respecting exemption of lighters from wharfage rates, under the Sydney Harbour Trust Act.  
(4.) Census of New South Wales, 1901—Ages of the people in Counties and Municipalities.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—  
(1.) Eighteenth Annual Report under the Inscribed Stock Act of 1883.  
(2.) Report of Mr. John Kneeshaw on Tramway Working in Canada and the United States of America.  
(3.) Amended Regulations under the Public Health Act, 1896.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
6. **HAY IRRIGATION (AMENDING) BILL**:—Mr. Crick, pursuant to leave granted on 10th December, 1901, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Hay Irrigation Act and the Hay Irrigation (Amendment) Act, 1896*,"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
7. **UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY (FISHER LIBRARY) 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 erection of a Library within the grounds of the University of Sydney.  
Question put and passed.
8. **ABERDARE COLLIERIES RAILWAY 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 enable the Aberdare Collieries of New South Wales (Limited), a joint stock company duly incorporated under the Companies Act of 1899, to construct a railway from the Aberdare Collieries to a line constructed by the East Greta Coal-mining Company (Limited), under the provisions of the Stanford Coal-mine Railway Act of 1900*."  
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 enable the Aberdare Collieries of New South Wales (Limited), a joint stock company duly incorporated under the Companies Act of 1899, to construct a railway from the Aberdare Collieries to a line constructed by the East Greta Coal-mining Company (Limited), under the provisions of the Stanford Coal-mine Railway Act of 1900*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 11th December, 1901.*

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## ABERDARE COLLIERIES RAILWAY BILL.

*Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 11th December, 1901.*

RICH. A. ARNOLD,

For Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

Page 2. *After* clause 1 *insert* the following new clause:—

The said Company shall, within one month after the passing of this Act, deposit the sum of two thousand pounds with the Colonial Treasurer as a guarantee for the due carrying out of the works authorised by this Act, and in the event of such works not being duly carried out, such sum shall become forfeited to His Majesty.

Page 8, clause 13, lines 34 and 35. *Omit* "if over a public carriage road"Page 14, clause 33, lines 29 and 30. *Omit* "Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act" *insert* "Public Works Act of 1900"Page 16, clause 39, line 38. *Omit* "1888" *insert* "1900"Page 16, clause 39, line 39. *Omit* "1888" *insert* "1901"

Examined,—

J. H. CANN,

Chairman of Committees.

9. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Agricultural Holdings Bill, postponed until To-morrow.
10. MINING LAWS AMENDMENT BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Kidd, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

*Message No. 147.**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 Mining Act, 1874, the Mining Act Further Amendment Act of 1884, the Mining on Private Lands Act of 1894, and the Mining Laws Amendment Act of 1896; and to authorise the granting of leases of Crown lands for certain purposes in connection with mining.

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

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

(1.) Shearers' Accommodation Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having had under consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated the 10th December, 1901, in reference to the Shearers' Accommodation Bill, agrees to the Assembly's amendment upon the Council's amendments in this Bill.

*Legislative Council Chamber,**Sydney, 11th December, 1901.*

W. J. TRICKETT,

Deputy-President.

(2.) Mines Inspection Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to make better provision for the regulation and inspection of mines other than coal and shale mines; to regulate the treatment of the products of such mines; and for purposes incidental to, or consequent on, 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, 11th December, 1901.*

W. J. TRICKETT,

Deputy-President.

## MINES INSPECTION BILL.

*Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 11th December, 1901.*

JOHN J. CALVERT,

Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, clause 1, line 8. *Before* "one," first occurring, *insert* "February"Page 1, clause 1, line 8. *Omit* "one," second occurring, *insert* "two"Page 4, clause 5, line 8. *Omit* "eight" *insert* "ten"Page 8, clause 19, line 7. *Omit* "or other person"Page 11, clause 26, line 13. *Omit* "alone"Page 11, clause 26, line 14. *After* "workmen" *insert* "or unless accompanied by a skilled workman"Page 13, clause 35, line 33. *Omit* "may" *insert* "shall"Page 14, clause 37, line 26. *After* "named" *insert* "the inspector may take proceedings against"Page 14, clause 37, lines 26 and 27. *Omit* "shall be guilty of an offence against this Act and be liable to" *insert* "for such default, and on being satisfied that such notice was justified by the matter complained of, the Court may impose on such owner or manager"

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- Page 14, clause 37, line 28. *Omit* "to"
- Page 14, clause 37, line 28. *Omit* "thereafter" *insert* "after such decision"
- Page 17, clause 44, line 17. *Omit* "or winze or driving an adit" *insert* "for the purpose of opening up a vein, lode, or mineral deposit"
- Page 19, clause 47, line 25. *After* "person" *insert* "or any person who in the opinion of the coroner might exhibit animus against the mine-owner"
- Page 24, clause 55, lines 6 and 7. *Omit* "all levels shall be connected with winzes if an inspector thinks necessary and so requires"
- Page 24, clause 55, line 28. *Omit* "fourteen" *insert* "sixteen"
- Page 24, clause 55, line 29. *Omit* "nine" *insert* "ten"
- Page 25, clause 55, line 27. *After* "shall" *insert* "when considered necessary in the opinion of an inspector"
- Page 25, clause 55, line 30. *After* "spray" *insert* "when necessary"
- Page 27, clause 55, line 2. *Omit* "party of miners then present leave such place at"
- Page 27, clause 55, line 3. *Omit* "or persons"
- Page 27, clause 55, line 4. *Omit* "or members"
- Page 27, clause 55, line 4. *Omit* "such" *insert* "the"
- Page 27, clause 55, line 4. *After* "party" *insert* "firing such shot"
- Page 31, clause 55, line 6. *After* "where" *insert* "bars or"
- Page 31, clause 55, line 29. *After* "timber" *insert* "if necessary"
- Page 32, clause 55, line 7. *Omit* "eighths" *insert* "sixteenths"
- Page 33, clause 55, line 25. *After* "persons" *insert* "if considered necessary by an inspector"
- Page 34, clause 55, line 25. *After* "mine" *insert* "but not necessarily every shaft"
- Page 41, clause 70, lines 22 and 23. *Omit* "by which imprisonment, or a fine, amounting to or exceeding one-half the maximum fine is adjudged"
- Page 41, clause 70. At end of clause *add* "in like manner as any other conviction by justices may be appealed from"

Examined,—

F. T. HUMPHERY,

Deputy 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. **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 necessity of obtaining the fullest advantage of Civic Government by conferring larger powers on a Sydney Corporation."
- 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.

*And it being Seven o'clock, p.m., Government Business only proceeded with, under Sessional Order adopted on 6th November, 1901,*

13. **MINING LAWS AMENDMENT BILL**:—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 to amend the Mining Act of 1874, the Mining Act Further Amendment Act of 1894, the Mining on Private Lands Act of 1894, and the Mining Laws Amendment Act of 1896; and to authorise the granting of leases of Crown lands for certain purposes in connection with mining.
- Question put and passed.
14. **STATE CHILDREN RELIEF BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
- Question put and passed.
- 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 consolidate the Acts relating to the establishment of a system of Boarding-out 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 consolidate the Acts relating to the establishment of a system of Boarding-out Children,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.
- Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 11th December, 1901.*
15. **REAL PROPERTY AND CONVEYANCING (AMENDMENT) BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.
- Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
- On motion of Mr. Perry, the report was adopted.
- Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

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16. STOCK DISEASES (TICK) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Kidd moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. Webster moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
17. RABBIT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Sec moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 63.

Mr. Williams,  
Mr. Pyers,  
Mr. Bennett,  
Mr. See,  
Mr. Fegan,  
Mr. Anderson,  
Mr. Clara,  
Mr. O'Sullivan,  
Mr. Kidd,  
Mr. Broughton,  
Mr. Scobie,  
Mr. W. F. Hurley,  
Mr. Perry,  
Mr. Archer,  
Mr. Evans,  
Mr. Thomson,  
Mr. Coleman,  
Mr. Fallick,  
Mr. Hawthorne,  
Mr. E. M. Clark,  
Mr. Meagher,  
Mr. Brunker,

Mr. Collins,  
Mr. Burgess,  
Mr. Quinn,  
Mr. Dight,  
Mr. Lee,  
Mr. Winchcombe,  
Mr. Davidson,  
Mr. Crick,  
Mr. Wright,  
Mr. Arthur Griffith,  
Mr. Nobbs,  
Mr. Donaldson,  
Mr. Webster,  
Mr. Moxham,  
Mr. Ferguson,  
Mr. Lonsdale,  
Mr. Moore,  
Mr. Quirk,  
Mr. Waddell,  
Mr. Latimer,  
Mr. John Hurley,  
Mr. D. R. Hall,

Mr. John Storey,  
Mr. Jessop,  
Mr. Samuel Smith,  
Mr. J. F. Smith,  
Mr. Young,  
Mr. Newman,  
Mr. David Storey,  
Mr. Gormly,  
Mr. Mahony,  
Mr. Law,  
Mr. McCoy,  
Mr. Estell,  
Mr. Mackenzie,  
Mr. Holman,  
Mr. Hollis,  
Mr. Kelly,  
Mr. Eden George.

Tellers,

Mr. Morton,  
Mr. Gillies.

Noes, 11.

Mr. Dacey,  
Mr. Nielsen,  
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,  
Mr. Levy,  
Mr. Afleck,  
Mr. Price,  
Mr. Hogue,  
Mr. Miller,  
Mr. Millard.

Tellers,

Mr. Chapman,  
Mr. Carroll.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Mr. Bennett then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to deal with the rabbit pest; to authorise certain advances in connection therewith; and for other purposes incidental thereto.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to deal with the rabbit pest: to authorise certain advances in connection therewith; and for other purposes incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*

*Sydney, 11th December, 1901.*

18. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS (*Railway from Tenterfield 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 upon the expediency of constructing a line of railway from Tenterfield to Casino.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
19. LITTLE BAY PENITENTIARY AND PRISON BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—  
Mr. O'Sullivan 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. 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.

20. MAINLY WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE TRANSFER BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 40.		Noes, 14.	
Mr. Williams,	Mr. Young,	Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Mackenzie,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Scobie,	Mr. J. F. Smith,	Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. John Storey,	Mr. Millard,	Mr. Affleck,
Mr. See,	Mr. Webster,	Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Quinn,	Mr. Bennett,	<i>Tellers,</i>	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Jessop,	Mr. Quirk,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Dight,	Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Oakes,		Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Evans,	Mr. McCoy,		Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. McLaurin,	Mr. Moore,		Mr. David Storey.
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Anderson,		<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Broughton,	Mr. Wright,		Mr. Dick,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Pyers,		Mr. Coleman.
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Gillies,		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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.

21. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. See moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

F. W. WEBB,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*



New South Wales.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 12 DECEMBER, 1901.

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

ABERDARE COLLIERIES 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 the Aberdare Collieries of New South Wales (Limited), a joint stock company duly incorporated under the Companies Act of 1899, to construct a railway from the Aberdare Collieries to a line constructed by the East Greta Coal-mining Company (Limited), under the provisions of the Stanford Coal-mine Railway Act of 1900.*"

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Sydney, 11th December, 1901.

W. J. TRICKETT,  
Deputy-President.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Reduction of Members of the Legislative Assembly:—Mr. Whiddon asked the Colonial Secretary,—Referring to the reply given to Mr. John Hurley's Question on Thursday last, relative to the proposed reduction of Members of this House, wherein the Colonial Secretary stated "that he intended to give the people an opportunity of expressing their opinion on this "all-important subject," is it his intention to give such opportunity to the people of this State early next Session?

Mr. Sec answered,—Before the expiration of the present Parliament.

(2.) Amending Licensing Bill:—Mr. Whiddon asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to introduce the long promised Amending Licensing Bill early next Session?

(2.) In view of the opinion expressed by this House as to the necessity for legislation in connection with tied houses, will he consider the advisability of inserting a clause incorporating this important question in any Amending Licensing Bill?

Mr. Sec answered,—Yes.

(3.) Police Force:—Mr. Power asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he, owing to the large number of crimes being lately perpetrated by desperate criminals, make immediate provision for substantially increasing the Police Force so that they will be able to cope with the said criminals?

Mr. Sec answered,—The Inspector-General reports that the strength of the police will be at once increased to the full establishment voted. Although there have been some few serious offences reported, there has been no unusual prevalence of crime of late—indeed, less than the average.

(4.) Rainfall of Australia:—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) In view of the important information furnished by the Government Astronomer in respect to Dr. Ross' Question of the 22nd August last, and the fact that the sun, and consequently the seasons, arrive about three months later in Australia than in India, will he endeavour to have this State placed in more immediate and direct communication with the Weather Bureau of India, with the view to the publishing by the Government Astronomer of monthly reports of the Indian weather for the previous month, and a monthly forecast for this State based on the earlier Indian experience?

(2.) In view of the great importance of a knowledge of weather conditions to the pastoral and agricultural industry of the State, will he see that some steps are taken by the Government to place the Observatory staff of officials under the Minister for Agriculture?

Mr.

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Mr. Perry answered,—

- (1.) The Government Astronomer reports that the results obtainable from the course proposed would not be commensurate with the trouble and expense involved. His report is appended.  
 (2.) The transference proposed is not deemed necessary. The report of the Government Astronomer is appended:—

“Sydney Observatory, 11 December, 1901.

“The course suggested, viz., that since the rain season in India follows three months later in Australia, therefore, warning should be given in Australia, is not borne out by a very careful study of Indian and Australian weather by myself.

“H. C. RUSSELL,  
 “Government Astronomer.”

“Sydney Observatory, 12 December, 1901.

“In reference to the cost of having weather telegrams from India, it would not be large. For experimental telegrams it need not exceed £50 per annum. But it must be remembered that Australia is not like India. In Australia, we are all familiar with the small rainfalls. In the Western districts only about 10 inches fall, and the same clouds that made that rain pass on eastward to our little mountains in the Eastern districts, and produce 50 or 60 inches of rain from the same clouds. The monsoon in India is a very different matter. It blows the clouds up some of the highest mountains in the world, and, as they rise, they drop enormous quantities of rain. In one place, as much as 80 inches in one night falls. It is these great mountains in India that make the monsoon so valuable, and it is the absence of these great mountains in Australia that makes Australia so short of rain.

“H. C. RUSSELL.”

(5.) Case of *Clines v. Cooper*:—Mr. Law asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Did the Attorney-General appear as counsel for one William Cooper, of 17, Davidson-street, Balmain, in a recent will case?  
 (2.) Did Mr. D. G. Garvan, Sergeant Bradley, Superintendent Elliott, Superintendent Larkin, and Mr. Hayes-Williams (Registrar-General) report to the Inspector-General of Police that the said William Cooper had made several false entries in the Registers of Births, Marriages, and Deaths of this State, for each of which the said William Cooper is liable to seven years' penal servitude?  
 (3.) Did the Attorney-General officially direct that no criminal proceedings should be taken against Cooper in respect of the said false entries?  
 (4.) Did the Attorney-General advance, as a reason for not taking criminal proceedings against his said client, the statement that such proceedings would have the effect of publicly injuring a respectable married woman?  
 (5.) Do the papers laid on the Table of this House in this case disclose, or in any way indicate, that there is a respectable married woman who would be publicly injured by such proceedings; if not, where did the Attorney-General obtain his information with regard to the said married woman?  
 (6.) Has the said William Cooper, since the termination of the said will suit, been appointed foreman of works by the present Government on the Mitchell-street tramway extension?  
 (7.) In the event of an escheat to the Crown of part of the estate of Matilda Clines, deceased, late of Fairfowl-street, Dulwich Hill, is it the intention of the Attorney-General to waive the Crown's rights in the said estate in favour of his said client, William Cooper?  
 (8.) Has Albion Richard Croft, J.P., who actively assisted the Attorney-General in the conduct of the case of *Clines v. Cooper*, and who was on the 6th June, 1901, sentenced to six months' imprisonment for uttering a false affidavit, been released from gaol before the expiration of his said sentence of six months?

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

(6.) Dismissal of Officers from the Public Library:—Mr. Nobbs, for Mr. McCoy, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Public Service Board have not yet found positions for the four officers who were put out of the Public Library on leave without pay, now seven months ago?  
 (2.) Is it a fact that His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor has already, upon petition, personally gone into the case of these men, and expressed a very emphatic opinion as to the treatment they have received?  
 (3.) In view of the time which has elapsed without anything being done, and the distress of the men and those dependent upon them, will he take the obviously necessary step of recommending to the Governor-in-Council the cancellation of the earlier steps in the case?

Mr. Perry answered,—Yes. The Public Service Board report that they have made every effort to find other positions for these four officers, but without success. I am, however, now conferring with the Board with a view to the speedy termination of the present state of things.

(7.) Touting for Business at Police Courts:—Mr. Law, for Mr. John Storey, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he give instructions to the police to remove all persons touting for business from the vestibules of the different police courts?

Mr. See answered,—The only power the police have is to caution or remove persons obstructing the passages or thoroughfares; but it is a difficult matter to cope with.

(8.) The King's Coronation:—Mr. Anderson, for Mr. Archer, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Referring to a paragraph in *Sunday Times*, which states it is rumoured that Mr. Austin Chapman, the Government whip, will be included in the list of invited persons to attend the King's coronation; also a report in a daily paper that Mr. Barton has accepted an invitation to be present at the coronation, and that New Zealand will be represented by its Premier, Mr. Seddon, will he communicate with the Agent-General with the view to having the Mother State of New South Wales properly and honorably represented?

Mr. See answered,—Yes.

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- (9.) Commercial Agent in South Africa:—*Dr. Ross*, for *Mr. Archer*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Seeing that New Zealand has sent five or six agents to represent that Colony in South Africa, also that America is credited with being well represented, will he have this State represented as early as possible to give it the same chance as the others?

*Mr. See* answered,—This matter is now under consideration.

- (10.) Conveyance of Sheep by Rail:—*Mr. Young*, for *Mr. Clara*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—  
(1.) Is he aware that farmers and settlers have taken exception to the action of the Railway Commissioners in handing over a large number of sheep trucks for the conveyance of store sheep, thereby depriving a fair and usual distribution of vans for the carriage of fat stock to market?  
(2.) Will he take steps to have those matters equitably adjusted?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—I am informed that it was absolutely essential that trucks should be available for the use of stock which was being moved for other purposes than market. In some districts, feed and water had failed and stock had to be removed; while it was desirable to move stock to other districts for restocking. The division of trucks was regulated, as far as possible, by not more than 20 per cent. of the total being allocated for other than market purposes.

- (11.) Railway from Gundagai to Tumut:—*Mr. Affleck* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Have the Railway Commissioners, as required by the Act, notified in the *Gazette* the tax on the lands in the district through which the railway from Gundagai to Tumut is to be constructed; if so, what is the date of the *Gazette* in which the same appeared?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—The Act does not require that the tax on lands in the district should be notified, but it is necessary to declare the district which, in the opinion of the Railway Commissioners, will be benefited by the construction or use of the said line of railway. This has been done, and notification appeared in *Gazette* No. 59, of 25th January, 1901.

- (12.) Railway from Culcairn to Germanton:—*Mr. Affleck* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—  
(1.) Has the construction of the railway from Culcairn to Germanton been started?  
(2.) Have the Government procured, and have they now possession of, the deeds of gift or transfer of any private land through which the line runs, or has the compensation money been paid, as required by the Act, in connection with the construction of the said railway?

*Mr. O'Sullivan* answered,—

- (1.) Yes.  
(2.) The owners have given a written consent to the construction of the line; but no agreement has yet been signed, nor has the compensation money been paid yet, but the provision of the Act will be enforced.

- (13.) Roads in the Molong District:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) The number of maintenance men that are at present employed in the Molong district?  
(2.) Is it a fact that the maintenance man on the road between Manildra and Parkes, *via* Bumbery, has been withdrawn during the last twelve months, and that the roads in that locality have become not only dangerous, but almost impassable for traffic?

*Mr. O'Sullivan* answered,—I will have to obtain replies to these Questions from the local officer, and so soon as the information is to hand, a communication will be made to the Honorable Member.

- (14.) Governor of New South Wales:—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Colonial Secretary,—  
(1.) Has he suggested to the Imperial Government the advisability of appointing Sir Frederick Darley, Lieutenant-Governor, to the position of Governor of the State of New South Wales?  
(2.) Has he heard anything with regard to the matter of appointment of a State Governor from the Secretary of State for the Colonies?

*Mr. See* answered,—No.

- (15.) Lighthouse at Crookhaven Heads:—*Mr. Morton* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—  
(1.) Is he aware of the urgent necessity for a new lighthouse at Crookhaven Heads?  
(2.) Are plans being prepared for same?  
(3.) If so, when will money be available for its erection?

*Mr. O'Sullivan* answered,—I am aware that a lighthouse would be an advantage at this place, and plans have been prepared for one, but the question of providing funds must remain over until next year's Estimates are under consideration.

- (16.) Transfer of Services to the Federal Government:—*Mr. Eden George* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has the Federal Government taken over the following services, viz.:—(1) Naval and Military Defence; (2) Lighthouses and the like; (3) Astronomical and Meteorological; (4) Quarantine; (5) Census and Statistics; (6) Office of Patents and Trade Marks?

*Mr. See* answered,—The following are the only Departments which have so far been transferred to the Federal Government, viz.:—Naval and Military Defence, Post Offices, Telegraphs and Telephones.

3. LIQUOR TRAFFIC:—The following Petitions,—praying the House to pass into law a measure embodying the following provisions:—(1) extension of the existing local option law; (2) earlier hours of closing; (3) effective Sunday closing; (4) non-employment of barmaids; (5) closing of public-houses on election days; (6) prohibition of sale of liquor to young people under seventeen years of age,—were presented by the Members named:—

- (1.) By *Mr. McLaurin*,—From *T. Nixon*, Chairman of a meeting of members of the "Loyal Woomargama United" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Woomargama.  
(2.) By *Mr. Nobbs*, for *Mr. Ashton*,—From *C. A. B. Muxoll*, Chairman of a meeting of members of "Perseverance" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Goulburn.  
Petitions received.

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4. **REMOVAL FROM THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF MR. FREDERICK GLYNN:**—Mr. Hollis presented a Petition from William Bradley Violette, representing that the House had appointed a Select Committee to inquire into and report upon the removal from the Public Service of Mr. Frederick Glynn; and praying that Petitioner may be represented by counsel or attorney, or in person, before such Committee, with the right to call, examine, and cross-examine witnesses.  
Petition received.  
Ordered to be referred to the Select Committee.
5. **PRINTING COMMITTEE:**—Mr. Gormly, as Chairman, brought up the Twelfth Report from the Printing Committee.
6. **INVERELL GAS, COKE, COAL, AND ELECTRIC LIGHTING COMPANY (LIMITED) BILL:**—Mr. McIntyre having, pursuant to leave granted on 20th November, 1901, 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 State, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to incorporate the Inverell, Gas, Coke, Coal, and Electric Lighting Company (Limited), and to enable the said Inverell Gas, Coke, Coal, and Electric Company to construct gas and electric lighting works within the Municipal District of Inverell, in the State of New South Wales,*"—read a first time.
7. **PAPERS:**—  
Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1900, of land for providing a Locomotive Water Supply at Marrar.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.  
Mr. See laid upon the Table,—  
(1.) Return to an Order, made on 2nd October, 1901—"Appointment of an Engineer and of a Commercial Agent."  
(2.) Return respecting persons employed in killing rats.  
(3.) Return respecting case of William Cooper.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
8. **PYRMONT BRIDGE EXTENSION BILL:**—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. O'Sullivan, and read by Mr. Speaker:—  
FREDK. M. DARLEY, *Message No. 148.*  
*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 sanction the carrying out of works in extension of the Pyrmont Bridge; and for other purposes.  
*State Government House,*  
*Sydney, 12th December, 1901.*  
Ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.
9. **LOAN ESTIMATE FOR 1901-1902:**—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Waddell, and read by Mr. Speaker:—  
FREDK. M. DARLEY, *Message No. 149.*  
*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 accompanying Estimate of the Expenditure of the Government of New South Wales on account of Public Works and other Services for the year 1901-1902, proposed to be provided for by Loan.  
*State Government House,*  
*Sydney, 4th December, 1901.*  
Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Estimate, and referred to the Committee of Supply.
10. **ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR 1901-1902:**—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Waddell, and read by Mr. Speaker:—  
FREDK. M. DARLEY, *Message No. 150.*  
*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 accompanying Additional Estimates of the Expenditure of the Government of New South Wales for the Financial Year ending 30th June, 1902.  
*State Government House,*  
*Sydney, 4th December, 1901.*  
Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Estimates, and referred to the Committee of Supply.
11. **FORFEITURE OF LEASES BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.  
Question put and passed.  
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 for granting relief against forfeiture of leases and for otherwise amending the law as to property.*"  
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 for granting relief against forfeiture of leases and for otherwise amending the law as to property*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 12th December, 1901.*

12. REAL PROPERTY AND CONVEYANCING (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put and passed.

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 give certain officers and persons the powers and duties of the registrar-general; to prescribe the oath to be taken by deputy registrars-general; to provide that statutory declarations and the oath of a sworn valuator may be made and taken before certain officers; and to validate certain acts, acknowledgments, instruments, documents, writings, declarations, and oaths.*"

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 give certain officers and persons the powers and duties of the registrar-general; to prescribe the oath to be taken by deputy registrars-general; to provide that statutory declarations and the oath of a sworn valuator may be made and taken before certain officers; and to validate certain acts, acknowledgments, instruments, documents, writings, declarations, and oaths*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

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13. LITTLE BAY PENITENTIARY AND PRISON 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 and authorise the erection of a penitentiary and prison for females near Randwick; 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 and authorise the erection of a penitentiary and prison for females near Randwick; and for other purposes*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 12th December, 1901.*

14. MANLY WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE TRANSFER 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 vest certain works of water supply and property and certain sewerage works at Manly in the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage; to validate certain things done in carrying out such sewerage works in excess of the authority in that behalf; 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 vest certain works of water supply and property and certain sewerage works at Manly in the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage; to validate certain things done in carrying out such sewerage works in excess of the authority in that behalf; and for purposes consequent on, or incidental to, those objects*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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15. TREASURY BILLS DEFICIENCY (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Waddell moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 65.		Noes, 31.
Mr. Evans,	Mr. Pyers,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. McIntyre,	Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. John Storey,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Archer,	Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. Jessop,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Young,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Richards,	Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Clara,	Mr. Quinn,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Mackenzie,
Mr. MacMahon,	Mr. Daley,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Gormly,	Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Millard,	Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Sec,	Mr. J. F. Smith,	Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Carroll,	Mr. Davidson,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Collins,	Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Broughton,	Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Afleck,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Sleath,	Mr. Edden,	Mr. Coleman,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Estell,	Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Dight,	Mr. Wright,	Mr. Bruncker,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Howarth,
Mr. Sullivan,	Mr. Crick,	Mr. Winchcombe,
Mr. Williams,	Mr. Willis,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Quirk,	Mr. Holman,
Mr. Law,	Mr. Gillics,	Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Thomson,	Mr. D. B. Hall,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. Meagher,	Mr. Eden George,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. McGowen.	Mr. Hegue.
Mr. Kidd,	<i>Tellers,</i>	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Byrne,	Mr. Rose,	Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Miller.	Mr. Morton.
Mr. Barnes,		
Mr. Raymond,		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Waddell, 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. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

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

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Mr. Speaker took the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour of the day.

17. MINES INSPECTION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Kidd, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

On motion of Mr. Kidd, 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 regulation and inspection of mines other than coal and shale mines; to regulate the treatment of the products of such mines; and for purposes incidental to, or consequent on, those objects.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 13th December, 1901, A.M.

18. MINING LAWS AMENDMENT BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Kidd, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Mining Act of 1874, the Mining Act Further Amendment Act of 1884, the Mining on Private Lands Act of 1894, and the Mining Laws Amendment Act of 1896; and to authorise the granting of leases of Crown lands for certain purposes in connection with mining. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

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

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The Temporary 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 Act of 1874, the Mining Act Further Amendment Act of 1884, the Mining on Private Lands Act of 1894, and the Mining Laws Amendment Act of 1896; and to authorise the granting of leases of Crown lands for certain purposes in connection with mining.

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

- (2.) Mr. Kidd then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Mining Act of 1874, the Mining Act Further Amendment Act of 1884, the Mining on Private Lands Act of 1894, and the Mining Laws Amendment Act of 1896; and to authorise the granting of leases of Crown lands for certain purposes in connection with mining*,"—which was read a first time.

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

19. MINING ON PRIVATE LANDS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—

- (1.) Mr. Kidd moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Mining on Private Lands Act of 1894, the Mining Laws Amendment Act of 1896, the Mining Act of 1874, and the Mining Act of 1889.

Question put and passed.

- (2.) Mr. Kidd then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Mining on Private Lands Act of 1894, the Mining Laws Amendment Act of 1896, the Mining Act of 1874, and the Mining Act of 1889*,"—which was read a first time.

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

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour of the day.

21. FURTHER ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR 1901-1902:—The following Message from His Excellency, the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Crick, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

*Message No. 151.*

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 accompanying further additional Estimates of Expenditure, for the Government of New South Wales for the year 1901-2.

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*Sydney, 13th December, 1901.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE—1901-2.

NO. I.—SCHEDULES A, B, AND C TO SCHEDULE 1 OF ACTS 18 AND 19 VICTORIA, CAPUT 54.

(5.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,328, as supplement to Schedule B to Schedule No. 1 of the Act of the Imperial Parliament, 18 and 19 Vic., cap. 54, for the year 1901-2.

NO. II.—EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE.

(6.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £985, for Executive Council, for the year 1901-2.

(7.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £375, for Vice-President of the Executive Council and Representative of the Government in the Legislative Council, for the year 1901-2.

(8.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,882, for Legislative Council, for the year 1901-2.

(9.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,298, for Legislative Assembly, for the year 1901-2.

(10.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,370, for Legislative Council and Assembly, for the year 1901-2.

(11.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,998, for Parliamentary Library, for the year 1901-2.

(12.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,167, for Parliamentary Reporting Staff, for the year 1901-2.

(13.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,525, for Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, for the year 1901-2.

NO. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

(14.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,000, for Colonial Secretary, for the year 1901-2.

(15.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £13,702, for Auditor-General, for the year 1901-2.

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- (16.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £13,428, for Aborigines Protection Board, for the year 1901-2.
- (17.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £400,872, for Police, for the year 1901-2.
- (18.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £120,366, for Lunacy, for the year 1901-2.
- (19.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,989, for Master in Lunacy, for the year 1901-2.
- (20.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £225, for Medical Board, for the year 1901-2.
- (21.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £44,280, for The Medical Adviser to the Government, for the year 1901-2.
- (22.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £17,137, for Government Statistician, for the year 1901-2.
- (23.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,290, for Agent-General for New South Wales, for the year 1901-2.
- (24.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £41,328, for Government Asylums for the Infirm, for the year 1901-2.
- (25.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £64,218, for State Children Relief Department, for the year 1901-2.
- (26.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £13,140, to recoup amount paid out of Consolidated Revenue Fund during financial year 1900-1, under section 10, State Children's Relief Act of 1881, for the year 1901-2.
- (27.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,423, for Fisheries Commission, for the year 1901-2.
- (28.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,106, for Fire Brigades, for the year 1901-2.
- (29.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,254, for Botanic Gardens, for the year 1901-2.
- (30.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £975, for Nursery Garden, Campbelltown, for the year 1901-2.
- (31.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,225, for Government Domains, for the year 1901-2.
- (32.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,361, for Garden Palace Grounds, for the year 1901-2.
- (33.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,566, for Centennial Park, for the year 1901-2.
- (34.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,150, for Electoral Office, for the year 1901-2.
- (35.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £33,031, for Registrar-General and Examiner of Patents, for the year 1901-2.
- (36.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £45, for Registrar of Copyright, for the year 1901-2.
- (37.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £73,830, for Sydney Harbour Trust, for the year 1901-2.
- (38.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £81,875, for Charitable Allowances, for the year 1901-2.
- (39.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £97,195, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1901-2.

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

- (40.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £28,173, for Treasury for the year 1901-2.
- (41.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,701, for Stamp Duties, for the year 1901-2.
- (42.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £37,600, for Land and Income Tax, for the year 1901-2.
- (43.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £90, for Gold Receivers, for the year 1901-2.
- (44.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £550, for Gold and Escort, for the year 1901-2.
- (45.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £98,364, for Government Printer, for the year 1901-2.
- (46.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £36,591, for Stores and Stationery, for the year 1901-2.
- (47.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £0,025, for Mercantile Explosives, for the year 1901-2.
- (48.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £40,590, for Board of Health, for the year 1901-2.
- (49.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,285, for Shipping Masters, for the year 1901-2.
- (50.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £79,280, for Navigation, for the year 1901-2.
- (51.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,325, for Lifeboats, for the year 1901-2.
- (52.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £16,906 for Administration of Old-age Pensions Act, for the year 1901-2.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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- (53.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,309 for Government Savings Bank, for the year 1901-2.  
 (54.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £627 for Weights and Measures, for the year 1901-2.  
 (55.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £809,681, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1901-2.  
 (56.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £150,000, for Advance to Treasurer, for the year 1901-2.

## No. V.—RAILWAYS.

- (57.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,642,123, for Railways and Tramways—Existing Lines, Working Expenses, for the year 1901-2.

## No. VI.—DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND OF JUSTICE.

- (58.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £54,091, for Department of the Attorney-General and of Justice, for the year 1901-2.  
 (59.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,690, for Master in Equity, for the year 1901-2.  
 (60.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,055, for Prothonotary and Divorce Court, for the year 1901-2.  
 (61.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £29,919, for Sheriff, for the year 1901-2.  
 (62.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,223, for Bankruptcy Court, for the year 1901-2.  
 (63.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,115, for Probate and Intestate Estates Office, for the year 1901-2.  
 (64.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,805, for District Courts, for the year 1901-2.  
 (65.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,710, for Coroners, for the year 1901-2.  
 (66.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £90,650, for Petty Sessions, for the year 1901-2.  
 (67.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £104,379, for Prisons, for the year 1901-2.  
 (68.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,087, for Public Service Board for the year 1901-2.  
 (69.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £15,563, for Miscellaneous Services for the year 1901-2.

## No. VII.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

- (70.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £170,515, for Department of Lands, for the year 1901-2.  
 (71.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £45,600, for Department of Lands—Contingencies, for the year 1901-2.  
 (72.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,300, for Land Appeal Court, for the year 1901-2.  
 (73.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £275, for Church and School Lands, for the year 1901-2.  
 (74.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,235, for Advances to Settlers Board for the year 1901-2.  
 (75.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £35,392, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1901-2.  
 (76.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £90,580, for Survey of Lands, for the year 1901-2.  
 (77.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,580, for Trigonometrical Survey of the State, for the year 1901-2.  
 (78.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £50, for Special Services—Labour Settlements, for the year 1901-2.

## No. VIII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

- (79.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £104,173, for Establishment, for the year 1901-2.  
 (80.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £942,950 for Public Works and Services, for the year 1901-2.  
 (81.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £95,774, for Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage, for the year 1901-2.  
 (82.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,483, for Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board, for the year 1901-2.  
 (83.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £18,782, for Labour Commissioners and Labour Bureau, for the year 1901-2.  
 (84.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,831, for Public Wharfs and Resumed Properties, for the year 1901-2.

## No. IX.—PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, LABOUR, AND INDUSTRY.

- (85.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £799,002, for Public Instruction, for the year 1901-2.  
 (86.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £16,485, for Industrial Schools, for the year 1901-2.

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- (87.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,869, for Observatory, for the year 1901-2.
- (88.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,486, for Australian Museum, for the year 1901-2.
- (89.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,196, for Public Library of New South Wales, for the year 1901-2.
- (90.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,613, for National Art Gallery, for the year 1901-2.
- (91.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,882, for Labour and Industry Branch, for the year 1901-2.
- (92.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £19,410, for Grants in aid of Public Institutions, for the year 1901-2.
- (93.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,490, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1901-2.

## No. X.—SECRETARY FOR MINES AND AGRICULTURE.

- (94.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £79,069, for Department of Mines, for the year 1901-2.
- (95.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £24,429, for Prevention of Scab in Sheep, for the year 1901-2.
- (96.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £17,326, for Stock and Brands Branch, for the year 1901-2.
- (97.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £40,802, for Agriculture Branch, for the year 1901-2.
- (98.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,500, for School of Mines and Assay Works, for the year 1901-2.
- (99.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,416, for Board of Exports, for the year 1901-2.
- (100.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £650, for Miners' Accident Relief Board, for the year 1901-2.
- (101.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £30,770, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1901-2.

## STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS FROM THE VOTE "ADVANCE TO TREASURER," 1900-1, ON ACCOUNT OF SERVICES OF THE YEAR 1900-1, SUBMITTED FOR PARLIAMENTARY APPROPRIATION IN ADJUSTMENT OF THE ADVANCE VOTE.

- (102.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £65,211 1s. 2d. in adjustment of the Vote "Advance to Treasurer," 1900-1.

## STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS FROM THE "EXPENDITURE SUSPENSE ACCOUNT" TO 30TH JUNE, 1901, FOR URGENT CLAIMS ON ACCOUNT OF ORDINARY AND EXTRAORDINARY SERVICES, &amp;c., OF THE YEAR 1900-1 SUBMITTED FOR PARLIAMENTARY APPROPRIATION.

- (103.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £739,918 2s. 8d., for 1900-1 Services.

## ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES, 1901-2.

## No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

- (104.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £100, to defray additional charge for the year 1901-2 under the head "Police."
- (105.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,788, to defray additional charge for the year 1901-2 under the head "Lunacy."
- (106.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £205, to defray additional charge for the year 1901-2 under the head "Medical Adviser to the Government."
- (107.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £113, to defray additional charge for the year 1901-2 under the head "Botanic Gardens."
- (108.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £146, to defray additional charge for the year 1901-2 under the head "Electoral Office."
- (109.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £120, to defray additional charge for the year 1901-2 under the head "Registrar-General, &c."
- (110.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,300, to defray additional charge for the year 1901-2 under the head "Charitable Allowances."
- (111.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,919, to defray additional charge for the year 1901-2 under the head "Miscellaneous Services."

## No. IV.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

- (112.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £25, to defray additional charge for the year 1901-2 under the head "Treasury."
- (113.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £800, to defray additional charge for the year 1901-2 under the head "Land and Income Tax."
- (114.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,000, to defray additional charge for the year 1901-2 under the head "Government Printer."
- (115.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £50, to defray additional charge for the year 1901-2 under the head "Old-age Pension Administration."
- (116.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,267, to defray additional charge for the year 1901-2 under the head "Miscellaneous Services."

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## VI.—ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND JUSTICE.

- (117.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £799, to defray additional charge for the year 1901-2 under the head "Administrative Division."  
 (118.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £192, to defray additional charge for the year 1901-2 under the head "Petty Sessions."  
 (119.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,400, to defray additional charge for the year 1901-2 under the head "Arbitration Court."  
 (120.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £575, to defray additional charge for the year 1901-2 under the head "Miscellaneous Services."

## NO. VII.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

- (121.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £45, to defray additional charge for the year 1901-2 under the head "Miscellaneous Services."

## NO. VIII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

- (122.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £816, to defray additional charge for the year 1901-2 under the head "Establishment."  
 (123.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £150, to defray additional charge for the year 1901-2 under the head "Adjustment of Salaries."  
 (124.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,400 to defray additional charge for the year 1901-2 under the head "Government Architect."  
 (125.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,750 to defray additional charge for the year 1901-2 under the head "Miscellaneous."  
 (126.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £920, to defray additional charge for the year 1901-2 under the head "Labour Commissioners."  
 (127.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £250, to defray additional charge for the year 1901-2 under the head "Public Wharfs and Resumed Properties."

## NO. IX.—PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, &amp;c.

- (128.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,000, to defray additional charge for the year 1901-2 under the head "Grants in aid of Public Institutions."  
 (129.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,000, to defray additional charge for the year 1901-2 under the head "Miscellaneous Services."

## NO. X.—SECRETARY FOR MINES AND AGRICULTURE.

- (130.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £50, to defray additional charge for the year 1901-2 under the head "Agriculture."

## ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE ON ACCOUNT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND OTHER SERVICES, TO BE PROVIDED FOR BY LOAN.

## Permanent and Reproductive Works.

## NO. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

- (131.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty for the year 1901-2, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £69,500 for Hospitals: being £45,000 towards completion of Prince Alfred Hospital; £2,500 for Additions, &c., Sydney Hospital; £10,000 towards the erection of a Consumptive Home; and £12,000 for Country and Suburban Hospitals—towards erection of New Buildings to meet the demand for increased accommodation.  
 (132.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1901-2, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £15,000 for Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board: being for Sites for and Erection of Branch and Suburban Stations.  
 (133.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1901-2, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £7,000 for Inebriates Home: being for Purchase of Site, and towards Erection of Buildings.  
 (134.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1901-2, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £75,000 for Sydney Harbour Trust: being towards the erection of New Wharves and Sheds at Circular Quay, Miller's Point, and Darling Island; the erection of new Jetties at Pyrmont, Central Wharf, and Dawes Point; the erection of new Passenger Jetties and Waiting-rooms at Fort Macquarie; the alteration, extension, and reconstruction of existing Wharves and Jetties at Circular Quay, Darling Harbour, Glebe Island, Woolloomooloo Bay, and Watson's Bay; the erection of new Offices at Circular Quay; the acquisition of Launch, Fire-boat, and Electric-lighting Plant; the installation of system for continuous lighting of Buoys; and generally for the improvement of the Port.  
 (135.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1901-2, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £33,000 for Miscellaneous: being £10,000 towards erection of Public Baths, Sydney; £3,000 towards erection of Public Baths, Newcastle; and £20,000 for Memorial for Soldiers who fell in the South African War.

## NO. V.—RAILWAYS AND TRAMWAYS.

- (136.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1901-2, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £800,000 for Railways: being £350,000 for Additional Rolling Stock; £250,000 for Additions, Railway Lines, &c.; £170,000 for Duplication of Western Line, Glenbrook to Blackheath; and £30,000 for Improvement of Grades and Curves.  
 (137.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1901-2, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £480,000 for Tramways: being £160,000 for Rolling Stock, to meet expanding Traffic; £140,000 for Additions to Lines and Buildings, and for other purposes; and £180,000 for Additional Engines and Power Machinery.

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## NO. VIII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

(138.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1901-2, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £403,551 for Railway and Tramway Construction: being for Railways—£120,000 for Dubbo to Coonamble—further sum; £100,000 for Narrabri West to Walgett, with branch to Collarendabri—further sum; £13,957 for Culcairn to Germanton—further sum; £6,594 for The Rock to Green's Gonyah—further sum; £30,000 for Temora to Wyalong; £8,000 for Land Resumptions for authorised Railways; and £5,000 for Trial Surveys; for Tramways—£90,000 for Tramway Construction generally—further sum; £30,000 for Rolling Stock for New Tram Lines.

(139.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1901-2, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £70,250 for Government Architect: being £4,300 for Court-houses, viz., £800 for Darlinghurst—further sum; £2,000 for Wagga Wagga—further sum; £1,500 for Braidwood—further sum; £4,050 for Police Buildings, viz., £1,550 for Helemsburg; £1,000 for Lockhart; £1,500 for Building, Agricultural Society's Ground; £6,400 for Benevolent Asylums, viz., £3,400 for Rookwood—Isolation Ward and other works—further sum; £3,000 for Liverpool—Laundry and other works—further sum; £1,000 for Hospital for Insane—Parramatta—Additions—further sum; £1,000 for Accommodation-houses at Caves, viz., £500 for Yarrangobilly Caves—further sum; £500 for Wombeyan Caves—further sum; and for Miscellaneous Buildings, viz., £6,000 for Naval Establishment—Residence for Captain-in-charge; £4,500 for Quarantine Station—Boundary Wall—Buildings, Additions—further sum; £6,500 for Art Gallery—towards completion—further sum; £3,000 for Crown Law Office—Additions—further sum; £5,000 for Parliamentary Buildings—Additions; £7,500 for University—Additions—further sum; £7,000 for General Post Office—Additions—further sum; £3,000 for Customs House—Additions; £10,000 for Penitentiary and Prison for Females, Randwick—towards; £1,000 for Shelter Sheds for Waterside Workers—towards.

(140.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty for the year 1901-2, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £91,910 for Roads and Bridges: being for Bridges—£65,000 for Pymont—further sum; £8,910 for Glebe Island—further sum; £5,000 for North Sydney—preliminary expenses; £5,500 for Murray River, at Cobram—Approach, New South Wales side; £6,000 for Murray River, to connect Barham, New South Wales, and Koondrook, Victoria—half cost; £1,500 for Ferry Punt, Woodburn.

(141.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1901-2, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £279,350 for Harbours and Rivers: being £20,000 for Tweed River Improvements—further sum; £30,000 for Richmond River Improvements—further sum; £2,000 for Richmond River—Snagging, Removal of Rocks, Construction of Training-wall between Coraki and Wardell; £33,000 for Clarence River Improvements—further sum; £1,000 for Clarence River—Removal of Rocks, South Arm; £2,000 for Clarence River—Clearing Alumny Creek; £5,000 for Bellinger River Improvements—further sum; £5,000 for Macleay River Improvements—further sum; £1,200 for Macleay River Pilot Station—further sum; £1,000 for Lighthouse, Cape Byron; £1,500 for Camden Haven Improvements—further sum; £3,000 for Cape Hawke Harbour Improvements—further sum; £15,000 for Manning River Improvements—further sum; £30,000 for Newcastle Harbour (Entrance)—further sum; £10,000 for Newcastle Wharfs and Shipping Appliances; £4,000 for Newcastle North Harbour Reclamation—further sum; £3,000 for Newcastle extra Mooring accommodation—further sum; £1,000 for Newcastle Ocean Beach Reserve Improvements; £2,000 for Newcastle, Bullock Island, and Stockton—reclaiming land and ballast appliances; £1,000 for Clarke and Shark Islands—reclamation Jetties, &c.; £3,000 for Woolloomooloo Bay Improvements—further sum; £2,000 for Glebe Island Improvements—further sum; £13,000 for Cockatoo Island, Fitzroy Dockyard Extension—Appliances and Wharfage—further sum; £9,000 for Spectacle Island Water Supply and other works; £600 for Callan Park—protection of fascine banks; £2,000 for Long Cove Reclamation (land resumption); £5,700 for Sea Walls—reclamation and dredging—Rose Bay (Lyne Park), £3,000; Rozelle Bay, £100; Rodd Island, £700; Mosman's Bay, £200; Special Dredging, £1,700; £3,000 for Cook's River and Shea's Creek Improvements—further sum; £2,000 for Botany Bay—protection of Long Wharf—towards; £30,000 for Port Kembla Harbour Works, including land—further sum; £1,500 for Crookhaven Improvements; £5,000 for Bateman's Bay Improvements—further sum; £3,000 for Moruya River Improvements—further sum; £1,850 for Bermagui, Narooma, and Tathra Wharfage Improvements; £7,000 for Darling and Murrumbidgee Rivers Snagging—further sum; £5,500 for Conversion of Grab Dredge "Zeta" into Pump Dredge, and alterations to Grab Dredge "Lambda"; £500 for Launch for Lunacy Department—further sum; £14,000 for purchase of steamer to replace "Thetis"—further sum.

(142.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1901-2, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £134,140 for Water Supply and Sewerage Construction: being £30,140 for Stormwater Channels, &c.—being £2,000 for Tighe's Creek—extension; £19,000 for Marrickville—further sum; £3,500 for Botany—extension; £3,640 for Orphan School Creek; and £2,000 for Rookwood Cemetery—west side; £10,000 for Country Towns—Sewerage and Stormwater Channels generally; £10,000 for Metropolitan area—Sewerage and Stormwater Channels generally; £17,000 for Sewerage—being £10,000 for North Sydney and Mosman—Middle Harbour Slopes; £7,000 for Darling Harbour Low Level—further sum; £10,000 for Sanitary Works; £2,000 for Quarantine Station Water Supply and Sewerage—further sum; £3,500 for Victoria Barracks and Lake Kippax drainage; £3,500 for Subway—Circular Quay; for Water Supply—£35,000 for Water Supply generally—further sum; and £13,000 for Reservoir and other works at Waratah.

(143.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1901-2, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £47,500 for Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage: being for Water Supply—£20,000 for Reticulation, £12,500 for Improvements to Northern Suburbs Water Supply, and £15,000 for Sewerage Service—Reticulation.

(144.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1901-2, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £19,212 for Hunter River District Water Supply and Sewerage Board: being

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being £7,000 for Reticulation; £12,212 for Newcastle Borough Council Water Supply Works; viz., £16,000 for Debentures taken over by the Government with Water Supply Works under Act 55 Vic. No. 27, Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Act of 1892—Maturing 1st December, 1901, less Balance of Sinking Fund formed by the Council held in Trust, £3,788.

## No. IX.—PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

(145.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1901-2, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £70,000 for Public Instruction: being £55,000 for Public School Buildings and Sites, and £15,000 for Technical Colleges, &c.

## No. X.—SECRETARY FOR MINES AND AGRICULTURE.

(146.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1901-2, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £2,500 for Mines and Agriculture: being for Wagga Wagga Experimental Farm—Accommodation for Students.

## Repayment of Loans.

(147.) Resolved, That there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1901-2, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £399,900 for Railways and other purposes: to meet 5 per cent. Debentures falling due 1st July, 1902.

On motion of Mr. Waddell, 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. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

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

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

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

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

(5.) *Resolved*,—That, towards making good the supply granted to His Majesty for the Service of the financial year 1901-1902, the sum of £7,567,841 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

(6.) *Resolved*,—That, towards making good the supply granted to His Majesty in adjustment of the vote "Advance to Treasurer, 1900-1," for Services of the financial year 1900-1901, the sum of £65,211 1s. 2d. be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

(7.) *Resolved*,—That, towards making good the supply granted to His Majesty for Services of the financial year 1900-1901, "Expenditure Suspense Account," the sum of £739,918 2s. 8d. be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

(8.) *Resolved*,—That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty, during the present Session, a sum not exceeding £2,997,213 be raised by the sale of Debentures or the issue of Stock, secured upon the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the State, 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 State, and for other purposes.

On motion of Mr. See, the resolutions were read a second time, and agreed to.

## 24. APPROPRIATION BILL:—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Waddell, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolutions of Ways and Means (Nos. 5, 6, and 7), 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, 1901, to the 30th day of June, 1902, inclusive of both dates, and to adjust the vote "Advance to Treasurer, 1900-1901," for supplementary charges during the period from 1st July, 1900, to 30th June, 1901, inclusive of both dates, and to cover payments charged to "Expenditure Suspense Account" for Services of the year 1900-1901; and for purposes connected with and incidental to the above objects.

(2.) Mr. Waddell 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, 1901, to the 30th day of June, 1902, inclusive of both dates, and to adjust the vote "Advance to Treasurer, 1900-1901," for supplementary charges during the period from 1st of July, 1900, to 30th June, 1901, inclusive of both dates, and to cover payments charged to "Expenditure Suspense Account" for Services of the year 1900-1901; 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 on Tuesday next.

## 25. LOAN BILL:—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Waddell, that a Bill be brought in founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 8), to authorise the raising of a Loan for the Public Service of the State; and for other purposes.

(2.) Mr. Waddell then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorise the raising of a Loan for the Public Service of the State; and for other purposes,*"—which was read a first time.

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

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

(1.) Rabbit Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled “An Act to deal with the rabbit pest; to authorise certain advances in connection therewith; and for other purposes incidental thereto,”—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 13th December, 1901.

W. J. TRICKETT,  
Deputy-President.

RABBIT BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 13th December, 1901.

JOHN J. CALVERT,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 1, clause 1, line 7. *Omit* “February” *insert* “May”  
 Page 2, clause 4, lines 26 and 27. *Omit* “‘Diseases in Sheep Acts’ means the Diseases in Sheep Act of 1866 and all amending Acts”  
 Page 2, clause 4, lines 28 and 29. *Omit* “(except as hereinafter in this Act provided with respect to lands within the boundaries of a municipality)”  
 Page 2, clause 4, line 37. *Omit* “‘Minister’ means Secretary for Lands.”  
 Page 3, clause 4. *After* line 29 *insert* “‘sheep’ includes rams, ewes, wethers, and lambs”  
 Page 4, clause 9, line 39. *After* “possible” *insert* “and as far as practicable”  
 Page 5, clause 10. At end of clause *add* “Provided that any person who is assessed in respect of not less than two thousand and not more than five thousand sheep, or not less than two hundred nor more than five hundred head of large stock, shall be entitled to two votes; and any such person who is assessed in respect of more than five thousand sheep or more than five hundred head of large stock shall be entitled to three votes.”  
 Page 6, clause 14, line 1. *Before* “shall” *insert* “the Board”  
 Page 6, clause 14, lines 14 and 15. *Omit* “Diseases in Sheep Acts” *insert* “Pastures and Stock Protection Act, 1898.”

Page 7, clause 20. *Omit* clause 20 *insert* the following new clause:—

(1) Where money is voted by Parliament for the purchase of wire netting or other materials used in the construction of rabbit-proof fences, or any machinery, plant, or substances for the destruction of rabbits, the Minister may—

- (a) apply the same to such purposes, and distribute the netting, material, machinery, plant, and substances or any of them among the rabbit boards; or
- (b) lend the money so voted or any part thereof to the rabbit boards for the purchase by such boards of such netting, material, machinery, plant, or substances for use within the respective districts of such boards.

(2) The said boards shall pay to the Colonial Treasurer the cost of such netting, material, machinery, plant, and substances, and any money so lent by instalments spread over a period of not greater than twenty years, with interest on the amount due at the rate of five per centum per annum.

(3) If at any time the payment by any such board of any such instalment or interest is in arrear, the Colonial Treasurer may forthwith take possession of any moneys or other property vested in the board, and may make assessments and levy rates under this Act, and for that purpose shall have, and may exercise, the powers of the board.

(4) The board may, with the money so lent, purchase any such netting, material, machinery, plant, and substances as aforesaid, and may sell or let the same, and any netting, material, machinery, plant, or substances distributed to them under this section to occupiers or owners of private land within their district on such terms as may be agreed upon.

Provided that the cost of any such netting, machinery, materials, plant, and substances so sold, and all expenses in connection with the same shall be repaid by such occupiers and owners to the board in instalments spread over not more than twenty years, with interest on the amount due at the rate of five per centum per annum.

Provided also that—

- (a) such purchase money and interest shall be a charge on the holding of the owner or occupier within the district;
- (b) any such netting shall be erected within twelve months after delivery thereof;
- (c) the letting of machinery or other appliances for the destruction of rabbits shall be subject to such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon between the Minister and the boards.

Page 10, clause 28, lines 8 to 12. *Omit* “Maximum mesh of one and a quarter inches for the lower width of eighteen inches, and one inch and five-eighths of an inch for the remaining width, the wire in the netting being of a minimum gauge of seventeen” and *insert* “mesh and gauge to be approved of by the Rabbit Board”

Page 11, clause 33, line 37. *After* “incurred” *insert* “such”

Page 17, clause 43, line 15. *After* “newspapers” *insert* “published or”

Page 18, clause 45, line 7. *Omit* “within a borough or municipal district” *insert* “vested in or held by any municipality”

Page 18, clause 45, line 9. *Omit* “borough or district” *insert* “municipality”

Page 19, clause 48, line 13. *After* “rabbit” *insert* “(whether within a proclaimed rabbit-infested district or not)”

Examined,—

F. T. HUMPHERY,  
Deputy 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.) Closer Settlement Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to authorise the acquisition for purposes of settlement of private lands or lands leased from the Crown, and to provide for dealing with and disposing of such lands,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 13th December, 1901.

W. J. TRICKETT,  
Deputy-President.

## CLOSER SETTLEMENT BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 13th December, 1901.

JOHN J. CALVERT,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 2, clause 2, line 3. *Omit* "Minister means Secretary for Lands"  
Pages 2 and 3, clauses 3, 4, 5, and 6. *Omit* clauses 3, 4, 5, and 6.  
Page 3, clause 7, line 45. *After* "and" *insert* "except as hereinafter provided"  
Page 4, clause 7, line 1. *After* "on" *omit* remainder of clause, *insert* "any of the following matters, namely—  
(a) The fair value of the land to the owner.  
(b) The suitability of the land for closer settlement.  
(c) The water supply to the land and to land in its neighbourhood.  
(d) The probability of the immediate lease of the land under the provisions of this Act.  
(e) The demand for land for closer and agricultural settlement in the neighbourhood of the land.  
(f) The area and character of Crown land available for closer or agricultural settlement in the neighbourhood of the land.  
(g) The value of the improvements on the land, and the distance from any means of access to the nearest railway station, port, or town.  
(h) The bona fides of any mortgage on the said land.  
(i) The valuation of such land as shown by the books of the Commissioners' of Taxation."
- Page 4. *After* clause 7 *insert* the following new clause:—  
Any inquiry under the last preceding section shall be made in open court in the same manner as an inquiry by the board under the Crown Lands Act of 1884 and any Act amending the same. Inquiry to be in open Court.
- The report of the board, so far only as it relates to the fair value of the land and the value of the improvements on the land and the bona fides of any mortgage, shall be subject to appeal to the Land Appeal Court by the owner of the land or the Minister in such manner and within such time as may be prescribed, not being less than one month after the report has been made.
- The finding of the Land Appeal Court, or, if no appeal is made, of the Board shall be final as to the said value of the land and of the improvements, and if the land is purchased no larger sum shall be paid for the purchase than the said value, which shall be subject to deduction in case of incomplete purchases from the Crown of the balances due to the Crown on such purchases.
- Page 4, clause 8, line 11. *Omit* "as aforesaid."  
Page 4, clause 8, lines 11 and 12. *Omit* "where the land is offered in consideration of the payment of a price"  
Page 4, clause 8, line 14. *Omit* "land"  
Page 4, clause 8, line 17. *After* "price" *insert* "Provided that at any time within two months of the determination by the board, or, on appeal, by the Court, of the price of the said land the owner thereof may, if the price so determined be less than the price named in such offer, in writing to the Minister, withdraw his offer to surrender the same to His Majesty"
- Page 4, clause 10, line 29. *Omit* "resumed or"  
Page 4, clause 10, line 31. *Omit* "compensation or as"  
Page 4, clause 10, line 33. *Omit* "resumption or"  
Page 4, clause 11, line 35. *Omit* "resumed or"  
Page 4, clause 12, line 44. *Omit* "resumed or"  
Page 5, clause 13, line 2. *Omit* "resumed or"  
Page 5, clause 13, line 13. *Omit* "resumed or"  
Page 5, clause 14, line 16. *Omit* "acquisition" *insert* "purchase"  
Page 8, clause 23, line 28. *Omit* "resumed or"  
Page 8, clause 25, line 41. *Omit* "resumed or"  
Page 9, clause 26, line 2. *Omit* "resumption or"

Examined,—

F. T. HUMPHREY,  
Deputy Chairman of Committees.

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

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## (3.) Western Lands Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to vest the management and control of that portion of New South Wales known as the Western Division in a board, to be called the Western Land Board; to grant extension of leases in the said division and tenant-right in certain improvements; and for all purposes necessary and incidental thereto*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 13th December, 1901.

W. J. TRICKETT,  
Deputy-President.

## WESTERN LANDS BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 13th December, 1901.

JOHN J. CALVERT,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 2, clause 2, line 3. *After* "leases" *insert* "leases of inferior lands"
- Page 2, clause 2, line 9. *After* "any" *insert* "application"
- Page 2, clause 2. At end of clause *add* "Provided that all vacant lands and lands the subject of annual lease or occupation license in the Western Division shall not (whether brought under this Act or not) be leased except under the provisions of this Act."
- (5) prevent the reservation or dedication, or the revocation wholly or in part of any reservation or dedication, made, before or after the commencement of this Act, of lands in the Western Division under the Crown Lands Acts, or the proclamation of any city, town, or village, or population area, or the definition or notification of suburban lands in the Western Division under such Acts as if this Act had not been passed.
- And provided always that, notwithstanding such repeal,—
- (a) all offences, penalties, and forfeitures committed or incurred before the commencement of this Act may be respectively tried, punished, enforced, and dealt with as if this Act had not been passed;
- (b) all rights accrued and obligations incurred or imposed under or by virtue of any of the said repealed enactments shall, subject to any express provisions of this Act in relation thereto, remain unaffected by such repeal.
- Page 2, clause 3, line 26. *After* "Acts" *insert* "and the terms 'occupation license,' 'scrub lease,' 'improvement lease,' 'homestead lease,' and 'lease of inferior lands' shall in this Act have the same meanings as they have in such Acts"
- Page 3, clause 4. At end of clause *add* "On and after the date proclaimed as aforesaid the local land boards as now constituted shall cease to have jurisdiction in the said Western Division."
- Page 3, clause 5, line 10. *Omit* "five" *insert* "seven"
- Page 3, clause 5, lines 10 and 11. *Omit* "on the expiration of such term they"
- Page 3, clause 5, lines 11 and 12. *Omit* "for a further term of five years"
- Page 3, clause 7, line 31. *After* "part" *insert* "and in which he is personally interested"
- Page 3, clause 7, line 32. *After* "any" *insert* "wilful"
- Page 4, clause 11. At end of clause *add* "Where any commissioner or such officer was, immediately before such appointment or employment, in the Public Service and subject to the provisions of the Public Service Act of 1895, such commissioner or officer, in case he retires from his employment under this Act, and it is thought fit to employ him again in the Public Service, may be so employed without examination or probation, and shall be entitled to the same rights as if his employment in such service, before and after his employment under this Act, had been continuous."
- Page 4, clause 12, line 15. *After* "lands" *insert* "within the Western Division"
- Page 4, clause 13, line 19. *After* "Any" *insert* "registered"
- Page 4, clause 13, line 20. *After* "lease" *insert* "or a lease of inferior lands"
- Page 4, clause 13, line 21. *After* "apply" *insert* "or in the event of any such holdings being mortgaged, then any owner of the equity of redemption in the same may also apply"
- Page 4, clause 13, line 28. *After* "lease" *insert* "or lease of inferior lands"
- Page 5, clause 14, line 15. *After* "decision" *insert* "if accepted"
- Page 5, clause 14, line 15. *After* "final" *insert* "But in the event of the mortgagee refusing to accept such decision by notice in writing to the Minister in that behalf within one month after such decision is announced he shall be deemed not to have made the application provided for in section thirteen"
- Page 5, clause 15, line 29. *Omit* "will" *insert* "shall"
- Page 5, clause 16, lines 33 and 34. *Omit* "Any extension granted under section fourteen and of any new lease" *insert* "all extended and new leases"
- Page 5, clause 16, lines 34 and 35. *Omit* "the provisions of section twenty-six" *insert* "this Act"
- Page 6, clause 17, line 1. *After* "The" *insert* "total"
- Page 6, clause 17, line 2. *After* "shall" *insert* "be in one block and shall"
- Page 6, clause 17, line 3. *Before* "lease" *insert* "original"
- Page 6, clause 17, line 4. *Omit* "of the Board" *insert* "by the Commissioners"
- Page 6, clause 17, line 9. *Omit* "Board" *insert* "Commissioners"
- Page 6, clause 17, line 12. *After* "improvements" *insert* "effected or paid for by him"
- Page 6, clause 17, line 14. *After* "periods" *insert* "and subject to such conditions"
- Page 6, clause 17, line 15. *After* "forfeiture" *insert* "by notification in the Government Gazette"
- Page 6, clause 18, line 23. *After* "forty-three" *insert* "except leases extended in accordance with the provisions of the preceding section"

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- Page 6, clause 18, line 26. *After* "covenants" *insert* "reservations and exemptions"
- Page 7, clause 19, line 7. *Omit* "and"
- Page 7, clause 19, line 23. *After* "term" *insert* "shall not"
- Page 7, clause 19, line 24. *Omit* "shall not"
- Page 7, clause 19, lines 29 to 32. *Omit* "on the prescribed form for reduction of rental or license fee, on leases or licenses current at the date of the passing of this Act" *insert* "under section fourteen of this Act"
- Page 7, clause 19, line 37. *After* "year" *insert* "next succeeding the year"
- Page 8, clause 19, line 12. *Omit* "manner aforesaid" *insert* "the prescribed manner"
- Page 8, clause 20, line 16. *After* "rent" *insert* "or other moneys due to the Crown under this Act"
- Page 8, clause 20, line 16. *After* "determine" *insert* "with or"
- Page 8, clause 22, line 30. *Omit* "eighteen" *insert* "nineteen"
- Page 8, clause 23. At end of clause *add* "which may be sued for in any Court of competent jurisdiction by the Crown or other the party entitled to be paid for such improvements"
- Page 9, clause 24, line 2. *Omit* "lands" *insert* "Crown lands in the Western Division"
- Page 9, clause 26, line 26. *Omit* "two" *insert* "four"
- Page 10, clause 28, line 4. *After* "Crown" *insert* "or others"
- Page 10, clause 29, line 7. *After* "any" *insert* "new or extended"
- Page 10, clause 29, line 12. *Omit* "fourteen" *insert* "twenty-four"
- Page 10, clause 29, line 13. *After* "centum" *insert* "per annum"
- Page 10, clause 29, line 14. *After* "money" *insert* "with any accrued interest"
- Page 10, clause 29, line 15. *Omit* "Minister" *insert* "Crown or the owner, as the case may be"
- Page 10, clause 29, lines 16 to 18. *Omit* "all improvements on any lease extended under this Act shall become the property of the Crown on the termination of such lease"
- Page 11, clause 31, line 1. *Omit* "their" *insert* "his"
- Page 11, clause 33, line 38. *After* "conditions" *insert* "including payment for improvements"
- Page 11, clause 34, line 41. *After* "thirty" *insert* "two"
- Page 12, clause 34, line 2. *After* "leases" *insert* "and"
- Page 12, Schedule A, line 27. *After* "covenants" *insert* "reservations and exceptions"
- Page 12, Schedule A, line 27. *Omit* "seventeen" *insert* "eighteen"
- Page 13, Schedule A, lines 17 and 18. *Omit* "in addition to the foregoing covenants, the following exceptions and reservations in favour of the Crown"
- Page 13, Schedule A, line 19. *Before* "all" *insert* "Reservation in favour of the Crown of"
- Page 13, Schedule A, line 23. *After* "any" *insert* "land for the purposes of roads or"
- Page 13, Schedule A, line 24. *Omit* "or part thereof from lease or license"
- Page 13, Schedule B, line 41. *After* "not" *insert* "and shall not during my term of office under such Act be"
- Page 13, Schedule B, lines 41 and 42. *Omit* "vested in the management of the Commissioners for the purposes of that" *insert* "in the Western Division in any matter which may arise in connection therewith under this"

Examined,—

F. T. HUMPHERY,  
Deputy 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.

## (4.) Moore Estate Act Further Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to further extend the powers given by the Moore Estate Act of 1879, and the Moore Estate Amendment Act of 1886, and to provide for the receipt, investment, and disposal of the proceeds of the resumption of certain lands, and in other respects to amend the said Acts.*"—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, 13th December, 1901.

W. J. TRICKETT,  
Deputy-President.

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

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

## (5.) Presbyterian Church Property Management Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the vesting of certain lands in certain trustees; to enable such trustees to mortgage, sell, or lease the said lands for certain purposes, and to make provision for the application of the moneys so acquired; and for other purposes.*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence; accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 13th December, 1901.

W. J. TRICKETT,  
Deputy-President.

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

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

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## (6.) Government Railways (Commissioner's Salary) Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to make further provision with respect to the salary of one of the Railway Commissioners,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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Sydney, 13th December, 1901.*

W. J. TRICKETT,  
Deputy-President.

27. MUNICIPALITIES (INCORPORATION VALIDATING) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with an amendment.  
On motion of Mr. See, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
28. SCAFFOLDING AND LIFTS BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Mr. Lee moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
29. HAY IRRIGATION (AMENDING) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Crick moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. Crick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. Crick, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
30. UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY (FISHER LIBRARY) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Perry, 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 erection of a Library within the grounds of the University of Sydney.  
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 erection of a Library within the grounds of the University of Sydney.  
On motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
31. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. See moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty minutes before Eleven o'clock, p.m., until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 17 DECEMBER, 1901.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Compensation for Resumption of Hotels in "The Rocks" Resumed Area :—*Mr. T. R. Smith*, for Mr. Power, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) How many hotels have received compensation from the Sydney Harbour Trust and the Rocks Resumption Board or any other board?

(2.) The names of the persons compensated and the amount of compensation?

Mr. See answered,—Six owners, viz. :—M. M. G. Ward (trustees of), John Robertson (trustees of), A. R. Yeend and D. H. Warby, Rebecca Wakefield, M. and R. Charlton, Edward John Edrop (trustees of). Two lessees, viz. :—C. A. C. Landenberg and Rebecca Milton.

- (2.) Supreme Court Judges :—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has he noticed a complaint in the Press to the effect that Supreme Court Judges in New South Wales are overworked, and that (according to Mr. Justice Stephen) they have to sit "almost continuously all the year round"?

(2.) How many Supreme Court Judges are there; what are their salaries per annum, and what expenses (if any) are they allowed?

(3.) What was the duration of each term during 1900; and how much time did the Judges of the Supreme Court spend in vacation?

(4.) Are the periods mentioned in answer to Question 3 approximately applicable to the average year?

(5.) What is to prevent the terms from being extended, so that public business may be expedited?

(6.) Will he afford this relief to litigants whose cases are left in a state of suspense, even though it prove necessary to make more appointments to the Bench?

Mr. See answered,—The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice has furnished me with the following replies :—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The Chief Justice, with salary £3,500 per annum, and six Puisne Judges, with salaries of £2,600 per annum each. When on Circuit each Judge receives £120 for travelling allowance, except the Judge who takes the Deniliquin Circuit, who receives £135 allowance.

(3.) There were four terms, of which the first lasted for three weeks, and the other three for five weeks each. In addition to this, there were fifteen weeks devoted to the hearing of Jury cases, and eight weeks to Circuit Court work. During the greater part of the terms there were two Full Courts sitting, which require five Judges at the least, and generally six. Eleven weeks were spent in vacation (eight in midsummer and three in midwinter). During vacation a Judge sits to dispose of matters, and with the exception of six weeks, all proceedings continue except the actual hearing of matters other than those dealt with by the Judge. Even during that six weeks, all proceedings can be taken except in actions wherein damages are claimed.

(4.) Yes.

(5.) The terms are immediately followed by the sittings for trial of Jury cases. When possible, terms are extended, as was done twice in 1900, and again this year; and each year a week, which had been kept for the Judges to consider reserved judgments, was given up to sitting in Court for the hearing of cases.

(6.) The matter will receive careful consideration.

(3.)

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(3.) Person who Reported Dr. Bernstein for certain Disloyal Utterances :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What was the name of the person who some time since reported Dr. Bernstein, of Lismore, Coroner and Government Medical Officer, for certain disloyal utterances of his; as a consequence, was an investigation conducted by Acting-Judge Heydon, the outcome being that Dr. Bernstein resigned the official position above alluded to?

(2.) Is this person who reported Dr. Bernstein identical with a person of the same name for whose arrest a warrant has been issued on a charge of misappropriating the sum of £2,600, the property of an insurance company for whom he was acting as the Lismore agent?

(3.) Do the authorities possess any knowledge as to the present whereabouts of the person referred to?

(4.) Is it known whether or not he enlisted in one of the Contingents which went to South Africa about the time he left Lismore?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) Herbert Hugh Morrell, life insurance agent at Lismore, made the complaint which resulted as stated.

(2.) There is no record of such a warrant.

(3 and 4.) No.

(4.) Brewers' License Fee :—Mr. Quinn asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is a license fee exacted from brewers by both the State and Federal Treasurers?

(2.) If so, why are the double fees demanded?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) Brewers are required to pay a license fee to the State Treasury under section 71 of the Liquor Act of 1898.

(2.) The Commonwealth Beer Excise Act provides for the issue of a license by the Federal Government.

(5.) Repairing Streets of Randwick :—Mr. Eden George, for Mr. McGowen, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What amount of money has been expended by the Works Department upon ballasting Avoca-street, Randwick?

(2.) Is it a fact that the land on either side of Avoca-street does not belong to the Government, and being unimproved land, the Council of Randwick receives no revenue therefrom, while Orange-street, Randwick, which has improved property on one side and unsold Government land on the other, has received no attention from either the Government or the Council?

(3.) Will he take steps to have Orange-street, which benefits Government land, from Earl-street to Darley-road, ballasted?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) £400.

(2 and 3.) The whole of the land abutting on Avoca and Orange Streets is either alienated or reserved for specific purposes. Some portion formed part of the old Centennial Park allotments, and carried with them obligations to control streets. Orange-street was formed last year by the Department, because the purchasers of Crown land there have a right to consideration of this character; but the question of ballasting this street is not contemplated at present.

(6.) Moss Vale and Nowra Waterworks :—Mr. Nobbs, for Mr. Morton, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What were the respective estimates of cost of the Moss Vale and Nowra waterworks?

(2.) What were the actual amounts expended in connection with each?

(3.) Why was a remission of £4,352 made to the Moss Vale Council?

(4.) Is he aware that the Nowra Municipal Council has been charged a very large amount in excess of the estimate?

(5.) Will he cause steps to be taken by which the Nowra Municipal Council will receive the same just treatment that has been meted out to Moss Vale and other councils in the State?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) Estimated cost of Moss Vale Waterworks, £14,129 6s. 9d.; estimated cost of Nowra Waterworks, £9,650.

(2.) *Moss Vale Waterworks*.—Actual amount expended on works to the 30th June, 1898, £16,349 2s. 3d. *Nowra Waterworks*.—Actual amount expended on works to the 30th June, 1896, £12,592 15s. 10d.

(3.) The amount was remitted by the Governor and Executive Council upon the recommendation of the Honorable J. H. Young, when Minister for Works, in order that the cost should be reduced to such an amount, viz., £13,000, as would be within the power of the municipal district to pay.

(4.) The original estimate for Nowra was £9,650. Whilst the works were in progress the Council asked for additions to the scheme, costing £1,710 10s. 11d., and the interest accrued prior to gazetting of debt amounted to £1,061 7s. 8d., making a total of £12,421 18s. 7d., so that actually the estimate was only exceeded by £170 17s. 3d.

(5.) I can make no promise at present, as other similar requests are now under consideration.

(7.) Amended Municipalities Act :—Mr. Collins asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the fact that he is unable to introduce the Amended Municipalities Act this Session, will he consider the advisableness of inviting a conference of some of the best country Council Clerks during the recess, to consider the Bill and suggest any amendments that may be thought necessary in regard to country interests?

Mr. See answered,—I have no objection to my honorable friend's proposition. I shall be glad to afford every facility for inquiry on so important a subject.

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- (8.) Central Division Lands:—Mr. Collins asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) When does he purpose introducing an amended Land Bill to deal with the Central Division lands?
  - (2.) In such a Bill, will he provide for increasing the areas of settlement leases and homestead selections for future settlement; and for allowing present holders to increase their holdings by purchasing their adjoining neighbours out in the event of Crown lands not being available for such a purpose?
- Mr. Bennett* answered,—A Bill dealing with the Central and Eastern Divisions is now in course of preparation, and will be proceeded with next Session. Provision will be made for increased areas where necessary to support a family. In the meantime, the existing law will be administered with a view to keeping present *bona-fide* holders on their land, and offering inducements to settlers of a like character to acquire land.
- (9.) Cases *in re* Darling Harbour Resumption:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) In view of the complaints made in this House, per motion for adjournment, regarding the large and expensive bar employed to represent the Crown in the Darling Harbour resumption cases now being heard, will he be good enough to state the reasons why Mr. Wise, the Attorney-General, and Mr. Pollock, Solicitor-General, have not appeared personally to oppose the claims of plaintiffs?
  - (2.) Is this not one of the functions of the gentlemen named?
  - (3.) What is the estimated daily cost to the Crown in the matter of fees to counsel in the particular case now being heard?
- Mr. See* answered,—The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice furnishes me with the following replies:—
- (1 and 2.) To appear for the Crown in civil cases, though permitted to the Attorney-General and Solicitor-General, has not been part of their duties for many years.
  - (3.) Seventy-five guineas.
- (10.) Bubonic Plague:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) In the interest of science, and for the information of the public, will he cause to be laid upon the Table of this House a full report of the history, symptoms, and treatment of the fatal case of bubonic plague (James Ernest Dorrington) that took place suddenly at Waverley early on Wednesday last, the 11th instant?
  - (2.) Will he also obtain from the Board of Health a report explaining the reason for the recent outbreak of two sporadic cases of bubonic plague in our midst (one of which died), and the probability of the disease spreading or becoming epidemic during the hot weather of summer?
- Mr. See* answered,—A full report on the subject will be presented in due course.
- (11.) Anthropological Measurement of Public School Children:—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that two members of the medical profession are at present engaged in making an anthropological measurement or examination of 20,000 children belonging to the public schools in Sydney; if so, for what reason, and upon whose authority?
  - (2.) The names of the persons at present engaged in the performance of this special work, and the amount of fees (if any) that each are receiving respectively?
- Mr. Perry* answered,—
- (1.) It is impossible within the limits of an answer to a Question to explain the reasons for taking measurements of children. A report is being prepared by the Statistician for the information of the Honorable the Chief Secretary; this report will be ready very shortly, and will contain full particulars in regard to the question of child measurement. This report will be available for the Honorable Member's perusal. I approve of the investigations being made.
  - (2.) At present no persons are engaged on the work, but Dr. H. J. W. Brennand and Dr. Mary Booth were formerly employed, under instructions from the Statistician's Department. They received 25s. per diem when occupied.
- (12.) Appointment of Chief Justice:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- When does Chief Justice Darley intend to leave the State for England; and is it proposed to temporarily, or otherwise, appoint Mr. B. R. Wise, Attorney-General, to fill the vacant position?
- Mr. See* answered,—The Chief Justice has not yet intimated when he desires to leave for England. The matter of filling the position during his absence has not been considered.
- (13.) Leave of Absence to Inspectors of Public Works:—*Mr. T. R. Smith*, for Mr. Thomson, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Are inspectors of public works and other officers on the temporary staff entitled to annual leave; if not, why?
- Mr. O'Sullivan* answered,—They are allowed leave of absence after twelve months' continuous service.
- (14.) Pension to Mr. Joseph Barling:—*Mr. T. R. Smith*, for Mr. Gillies, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it intended to proceed further with the project of paying out of the public funds the sum of £308, payable by Mr. Joseph Barling to secure his pension at full rate?
  - (2.) Has Mr. Barling exhibited the same regard for the public funds in negotiating his own terms of retirement that he has always exhibited when dealing with the interests of others in his capacity as a member of the Public Service Board?

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- Mr. See answered,—
- (1.) I would invite the attention of the Honorable Member to the replies given on the 4th and 11th instant to Questions on this subject.
- (2.) I will presently lay upon the Table of this House the statement promised by me regarding Mr. Barling's case in connection with his pension rights.
- (15.) Homes for Inebriates :—Mr. Cohen asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has the Government yet established any homes for inebriates, or licensed any places where inebriates may be sent, in accordance with the Inebriates Act, 1900?
- Mr. See answered,—Steps are being taken in this direction, and money has been voted for the object
2. LIQUOR TRAFFIC :—The following Petitions,—praying the House to pass into law a measure embodying the following provisions :—(1) extension of the existing local option law ; (2) earlier hours of closing ; (3) effective Sunday closing ; (4) non-employment of barmaids ; (5) closing of public-houses on election days ; (6) prohibition of sale of liquor to young people under seventeen years of age,—were presented by the Members named,—
- (1.) By Mr. T. R. Smith, for Mr. Frank Farnell,—From W. H. Kells, Chairman of a meeting of members of "Light of Ryde," No. 839, Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Ryde.
- (2.) By Mr. T. R. Smith, for Mr. Frank Farnell,—From Charles Foreman, Chairman of a meeting of members of the "Happy Home" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Drummoyne. Petitions received.
3. WAGGA WAGGA CATTLE-DRIVING BILL :—Mr. Gormly, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and evidence taken before the Select Committee, for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 22nd October, 1901, together with Appendix.
- Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Gormly then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday next.
- Question put and passed.
4. UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY (FISHER LIBRARY) BILL :—Mr. O'Sullivan, pursuant to leave granted on 13th December, 1901, a.m., presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the erection of a Library within the grounds of the University of Sydney ; and for other purposes,*"—which was read a first time.
- Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
5. PAPERS :—
- Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Return to an Order, made on 23rd October, 1901,—"*Remodelling of 'The Rocks' Resumed Area.*"
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- (2.) Report of the Department of Public Works for the year ended 30th June, 1901.
- Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. See laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Statement of Mr. Joseph Barling with regard to his pension rights.
- (2.) Minutes of Proceedings, Evidence, and Appendices taken before the Royal Commission of the working of the Moore-street Improvement Acts.
- (3.) By-law of the Borough of North Sydney.
- (4.) By-law of the Municipal District of Wentworth.
- (5.) Public Service List for the year 1901.
- (6.) Information respecting the Rocks Resumptions.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
6. INVERELL GAS, COKE, COAL, AND ELECTRIC LIGHTING COMPANY (LIMITED) BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. McIntyre moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That the Inverell Gas, Coke, Coal, and Electric Lighting Company (Limited) Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Sec, Mr. Pyers, Mr. Levy, Mr. Daley, Mr. Davis, Mr. Williams, Mr. Dick, Mr. Thomson, and the Mover.
- Question put and passed.
7. BREAD VENDORS BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. E. M. Clark moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the registration of bread vendors ; and for purposes incidental thereto.
- Question put and passed.
8. "THE ROCKS" RESUMED AREA (*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 number of claims paid to owners of wharfs and other properties within the wharfs and "Rocks" resumption areas.
- (2.) The names of the persons who have been paid, and the amounts, respectively.
- Question put and passed.
9. MUNICIPALITIES (INCORPORATION VALIDATING) BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Sec, read a third time, and passed.
- Mr. Sec then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An act to amend the law with respect to proclamations incorporating municipalities ; and to amend the Municipalities Act, 1897.*"
- 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 with respect to proclamations incorporating municipalities ; and to amend the Municipalities Act, 1897,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
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10. HAY IRRIGATION (AMENDING) BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Crick, read a third time, and *passed*.  
Mr. Crick then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Hay Irrigation Act and the Hay Irrigation (Amendment) Act, 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 the Hay Irrigation Act and the Hay Irrigation (Amendment) Act, 1896,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.  
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11. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Agricultural Holdings Bill postponed until Thursday next.
12. DISMISSAL OF JAMES STEPHEN INCH FROM THE PUBLIC SERVICE:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Debate on this subject discharged, on motion of Mr. Affleck.
13. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:—Mr. See explained the action of the Government in reference to the proposed sites for the Federal Capital.
14. PAPER:—Mr. See laid upon the Table,—Papers respecting Federal Capital Sites,—and moved, That the Documents be printed.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
15. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until To-morrow:—  
(1.) Legal Profession Amalgamation Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Frank Farnell.*]  
(2.) Trade Union Amending Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Kelly.*]  
(3.) Servants Registry Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate charges made by registry offices in regard to obtaining employment for servants, and for the registration and regulation of such offices. [*Mr. Anderson.*]  
(4.) Moore Estate Act Further Amendment Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading. [*Mr. Nobbs.*]  
(5.) District Courts Act Amendment Bill; second reading. [*Mr. McIntyre.*]

*And it being Seven o'clock, p.m., Government Business only proceeded with, under Sessional Order adopted on 6th November, 1901.*

16. TREASURY INDEMNITY BILL:—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 to indemnify the Colonial Treasurer, the Officers of the Treasury, and other persons, in respect of certain unauthorised withdrawals and payments from the Public Account in the Banks keeping such account.  
Question put and passed.
17. TREASURY BILLS DEFICIENCY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Waddell moved, That this Bill be "now" read a third time.  
Mr. Lee moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out the word "now" with a view to adding the words "this day six months."  
Question proposed—That the word proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put,—That the word proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 58.

Mr. MacMahon,	Mr. Law,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. See,	Mr. Clara,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Webster,
Mr. Hayee,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Brindsley Hall,
Mr. Daniel O'Connor,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Scobio,	Mr. Quinn,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. John Hurley,
Mr. Macdonell,	Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Samuel Smith,
Mr. Henry Clark,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Thomson,	Mr. W. F. Hurley,
Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. Gillics,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Willis,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Estell,
Mr. Evans,	Mr. Carroll,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Dight,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Williams,	Mr. Meagher,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Sleath,
Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. Eden George.
Mr. Burgess,	
Mr. McIntyre,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Collins,	Mr. Broughton,
Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Rose.

Noes, 26.

Mr. Newman,
Mr. Jessop,
Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Levy,
Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. David Storey,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Coleman,
Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Davidson,
Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Affleck,
Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Bruncker,
Mr. Dick,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Price,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Morton.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Muckenzie,
Mr. Nobbs.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

Mr. Waddell then moved, that the title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Treasury Bills Deficiency Act, 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 amend the Treasury Bills Deficiency Act, 1900,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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

(1.) Manly Water Supply and Sewerage Transfer Bill,—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to vest certain works of water supply and property and certain sewerage works at Manly in the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage; to validate certain things done in carrying out such sewerage works in excess of the authority in that behalf; and for purposes consequent on or incidental to those objects,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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W. J. TRICKETT,  
Deputy-President.

(2.) Little Bay Penitentiary and Prison Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction and authorise the erection of a penitentiary and prison for females near Randwick; and for other purposes,*" returns the same to the Legislative Assembly, without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 17th December, 1901.

W. J. TRICKETT,  
Deputy-President.

19. RABBIT BILL:—The order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Crick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

On motion of Mr. Crick, 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 deal with the rabbit pest; to authorise certain advances in connection therewith; and for other purposes incidental thereto.*"

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20. CLOSER SETTLEMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Crick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

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

Mr. Crick then moved 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 authorise the acquisition for purposes of settlement of private lands or lands leased from the Crown, and to provide for dealing with and disposing of such lands.*"

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Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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21. WESTERN LANDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Crick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

On motion of Mr. Crick, 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 vest the management and control of that portion of New South Wales known as the Western Division in a board, to be called the Western Land Board; to grant extension of leases in the said division and tenant-right in certain improvements; and for all purposes necessary and incidental thereto.*"

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Sydney, 18th December, 1901, a.m.

22. APPROPRIATION BILL:—

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time:

- (2.) Bill read a third time (after Debate), and, on motion of Mr. Waddell, passed:—

Mr. Waddell 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, 1901, to the 30th day of June, 1902, inclusive of both dates, and to adjust the vote 'Advance to Treasurer, 1900-1901,' for supplementary charges during the period from 1st July, 1900, to 30th June, 1901, inclusive of both dates, and to cover payments charged to 'Expenditure Suspense Account' for Services of the year 1900-1901; 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, 1901, to the 30th day of June, 1902, inclusive of both dates, and to adjust the vote 'Advance to Treasurer, 1900-1901,' for supplementary charges during the period from 1st July, 1900, to 30th June, 1901, inclusive of both dates, and to cover payments charged to 'Expenditure Suspense Account' for Services of the year 1900-1901; 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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23. LOAN BILL:—

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

Debate ensued.

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

Debate ensued.

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

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

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

- (2.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Waddell, passed.

Mr. Waddell then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to authorise the raising of a Loan for the Public Service of the State, 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 State, and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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24. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS (*Extension of the Pymont Bridge*):—  
 Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient that the proposed works in extension of the Pymont Bridge, now in course of construction, 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.
25. PYRMONT BRIDGE EXTENSION BILL:—  
 (1.) Mr. O'Sullivan (*by consent*) moved without Notice, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the carrying out of works in extension of the Pymont Bridge; and for other purposes.  
 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. Price, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.  
 Ordered, on motion of the Temporary 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 works in extension of the Pymont Bridge, 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 carrying out of works in extension of the Pymont Bridge; and for other purposes*,"—which was read a first time.  
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
26. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. See moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question put and passed.
- The House adjourned accordingly, at five minutes before Eight o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m., This Day.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 18 DECEMBER, 1901.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Judge Docker's Address to a Jury at Forbes:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has he yet received a report with reference to the utterances attributed to Judge Docker regarding a jury at Forbes, and which he last week promised to obtain?

Mr. See answered,—A report has been furnished by Judge Docker on this matter.

(2.) Police Force:—Mr. Whiddon asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Will he cause inquiries to be made in the Police Department as to the necessity for an additional man at the Bourke-street, Surry Hills, Police Station, in view of the fact that it has often occurred where assistance has been required, or telephoned for, in the neighbourhood, the officer-in-charge has replied, "Having no one to relieve him, he could not attend"?

(2.) Having informed this House last week that he intended strengthening the Force up to the full number voted for, will he have any objection to recommend the appointment of this additional officer, seeing that the necessity was recognised when the late Inspector Bremner was in charge of the Darlinghurst Division?

Mr. See answered,—The Inspector-General of Police has furnished the following information:—

(1.) Station constables cannot leave their posts, but two on duty together are unnecessary. The duty police report constantly at the station in case they may be required.

(2.) An additional constable will be allotted to the locality.

(3.) Civilian Rifle Clubs:—Mr. W. F. Hurley, for Mr. Brinsley Hall, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he use his best endeavours to have the Civilian Rifle Clubs of this State supplied with up-to-date rifles?

Mr. See answered,—This is a matter that concerns the Federal Government, but I am informed by the General Officer Commanding that 303 M.E. rifles are now being prepared for issue to Civilian Rifle Clubs.

(4.) Congress held in Berlin and England on Tuberculosis:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—In view of the Congress lately held in Berlin and England, &c., on the important question of tuberculosis, has the Department of Agriculture received any report of the decision arrived at by the said Congress; if so, will he cause a copy of the same to be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Kidd answered,—No special report of the proceedings of the Congresses mentioned has been received by the Department, but information as to their proceedings has appeared in the various scientific journals and in the public Press.

(5.) Public School Teachers:—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Upon whose authority are life assurance agents allowed to call during school hours on public school teachers, soliciting applications for life assurance?

(2.) Is it optional or compulsory for public school teachers to have their lives insured, and for what reason, seeing that hundreds of them are at present barely able to live on the petty salaries they are now receiving?

Mr. Perry answered,—

(1.) No authority has been given.

(2.) It is compulsory under the regulations of the Public Service Board.

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(6.) Rabbits in the Wellington District :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines—

(1.) Did the Stock Inspector at Molong, and by whose authority, lately visit Wellington to report on the alleged outbreak of disease among rabbits in that locality, and what was the result of his visit and inspection; and will the Minister cause a copy of his report to be laid upon the Table of this House?

(2.) Is he aware that large numbers of stock belonging to settlers in the interior have lately been killed through eating phosphorised pollard scattered indiscriminately on travelling stock routes and commons, &amp;c., for the destruction of rabbits; and will he see that steps are taken to have this dangerous practice put a stop to?

(3.) Has he received any reports from country stock inspectors or others of the danger arising from the indiscriminate use of phosphorised pollard and the excessive heat of the weather acting on the phosphorus and setting the bush on fire; and will he see that the practice is put a stop to?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

(1.) Yes; by my authority, in order to obtain the necessary information to reply to a Question asked in Parliament whether the rumor that disease was destroying the rabbits in the Wellington district was correct; and the result of his personal inquiry was, that he could hear of no disease among rabbits in that district. A copy of his report will be laid on the Table of this House.

(2.) I am aware that there have been some deaths among travelling sheep through their eating phosphorised pollard which had been laid on travelling stock reserves by the lessees of these reserves for destruction of rabbits. This is a matter not within my control; but the practice is not likely to continue, as the lessees have been held responsible.

(3.) Reports have been received of fires being occasioned by phosphorised pollard. They have been caused through the phosphorus being imperfectly dissolved. When it is properly dissolved in bisulphide of carbon, there is no risk. Owners have been fully cautioned on the subject by pamphlets issued by the Department, giving directions how to prepare the poisoned baits.

(7.) Civil Service Co-operative Society :—Mr. Haynes asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Referring to the replies to Question No. 4, in the "Votes and Proceedings" of the 10th December, if the Civil Service Co-operative Society is not a public society, will he be good enough to say—as it is now pointed out to him that there are several scores of non-Civil Servants registered as its shareholders—how it was that two gentlemen, one a soft-goods man, certainly a Government contractor, and the other the secretary of an insurance company, were at one time directors of this Society, and that in several instances a clerk in an auctioneering firm successfully carried motions securing the Board bonuses of £300, as a shareholder?

(2.) Are there any Civil Servants, in addition to Messrs. Beaver and Sinclair, directors of public societies, receiving fees?

(3.) If not, is there any special reason why the two Civil Servants to whom reference is made should be directors of the Civil Service Co-operative Society?

(4.) In what branch of the Civil Service are these two employed?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) I am informed that during the past twenty years no persons other than Civil Servants have acted as directors of the Civil Service Co-operative Society.

(2.) I am not aware.

(3.) By virtue of section 64 of the Public Service Act, 1895, public servants are entitled to hold office as directors of the society in question.

(4.) Mr. Beaver, in the Department of the Attorney-General and of Justice; Mr. Sinclair, in the Department of the Treasury.

(8.) Railway Revenue :—Mr. Nobbs, for Mr. Mackenzie, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that the revenue from Sydenham to Marrickville line of railway is credited to the Illawarra, and the revenue to the Canterbury racecourse is credited to Summer Hill, and the working expenses of both is debited to the Belmore line; if so, why?

Mr. See answered,—I am informed that it is not a fact.

(9.) Bubonic Rat Plague :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) How are the ordinary public to distinguish between rats that are healthy from those dying from disease or bubonic rat plague?

(2.) How does the bubonic plague originate or attack rats, and what symptoms do rats suffer from that are attacked with this disease, and how are the public to distinguish the difference between healthy and diseased or plague-stricken rats?

(3.) Will the Board of Health furnish some information for the guidance of the public on these points?

Mr. See answered,—It is considered that persons lacking pathological knowledge would not be able to distinguish between plague and other diseases of the rat by means of any descriptive pamphlet. The course now followed of encouraging the general public to report the occurrence of any sickness or mortality amongst rats, with a view to its investigation by the skilled officers of the Department of Public Health, is believed to be the only practicable means of detecting the existence of plague amongst these animals.

(10.) Case of William Stafford :—Mr. Nobbs, for Mr. Mackenzie, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has he received William Stafford's reports of the 11th June, the 2nd October, and the 28th November, 1901, in reply to Questions asked in this House on the 10th July, 1900, regarding his, William Stafford's, case, and claim upon the Police Superannuation Fund?

(2.) Is it a fact those reports are signed "William Stafford, Mounted Police Sergeant, until 'legally discharged'?"

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- (3.) If Stafford was justly disgraced and legally dismissed, why is it that he has not been prosecuted under section 17 of the Police Regulation Act of 1862 for personating a police sergeant contrary to that Act, with intent to obtain money illegally from the Government?
- (4.) Is he aware that the reports upon which Stafford was dismissed were proved before the Select Committee to be unfounded and untrue?
- (5.) Will he adopt either of the two courses, viz., to either give effect to the findings and recommendation of the Select Committee, adopted by Parliament, or direct the Inspector-General of Police to proceed against Stafford for personating a police sergeant with intent, &c.?
- Mr. See answered,—
- (1 and 2.) Yes.
- (3.) Stafford has not rendered himself liable in that respect.
- (4.) I am not aware.
- (5.) I am not prepared to direct either course.
- (11.) Public Servants' Appeals:—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick*, for Mr. Gillies, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is he aware that, in June last, a number of appeals from Civil Servants were lodged with the Public Service Board?
- (2.) Has the Board dealt with all such appeals; if not, will he take steps to urge the Public Service Board to deal with the appeals in question, and thus relieve the minds of appellants?
- Mr. See answered,—I would invite the attention of the Honorable Member to replies given to Questions on this subject on the 4th and 11th instant.
- (12.) Bubonic Plague:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Will he obtain from the Board of Health a report as to the difference between rat bubonic plague bacillus and the bacillus of anthrax, carbuncle ferreo, malignant pustule or charbon, &c., arising from these diseases or blood poison?
- (2.) Whether plague, first described by Homer in the first book of "Iliad," and the sixth plague of Egyptians, were or were not manifestations of the same disease called rat bubonic plague, now alleged to exist in our midst, is not in reality one and the same disease called anthrax, &c., a disease of late years so prevalent in our midst, that existed in the time of the Egyptians, and not actual plague at all?
- Mr. See answered,—
- (1.) There appears to be no need for the special report asked for, as the bacilli mentioned are fully described in available text-books on bacteriology.
- (2.) Ancient writings, such as those mentioned, are not sufficiently precise to admit of definite opinion as to the nature of the disease described. Many different diseases, e.g., smallpox, syphilis, leprosy, anthrax, and true plague were included under the general term "plague." What is generally accepted as the first authentic record of the disease now known as bubonic plague was written by the physician Rufus about the time of the Christian era. Anthrax and plague are two entirely different diseases, easily distinguished by modern methods of observation.
- (13.) Consolidation of the Statutes:—*Mr. Latimer* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What amount has been paid, up to date, to barristers employed in connection with the consolidation of the Statutes?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—The amount paid to date is £10,665 1s. 6d.
- (14.) Roads and Bridges Expenditure:—*Mr. Affleck* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Was the statement made by the Colonial Treasurer, on Thursday night last, true—that the road vote expended for the year 1900-1901 was £568,357?
- (2.) If that sum was not correct, how much out of the £700,000 voted last financial year was actually expended on the roads and bridges of the State?
- (3.) Was the sum voted for roads and bridges for the year 1900-1901 really £700,000?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—
- (1.) The amount stated is the expenditure for the year 1899-1900. I might add the year mentioned by me was 1900.
- (2.) The expenditure during the year 1900-1901 was £696,102.
- (3.) Yes.
- (15.) Western Lands Commission:—*Mr. Affleck* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Does the £2,350 paid for the expenses of the Western Lands Commission represent the total cost of that Commission, exclusive of printing; if not, how much has yet to be paid on account of the same?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—No; the sum mentioned does not represent the total cost. The total cost will, I am informed, amount to £3,226 2s. 7d., and of this sum, about £80 remains to be paid. The figures given are exclusive of printing.
- (16.) Unemployed Compositors:—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In view of the fact that a large number of compositors in the city are unemployed, will he see if some temporary employment, to enable them to earn a few shillings before Christmas, cannot be provided for them at the Government Printing Office?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—The services of about forty men could be utilised for a few nights before Christmas at the usual rate of pay, 1s. 4½d. per hour, or 5s. 6d. per night. In the day-time the staff is already so large that there is neither plant nor space available for any increase.
- (17.) Co-operative Coupon Company:—*Mr. Young* asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) In view of serious allegations made against the so-called Co-operative Coupon Company, will he appoint, for the protection of the public, a Royal Commission to inquire into its dealings, as has been done in three of the States of the Commonwealth?
- (2.)

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(2.) Will he give instructions to the Inspector-General of Police to prevent four private detectives from Cooke's private inquiry office shadowing and harassing ex-employees of the company who have no further desire to be identified with the devious doings of this company?

(3.) Is it a fact that in Balmain grocers who refused to use the coupons of this company were threatened by one Goddard, manager of the company, with opposition, by the starting of a rival grocery?

(4.) Is it a fact that a grocery was so started, and allegations made by Goddard that he had £20,000 grocery capital in his company when, as a matter of fact, not £200 has been put in?

(5.) In view of this impudent attempt to coerce and interfere with struggling shopkeepers, will he take immediate steps for a Royal Commission as aforesaid?

Mr. See answered,—Inquiries will at once be made, and upon receipt of reports the matter will be considered.

(18.) Retired Public Servants:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. Lonsdale, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that, when any of the officers who were retired by the Public Service Board and received a gratuity, if they received an appointment, they have to repay such gratuities?

(2.) Was this course declared illegal?

(3.) Will he at once take steps to have such amounts that were deducted illegally repaid to such officers?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) Yes; from the Advance Vote, when the Appropriation Act has been attended to.

(19.) Government Work carried out by Hudson Brothers:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. Lonsdale, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What is the value and class of work now being carried out by Hudson Brothers for the Government of New South Wales?

(2.) When will such work be completed?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I have no information as to the work entrusted to the firm named by the various Government Departments.

(20.) Examination of Pupil-teachers:—*Mr. Gilbert* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Were the examination papers at the late examination of pupil-teachers for all classes based upon "Henry V"—the text-book prescribed for 1902—instead of the "Lady of the Lake"—the text-book for 1901; if so, why?

(2.) As this presses seriously on all pupil-teachers, and especially on those sitting for admission to the Training Colleges, will he have fresh papers prepared on the proper text-book for the year, and allow pupil-teachers a further opportunity of examination in this subject?

Mr. Perry answered,—I will make inquiries, and let the Honorable Member know.

2. LIQUOR TRAFFIC:—The following Petitions,—praying the House to pass into law a measure embodying the following provisions:—(1) extension of the existing local option law; (2) earlier hours of closing; (3) effective Sunday closing; (4) non-employment of barmaids; (5) closing of public-houses on election days; (6) prohibition of sale of liquor to young people under seventeen years of age,—were presented by the Members named,—

(1.) By Mr. Broughton—From T. Lumley, D.C.R., Chairman of a quarterly meeting of the District Council of the Independent Order of Rechabites, held in the Queen's Hall, Pitt-street.

(2.) By Mr. McFarlane—From certain members of the "Rock of Refuge" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars and others at Maclean.

Petitions received.

3. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—*Mr. Gormly* (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Printing Committee have leave to sit during the sittings of the House for the remainder of the present Session.

Question put and passed.

4. PAPERS:—

Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order, made on 3rd September, 1901,—“Liquor Traffic.”

(2.) Particulars of Rolling Stock, the expenditure on which is to be charged to the item of £350,000 on the Loan Estimates, 1901–1902.

(3.) Memorandum by the Railway Commissioners in regard to the providing of Grain Sheds. Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table,—

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

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

(2.) Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, Appendices, and Plans, relating to the proposed Graving Dock for Newcastle.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Perry laid upon the Table,—

(1.) By-laws of the Manly Free Public Library.

(2.) Return to an Order, made on 22nd October, 1901,—“Charges against the Rev. Father ‘Curran.’”

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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Mr. See laid upon the Table,—Report on Tuberculosis by J. A. Beattie, Medical Superintendent, Government Hospital and Asylum, Liverpool.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Bennett 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 Crown Lands reserved from sale for the preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 101st and 112th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(4.) 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, Town, and Villages, declared under the 4th and 101st sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(6.) Statement showing reasons for granting special leave of absence, on full pay, to Mr. William Gommell, Department of Lands.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. BREAD VENDORS BILL:—Mr. E. M. Clark, pursuant to leave granted on 17th December, 1901, presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to provide for the registration of bread vendors; and for purposes incidental thereto.*”—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

6. INVERELL GAS, COKE, COAL, AND ELECTRIC LIGHTING COMPANY (LIMITED) BILL:—Mr. McIntyre, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 17th December, 1901.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. McIntyre moved, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Question put and passed.

7. ROYAL COMMISSION ON THE WESTERN LANDS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Haynes moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider an Address to the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates a sum of money to meet the expenses of the members of the Royal Commission on the Western Lands.

Question put and passed.

8. THE DREDGE “ALPHA” (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Meagher moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—

(1.) The number of days worked by the dredge “Alpha” since her arrival on the Tweed River.

(2.) The number of hours worked per diem.

(3.) The number of days she has been idle through breakdowns and like causes.

Question put and passed.

9. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Drainage Promotion Act Amendment Bill postponed until To-morrow.

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

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to enable the trustees of the will of the late William Franklin Whitney to sell, give credit on sale, mortgage, partition, divide, exchange, lease, grant mining leases, make applications under the Mining on Private Lands Act, and make applications to bring land under the Real Property Act; and for other purposes.*”—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence; accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

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Deputy-President.

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

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

11. SEAT OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT UNDER THE FEDERAL CONSTITUTION ACT:—Mr. Carruthers moved, without Notice, pursuant to Standing Order No. 395, That it is a matter of urgent necessity that the House should forthwith consider the expediency of discussing the question of the seat of Federal Government under the Federal Constitution Act.

*Point of Order*:—Mr. Meagher submitted that this motion could not be entertained to the exclusion of Notices for the adjournment of the House handed in under Standing Order No. 49. Debate ensued.

*And it being Seven o'clock, p.m., Government Business only proceeded with, under Sessional Order adopted on 6th November, 1901.*

Mr. Speaker said that if he were to uphold the Point of Order the effect would be to nullify Standing Order No. 395, which gives Honorable Members the right of an appeal to the House. In his opinion, it was competent under that Standing Order, and in accordance with previous practice, for a Member to move the suspension of the Standing Orders to discuss even a matter of which he had given no previous notice, the question of urgency being first decided by the House.

Notwithstanding the requirement of the Sessional Order as to Government Business, he should now put the question of urgency, and let the House decide the matter. Question

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Question put,—That it is a matter of urgent necessity that the House should forthwith consider the expediency of discussing the question of the seat of Federal Government under the Federal Constitution Act.

The House divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Whiddon,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Mackenzie.
Mr. Carruthers,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Affleck,	Mr. Jessep.
Mr. Phillips,	
Mr. David Storey,	
Mr. Bruncker,	
Mr. Morton,	
Mr. Fallick,	
Mr. Moore,	
Mr. Law,	
Mr. Mahony,	
Mr. Levy,	
Mr. McCoy,	
Mr. John Hurley,	
Mr. Wood,	
Mr. Millard,	
Mr. Latimer,	

Noes, 38.

Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. McIntyre,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Dight,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Edcn George,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Samuel Smith,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Archer,
Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Walsh,
Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Crick,
Mr. Daniel O'Connor,	Mr. Slcath.
Mr. McGowen,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Meagher,
Mr. Macdonell,	Mr. Arthur Griffith.
Mr. T. R. Smith,	

And so it passed in the negative.

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

(1.) Hay Irrigation (Amending) Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Hay Irrigation Act and the Hay Irrigation (Amendment) Act, 1896,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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W. J. TRICKETT,  
Deputy-President.

(2.) Treasury Bills Deficiency (Amendment) Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Treasury Bills Deficiency Act, 1900,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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Deputy-President.

(3.) Municipalities (Incorporation Validating) Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the law with respect to proclamations incorporating municipalities; and to amend the Municipalities Act, 1897,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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Deputy-President.

(4.) 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 State; and for other purposes,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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W. J. TRICKETT,  
Deputy-President.

(5.) 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, 1901, to the 30th day of June, 1902, inclusive of both dates, and to adjust the vote, 'Advance to Treasurer, 1900-1901,' for supplementary charges during the period from 1st July, 1900, to 30th June, 1901, inclusive of both dates, and to cover payments charged to 'Expenditure Suspense Account' for Services of the year 1900-1901; and for purposes connected with and incidental to the above objects,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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W. J. TRICKETT,  
Deputy-President.

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## 13. UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY (FISHER LIBRARY) BILL:—

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

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 58.

Mr. Williams,	Mr. Young,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. McIntyre,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. McCoy,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Webster,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Seo,	Mr. W. F. Hurley,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. McMahon,
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Walsh,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Thomson,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Newman,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Dight,	Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Evans,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Bruncker,	Mr. Quinn,
Mr. Asleck,	Mr. Davis,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. Mackenzie.
Mr. Archer,	
Mr. Gillies,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Eden George,	Mr. Law,
Mr. Richards,	Mr. Collins.

Noes, 9.

Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,  
Mr. Sleath,  
Mr. Edden,  
Mr. Sullivan,  
Mr. Burgess,  
Mr. Estell,  
Mr. Nielsen.

*Tellers,*

Mr. Miller,  
Mr. Macdonell.

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. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, 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. O'Sullivan, *passed.*

Mr. O'Sullivan then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the erection of a library within the grounds of the University of Sydney; 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 erection of a library within the grounds of the University of Sydney; and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*

*Sydney, 18th December, 1901.*

## 14. PYRMONT BRIDGE EXTENSION BILL:—

(1.) 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. 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. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, 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. O'Sullivan, *passed.*

Mr. O'Sullivan then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of works in extension of the Pyrmont Bridge; 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 carrying out of works in extension of the Pyrmont Bridge; and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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15. **MINING LAWS AMENDMENT BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Kidd moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
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. Deputy-Speaker declared the Question to have been resolved in the *affirmative*.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. Kidd, 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. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with amendments.  
On motion of Mr. Kidd, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time at a later hour of the day.
16. **MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**:—Mr. Deputy-Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—
- (1.) **University of Sydney (Fisher Library) Bill**:—  
MR. SPEAKER,—  
The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the erection of a Library within the grounds of the University of Sydney; and for other purposes*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.  
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Deputy-President.
- (2.) **Pymont Bridge Extension Bill**:—  
MR. SPEAKER,—  
The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of works in extension of the Pymont Bridge; and for other purposes*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.  
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*Sydney, 18th December, 1901.*  
W. J. TRICKETT,  
Deputy-President.
17. **MINING ON PRIVATE LANDS (AMENDMENT) BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Kidd moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. Kidd, 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. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with amendments.  
On motion of Mr. Kidd, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time at a later hour of the day.
18. **STOCK DISEASES (TICK) BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Kidd, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—  
And the Question being again proposed,—  
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.  
Mr. E. M. Clark moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.  
Question put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Morton,	Mr. Estell.
Mr. Davidson,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Lonsdale,	
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Cohen.
Mr. Webster,	
Mr. Sullivan,	
Mr. Samuel Smith,	
Mr. Brunker,	
Mr. Hogue,	
Mr. Kelly,	
Mr. McGowen,	
Mr. Carroll,	
Mr. Daley,	
Mr. Miller,	
Mr. Burgess,	
Mr. Nielsen,	
Mr. Clara,	
Mr. Moore,	
Mr. Nobbs,	

Noes, 37.

Mr. Sleath,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. See,	Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Newman,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. John Hurley,
Mr. John Storey,	Mr. Young,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. Quinn,
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. MacMahon,	Mr. Evans,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Jessep,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. McCoy,	Mr. J. F. Smith.
Mr. D. R. Hall,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Williams,	
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. McIntyre,
Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. Meagher.
Mr. Fegan,	

And so it passed in the negative.

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

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The House divided.

Ayes, 43.

Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Thomson,	Mr. Sleath,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Webster,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Daley,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Clara,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Anderson,
Mr. See,	Mr. Young,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Mcagher,	Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. Evans,	Mr. Samuel Smith,
Mr. McIntyre,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. John Hurley.
Mr. Macdonell,	
Mr. Jessep,	Tellers,
Mr. Quinn,	Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Phillips,	Mr. McCoy.
Mr. Newman,	

Noes, 17.

Mr. D. R. Hall,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Sullivan,
Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Gilbert.
Mr. Williams,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Kelly.
Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Hogue,
Mr. MacMahon,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Moore.
Tellers,
Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Miller.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Kidd, 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. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with amendments.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time at a later hour of the day.

19. MINING LAWS AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Kidd 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. Kidd, *passed*.Mr. Kidd then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Mining Act, 1874, the Mining Act Further Amendment Act of 1884, the Mining on Private Lands Act of 1894, and the Mining Laws Amendment Act of 1896; and to authorise the granting of leases of Crown lands for certain purposes in connection with mining.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Mining Act, 1874, the Mining Act Further Amendment Act of 1884, the Mining on Private Lands Act of 1894, and the Mining Laws Amendment Act of 1896; and to authorise the granting of leases of Crown lands for certain purposes in connection with mining,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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20. MINING ON PRIVATE LANDS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Kidd moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Kidd, *passed*.Mr. Kidd then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Mining on Private Lands Act of 1894, the Mining Laws Amendment Act of 1896, the Mining Act of 1874, and the Mining Act of 1889.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Mining on Private Lands Act of 1894, the Mining Laws Amendment Act of 1896, the Mining Act of 1874, and the Mining Act of 1889,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 19th December, 1901, a.m.*

18th December, 1901.

21. SCAFFOLDING AND LIFTS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Kidd, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—  
And the Question being again proposed,—  
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. Kidd, 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. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with amendments.  
On motion of Mr. Kidd, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time at a later hour of the day.
22. COAL MINES REGULATION (FURTHER AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Kidd moved, That this Bill be read a second time.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. Kidd, 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. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with an amendment.  
On motion of Mr. Kidd, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time at a later hour of the day.
23. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:—
- (1.) *Sewerage Works for the Borough of Newcastle, and the Municipal Districts of Hamilton, Merewether, Wickham, and Carrington*:—  
Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to amended Notice, That it is expedient that the construction of sewerage works for the Borough of Newcastle and the Municipal Districts of Hamilton, Merewether, Wickham, and Carrington, referred by the Legislative Assembly to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out, provided the sewage be discharged south of the proposed outfall at or near the Merewether Gulf, and that the Municipal Districts of Adamstown and Waratah be included in the scheme, as recommended by the said Committee.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
- (2.) *Deviation on the Great Western Railway Line to avoid the Lithgow Zigzag*:—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 proposed deviation on the Great Western Railway line to avoid the Lithgow Zigzag.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
- (3.) *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.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
- (4.) *Railway from Wyalong to Hillston*:—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That the proposed construction of a line of railway from Wyalong to Hillston, reported on by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works on the 1st June, 1901, be remitted to the Committee for further consideration and report, for the reasons that, at the time of making such report, it seemed to the Committee unwise to make any recommendation on the question of railway extension to Hillston until it had been determined how Wyalong should be connected with the railway system of the State, and that Parliament has since authorised the construction of a line of railway to Wyalong.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
- (5.) *Tramway from Enmore-road along Addison-road, Livingstone-road, and New Canterbury Road to the Dulwich Hill Terminus*:—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to amended 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 tramway from the Enmore-road along Addison-road, Livingstone-road, and New Canterbury Road to the Dulwich Hill Terminus.  
Question put and passed.
- (6.) *Tramway from Oxford-street to Bellevue Hill*:—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a line of tramway from Oxford-street to Bellevue Hill, via Glenmore-road, Queen-street (Woollahra) and Edgecliffe-road (Woollahra).  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
- (7.) *Tramway along Abercrombie-street, Redfern, to Erskineville*:—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a line of tramway along Abercrombie-street, Redfern, to Erskineville.  
Question put and passed.
24. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty minutes after Three o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m., This Day.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 65.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 19 DECEMBER, 1901.

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

ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor were delivered by Mr. See, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) Navigation Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

*Message No. 152.*

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to navigation*,"—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 His 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.

*State Government House,*

*Sydney, 19th December, 1901.*

- (2.) State Children Relief Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

*Message No. 153.*

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to the establishment of a system of boarding-out children*,"—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 His 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.

*State Government House,*

*Sydney, 19th December, 1901.*

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Dredges used in Newcastle Harbour and Hunter River:—*Mr. Hawthorne*, for Mr. Frank Farnell, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) How many dredges are at present being used in Newcastle Harbour and Hunter River?
- (2.) How many sea-going punts used in connection with the dredges?
- (3.) How many tug-launches are employed in the Newcastle Harbour and Hunter River?
- (4.) What is the total number of hands employed in connection with the foregoing?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

- (1.) Nine.
- (2.) Fifteen.
- (3.) Five steam-tugs, in connection with the Dredge Service.
- (4.) 141.

- (2.) Police-Sergeant Hogg:—Mr. Power asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is he aware of a decision by Mr. King, acting Magistrate, sitting at an inquiry (under the Police Regulations Act) at the Glebe Court, whereby this Magistrate held that Police-Sergeant Hogg was not guilty of misconduct in using a skeleton or other key for admission into an hotel in order to attempt to catch an hotel-keeper?
- (2.) Is he aware that several witnesses swore to the sergeant using such a key?
- (3.) Will he cause the correspondence between the Police Department and others on the subject to be laid on the Table of this House?

Mr. See answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The charge will be further investigated.
- (3.) No objection, if moved for in the usual way.

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(3.) Labour Bureau:—Mr. Power asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) How many men were employed through the Labour Bureau by each of the undermentioned Departments during 1900; and how much money was paid in total wages to the men so employed, and how long were they employed?

(2.) How many men were employed, temporarily or otherwise, without going through the Labour Bureau, in 1900, by the following Departments, whose estimates for 1900 were:—Roads and Bridges, Public Watering Places and Artesian Borings, £700,000; Harbours and Rivers and Dredge Service, £115,000; Government Architect, £45,000; Miscellaneous, £20,000?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—It will take some time to prepare the information required, which can be done in the form of a return, if moved for by the Honorable Member in the usual way next Session.

(4.) National Park:—Mr. Archibald Campbell asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) How many acres of the National Park are situated on the eastern side of the Illawarra railway line; also on the western side?

(2.) What lengths of frontage to the railway have those areas?

(3.) How far distant from Sydney are the nearest and furthest points, respectively, of the portion on the western side of the line?

(4.) Does a good road pass through the greater part of that area, as well as it having a frontage to a double line of railway?

(5.) Is it not a fact that the visitations of the public to the National Park are almost wholly to the eastern side of the railway, and that the western portion of the park is rarely so visited, and never likely to be?

(6.) Will he have the last-mentioned area inspected and reported upon during the ensuing Parliamentary recess, with a view of its reservation for park purposes being revoked, and its being suitably subdivided for residential leaseholds under the Crown, for which the situation is so admirably adapted?

(7.) In the event of the matter receiving the approval of the Minister, will he expedite the necessary proceedings, in order that the suggestion here made may be carried out as early as practicable?

Mr. Crick answered,—

(1.) On the eastern side of the railway line, 32,652 acres; on the western side of the railway line, 3,105 acres.

(2.) On the eastern side of the railway line, 9½ miles; on the western side of the railway line, 6 miles.

(3.) The areas on the western side are detached blocks. The nearest point from Sydney is 15 miles; the furthest point from Sydney is 24 miles.

(4.) Yes.

(5.) Yes.

(6.) The areas on the western side have been inspected in connection with a proposal by the trustees of the National Park to exchange them for certain areas of granted lands which the trustees asked might be acquired by the Crown and added to the National Park. The matter is receiving attention.

(7.) Yes.

(5.) Volunteers for South African War:—Mr. Morton asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has his attention been called to a recent cablegram from England, where it was stated that there had appeared in foreign newspapers paragraphs to the effect—"that England cannot rely upon any further aid from her colonies, Australians having discovered that the war was not the "pleasure trip they imagined"?"

(2.) Is he aware that Canada and New Zealand are renewing offers of assistance?

(3.) Will he, if occasion arises during the recess, assist the Federal Minister for Defence in the dispatch of volunteers?

Mr. See answered,—This is a matter for the Federal Government. My honorable friend knows that on the consummation of the Commonwealth, all matters appertaining to the military were transferred to the Commonwealth Government. I think the State of New South Wales has done its part, and done it very well. I am not prepared to ask Parliament to incur further expense, unless at the instance of the Federal Government. I am just as much concerned for the well-being of the Old Country, and all that belongs to her, as I ever was; but I am not going to ask Parliament to interfere with that which properly belongs to the Commonwealth. New Zealand is in a different position. She plays off her own bat.

(6.) Annual Leave to Public Servants and Police:—Mr. Levy asked the Colonial Secretary,—

Referring to Mr. Levy's Question of 10th December, No. 8—Annual Leave to Public Servants and Police—will he, in view of the reply given to parts 4 and 5 of that Question, now direct that the police be informed that their annual leave of absence will be granted them in future in each year as the Permanent Head may deem convenient, provided that an interval of at least eight months has elapsed since previous leave expired?

Mr. See answered,—This matter will receive consideration.

(7.) Royal Commission on Western Lands:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Lands,—In connection with the Royal Commission on Western Lands, what costs have been incurred for,—

(1.) Travelling and hotel expenses of members of the Commission and officers?

(2.) Witnesses' expenses (if any)?

(3.) Printing of reports, &amp;c.?

(4.) Incidental expenses?

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Mr. Crick answered,—

- (1.) Travelling and hotel expenses of members of the Commission and officers, £478 3s. 5d. No member or officer of the Commission received any allowance for travelling expenses.
- (2.) Witnesses' expenses, £27 15s.
- (3.) £1,247 19s. 5d.
- (4.) £34 11s. 1d.

- (8.) Applications for Forest Lands near Bulladelah:—Mr. Haynes asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is he aware that certain applications for forest lands, near Bulladelah, by Wynne and Rutledge, if granted, will seriously hamper teamsters and timber-getters in the pursuit of their avocations—thus doing them a gross injustice, notices preventing traffic by teamsters being already posted?
  - (2.) Will he immediately have an inquiry made, and see that the applications are refused on the ground that they seriously operate on Crown lands?

Mr. Crick answered,—If the Honorable Member refers to an application for a special lease made by Messrs. Wynne and Lee, I may state that their application is now before the Local Land Board for investigation. The case will be fully considered on its merits.

- (9.) Meteorological Conditions:—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Will he obtain from the Government Astronomer a report as to the cause of the unprecedented heat that has prevailed throughout the State during the last few days; and if the excessive heat now prevailing in the Southern Hemisphere has any meteorological connection between the intense cold weather that exists at the present time in the United States of America and in England?

Mr. Perry answered,—The Government Astronomer reports as follows:—"The cause of the great heat recently experienced in Australia was made up from strong north-west hot winds, and a clear sky, which intensified the heat. I have no data as to the cause of extreme cold in America and England, but in all probability they had strong northerly gales in England, and a blizzard in America."

- (10.) Proposed Water Channel from Old Man to Sandy Creeks:—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the construction of the proposed water channel from Old Man to Sandy Creeks has not yet been commenced?
- (2.) Has a contract for the work been accepted; if so, when?
- (3.) When does the contract provide that the work be completed?
- (4.) Will he see that the work be undertaken at once?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) A tender was accepted on the 30th September last.
- (3.) 31st December instant.
- (4.) The contractor was warned by letter on the 13th instant, that if the work was not commenced within a week, and vigorously proceeded with, the powers under the contract would be exercised.

- (11.) Increments to Public Servants:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that officers in receipt of salaries under £150 per annum are prevented from receiving any increase of salary due to promotion, and for other reasons, on account of their being in receipt of an annual increment; if so, will instructions be given to amend a rule destructive of energy and reward for honest service?

Mr. See answered,—The Public Service Regulations provide that officers of the Clerical and Professional Divisions in receipt of salaries under £150 per annum shall receive increases annually, subject to good conduct and efficiency, up to that maximum; over £150 per annum, promotions are made as vacancies occur. It would be impossible to grant officers both annual increments of salary and promotions to vacancies at the same time, as the cost to the State would be too large, and, moreover, such an expenditure would be quite unjustifiable. The system under which junior officers have the certainty of an annual increase, subject only to good conduct and efficiency, is considered to be much preferable to one under which they might have to wait for promotion for years if vacancies did not occur.

- (12.) Vehicular Traffic:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the police employed in regulating the vehicular traffic of London, Glasgow, Liverpool, and other large cities of the United Kingdom, do so from the various police stations, and not from one centre, as in Sydney?
- (2.) Will he, during the recess, consider the adoption of such a system in Sydney, and divide the police employed on vehicular traffic amongst the various metropolitan police stations, holding the inspector of each station responsible for the proper and safe regulation of the traffic in his division?
- (3.) Will he consider the advisability of abolishing the present Traffic Department, and cause the granting and issue of licenses for public vehicles to be made from the office of the Inspector-General of Police, and under the personal direction of that officer?

Mr. See answered,—I will cause inquiries to be made as to the advisableness of introducing the system suggested; but so long as the Traffic Act is in force, it would be impracticable, and I see no reason to justify the repeal of the Act at present.

- (13.) Increases to Regraded Officers:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he take steps to provide that all officers of Departments which have been regraded shall be immediately paid increases without waiting for any Department not yet regraded?

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Mr. See answered,—As all the Departments were regraded some months ago, and all the increases which were granted have been paid, it is presumed that the Honorable Member refers to the appeals which are now being heard by the Public Service Board. With regard thereto, I would refer him to the reply which was given to the Question asked by the Honorable Member for Warringah on the 4th instant.

(14.) Sydney Harbour Trust:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has his attention been directed to newspaper correspondence upon the composition of the present Harbour Trust?

(2.) Is it a fact that in Melbourne there is a representation of interests; and if so, what is the number of representatives upon the Melbourne Harbour Trust, what interests are represented, and what amount is paid as fees?

(3.) What amount of salary is paid to the Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners?

(4.) Is it a fact that the present Trust has supreme power over all interests, municipal and otherwise, so far as our harbour is concerned?

(5.) Will he consider, during the recess, the advisability of introducing, in the coming Session, an amendment of the Act to extend representations of interest upon the Harbour Trust?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) I am not aware.

(3.) £4,000.

(4.) The Commissioners state that their powers are defined by the Act; but they will be pleased to give full particulars if the Honorable Member will kindly state more definitely what information he desires.

(5.) The matter will be considered.

(15.) R. Moore and T. J. Sherwin, Justices of the Peace:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that two local unpaid Magistrates, viz., R. Moore and T. J. Sherwin, two large station-owners, are in the habit of sitting on the Bench in the Local Court of Petty Sessions at New Angledool in cases in which clients have openly objected to them sitting, and in spite of the warning offered to them by the presiding Stipendiary Magistrate, and will he have the matter fully inquired into?

(2.) Will he also see that steps are taken to put a stop to such irregularities occurring?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) Inquiry will be made into the matter.

(16.) Water Supply, North Sydney:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that, in portions of North Sydney and other districts surrounding, considerable inconvenience has for some time been suffered by residents owing to the insufficiency of water supply; and, if so, from what cause?

(2.) Will he take steps to make immediate provision for a more permanent and effectual water supply than at present, to prevent in the future a recurrence of present inconvenience?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—The Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage has furnished me with the following replies:—

(1.) Yes. The primary cause of the interruption to the supply was an accident to one of the pumping engines at Ryde, and, secondly, the abnormal consumption during the prevailing dry weather, which prevents the pumps from regaining the loss of head in the various service reservoirs consequent upon the accident.

(2.) Every possible steps are being taken to give immediate relief and affect permanent improvements to avoid a recurrence.

(17.) Government Farm, Moonbi:—Mr. Walsh asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Who is the present occupant of the Government farm situated at Moonbi?

(2.) What rent does he pay, and to whom?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

(1.) The land formerly occupied as an experimental farm at Moonbi and Nemingah is now held under an annual lease by Mr. A. M. Howell, a tobacco expert, at a rental of 1s. per acre, subject to a condition that the lessee will plant and properly cultivate a certain area with tobacco to the satisfaction of the Department. The lease is in the nature of an experiment to demonstrate whether the better-class tobacco can be successfully grown in the district.

(2.) The rent is payable to the Department.

(18.) Government Tobacco Farm, at Nemingah, near Tamworth:—Mr. Walsh asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is it a fact that the Government tobacco farm and buildings, situated at Nemingah, near Tamworth, have been rented; if so, who rented it, and on whose behalf; what amount of rent is received, and by whom?

Mr. Kidd answered,—I have to refer the Honorable Member to the replies given in answer to Question No. 17.

(19.) Public Servants retiring at end of year:—Mr. Kelly asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will the officers in the General Division, retired from the Service at the end of the year, be entitled to the balance of increment due at the present time?

Mr. See answered,—So far as the Public Service Board are aware, there are no officers in the General Division to be retired at the end of the year. Any officer, however, who may be entitled to an increment, or balance of increment, will receive it.

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- (20.) Employees in Government Printing Office:—Mr. Kelly asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What are the salaries paid to first-class and second-class permanent compositors, and bookbinders, and machinists in Government Printing Offices in Victoria and Sydney?

Mr. Waddell answered,—*Sydney*:—Compositors—First-class, £156 per annum; second-class, £145 12s. per annum. Bookbinders—First-class, £169 per annum; second-class, £156 per annum. Machinists—First-class, £169 per annum; second-class, £156 per annum. *Victoria*:—Official information as to the rates in Victoria is not at present available.

- (21.) Compensation for Resumption of Hotels in the Lang and Gipps Divisions:—Mr. Power asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What are the amounts of compensation given to the owners and the licensees of hotels by the Sydney Harbour Trust and Rocks Resumptions Board in Lang and Gipps Divisions?

(2.) What are the names of the brewing firms who have received compensation (if any), and the reason why?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) It would not be desirable, pending the settlement of cases, to furnish this information.

(2.) None have received compensation.

- (22.) Land Reserved from Alienation on Mumblebone Holding:—Mr. McGowen asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has 22,000 acres, more or less, been reserved from alienation on the Honorable H. E. Kater's Mumblebone holding?

(2.) If so, for what reason?

Mr. Crick answered,—The late leasehold area of Mumblebone has not been reserved from alienation. The land has been subdivided into farms. An application has been lodged for part of the holding as an improvement lease, which is now being considered.

- (23.) Working of the Dyke, Newcastle:—Mr. McCoy, for Mr. Gilbert, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House the report of the officers appointed by the Railway Commissioners to inquire into the alleged unsatisfactory working of the Dyke, Newcastle?

Mr. Waddell answered,—It would be impossible, in view of the prorogation of Parliament, to comply with the Honorable Member's request; but if he is desirous of being made acquainted with any particular portion of the report referred to, and will communicate with me, I shall be glad to endeavour to arrange with the Railway Commissioners to supply him with the desired information. If next Session the papers are moved for in the usual way, I shall be happy to comply with the request.

- (24.) Police in the Leichhardt District:—Mr. Hawthorne asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Will he consult with the Inspector-General of Police and ascertain if it be possible to increase the present number of police in the Leichhardt district by, at least, six extra men?

(2.) Is he aware that other districts, with smaller population than Leichhardt, have a larger number of police than are now doing duty in this electorate?

Mr. See answered,—The following information has been furnished by the Inspector-General of Police:—Such an increase could not be provided at present. Leichhardt has a fair proportion of the police available allotted to it, and some addition will be made shortly.

- (25.) Registrar of Patents:—Mr. Haynes asked the Colonial Secretary,—In case of a dispute as to rights in respect of an invention for which a patent is being obtained, has the Registrar of Patents the power to decline granting a hearing to anyone immediately concerned?

Mr. See answered,—Assuming that the Question has reference to matters of opposition to the issue of patents applied for, the answer is "yes." There is no statutory direction in regard to hearings in such cases, and it is only when a hearing is considered expedient by the Examiner, or the evidence before him demands such a course, that the parties are heard.

- (26.) Landowners having Title of Holding up to High-water Mark:—Mr. Haynes asked the Colonial Secretary,—In cases where landowners have title of holding up to high-water mark, has the Harbour Trust power to refuse to concede anything but a lease of any land reclaimed by such owners outside such high-water mark?

Mr. See answered,—The Sydney Harbour Trust Act gives the Commissioners power to lease or to sell, the policy of the Commissioners being, where possible, not to part with water frontages; they are arranging to lease them on easy terms. I think that is the correct course to take.

- (27.) Sunday Selling:—Mr. Eden George asked the Colonial Secretary,—Under what statute were the recent convictions obtained for selling fruit, &c., upon Sundays?

Mr. See answered,—Section 61, Police Offences Statute, No. 5, 1901.

- (28.) Paddington Police:—Mr. Latimer asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) How many extra policemen have been allotted to the Paddington Station out of the number provided for on the Estimates?

(2.) In view of the rapidly-increasing population in Woollahra and Paddington, will he say whether the number of policemen doing duty in those districts is sufficient for the work?

Mr. See answered,—The distribution of the additional force has not yet been decided upon. The claims of Woollahra and Paddington will be duly considered.

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(29.) Life Policies, Public Servants:—Mr. Morton asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that the Public Service Regulations are compulsory as to the taking out of life policies by Civil Servants, payable at 60 years of age?

(2.) As there are cases where officers, previous to passing of the Act, had insured their lives payable at 50 years of age, will he have the regulation of the Act dealing with the question suspended or altered in such a way that these men shall not be forced to surrender their old policies and, at a higher premium, be compelled to take out fresh policies?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) It is not the Public Service Regulations which require an officer to insure his life, but the Public Service Act itself. Section 63 provides that all persons appointed to the Service on probation must, before their appointments are confirmed, insure their lives for the payment of a sum of money at death or the age of 60. This provision, however, only applies to persons entering the Service after the passing of the Public Service Act of 1895.

(2.) There are, no doubt, cases where officers have insured their lives prior to entering the Public Service; but it is necessary that they shall insure in accordance with the terms of the Act, and, if the officer has already a policy in existence, he can usually arrange with the insurance company to vary the conditions, so as to bring it under the terms of the Act. The Public Service Board are always willing to approve of any arrangement which the Crown Solicitor advises can be accepted as meeting the requirements of the law. While the provision of the Act regarding insurance, which was, no doubt, conceived in the interests of the officers themselves, remains in force, there is no option but to see that its terms are strictly carried out.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Kidd laid upon the Table,—Correspondence, &amp;c., respecting the applications for Mineral Leases, Nos. 43 and 49, Newcastle, by the Wickham and Bullock Island Coal Company (Limited) to mine under "The Basin" at Newcastle, &amp;c.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Crick laid upon the Table,—Notice of intention to declare that Conditional Purchase No. 1901/8, Land District of Parkes, applied for by J. A. Spence, shall cease to be voidable.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—By-laws of the Borough of North Sydney, under the Public Health Act, 1896.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. CLAIMS OF ROBERT ROBERTS, LATE BOOKBINDER IN THE REGISTRAR-GENERAL'S OFFICE:—

Mr. E. M. Clark, as Chairman, brought up a Progress Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 20th November, 1901, together with Appendix.

Ordered to be printed.

5. STOCK DISEASES (TICK) BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Kidd, read a third time, and *passed*.Mr. Kidd then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to make provision for the prevention and cure of certain diseases in stock; and to amend the Diseases in Sheep Act of 1866; the Diseases in Sheep Acts Amendment Act of 1878; and the Diseases in Sheep Acts Amendment Act of 1882.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to make provision for the prevention and cure of certain diseases in stock; and to amend the Diseases in Sheep Act of 1866; the Diseases in Sheep Acts Amendment Act of 1878; and the Diseases in Sheep Acts Amendment Act of 1882,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.*Legislative Assembly Chamber,**Sydney, 19th December, 1901.*6. SCAFFOLDING AND LIFTS 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 regulate the construction and use of lifts and of scaffolding and engines used for erecting, demolishing, altering, repairing, cleaning, or painting buildings or structures, and of gear used in connection therewith; to regulate the use of steam cranes; and for purposes consequent upon, or incidental to, those objects.*"

Question put and passed.

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

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The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to regulate the construction and use of lifts and of scaffolding and engines used for erecting, demolishing, altering, repairing, cleaning, or painting buildings or structures, and of gear used in connection therewith; to regulate the use of steam cranes; and for purposes consequent upon, or incidental to, those objects,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.*Legislative Assembly Chamber,**Sydney, 19th December, 1901.*7. COAL MINES REGULATION (FURTHER AMENDMENT) BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Kidd, read a third time, and *passed*.Mr. Kidd then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act of 1896.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered,

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

19th December, 1901.

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 Coal Mines Regulation Act of 1896*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 19th December, 1901.

8. SITE FOR THE FEDERAL CAPITAL:—Mr. See (*by consent*) moved, without Notice,—The Government of this State recognising, as it always has done, that it is the exclusive right of the Parliament of the Commonwealth, through the Federal Government, to make the final selection of the site for the Federal Capital, proposes to ask the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth to—

- (1) Indicate the various features of suitability which an eligible site for the seat of Government should, in the opinion of the Federal Government, possess.
- (2) State whether any of the four offered territory areas—Orange, Yass, Bombala, and Tumut—is considered deficient in respect of any particular feature; and
- (3) Suggest any territory area other than the above which is considered eligible, stating the reasons.

Upon the receipt of such information from the Federal Government, the State Government will lose no time in taking action with the view of accelerating, as far as possible, the cession of the territory within which the seat of Government is to be located "after determination by the "Commonwealth."

Debate ensued.

*Point of Order*:—Mr. Dick requested Mr. Speaker's ruling as to the form and substance of the matter submitted by Mr. See. It contained statements of the intentions of the State Government, but was not in proper form, according to the Parliamentary rule respecting motions for submission to the House.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said that in this House, and in the House of Commons, there was a certain rule to be followed, and form to be observed, in submitting a motion for the consideration of the House; and the statement before him did not comply with that rule, and was, therefore, out of order.

9. REMOVAL FROM THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF MR. FREDERICK GLYNN:—Mr. Arthur Griffith, 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 6th August, 1901, together with Appendix.  
Ordered to be printed.

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

11. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. See (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn until Tuesday next.  
Question put and passed.

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

- (1.) Stock Diseases (Tick) Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to make provision for the prevention and cure of certain diseases in stock; and to amend the Diseases in Sheep Act of 1866; the Diseases in Sheep Acts Amendment Act of 1878; and the Diseases in Sheep Acts Amendment Act of 1882*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 19th December, 1901.

W. J. TRICKETT,  
Deputy-President.

- (2.) Mining Laws Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Mining Act, 1874, the Mining Act Further Amendment Act of 1884, the Mining on Private Lands Act of 1894, and the Mining Laws Amendment Act of 1896; and to authorise the granting of leases of Crown lands for certain purposes in connection with mining*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 19th December, 1901.

W. J. TRICKETT,  
Deputy-President.

13. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. See 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 Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
Speaker.

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## PROCLAMATION.

NEW SOUTH WALES. }  
 to wit. }  
 (L.S.)  
 FREDK. M. DARLEY,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

By His Excellency The Honourable Sir FREDERICK MATTHEW DARLEY, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Lieutenant-Governor of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia.

WHEREAS by the Bill passed by the Governor and Legislative Council of New South Wales, in the seventeenth year of the reign of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, 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 late Majesty, under the authority of the Act of the Imperial Parliament, passed in the Session of the eighteenth and nineteenth years of the said reign, intituled "An Act to enable Her Majesty to assent to a Bill as amended of the Legislature of New South Wales to confer a Constitution on New South Wales and to grant a Civil List to Her Majesty," it was amongst other things enacted that it should be lawful for the Governor of New South Wales to prorogue the Legislative Council and Assembly thereof from time to time: And whereas it is expedient to prorogue the said Council and Assembly: Now, therefore, I, Sir FREDERICK MATTHEW DARLEY, the Lieutenant-Governor aforesaid—the said Governor having departed from the State—in pursuance of the power and authority so vested in me, do hereby prorogue the said Legislative Council and Assembly until Tuesday, the eleventh day of February next, and the same stand so prorogued accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at Sydney, this twentieth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and one, and in the first year of His Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

JOHN SEE.

GOD SAVE THE KING!



1901.

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

## NEW SOUTH WALES.

## BUSINESS UNDISPOSED OF AT THE CLOSE OF THE SESSION.

(PROROGUED 20 DECEMBER, 1901.)

## QUESTION:—

1. Mr. LAW to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that Balmain has the largest population of any Sydney suburb, namely, 32,000 people?
  - (2.) Is it a fact that Balmain has absolutely the worst tram service of all the suburbs?
  - (3.) If so, will he, in common justice to the Balmain public, urge the Railway Commissioners to give a ten minutes service throughout the day until the advent of the electric system?

## 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 Liverpool to Mulgoa.
2. Mr. O'SULLIVAN to move, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a breakwater on the northern side of the entrance to Cape Hawke Harbour.
3. Mr. O'SULLIVAN to move, That the proposed construction of a line of railway from Carlingford to Dural, reported on by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works on the 27th November, 1900, be remitted to the Committee for further consideration and report, for the reason that the requirements cannot be met by the construction of the line of tramway, as suggested in the Committee's report.
4. Mr. O'SULLIVAN to move, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of erecting buildings for the accommodation of the Registrar-General's Department.
5. Mr. O'SULLIVAN to move, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a line of railway from Condoulin to Mount Hope.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. 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 Account in the Banks keeping such account. [*Mr. Waddell.*]
2. Land and Income Tax (Contribution) Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Waddell.*]
3. Sydney Corporation (Further Amending) Bill; second reading. [*Mr. See.*]
4. Marriage Bill (*Council Bill*); to be further considered in Committee. [*Mr. See.*]
5. Boilers Regulation Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate the construction and use of steam-boilers, and to provide for inquiry into boiler explosions. [*Mr. Perry.*]
6. Mining Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Kidd.*]
7. Presbyterian Church Property Management Amendment Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading. [*Mr. See.*]
8. Supply; resumption of the Committee. [*Mr. Waddell.*]
9. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee. [*Mr. Waddell.*]
10. Audit Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Waddell.*]
11. Old-age Pensions (Amendment) Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Waddell.*]
12. Land and Income Tax (Amendment) Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Waddell.*]
13. Justices (Fees) Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading. [*Mr. See.*]
14. Eddy Orphanage Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to establish an orphanage, to be known as the Eddy Orphanage, for the care of the orphans of Railway and Tramway employees, so employed under the Government Railways Act of 1888; to appoint trustees for the said orphanage; to vest land in the said trustees; to acquire, hold, sell, convey, and otherwise deal with such lands, and to erect buildings thereon, and further to provide for the government and management of such orphanage; and for other purposes incidental to and consequent upon the said object. [*Mr. See.*]

15. Factories and Shops Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Perry.*]
16. Public Instruction (Amendment) Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Perry.*]
17. Sydney Mint (Amendment) Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Sydney Mint Act of 1865. [*Mr. See.*]
18. Railway Extension into the City of Sydney; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. O'Sullivan,—“ That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works  
“ to consider and report upon the expediency of extending the railway into the city by the  
“ construction of a double line, starting from the proposed new terminal station on the northern  
“ side of Devonshire-street, passing over Garden-road and Belmore Park, then over Pitt and George  
“ Streets, and then bearing in the direction of Kent-street, through the centre of which the track is  
“ to proceed overhead as far as Erskine-street; from that point bearing to the left the lines are to  
“ pass by means of a reverse curve under Kent-street, and proceed in a tunnel to Harrington-street,  
“ where they are to run into the open and connect with a depôt between Harrington and George  
“ Streets; the lines continuing are to pass over George and Pitt Streets, Macquarie Place, Loftus  
“ and Bridge Streets, and enter a tunnel near the offices of the Department of Public Instruction,  
“ and, turning to the left, pass under and follow Elizabeth-street as far as Liverpool-street, and  
“ from thence back to the new terminal railway station.”
19. Municipal Bill; second reading. [*Mr. See.*]
20. Moore-street Improvement (Amendment) Bill; second reading. [*Mr. See.*]
21. Gold-Dredging Leases Modification Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to enable the Governor to extend the time within which the conditions as to expenditure and employment of labour in respect of certain applications for leases shall be complied with, and to vary the conditions applicable to such leases, and to authorise the amalgamation of the same; to fix the rent to be reserved in such leases; and for purposes consequent on, or incidental to, those objects. [*Mr. Kidd.*]
22. Manure Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate the sale of manures. [*Mr. Kidd.*]
23. Wine Adulteration Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to prevent the adulteration of wine, and to regulate the sale of wines and other beverages. [*Mr. Kidd.*]
24. Advisory Engineer for Wharfage Accommodation and “The Rocks” Resumption; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of the Government entering into an arrangement with a view of obtaining the services of an eminent engineer to advise as to the improvement of the wharfage accommodation in Darling Harbour, and other portions of the foreshores of Port Jackson, in so far as they are used for wharfage purposes; also the laying out and improving of that portion of Sydney known as “The Rocks” resumption. [*Mr. O'Sullivan.*]
25. Agricultural Leases Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Bennett.*]
26. Country Towns Water and Sewerage (Amendment) Bill; second reading. [*Mr. O'Sullivan.*]
27. Metropolitan Sewerage Validating Bill; second reading. [*Mr. O'Sullivan.*]
28. Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts Amendment Bill; second reading. [*Mr. O'Sullivan.*]
29. Life Assurance (Administration) Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to authorise life assurance companies to distribute certain moneys payable under or in respect of life policies. [*Mr. See.*]
30. Defence Lands Revesting Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to declare certain resumptions and notices of resumptions for purposes of defence to be void and of no effect. [*Mr. O'Sullivan.*]

#### GENERAL BUSINESS-NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. DANIEL O'CONNOR to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should, as soon as possible, make provision for supporting schools other than the Public Schools, provided that, on examination, their standard of education is equal to the standard of the State Schools of New South Wales.
2. MR. LAW to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the action of the Attorney-General in declining to take criminal proceedings against one William Cooper in respect of certain false entries made by him in the Registrar-General's Department of this State.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Brunker, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Affleck, Mr. Arthur Griffith, Mr. Meagher, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. E. M. Clark, and the Mover.
3. MR. ARTHUR GRIFFITH to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with leave to sit at Newcastle, to inquire into and report upon certain allegations made by Alderman Hyde (President of the Newcastle Chamber of Commerce) against the Railway Commissioners' management of the coal shipping business of that Port.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Waddell, Mr. Brunker, Mr. Hollis, Mr. Fegan, Mr. Dick, Mr. McFarlane, Mr. Hogue, Mr. Edden, Mr. Daley, and the Mover.
4. MR. PRICE to move, That, in the opinion of this House,—
  - (1.) It is inequitable to charge tolls on punts and permit free access over bridges.
  - (2.) The Minister for Public Works should take steps to abolish tolls on all ferries.
5. MR. PRICE to move, That the papers relating to the transfer of the Police Magistrate from Raymond Terrace to Dungog be again referred to the Printing Committee.

6. MR. PRICE to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—  
 (1.) The papers relating to the appointments of the members of the Harbour Trust Board and the Advisory Board.  
 (2.) The papers in connection with the land resumptions at Milson's Point, including Messrs. Way & Cliff's land valuations, and the valuations of the adjoining land; also the papers relating to the appointment of Mr. Waller, and the removal of Mr. Thompson, as land valuers.
7. MR. PRICE to move, That, in view of the dangerous and inconvenient character of the Railway Station at Hexham, the Railway Commissioners be requested to take steps for the erection of a new station at that place.
8. MR. PRICE to move, That, in the opinion of this House,—  
 (1.) It is necessary for the development of the North Coast Districts, that the North Coast District should be connected by railway with the main Northern Line.  
 (2.) The Government should submit the advisability of constructing such line to the Public Works Committee as early as possible.
9. MR. HAYNES to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for voting by post in certain cases, and for removing other disabilities against the free exercise of the franchise.
10. MR. HAYNES to move, That, in the opinion of this House, in any new land measure introduced to this House provision should be made with respect to the Land Boards whereby at least two members of the Boards may be rendered elective.
11. MR. HAYNES to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the passenger fares and goods rates on the railways should be reduced one-half forthwith as a State policy favouring inland development.
12. MR. HAYNES to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the State Government should facilitate in every way the formation of citizen rifle clubs, especially throughout the country districts.
13. MR. SULLIVAN to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims made by Andrew Duxbury, a contractor, against the Public Works Department, for the balance of money owing to him under a contract for making the approaches to Lane Cove bridge.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Fallick, Mr. Fegan, Mr. Nielsen, Mr. Burgess, Mr. Scobie, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Macdonell, and the Mover.
14. MR. LEVY to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the appointment of honorary Ministers without portfolios is highly undesirable.
15. MR. LEVY to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that a Royal Commission should be appointed, with extensive powers, to inquire into and report upon the subject of law reform for the State of New South Wales.
16. MR. LEVY to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications should be abolished, and the functions now discharged by that body transferred to one or more Judges of the Supreme Court.
17. MR. LEVY to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the rigid enforcement of the old Sunday trading laws against vendors of fruit and temperance drinks, as evidenced by numerous recent prosecutions, is unjust to the shopkeepers, and inconvenient to the general public.
18. MR. LEVY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—  
 (1.) A complete list of the theatres of this city to which licenses have been granted.  
 (2.) The date of such license.  
 (3.) The period for which such license was granted.  
 (4.) In each case the number of persons who may, under such license, be admitted to each section of the theatre.
19. MR. E. M. CLARK to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claim of the widow of the late Samuel Lane, in regard to the issue by the Registrar-General's Department of a provisional certificate of title for certain lands at Coogee, obtained by one Joseph Noble in 1886.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. See, Mr. Quinn, Mr. Haynes, Mr. Daley, Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Meagher, Mr. Winchcombe, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Dacey, and the Mover.
20. MR. E. M. CLARK to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claim of John Wesley Pidgeon, for a refund of deposit under section 25 of the Electoral Act of 1880.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. See, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Meagher, Mr. Evans, Mr. Haynes, Mr. Nobbs, Mr. Gormly, Mr. Samuel Smith, Mr. Quirk, and the Mover.
21. MR. T. R. SMITH to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the safety or otherwise of the viaduct leading from Penrith Railway Station to the Nepean River; also the long viaduct at Emu Plains; and also the bridge at Emu Plains that the road passes underneath, close to the rifle range.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Archer, Mr. John Hurley, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Brinsley Hall, Mr. Pyers, Mr. Hollis, Mr. Dacey, Mr. Young, and the Mover.
22. MR. E. M. CLARK to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the matter of the purchase of a suitable site for the State Governor's residence.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. See, Mr. Meagher, Mr. Davis, Mr. Edden, Mr. Law, Mr. Haynes, Mr. Winchcombe, Mr. Latimer, Mr. Frank Farnell, and the Mover.

23. MR. E. M. CLARK to move, That the Report of the Select Committee on the "Claims of contractors, "Mosman and Middle Harbour Sewerage," brought up on 23rd October, 1901, be now adopted.
24. MR. PRICE to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the transfer of the Police Magistrate from the Gloucester to the Durham district.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. See, Mr. Brinsley Hall, Mr. Edden, Mr. Daley, Mr. Young, Mr. John Hurley, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Meagher, and the Mover.
25. MR. NIELSEN to move, That, in the opinion of this House,—  
 (1.) The interest charged on the unpaid balances on conditional purchases is excessive, and should be reduced 2½ per cent.  
 (2.) An amendment of the Land Act should be made to give effect to the foregoing resolution.
26. MR. JOHN HURLEY to move, That in the opinion of this House,—  
 (1.) The Government should take immediate steps to secure a suitable vessel, to be attached to the training ship "Sobraon," for teaching a large percentage of the boys, now or hereafter, the practical duties of a seaman; such vessel to take periodical trips to other ports of the various States, in order that they may be properly trained in the duties appertaining thereto.  
 (2.) That an officer be appointed in connection with such vessel to instruct the most intelligent youths in the art of navigation.  
 (3.) That the above resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.
27. MR. LAW to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the action of the Australian Gaslight Company continuing, as a monopoly, to charge the extortionate rate of 4s. per 1,000 feet for gas is prejudicial to the progress of our great city and suburbs, and warrants the Government, in the interests of the people, in resuming such works and everything pertaining to the Metropolitan gas supply, and handing the same over to the control of the City Council of Sydney, with the object of supplying all consumers at a reduction of at least 30 per cent. off the aforesaid monopolistic charge, and thereby liberate our people from the painful necessity of continuing to be supporters of a monopoly which annually declares enormous dividends, and puts thousands away to their reserve fund yearly.
28. MR. MEAGHER to move, That, in the interests of the good order, comfort, and cleanliness of the city of Sydney, the Government should forthwith abate an increasing nuisance by the introduction of a comprehensive Smoke Prevention Bill.
29. MR. MEAGHER to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the best interests of the sugar-growers of this State would be served by the erection of State mills, as in Queensland, and establishment of a State sugar refinery.
30. MR. JESSEP to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—  
 (1.) The names of all teachers who have been granted 1A certificates for the years 1899, 1900, and 1901, with the following information—(a) marks awarded for the class or classes in individual subjects; (b) general proficiency of the school or department; (c) marks awarded for discipline; (d) marks awarded for organisation; (e) general efficiency of the school or department; (f) marks awarded by the Local Inspector for the five previous years to the granting of 1A.  
 (2.) The number of exemption certificates granted for the year 1893, under the following headings:—Under 9 years, between 9 and 10, 10 and 11, 11 and 12, 12 and 13, 13 and 14, over 14 years.  
 (3.) The like information for the years 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, and 1901.
31. MR. JESSEP to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House all papers relating to the tenders for the conveyance of Government coal to the Clarence and Richmond Rivers, from the 1st July, 1901, to the 1st July, 1902, or any subsequent tenders in relation thereto.
32. MR. MEAGHER to move, That no system of electoral reform is acceptable which does not provide for the corollary of one man one vote—viz., one vote one value—as embodied in the Hare-Spence system of voting.
33. MR. NOBBS to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a statement showing the number of railway carriages, cars, and waggons, together with particulars of all rolling-stock and materials ordered from outside this State during the years 1900 and 1901, together with the prices for same.
34. MR. CHAPMAN to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claim of Charles Ernest Mayes for compensation in respect of an action brought against him by Alexander Amos in connection with the sinking of a Government artesian bore at Tullooona.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Nelson, Mr. McGowen, Mr. Henry Clarke, Mr. Morton, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. McMahon, Mr. Pyers, Mr. Carroll, Mr. Meagher, and the Mover.
35. MR. MEAGHER to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon all circumstances attending the death of Maurice Purtil, at Balmain, in January last, and the Coronial Inquiry held in reference thereto.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. E. M. Clark, Mr. Davis, Mr. Haynes, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Byrne, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Eden George, and the Mover.
36. MR. NOBBS to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the restrictions which now apply to workmen's tickets on the railways of this State should be removed, so as to allow holders thereof to travel once each way on such tickets to or from the Metropolis by any ordinary passenger train.
37. MR. LAW to move, 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 1904.

38. **MR. HOGUE** to move, That the Report of the Select Committee on "Claim of Glebe Borough Council, in respect of Sewerage Works,"—brought up on 9th October, 1901, be now adopted.
39. **MR. HOGUE** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers, telegrams, minutes, and other documents, referring to a contract, or proposed contract, for the manufacture of steel rails, including promises of foreshore rights made by any Minister of the Crown.
40. **MR. ARTHUR GRIFFITH** to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the circumstances under which a number of ex-public servants, in the prime of life and in good health, are in receipt of pensions from the State Treasury.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. See, Mr. Ashton, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Meagher, Mr. Edden, Mr. Hogue, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Dick, Mr. Wright, and the Mover.
41. **MR. ARTHUR GRIFFITH** to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to abolish the payment of fees in primary State Schools.
42. **MR. FEGAN** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the time has arrived when the Government should resume the rolling stock (coal waggons) of the various coal companies, and hand them over to the Railway Commissioners.
43. **MR. EDDEN** to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon all the circumstances attending the conditional purchase by Mrs. Ann Rouse, of 80 acres, situate in the parish of Kahibah, and the forfeiture of the same.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Dick, Mr. Estell, Mr. Crick, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Dacey, and the Mover.  
 (3.) That the Report of the Select Committee, and Evidence, &c., on the same subject, dated 25th February, 1892, and ordered to be printed on the 26th February, 1892, *a.m.*, be referred to the Committee.
44. **MR. LAW** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return of the names of Honorable Members of this House who have availed themselves of Standing Order 130 by placing an objection in the Formal Business Objection Book, and showing in each instance the name of the Member and the subject of the motion objected to during the currency of the 1898 Parliament and the present Session of Parliament.
45. **MR. EDDEN** to move, 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.
46. **MR. WHIDDON** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, an amendment of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act is desirable, with the view of preventing any member of the Water and Sewerage Board from holding the position of director when the qualification upon which such director or directors were elected shall have ceased, and with the further object of preventing the municipalities or corporation by which these directors were elected from being disfranchised in the administration of this Act.
47. **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.
48. **MR. NELSON** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—  
 (1.) The number of persons who died in the State of New South Wales from the 30th June, 1891, to the 1st July, 1901, from injuries caused through—(a) attempting to enter railway cars of any pattern whilst a train was in motion; (b) leaving, or attempting to leave, railway cars of any pattern whilst a train was in motion; (c) owing to the open doors of trains in motion; (d) stepping from the pit side of railway cars of any pattern at stations; (e) in consequence of closing railway car doors violently; and (f) owing to doors on wrecked railway cars being key-locked.  
 (2.) The number of persons who were injured on the railways of the State of New South Wales from the 30th June, 1891, to 1st July, 1901, through—(a) attempting to enter railway cars of any pattern whilst a train was in motion; (b) leaving, or attempting to leave, railway cars of any pattern whilst a train was in motion; (c) owing to the open doors of trains in motion; (d) stepping from the pit side of railway cars of any pattern at stations; (e) in consequence of closing railway car doors violently; and (f) owing to the doors on wrecked railway cars being key-locked.  
 (3.) The number of prosecutions instituted against persons for leaving, or attempting to leave, and for entering, or attempting to enter, railway cars of any pattern whilst the train was in motion; and the amount paid for, and other costs of such prosecutions, from the 30th June, 1891, to 1st July, 1901, in New South Wales.  
 (4.) The amount of compensation, and of the legal and other expenses, paid by the New South Wales Department, relating to the above classes of injuries from the 30th June, 1891, to the 1st July, 1901.
49. **MR. FLEMING** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the time has arrived when the railways of this State should be run with a view to induce and extend production and not for direct gain.
50. **MR. DAVID STOREY** 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 for the reduction of the number of Members serving in the Legislative Assembly, and for the redistribution of New South Wales into Electoral Districts; and for purposes consequent upon, or incidental to, those objects.
51. **MR. ESTELL** to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the report submitted by Inspector Dixon on the accident that happened to John Meiklejohn in the Wallsend Colliery.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Kidd, Mr. Gillies, Mr. Carroll, Mr. Williams, Mr. Brunker, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Daley, Mr. Nicholson, and the Mover.

52. MR. HAWTHORNE to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon 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. Criel, Mr. Nielsen, Mr. Millard, Mr. Archer, Mr. Nobbs, Mr. Holman, Mr. E. M. Clark, Mr. Carroll, Mr. Davidson, and the Mover.  
 (3.) That the Report from the Select Committee, of Session 1900, be referred to such Committee.
53. MR. DACEY to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon a scheme of municipal government for "Greater Sydney."  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. See, Mr. J. F. Smith, Mr. Eden George, Mr. Broughton, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Mahony, Mr. Hogue, Mr. Samuel Smith, and the Mover.
54. MR. REYMOND to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the time for the repayment of loans under the provisions of the Advances to Settlers Act should be extended to at least twenty years from the date of the making of the advance, and that no instalments should be repayable until after three years from the date of the making of the said advance.
55. MR. GILBERT to move, That in the opinion of this House the Regulations issued by the Public Service Board and Railway Commissioners, prohibiting public servants from taking part in political meetings, deny to the said public servants the full rights of citizenship, and should, therefore, be abolished.
56. MR. MACKENZIE to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the railway from Belmore to Chapel-road, as recommended by the Public Works Committee should be constructed without delay.
57. MR. ROSE to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the franchise should not be imposed on the women of New South Wales until it is ascertained by a referendum of female adults if the majority of women favour such proposal.
58. MR. ESTELL to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the circumstances in connection with the dismissal of men lately employed at the Rhondda Colliery for joining a trades organisation.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Fogar, Mr. Edden, Mr. Cann, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Macdonell, Mr. John Storey, and the Mover.
59. MR. WILLIS to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report on the stability and method of trading of the various banking institutions receiving money on deposit within this State.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Meagher, Mr. D. R. Hall, Mr. Rose, Mr. Arthur Griffith, Mr. Nobbs, Mr. Edden, Mr. Hollis, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, and the Mover.
60. MR. HOLLIS to move, That it be an instruction to the Standing Orders Committee that they prepare a Standing Order to provide that a record be taken of the names of all Members of this House who are present when a motion to adjourn this House is agreed to.
61. MR. CARROLL to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claim made by Mr. Michael McNancee, formerly letter-carrier in the General Post Office, Sydney, for a pension.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Bennett, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Eden George, Mr. Gillies, Mr. Arthur Griffith, Mr. Hawthorne, Mr. McGowen, Mr. Nobbs, and the Mover.
62. MR. DICK to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—  
 (1.) The names of candidates who have successfully passed the Public Service Board's examination for Police Magistrates.  
 (2.) The ages of the candidates.  
 (3.) The dates and places of examination.  
 (4.) The present public positions of such candidates as hold them.  
 (5.) The salaries and names of those who have been appointed to the Bench.
63. MR. RICHARDS to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims, if any, of George Cook, William Crouch, and Joseph Goodenough, for the reward offered by the Government for the discovery of a gold-field, and claimed by the said parties in connection with the discovery of Merrigundah or Gulf Creek gold-field.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Kidd, Mr. W. F. Hurley, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Nielsen, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Moore, and the Mover.
64. MR. CARRUTHERS to move, That, in the opinion of this House,—  
 (1.) The time has arrived when a more progressive policy of education on modern lines should be carried out by the State, and that features of that policy should be—(a) a training college for teachers affiliated to the University; (b) a revised curriculum and improved methods of teaching in the Primary Schools, especially in regard to kindergarten and technical methods of instruction; (c) a wider and more systematic system of technical instruction, with results for technical scholarship, in the form of degrees, to be conferred by the Technical College on an approved course of instruction and examination; (d) the closer association of the technical education of the State Colleges and the University; (e) the extension of the system of bursaries, to enable talented children of poor parents to obtain higher education at the High Schools, the Technical College, and the University; (f) the abolition of the fees for the public examinations and for the University.  
 (2.) A Royal Commission should be appointed to investigate into, and report upon, the best method of carrying out the above reforms.

65. MR. DICK to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient that a Government Graving Dock should be provided for Newcastle.
66. MR. J. C. L. FITZPATRICK to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon all matters appertaining to the "Chain Letter" movement instituted by a resident of Illawarra suburbs in aid of the children's ward of St. George's Hospital.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Jessep, Mr. E. M. Clark, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Quinn, Mr. Affleck, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Law, and the Mover.
67. MR. J. C. L. FITZPATRICK to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the system at present in vogue of treating as ordinary revenue moneys received from the sale, by auction or otherwise, of the public estate, is one that should be immediately discontinued; and this House urges that all future receipts from this source should be set apart as the nucleus of a fund from which to meet the State's obligations in regard to interest on the National Debt, and for the purpose of meeting as far as possible, the cost of extending our railway system for the benefit of the producers.
68. MR. J. C. L. FITZPATRICK to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon all circumstances in connection with the granting of an extension of lease of the Kensington Racecourse.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Davis, Mr. Power, Mr. Byrne, Mr. John Storey, Mr. Meagher, Mr. Estell, Mr. Daley, Mr. E. M. Clark, and the Mover.
69. MR. J. C. L. FITZPATRICK to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is eminently desirable, in order that the provisions of the Public Service Act may be efficiently and faithfully administered, no appointments in future should be made of officers from inside the Public Service to fill vacancies on such Board, either temporarily or otherwise.

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Legitimation Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading. [*Mr. Hogue.*]
2. Trustee Act Amendment Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading. [*Mr. Carruthers.*]
3. Waaga Wagga Cattle Driving Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading. [*Mr. Gormly.*]
4. Agricultural Holdings Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Price.*]
5. Bread Vendors Bill; second reading. [*Mr. E. M. Clark.*]
6. Inverell Gas, Coke, Coal, and Electric Lighting Company (Limited) Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading. [*Mr. McIntyre.*]
7. Royal Commission on the Western Lands; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates a sum of money to meet the expenses of the members of the Royal Commission on the Western Lands. [*Mr. Haynes.*]
8. Drainage Promotion Act Amendment Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Brunker.*]
9. Whitney Estate Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading. [*Mr. Brunker.*]
10. Legal Profession Amalgamation Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Frank Farnell.*]
11. Trade Union Amending Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Kelly.*]
12. Servants Registry Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate charges made by registry offices in regard to obtaining employment for servants, and for the registration and regulation of such offices. [*Mr. Anderson.*]
13. Moore Estate Act Further Amendment Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading. [*Mr. Nobbs.*]
14. District Courts Act Amendment Bill; second reading. [*Mr. McIntyre.*]
15. Medical Practitioners (Amending) Bill; second reading. [*Mr. E. M. Clark.*]
16. State Labour Selection Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Carruthers, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
17. Tied Houses Bill (No. 2); resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. Arthur Griffith, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
18. Coal Mines (Payment of Wages) Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Fegan.*]
19. Miners' Accident Relief (Bull's Fund) Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Fegan.*]
20. Commonwealth Portland Cement Company Railway Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading. [ .]
21. Benevolent Society of New South Wales Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading. [*Mr. Ashton.*]
22. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Haynes.*]
23. Newspaper Articles Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Quinn, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
24. Parliamentary Powers and Privileges Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Meagher.*]
25. Employees of Labour Unions Protection Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Eddon, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
26. Money-lenders and Infants Loans Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading. [*Mr. Ashton.*]

Legislative Assembly Office,  
 Sydney, 20th December, 1901.

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



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## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

## NEW SOUTH WALES.

ATTENDANCES OF MEMBERS IN DIVISIONS AND COUNTS-OUT  
DURING THE SESSION OF 1901.

	Divisions in the House.	Divisions in Committee.	Counts-out.	Total.
Affleck, William, Esq. ... ..	22	36	.....	58
Anderson, George, Esq. ... ..	33	69	.....	102
Archer, William, Esq. ... ..	20	40	.....	60
Ashton, James, Esq. ... ..	13	21	.....	34
Barnes, John Frederick, Esq. ... ..	22	27	.....	49
Bennett, The Hon. Walter, Esq. ... ..	27	53	1	81
Briner, George Stuart, Esq. ... ..	20	35	1	56
Broughton, Ernest Clement Vernon, Esq. ... ..	25	41	.....	66
Brunker, The Hon. James Nixon, Esq. ... ..	27	26	1	54
Burgess, George Arthur, Esq. ... ..	26	39	.....	65
Byrne, Francis Arthur, Esq. ... ..	12	18	1	31
Campbell, Alexander, Esq. ... ..	8	26	1	35
Campbell, Archibald, Esq. ( <i>Temporary-Chairman of Committees</i> ) ... ..	5	13	.....	18
Cann, John Henry, Esq. ( <i>Chairman of Committees</i> ) ... ..	30	.....	1	31
Carroll, James George, Esq. ... ..	33	47	2	82
Carruthers, The Hon. Joseph Hector, Esq. ... ..	9	11	.....	20
Chapman, Albert Edward, Esq. ... ..	18	36	.....	54
Clara, Patrick James, Esq. ( <i>Election declared wholly void, 11th October— re-elected 4th November</i> ) ... ..	27	34	1	62
Clark, Edward Mann, Esq. ... ..	14	29	.....	43
Clarke, Henry, Esq. ... ..	20	33	.....	53
Cohen, John Jacob, Esq. ... ..	23	33	.....	56
Coleman, John William, Esq. ... ..	24	36	.....	60
Collins, Albert Ernest, Esq. ... ..	21	40	.....	70
Crick, The Hon. William Patrick, Esq. ... ..	24	53	.....	77
Dacey, John Rowland, Esq. ... ..	19	28	1	48
Daley, William Michael, Esq. ... ..	22	45	.....	67
Davidson, Robert, Esq. ... ..	33	37	2	72
Davis, William Walter, Esq. ... ..	27	59	.....	86
Dick, William Thomas, Esq. ... ..	18	23	.....	41
Dight, Charles Hilton, Esq. ... ..	21	25	.....	46
Donaldson, Robert Thomas, Esq. ... ..	24	38	.....	62
Edden, Alfred, Esq. ... ..	23	37	.....	60
Estell, John, Esq. ... ..	29	49	.....	78
Evans, Joseph George, Esq. ... ..	31	63	1	95
Fallick, James, Esq. ... ..	28	46	.....	74
Farnell, Frank, Esq. ... ..	11	9	.....	20
Fegan, John Lionel, Esq. ... ..	27	55	.....	82
Ferguson, William John, Esq. ... ..	30	61	1	92
Fitzpatrick, John Charles Lucas, Esq. ( <i>Temporary-Chairman of Committees</i> ) ... ..	37	59	3	99
Fitzpatrick, Thomas, Esq. ... ..	18	15	1	34
Fleming, William Montgomerie, Esq. ... ..	9	24	1	34
George, Eden, Esq. ... ..	30	35	1	66
Gilbert, Owen, Esq. ... ..	30	61	1	92
Gillies, John, Esq. ... ..	30	56	2	88
Gormly, James, Esq. ... ..	13	23	.....	36
Griffith, Arthur Hill, Esq. ... ..	24	34	.....	58
Griffith, Thomas Hunter, Esq. ... ..	9	16	.....	25
Hall, Brinsley, Esq. ... ..	25	37	.....	62
Hall, David Robert, Esq. ... ..	25	52	.....	77
Hawthorne, John Stuart, Esq. ... ..	7	6	.....	13
Hayes, The Hon. James, Esq. ... ..	13	19	.....	32
Haynes, John, Esq. ... ..	14	18	.....	32
Hogue, James Alexander, Esq. ... ..	28	28	.....	56
Hollis, Robert, Esq. ... ..	41	67	1	109
Holman, William Arthur, Esq. ... ..	21	22	.....	43
Howarth, George, Esq. ... ..	10	30	.....	40
Hurley, John, Esq. ... ..	22	20	1	43
Hurley, William Fergus, Esq. ... ..	43	83	1	127
Jessep, Thomas, Esq. ... ..	32	68	2	102
Kelly, Andrew Joseph, Esq. ... ..	26	46	1	73
Kidd, The Hon. John, Esq. ... ..	29	71	.....	100

	Divisions in the House	Divisions in Committee	Counts-out.	Total
Latimer, William Fleming, Esq. ....	33	51	.....	84
Law, Sydney James, Esq. ( <i>Temporary-Chairman of Committees</i> ) ...	27	43	.....	70
Lee, Charles Alfred, Esq. ....	25	56	.....	81
Levien, Robert Henry, Esq. ....	5	24	.....	29
Lery, Daniel, Esq. ....	22	42	.....	64
Lonsdale, Edmund, Esq. ....	24	46	.....	70
Macdonald, Hugh, Esq. ....	11	11	.....	22
Macdonell, Donald, Esq. ....	26	42	.....	68
MacKenzie, Thomas Fitzherbert Hawkins, Esq. ....	24	27	.....	51
MacMahon, Michael John, Esq. ....	20	39	.....	59
Mahony, William Henry, Esq. ....	25	15	.....	40
McCourt, The Hon. William, Esq. ( <i>Elected Speaker 23rd July, 1901</i> ) ...	.....	.....	.....	.....
McCoy, Richard Watson Walker, Esq. ....	32	31	.....	63
McFarlane, John, Esq. ....	18	18	.....	36
McGowen, James Sinclair Taylor, Esq. ....	33	46	1	80
McIntyre, William Donald, Esq. ....	36	66	2	104
McLaurin, Gordon Randall, Esq. ....	17	49	2	68
Meagher, Richard Denis, Esq. ....	29	30	2	61
Millard, William, Esq. ....	18	33	.....	51
Miller, Gustave Thomas Carlisle, Esq. ....	31	51	.....	82
Moore, Samuel Wilkinson, Esq. ....	23	32	1	61
Morton, Mark Fairles, Esq. ....	36	42	1	79
Moxham, Thomas Robert, Esq. ....	12	21	.....	33
Nelson, Arthur David, Esq. ....	14	9	.....	23
Newman, Henry William, Esq. ....	18	18	.....	36
Nicholson, John Barnes, Esq. ....	23	39	.....	68
Nielson, Niel Rasmus Wilson, Esq. ....	38	62	.....	100
Nobbs, John, Esq. ....	23	40	1	69
Norton, John, Esq. ....	2	1	.....	3
Oakes, Charles William, Esq. ....	22	43	.....	65
O'Connor, Daniel, Esq. ....	17	46	4	67
O'Connor, Broughton Barnabas, Esq. ( <i>Temporary-Chairman of Committees</i> ) ...	7	17	1	25
O'Sullivan, The Hon. Edward William, Esq. ....	40	78	4	122
Perry, The Hon. John, Esq. ....	35	71	1	107
Phillips, Simeon, Esq. ....	21	47	.....	68
Power, John Joseph, Esq. ....	18	24	.....	42
Price, Richard Atkinson, Esq. ( <i>Temporary-Chairman of Committees</i> ) ...	15	22	2	39
Pyers, Robert, Esq. ....	14	17	.....	31
Quinn, Patrick Edward, Esq. ....	23	31	1	55
Quirk, Ellison Wentworth, Esq. ....	11	27	.....	38
Reynold, Joseph Bernard, Esq. ....	6	12	.....	18
Richards, Edwin, Esq. ....	14	18	1	33
Rose, Thomas, Esq. ....	13	23	.....	42
Ross, Andrew, Esq., M.D. ....	16	26	.....	42
Scobie, Robert, Esq. ....	40	77	1	118
See, The Hon. John, Esq. ....	40	53	4	97
Sleath, Richard, Esq. ....	22	37	1	60
Smith, James Francis, Esq. ....	35	63	1	99
Smith, Samuel, Esq. ....	9	47	1	57
Smith, Thomas Richard, Esq. ....	13	27	.....	40
Storey, David, Esq. ....	10	12	.....	22
Storey, John, Esq. ....	30	54	.....	84
Sullivan, Philip Hurley, Esq. ....	23	39	1	63
Thomson, John, Esq. ....	20	34	1	55
Waddell, The Hon. Thomas, Esq. ....	28	43	.....	71
Walsh, Raymond Joseph, Esq. ....	18	32	1	51
Webster, William, Esq. ....	22	47	.....	69
Whiddon, Samuel Thomas, Esq. ....	4	5	.....	9
Williams, William John, Esq. ....	24	44	1	69
Willis, William Nicholas, Esq. ....	9	22	1	32
Winchcombe, Frederick Earle, Esq. ....	11	26	.....	37
Wood, William Herbert, Esq. ....	12	18	.....	30
Wright, Francis Augustus, Esq. ....	19	9	.....	28
Young, William White, Esq. ....	26	51	1	78

Legislative Assembly Office,  
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## 15. Sittings of the House:—

Return of the number of days on which the House sat in the Session of 1901, 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	23 July	Tuesday	12 noon	2-10 o'clock p.m.	h. m. 2 19	h. m. ...	8
2	24 "	Wednesday	10-30 o'clock a.m.	12-25 "	1 55	...	13
3	25 "	Thursday	4 "	10-36 "	6 36	...	4
4	30 "	Tuesday	4 "	10-55 "	6 55	...	6
5	31 "	Wednesday	4 "	11-5 "	7 5	...	5
6	1 August	Thursday	4 "	8-22 "	16 22	8 22	8
7	6 "	Tuesday	4 "	10-58 "	6 58	...	18
8	7 "	Wednesday	4 "	12-55 "	8 55	0 55	24
9	8 "	Thursday	4 "	5-30 "	1 30	...	9
10	13 "	Tuesday	4 "	10-21 "	6 21	...	16
11	14 "	Wednesday	4 "	12-33 "	8 33	0 33	20
12	15 "	Thursday	4 "	11 "	7 0	...	12
13	20 "	Tuesday	4 "	11-20 "	7 20	...	16
14	21 "	Wednesday	4 "	1-50 "	9 50	1 50	12
15	22 "	Thursday	4 "	10-57 "	6 57	...	12
16	27 "	Tuesday	4 "	10-50 "	6 50	...	7
17	28 "	Wednesday	4 "	11-5 "	7 5	...	13
18	29 "	Thursday	4 "	1-3 "	9 3	1 3	7
19	3 September	Tuesday	4 "	12-34 "	8 34	0 34	16
20	4 "	Wednesday	4 "	3-17 "	11 17	3-17	9
21	5 "	Thursday	4 "	11-39 "	7 39	...	14
22	10 "	Tuesday	4 "	11-19 "	7 19	...	9
23	11 "	Wednesday	4 "	11 "	7 0	...	14
24	12 "	Thursday	4 "	8-40 "	11 40	3-40	10
25	17 "	Tuesday	4 "	4-54 "	0 54	...	3
26	18 "	Wednesday	4 "	8-55 "	23 55	20 55	29
27	24 "	Tuesday	4 "	3-13 "	11 13	3-13	10
28	25 "	Wednesday	4 "	1-51 "	9 51	1-51	30
29	26 "	Thursday	4 "	11-56 "	7 56	...	20
30	1 October	Tuesday	4 "	12-30 "	8 30	0 30	8
31	2 "	Wednesday	4 "	3-48 "	11 48	3-48	38
32	3 "	Thursday	4 "	11-13 "	7 13	...	30
33	8 "	Tuesday	4 "	11-11 "	7 11	...	11
34	9 "	Wednesday	4 "	1-55 "	9 55	1 55	14
35	10 "	Thursday	4 "	6-35 "	26 35	18 35	18
36	15 "	Tuesday	4 "	10-45 "	6 45	...	7
37	16 "	Wednesday	4 "	12-15 "	8 15	0 15	14
38	17 "	Thursday	4 "	10-15 "	30 15	22 15	13
39	22 "	Tuesday	4 "	10-50 "	6 50	...	12
40	23 "	Wednesday	4 "	3-45 "	11 45	3-45	10
41	24 "	Thursday	4 "	8-50 "	16 50	8 50	9
42	29 "	Tuesday	4 "	11-10 "	7 10	...	7
43	30 "	Wednesday	4 "	8-37 "	16 37	8 37	12
44	31 "	Thursday	4 "	11-15 "	7 15	...	10
45	5 November	Tuesday	4 "	9-51 "	5 51	...	8
46	6 "	Wednesday	4 "	3-8 "	23 8	15 8	9
47	12 "	Tuesday	4 "	11-12 "	7 12	...	19
48	13 "	Wednesday	4 "	1-57 "	9 57	1-57	13
49	14 "	Thursday	4 "	3-0 "	11 0	3 0	23
50	15 "	Friday	1-30	5-0 "	3 30	...	7
51	19 "	Tuesday	4 "	11-22 "	7 22	...	19
52	20 "	Wednesday	4 "	2-7 "	10 7	2-7	19
53	21 "	Thursday	4 "	2 "	10 0	2 0	12
54	26 "	Tuesday	4 "	12-25 "	8 25	0 25	19
55	27 "	Wednesday	4 "	11-26 "	7 26	...	13
56	28 "	Thursday	4 "	12-35 "	8 35	0 35	15
57	3 December	Tuesday	4 "	8-46 "	16 46	8-46	14
58	4 "	Wednesday	4 "	12-27 "	8 27	0 27	26
59	5 "	Thursday	4 "	2-30 "	10 30	2 30	27
60	10 "	Tuesday	4 "	2-30 "	10 30	2 30	23
61	11 "	Wednesday	4 "	1-20 "	9 20	1 20	21
62	12 "	Thursday	4 "	16-40 "	30 40	22 40	31
63	17 "	Tuesday	4 "	7-55 "	15 55	7 55	26
64	18 "	Wednesday	4 "	3-20 "	11 20	3-20	24
65	19 "	Thursday	4 "	10-56 "	6 56	...	13
Total .....					662 43	189 23	968

Average length of sitting daily, 10 hours 11 minutes.

Legislative Assembly Office,  
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