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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 2 JULY, 1907.

1. **OPENING OF THE SESSION** :—The House met at Twelve o'clock at Noon, pursuant to a Proclamation of His Excellency the Governor, bearing date the eleventh day of June, 1907.

2. **Mr. Speaker took the Chair.**

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

"NEW SOUTH WALES, } Proclamation by His Excellency Sir HARRY HOLDSWORTH RAWSON
"TO WIT. } Admiral in the Royal Navy, Knight Grand Cross of the Most
"(L.S.) } Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor of the State of New South
"HARRY H. RAWSON, }
"Governor. } Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia.

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

"Given under my Hand and Seal, at Sydney, this eleventh day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seven, and in the seventh year of His Majesty's Reign.

"By His Excellency's Command,
"T. WADDELL.

"GOD SAVE THE KING!"

2. **VACANT SEAT—ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF BLAYNEY** :—Mr. Speaker informed the House that, upon the passing of the Resolution of the 12th December, 1906, declaring the seat of William Patrick Crick, Esquire, vacant, he had issued a Writ for the Election of a Member to serve in the room of Mr. Crick ; and that, during the recess, such Writ had been duly returned, with a certificate endorsed thereon, by the Returning Officer, of the election of John Swann Withington, Esquire, to serve as Member for the Electoral District of Blayney.

3. **MEMBER SWORN** :—John Swann Withington, Esquire, was introduced, and, 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 Blayney.

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

"MR. SPEAKER,—

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

The House went,—and being returned, adjourned, on motion of Mr. Carruthers, at thirteen minutes after Twelve o'clock, until Four o'clock This Day.

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The House resumed pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

5. THE CLERK SUMMONED :—Mr. Speaker informed the House that, during the recess, the Clerk had received a subpoena to appear before the Equity Court in the case "Attorney-General v. James Leslie Williams," to produce the original Message, dated the 20th October, 1881, dealing with the Assent to a Bill relating to Church and School Lands,—and that, as Speaker, he had authorised the production of such Message.
6. ASSENT TO BILLS :—Mr. Speaker reported that, during the recess, he had received the following Messages from His Excellency the Governor assenting to the following Bills :—

(1.) Vine and Vegetation Diseases (Fruit Pests) Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 1.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Vine and Vegetation Diseases Act, 1901*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of 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.) Loan Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 2.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the raising of a Loan for Public Works and Services ; and for other purposes*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of 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.) Appropriation Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 3.

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, 1906, to the 30th day of June, 1907, inclusive of both dates ; to adjust the Vote 'Advance to Treasurer, 1905-1906,' for supplementary charges during the period from 1st July, 1905, to 30th June, 1906, inclusive of both dates ; to provide for Public Works and other Services for the year 1906-7 out of the Public Works Fund, and for Services of the year 1906-7 out of the Closer Settlement Fund ; and for purposes connected with and incidental to the above objects*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of 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, 17th December, 1906.

(4.) Great Western Railway Deviation (Lithgow Zigzag) Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 4.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of a deviation of the Great Western Railway Line to avoid the Lithgow Zigzag ; and for purposes consequent thereupon or incidental thereto*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of 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.) Government Savings Bank Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 5.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to constitute and regulate and provide for the management of the Government Savings Bank of New South Wales and its departments ; to authorise the said Bank to receive deposits, borrow moneys, and make loans and investments ; to provide for a Government guarantee of any indebtedness of the said Bank ; to repeal the Acts dealing with the Government Savings Bank, and with Advances to Settlers ; to provide for the transfer of certain assets, liabilities, and powers to the said Bank ; to amend the Acts dealing with Crown Lands, the Closer Settlement Act, 1904, and certain other Acts ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of 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 December, 1906.

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(6.) Improvement Leases Cancellation Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 6.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the cancellation and forfeiture of certain improvement leases ; for the disposal of the land included in such leases, and for the constitution of a Board to deal with such land ; to amend the Crown Lands Acts ; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of 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, 19th December, 1906.

(7.) Public Works Committee (Amendment) Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 7.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Public Works Committee Act, 1904 ; to indemnify the Colonial Treasurer, the Officers of the Treasury, and other persons in respect of certain payments ; and for other purposes,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of 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.) Closer Settlement (Amendment) Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 8.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Closer Settlement Act, 1904 ; and for other purposes,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of 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.) Local Government Extension Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 9.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act for the better government of Municipalities and Shires ; for those purposes to amend, extend, and repeal certain Acts, and to apply the provisions of the Local Government (Shires) Act, 1905, to Municipalities ; and for other purposes,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of 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.) Careless Use of Fire (Amendment) Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 10.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Careless Use of Fire Act, 1901, and for other purposes,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of 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.) Taxation Amending Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 11.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Taxation Amending Act, 1905, in order to apply its provisions to Municipalities ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of 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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(12.) Barren Jack Dam and Murrumbidgee Canals Construction Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 12.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a dam across the Murrumbidgee River at Barren Jack, a movable diversion weir across the Murrumbidgee River about nineteen miles in a direct line above Narrandera, a main canal from near the diversion weir, a series of branch and subsidiary distributing and drainage channels, together with other works connected therewith; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of 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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(13.) Young Men's Christian Association of Sydney Incorporation Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 13.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to constitute the members of the New South Wales Young Men's Christian Association 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 Association; to discharge the Trustees of the said Association from certain liabilities; and generally to carry out the said objects and the objects for which the said Association was established,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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(14.) Armidale Cattle Sale-yards Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 14.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the erection and maintenance of cattle sale-yards by the Borough Council of Armidale, within the said Borough,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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(15.) Mining Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 15.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate and amend the law relating to mining; to give further facilities for the development of mining; to amend the Crown Lands Act of 1884, and Acts amending the same; and for other purposes,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of 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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(16.) Illawarra Suburbs Sewerage Construction Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 16.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of Sewerage Works for the Illawarra Suburbs; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of 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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(17.) Local Government Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 17.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate and amend the law relating to the Local Government of Shires and Municipalities,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of 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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(18.) Drummoyne Sewerage Construction Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 18.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of Sewerage Works for the Municipality of Drummoyne; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of 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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(19.) Wallsend-Buttai Pipe-line Construction Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 19.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a twenty-inch diameter pipe-line from Wallsend to Buttai in connection with the Newcastle and District Water Supply; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of 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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(20.) Broken Hill and UMBERUMBERKA Water Supply Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 20.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for an additional water supply for Broken Hill and District; for that purpose to confer certain powers on and to vest certain lands in the Municipal Council of Broken Hill; to authorise the transfer of such powers and lands to a Trust to be constituted; to confer certain other powers on such Trust; to apply and amend certain Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of 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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(21.) David Berry Hospital Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 21.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to vest in the Crown certain lands held in trust for the erection and endowment of a hospital under the will of the late David Berry, and certain other lands, and for dealing with such lands and the proceeds and revenues thereof; to provide for making certain payments in respect thereof; to provide for the establishment and maintenance by the Crown of a public hospital at or near the township of Berry to be called the 'David Berry Hospital,' and subject thereto of technical and agricultural colleges and other institutions for the promotion of agricultural and veterinary science; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of 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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(22.) Gaming and Betting (Amendment) Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 22.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the definitions of 'Principal Act' and 'race meeting' in the Gaming and Betting Act, 1906; to amend section twenty and subsection one of section twenty-eight of the said Act,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of 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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(23.) Tocumwal Railway Extension Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 23.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to ratify a certain agreement between the Governments of the States of New South Wales and Victoria, providing for the extension of the Victorian Railways to Tocumwal, in the State of New South Wales; for the above purposes, to provide for the construction of work, the appropriation, resumption, acquisition, and vesting of land; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of 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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(24.) Water and Drainage and Artesian Wells (Amending) Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 24.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to make better provision for water conservation, water supply, irrigation, drainage, the prevention of floods, and the control of flood waters; to amend the Water and Drainage Act, 1902, the Water Rights Act, 1902, the Artesian Wells Act, 1897, and other Acts; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of 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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(25.) Sydney Abattoir Construction Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 25.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the removal of the Public Abattoir from Glebe Island, the erection of new buildings at Homebush Point, and the carrying out of other works in connection therewith; and for purposes consequent thereupon or incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of 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, 29th December, 1906.

7. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS BILL (*Reserved Bill*) :—Mr. Speaker reported that, during the recess, he had received the following Message from His Excellency the Governor :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 26.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1902, and the Constitution Act, 1902; to repeal the Parliamentary Elections (Amendment) Act, 1903; and for other purposes,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has reserved the said Bill for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure thereon.

The proper measures will be forthwith adopted for obtaining the King's decision accordingly, and, in the meantime, the Bill has been transmitted to the Legislative Council, to await His Majesty's pleasure.

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He had also at a later date received the following Message :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 27.

In pursuance of the provisions of the 33rd section of the Act 5 and 6 Victoria, Cap. 76, the Governor hereby signifies to the Legislative Assembly that the Bill passed by the Parliament of New South Wales in 1906, intituled "*An Act to amend the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1902, and the Constitution Act, 1902; to repeal the Parliamentary Elections (Amendment) Act, 1903; and for other purposes,*"—has been laid before His Majesty in Council, and that His Majesty has been pleased to assent to the same.

His Majesty's assent to this Act was duly notified by Proclamation in the *Government Gazette* of the 1st May, 1907.

State Government House,
Sydney, 9th May, 1907.

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8. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—CHANGES IN THE MINISTRY:**—Mr. Carruthers made a Ministerial Statement, and informed the House that, during the period of recess, the constitution of the Ministry had undergone a slight change. Mr. B. B. O'Connor, who had presided over the Department of Public Instruction and Labour and Industry since 30th August, 1904, resigned his portfolio on the 13th May last. Mr. Hogue succeeded him, and the vacancy thus occasioned in the ranks of the Ministry has been filled by the inclusion of the Member for Belubula (Mr. Waddell). Mr. Waddell and Mr. Hogue were sworn in on the 14th May last,—the former as Colonial Secretary and the latter as Minister of Public Instruction and Labour and Industry.
9. **PAPER:**—Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—Notification of the Appointment of Mr. T. R. Johnson as Chief Commissioner for Railways and Tramways, Mr. D. Kirkcaldie as Assistant Commissioner for Railways, and Mr. H. Richardson as Assistant Commissioner for Tramways, under the Railway Commissioners Appointment Act, 1906.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
10. **VOTE OF CREDIT:**—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Carruthers, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 28.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1907–1908, and out of the Public Works Fund; and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan.

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Ordered to be referred to the Committee of Supply.

11. **PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:**—Mr. John Hurley, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Second Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, relating to the proposed Tramway from Wallsend to West Wallsend.
(2.) Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, relating to the proposed Electric Tramway from Harris-street, *via* Miller-street, Abattoir-road, Glebe Island Bridge, and Weston-street, to Evans-street, Balmain.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
12. **PRO FORMA BILL—LAW OF EVIDENCE BILL:**—Mr. Carruthers presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Law of Evidence,*"—and moved, That this Bill be read a first-time *pro forma*.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a first time.
13. **THE GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH:**—Mr. Speaker reported that the House had this day attended the Governor in the Legislative Council Chamber, when His Excellency was pleased to deliver an Opening Speech to both Houses of Parliament, of which, for greater accuracy, he had obtained a copy,—which he read to the House as follows:—

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

1. The Parliamentary Elections Act (1906) passed your Houses towards the close of last Session, but inasmuch as the Constitution Act required that the Bill be reserved for the Royal Assent, it did not become law until the thirtieth day of April, 1907.

2. Until that date it was impossible to collect the Electoral Lists and otherwise bring into operation the law under which a General Election could take place; nor will it be possible to have proper provision made for such election for some few weeks to come.

3. It is to be regretted that so much delay has taken place through the reservation of the Electoral Bill, but I am happy to be able to say that legislation to avoid a repetition of a similar occurrence is now engaging the attention of the Imperial Parliament.

4. My advisers recognise that the General Elections ought to be held earlier in the year, in order that more time might be available for the work of the first Session of the new Parliament. But, as circumstances have precluded the possibility of holding the next elections earlier than the spring of this year, I have now summoned you together in order that the task of the new Parliament may be somewhat lightened.

GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

5. You will be invited to make adequate provision to meet the exigencies of the Public Service on terms which, whilst not depriving the new Parliament of its proper control of expenditure, will relieve it from pressure in this respect.

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

6. At this period of the existence of the present Parliament, it is recognised that no measures involving large questions of public policy can be dealt with by you. You will, however, be invited to consider as urgent questions the following, viz., a Bill to validate certain Municipal Loans, a Bill to remove doubts as to the operation of the Gaming and Betting Act, and a Bill to authorise necessary improvements to the Port of Newcastle, already favourably reported upon by the Public Works Committee.

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7. I now leave you to the performance of your high and responsible duties, with the earnest prayer that, under Divine guidance, your deliberations may promote the welfare and happiness of all classes of the people.

Mr. Withington then moved, and Mr. Gillies seconded the motion,—

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

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Cohen, Mr. Ball, Colonel Ryrie, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Bruntnell, Mr. Nobbs, Mr. Brinsley Hall, Mr. Gillies, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

The Committee retired to prepare the Address.

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

To His Excellency Sir HARRY HOLDSWORTH RAWSON, Admiral in the Royal Navy, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, 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 beg to assure your Excellency that our earnest consideration will be given to the measures to be submitted to us, and that the necessary provision for the Public Service will be made.

We join your Excellency in the hope that, under Divine Providence, our labours may prove of benefit to all classes of the people.

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

Debate ensued.

Mr. Arthur Griffith 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.

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

Question put and passed.

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

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 3 JULY, 1907.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) John W. Brightfield's Method for Destruction of Rabbits :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is he aware of the fact that one John Wm. Brightfield, of Sydney, in the year 1887, wrote to the Government Mines Department that he had a method for the destruction of rabbits?

(2.) Is he aware that an experiment was made on 22nd October, 1906, at Mort's Dock and Engineering Company (Limited), Balmain, and that the trial for destruction of rabbits proved a success?

(3.) Is it a fact that correspondence has taken place between Brightfield and the Government upon his scheme, to be allowed to carry out experiments on Crown lands, to be selected, and asking the Department for provision in a reasonable sum for the positive proof of his destructive invention, but up to the present no promise has been received, and the work is still held in abeyance?

(4.) Will he be pleased to allow a reasonable sum to be passed for the conducting of his scheme, and to equip him for a small time, to prove the success of his results, as, having made several machines, he is in a position to start at any time or place?

Mr. Ashton answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) I have seen a newspaper report to that effect.

(3.) In reply to correspondence received from Mr. Brightfield, he has been supplied with names and addresses of Chairmen of Pastures Protection Boards of various districts, with a view to bringing the merits of his scheme before them, as, under the Pastures Protection Act, the matter of rabbit destruction has been placed in the hands of the Pastures Protection Boards.

(4.) I will be glad to discuss the matter with the Honorable Member.

- (2.) Dredging the Macleay, Nambucca, and Bellinger Rivers :—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What amount of money was expended in dredging the Macleay, Nambucca, and Bellinger Rivers during the years ending 30th June, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903, and 1904?

(2.) The same information for the years 1905, 1906 and 1907?

Mr. Lee answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table of this House the information in the form of a return.

- (3.) Improvements at Entrances of Macleay, Nambucca, and Bellinger Rivers :—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he take steps to ensure the carrying out of further improvements at the entrances to the Macleay, Nambucca, and Bellinger Rivers, to such an extent that the work already done may be rendered more effective, and may be made secure?

Mr. Lee answered,—The whole question of dealing with the entrances to our Northern Rivers is now engaging the attention of the Government.

- (4.) Subdivision of Land at Dorrigo :—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) When is it likely that the proposed subdivision of 32,500 acres at Dorrigo will be available?

(2.) Is it proposed to construct the main road from Dorrigo Township to the Grafton-Armidale Road, to provide access to the land?

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Mr. Ashton answered,—

- (1.) It is expected that survey will not be completed for at least three months; continuous wet weather has caused delay. Plans and report of an area of 7,650 acres in the parish of Gundar (Eastern Dorrigo) are, however, expected shortly, and it is expected that this area will be available for application before the end of September.
- (2.) The matter is under consideration by the Works Department, with a view to arrangements being made with the local Shire for the construction of the road referred to.

(5.) Macleay Swamp Areas :—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that only one surveyor is available for the work of surveying Macleay Swamp areas?
- (2.) Will it not take at least two years for one surveyor to do the work and trust proposals to be gazetted?
- (3.) In view of the importance of the work, will he provide at least two more surveyors in order that the work may be expedited?

Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) Further efforts will be made to secure suitable surveyors, but up till now none are available.

(6.) Bellinger and Nambucca Rivers :—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Public Works.—

- (1.) Has he seen correspondence published in the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Daily Telegraph* of the 2nd instant, in which the serious state of the Bellinger and Nambucca Rivers is pointed out?
- (2.) Has not this matter been represented frequently to the Minister by the Member for Raleigh; and what has been the result of such representations?
- (3.) What depth of water is necessary to enable the "Antleon" to work?
- (4.) Is it not a fact that the depth on the Bellinger bar has, for some days, been 5 feet 9 inches or more; and is not the draft of the "Antleon" only 5 feet 3 inches?
- (5.) In view of all the representations which have repeatedly been made, and the serious loss to the districts affected as well as to those trading there, what is proposed to be done?

Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Yes. Such dredging has been done to give relief as was possible in view of the funds available and the fact that there are fourteen other entrances on the coast besides the Bellinger and Nambucca, which are also, from time to time, in need of the services of the bar dredges "Antleon" and "Tethys." Reports giving the state of the entrance each day are received from the Pilots, and the works to which these dredges shall be sent determined according to the relative urgency and importance.
- (3.) The "Antleon" when trimmed for working on the shallower bars draws 5 feet 9 inches, but as some allowance must be made for clearance and "scend," the depth required for working is at least 6 feet 6 inches.
- (4.) During the fortnight ended 28th June no soundings were taken owing to the heavy seas, but on 29th June there was 3 feet 11 inches at low water, or 5 feet 9 inches at high water. The draught of the "Antleon" is 5 feet 9 inches; the channel, however, is in such a position that even with sufficient depth "Antleon" cannot work here.
- (5.) As I have already informed the Honorable Member the state of the harbour entrances is now receiving attention.

(7.) Sickness and Overcrowding at Ormond House, Paddington :—Mr. Fegan, for Mr. Oakes, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Is he aware that serious complaints are being made of the overcrowding at the Juvenile Detention place (Ormond House, Paddington)?
- (2.) Is he aware that serious cases of sickness (infectious) that have occurred there have to be treated in the same room as healthy persons for want of proper accommodation?
- (3.) Will he see that the Works Department carry out the recommendations made for suitable isolation rooms; also extra dormitories for detained children?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

- (1.) Complaints have been made.
- (2.) Some cases of sickness have occurred which required, and received, medical treatment.
- (3.) Approval has been given to the necessary extensions, and the Department of Works is preparing plans and specifications in order that the work may be proceeded with.

(8.) Overtime Payment to Officers in Taxation Department :—Mr. Morton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is he aware that through the withdrawal of a large number of the officers of the Taxation Department to deal with the requirements of the Local Government Advisory Board certain other officers were compelled for a considerable period to remain on duty till 9:30 each night for the purpose of coping with taxation business of an important nature, and that for such overtime work they received only three hours' pay, while those officers engaged on shire work received five hours pay for the same time?
- (2.) Will he say why the distinction was made, particularly in view of the fact that had it not been for the shire work they would not have had to work overtime at all?
- (3.) Will he cause the necessary steps to be taken to have the difference paid to the officers entitled thereto?

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Mr. Carruthers answered,—The Public Service Regulations provide that all officers working overtime on their departmental work shall be required to work from 4.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. without additional remuneration. The officers detailed for the Local Government work were allowed the special concession referred to, but this was stopped some time ago, not only in the department of Taxation, but in other Departments engaged on similar work. The Public Service Board states that the regulations in regard to hours of overtime work are being amended.

- (9.) Teachers for Country Schools :—Mr. McFarlane asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
 (1.) Is he aware that there are a number of schools in the country districts closed through there being no teachers available?
 (2.) What steps does he propose to take to obtain additional teachers?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) At present there are seventy-four candidates for small schools who are undergoing a course of training. These will be ready for appointment at the end of next month. A difficulty presents itself in filling small schools through the unsuitability of many of these for female teachers.

- (10.) Crown Lands available for Settlement :—Mr. Collins asked the Secretary for Lands,—When are the following lands to be made available for settlement, what area, and under what forms of tenure :—(1) Pilliga and Bungle Gully land ; (2) Edgeroi surrendered land ; (3) Baan Baa Experimental Farm land ; (4) Pilliga scrub (15,000 acres) in its natural state ?

Mr. Ashton answered,—(1) Pilliga and Bungle Gully.—About 38,048 acres for original settlement lease in eight farms ranging from 3,545 acres to 5,580 acres, and 6,469 acres for additional holdings, will be gazetted 17th July, 1907, to become available 22nd August, 1907. (2) Edgeroi Surrender.—It is proposed to set apart three blocks of about 600 acres each for conditional purchase lease, one block of about 510 acres for original conditional purchase and associated conditional lease, and about 230 acres for additional holdings, after completion of the exchange. Action on the exchange is being expedited. (3) Baan Baa Experimental Farm.—Papers are with the District Surveyor, Moree, for report as to disposal of the land. The District Surveyor's report is expected at head office at an early date. It cannot be stated at present when the land will be made available. (4) Part of Pilliga Scrub, near Wee Waa.—Instructions are with the District Surveyor to subdivide about 15,000 acres, parishes Quinn, Dampier, &c., county of White, for conditional purchase lease, in twelve blocks ranging from about 1,000 acres to about 1,550 acres. The date on which the land will be available cannot be stated at present. The District Surveyor was asked on the 29th June, 1907, to expedite action as much as possible.

- (11.) Pilliga Scrub Land :—Mr. Collins asked the Secretary for Lands,—
 (1.) Has he accepted a tender for clearing the Pilliga scrub land ; if so, when is it proposed to commence operations ?
 (2.) How many and what size blocks are to be made available, and under what form of tenure ?

Mr. Ashton answered,—

(1.) Unexpected difficulties arose from time to time to prevent a contract being let, but it is hoped that the matter will be definitely arranged in a very few days.

(2.) It is proposed to set apart twenty blocks which have been designed in areas ranging from 680 to 1,600 acres (22,580 acres in all). These blocks are partly surveyed, and will be made available for residential settlement, probably conditional purchase lease.

2. PAPERS :—

Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return to an Order, made on 14th December, 1906,—“Police Force and Railway Employees.”
- (2.) Return to an Order, made on 29th November, 1906,—“State Fire Insurance.”
- (3.) Return to an Order, made on 23rd October, 1906,—“Liquor-selling Licenses.”
- (4.) Minute by the Colonial Treasurer respecting the non-enforcement of the Betterment Tax provided for in the Statutes authorising the construction of certain lines of railway.
- (5.) Minute by the Colonial Treasurer respecting the suspension of one of the provisions of the Old-age Pensions Act, 1900, in the case of certain old-age pensioners receiving Mutiny Pensions from the Indian Government.
- (6.) Return to an Order, made on 5th December, 1906,—“Railways—Como—Hurstville Deviation.”
- (7.) Additional Regulations Nos. 137 and 138, under the Explosives Act, 1905.
- (8.) Regulations under the Government Savings Bank Act, 1906.
- (9.) Regulations under the Stock Registration Transfer Act, 1906.
- (10.) Regulations Nos. 214 and 215, under the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900.
- (11.) Regulations Nos. 216 and 217, under the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900.
- (12.) Regulation No. 218, under the Sydney Harbour Rates Act, 1904.
- (13.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for improvement of Railway Traffic at Emu Plains.
- (14.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for improvement of Railway Station Yard at West Maitland.
- (15.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for erection thereon of a Residence for the Railway Station Master at Hexham.
- (16.) Notification of resumption and appropriation of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the purpose of providing access to the Railway Station Yard at Coolalie.
- (17.) Notification of resumption and appropriation of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, in connection with the deviation of the Great Northern Railway at Glennie's Creek.
- (18.) Notification of appropriation of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the extension of the Railway Station Yard at Arncliffe.
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- (19.) Notification of appropriation of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the extension of the Railway Station Yard at Wingen.
 - (20.) Report of the Railway Commissioners on Railways and Tramways for quarter ended 31st December, 1906.
 - (21.) Report of the Chief Commissioner for Railways and Tramways for quarter ended 31st March, 1907.
 - (22.) Report of the Trustees of the Public Library of New South Wales for the year 1906.
 - (23.) Statement of Bank Liabilities and Assets for quarter ended 31st December, 1906.
 - (24.) Statement of Public Companies' Liabilities and Assets for quarter ended 31st December, 1906.
 - (25.) Report of the proceedings of the Pharmacy Board during the year 1906.
 - (26.) Final Report of the Royal Commission on the Administration of the Lands Department.
 - (27.) Report of the Executive Committee of the New South Wales Public Disaster Relief Fund for the year 1906.
 - (28.) Report of the Government Savings Bank for the half-year ended 31st December, 1906.
 - (29.) Report of the Royal Commission (No. 2) of Inquiry into Claims of Members of New South Wales Contingents in South Africa.
- Referred by Sessional Order to Printing Committee.

Mr. Wade laid upon the Table—

- (1.) Report on Prisons for the year 1906.
 - (2.) Return (*in part*) to an Order, made on 17th March, 1892,—“Convictions under the Licensing Act.”
 - (3.) Minute of the Public Service Board regarding the appointment of Mr. E. A. Prior as Clerk of Petty Sessions, Wilcannia.
 - (4.) Minute of the Public Service Board respecting the appointment of Mr. G. W. H. Davies as Clerk of Petty Sessions, Bourke.
 - (5.) Minute of the Public Service Board regarding the promotion and transfer of certain Draftsmen, Registrar-General's Department.
 - (6.) Minute of the Public Service Board regarding the appointment of Mr. E. H. Page as Clerk of Petty Sessions, Nyngan; of Mr. E. J. Harrison, as Clerk of Petty Sessions, Windsor; and of Mr. E. A. Mahony, as Clerk of Petty Sessions, White Cliffs.
 - (7.) Minute of the Public Service Board, with enclosure, regarding the appointment of Mr. E. G. Hattersley as Clerk of Petty Sessions, Cooma; and increase of salary to Mr. C. E. Foster, Clerk of Petty Sessions, &c., Milton.
 - (8.) Minute of the Public Service Board regarding the appointment of Mr. G. S. Shepherd, as Clerk of Petty Sessions, Moruya.
 - (9.) Amended Regulations and Additional Regulation No. 450, under the Public Service Act, 1902.
 - (10.) Regulations under the Habitual Criminals Act, 1905.
 - (11.) Regulations under the Liquor Act, 1898, and Liquor (Amendment) Act, 1905.
 - (12.) Returns under the several Acts of Parliament administered by the Registrar-General for the year 1906.
 - (13.) Rule of the Supreme Court (Probate Jurisdiction).
 - (14.) Despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, enclosing copy of Order of His Majesty the King in Council, respecting supplementary Convention between the United Kingdom and the United States of America, regarding surrender of fugitive criminals.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Moore laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report of the Department of Mines for the year 1906.
 - (2.) Proclamation declaring Village Lands to be private lands, subject to the provisions of the Mining on Private Lands Act of 1894.
 - (3.) Regulations under the Stock Act, 1901.
 - (4.) Proclamation declaring “Tick Fever” or “Texas Fever,” and “Cattle Tick Infestation,” to be Infectious or Contagious Diseases, under the Stock Act, 1901.
 - (5.) Regulations under the Stock Diseases (Tick) Act, 1901.
 - (6.) Amended Regulations under the Stock Diseases (Tick) Act, 1901.
 - (7.) Report of the Miners' Accident Relief Board for the year 1906.
 - (8.) General Rule 56 of Section 55, of the Mines Inspection Act, 1901.
 - (9.) Proclamation declaring Fire-clay to be a “Mineral” within the meaning of the Mining on Private Lands (Amendment) Act, 1902.
 - (10.) Proclamation declaring Kaolin to be a “Mineral” within the meaning of the Mining on Private Lands (Amendment) Act, 1902.
 - (11.) Proclamation declaring Mica to be a “Mineral” within the meaning of the Mining on Private Lands (Amendment) Act, 1902.
 - (12.) Regulations under the Mining Act, 1906.
 - (13.) Regulations under the Vine and Vegetation Diseases (Fruit Pests) Act, 1906.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return showing Expenditure in dredging the Macleay, Nambucca, and Bellinger Rivers during the years ending 30th June, 1901 to 1907, inclusive.
 - (2.) Minute respecting the promotion of Mr. W. Grace, Second-class Assistant Architect, Department of Public Works.
 - (3.) Minute respecting the appointment of Mr. Algernon Peake as Second-class Assistant Engineer-in-Charge of the Investigation and Supervision of Construction of Country Towns Sewerage, Department of Public Works.
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- (4.) Minute respecting the appointment of Mr. J. Garlick, as Officer-in-Charge, Local Government, Department of Public Works.
- (5.) Minute respecting the appointment of Mr. Charles Simons, as Third-class Assistant Engineer, Department of Public Works.
- (6.) By-laws relating to Water Supply of the Municipality of Nowra, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905.
- (7.) By-laws regulating Water Supply of the Municipality of Moree, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905.
- (8.) Report of the completion of the Shea's Creek Stormwater Channel, Contracts Nos. 273 and 590.
- (9.) Amended Regulations under the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1889.
- (10.) Report of the completion of Upper Long Cove Low Level Sewerage Pumping Station No. 15; Rising Main, Sewerage Contract No. 566.
- (11.) By-laws of the Trustees of the Lyndhurst Water Trust, under the Water and Drainage Act, 1902.
- (12.) By-laws of the Trustees of the Kiga Bore Water Trust, under the Water and Drainage Act, 1902.
- (13.) By-laws of the Trustees of the Ulumbie Bore Water Trust, under the Water and Drainage Act, 1902.
- (14.) By-laws of the Trustees of the Come-by-Chance Bore Water Trust, under the Water and Drainage Act, 1902.
- (15.) By-laws of the Trustees of the Eurie Eurie Bore Water Trust, under the Water and Drainage Act, 1902.
- (16.) By-laws of the Trustees of the Walgett Water Trust, under the Water and Drainage Act, 1902.
- (17.) By-laws of the Trustees of Uranbah Bore Water Trust, under the Water and Drainage Act, 1902.
- (18.) Regulations prescribing the forms of Licenses and Renewals of the same, and for carrying out the provisions of Part III of the Water and Drainage and Artesian Wells (Amending) Act, 1906.
- (19.) Regulation for carrying out the provisions of part III of the Water and Drainage and Artesian Wells (Amending) Act, 1906.
- (20.) Regulations under the Water and Drainage and Artesian Wells (Amending) Act, 1906.
- (21.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, in connection with the erection of Police Barracks at Goulburn.
- (22.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, in connection with the construction of a Deepwater Harbour at Port Kembla.
- (23.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, in connection with the construction of the Sherwood Bore.
- (24.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, in connection with the erection of Magazines for the Storage of Gunpowder and other Explosives at Bantry Bay, Middle Harbour.
- (25.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, in connection with the construction of the Dolgelly Bore.
- (26.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, in connection with the construction of the Gil Gil Bore.
- (27.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, in connection with the construction of the Walgett Bore.
- (28.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, in connection with the construction of the Tooloora Bore.
- (29.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, in connection with the construction of the Bulyeroi Bore.
- (30.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, in connection with the Supply of Water to the Town of Corowa.
- (31.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, in connection with the construction of a Dam at Barren Jack.
- (32.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, in connection with the construction of the Tycannah Bore and a Road of Access thereto.
- (33.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, in connection with the construction of the Hollywood Bore.
- (34.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, in connection with the construction of the Murrumbidgee Northern Irrigation.
- (35.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, in connection with the construction of the Moree Bore.
- (36.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, in connection with the construction of a Dam at Barren Jack.
- (37.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, in connection with the construction and establishment of a Public Park at Waverley.
- (38.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, in connection with the construction of a new street from George-street to Regent-street, Sydney.
- (39.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, in connection with the erection of a Hospital for the Insane at Morrisset.
- (40.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, in connection with the erection of new Abattoirs at Homebush Point.
- (41.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, in connection with the construction of the Murrumbidgee Northern Irrigation.
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- (42.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, in connection with the construction of the Bomuckledi Bore.
- (43.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, in connection with the construction of the Bateman's Bay Wharf.
- (44.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, in connection with the construction of the Rookwood Stormwater Channel.
- (45.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, in connection with the construction of the Little Coogee Stormwater Channel.
- Referred by Sessional Order to Printing Committee.

Mr. Hogue laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Regulations under the Early Closing Act, 1899; the Early Closing (Amendment) Act, 1900; and the Early Closing (Hairdressers' Shops) Act, 1906.
- (2.) Report of the Senate of the University of Sydney for the year 1906.
- (3.) Report of the Trustees of the Sydney Grammar School for the year 1906.
- (4.) Report of the Trustees of the National Art Gallery for the year 1906.
- (5.) Amendment of Regulations Nos. 32, 33, 34, 38, and 39, under the Public Instruction Act, 1880.
- (6.) Amended By-laws of the University of Sydney.
- (7.) Minute of the Public Service Board regarding an increase in the salary of Mr. J. W. Turner, Superintendent of Technical Education.
- (8.) Minute of the Public Service Board regarding the appointment of Mr. Frank McMullen, M.A., as Principal of Agricultural Continuation School at Hurlstone.
- (9.) Copy of Papers in connection with the salary of Mr. C. H. Christmas, B.A., Assistant Teacher, Newcastle High School.
- (10.) Notifications of resumption of land under the Public Works Act, 1900, for Public School Purposes at Forest Creek, Cryon, Warri, Wheatlands, Wilgabone, Oak Vale, and Stratford.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Carruthers moved, pursuant to Notice, That William Herbert Wood, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House for the present Session.
- Question put and passed.
4. COAL AND SHALE MINES (EIGHT HOURS) BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Fegan moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Coal and Shale Mines (Eight Hours) Bill, which was introduced in the Assembly during last Session, but was interrupted before its completion by the close of the Session, be now reintroduced at the stage it had reached at the time of such interruption.
- Question put and passed.
- Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.
5. TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES:—Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 28, appointed,—
- Thomas Jessep, Esquire,
William Fleming Latimer, Esquire,
John McFarlane, Esquire,
Niels Rasmus Wilson Nielsen, Esquire, and
Robert Scobie, Esquire,
- to act as Temporary Chairmen of Committees during the present Session.
6. THE GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Withington, That the following Address in Reply to the Governor's Opening Speech, as read by the Clerk, be now adopted by this House:—
- "To His Excellency Sir HARRY HOLDSWORTH RAWSON, Admiral in the Royal Navy, Knight
"Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, 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 beg to assure Your Excellency that our earnest consideration will be given to the
"measures to be submitted to us, and that the necessary provision for the Public Service will be
"made.
- "We join Your Excellency in the hope that, under Divine Providence, our labours may prove
"of benefit to all classes of the people."
- And the Question being again proposed,—
- The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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Mr. Bruntnell 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.

7. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Ashton moved, That this House do now adjourn until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at five minutes after Twelve o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m., This Day.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

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FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 4 JULY, 1907.

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

COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the requirements of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1902, 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, 1902, I do hereby appoint—

“John Rowland Dacey, Esquire,
“Brinsley Hall, Esquire,
“Matthew Charlton, junior, Esquire,
“Daniel Levy, Esquire,
“Mark Fairles Morton, Esquire,

Donald Macdonell, Esquire,
Charles William Oakes, Esquire,
The Honorable Walter Bennett, and
The Honorable James Henry Young,—

“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 fourth day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and
“seven.

“WILLIAM McCOURT,
“Speaker.”

2. PAPER:—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—A letter from the Auditor-General, transmitting for presentation to the Legislative Assembly, under the directions contained in the 34th section of the Audit Act, 1902, copies of Minutes of His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council, authorising transfers of amounts from one head of Service to supplement a Vote for another Service, viz. :—

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New South Wales.

No. 3.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 4 JULY, 1907.

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

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Mr. Dick answered,—It is intended to take action in this direction, and it was hoped that the matter might ere this have been definitely settled, but it is found that there are some difficulties which required time for investigation, which has been proceeding, and is not yet completed.

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Mr. Dick answered,—There will be no objection to laying these papers upon the Table, if moved for in the usual way.

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Mr. Moore answered,—It has been approved to retain for the present 15,360 acres of the reserve referred to, and to make available 16,500 acres for settlement, action in connection with which is now proceeding. It has been decided to retain the New Jerusalem reserves, pending developments in connection with the North Coast Railway, with the exception of a small area of 200 acres which is being made available for an additional holding.

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(1.) Is it a fact that the railway to Walgett is proceeding at a very slow rate, in consequence of the short supply of sleepers available?

(2.) Is it a fact that the Railway Commissioners have a large supply of sleepers stacked in the Narrabri District without any use being made of them at the present time?

(3.) Will he approach the Chief Railway Commissioner, with the view of, if possible, arranging with him to either borrow or buy a sufficient number of sleepers to enable him to complete the line without delay?

(4.) When are tenders to be invited for the erection of the buildings and other necessary conveniences on this line?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) I am not aware.

(3.) My officers will make inquiries and see what assistance, if any, can be obtained in this direction.

(4.) In about three weeks.

(11.) Nottingham Forest—Southern Tableland:—Mr. Nielsen asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will he take action in regard to the proposal, made by Mr. Nielsen, that a road be made to Nottingham Forest on the Southern Tableland preceding settlement?

Mr. Moore answered,—It has been ascertained that the matter is under reference to the local officer of the Department of Public Works for report.

4. PAPERS:—

Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report of the Police Department for the year 1906.

(2.) Report of the Board of Health on a Sixth Outbreak of Plague at Sydney, 1906.

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(12.) Papers in connection with the special leave of absence on account of ill-health to Mr. A. H. Collis, Clerk, Department of Taxation, temporarily employed in the Master-in-Lunacy's Office.

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Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—Return giving Information regarding Renovations and Additions to Parliament House.

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4th July, 1907.

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And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 5 JULY, 1907, A.M.

Mr. Gardiner 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.

6. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Wade moved, That this House do now adjourn until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.
 Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at two minutes after Twelve o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m., This Day.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
 Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
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New South Wales.

No. 4.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

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FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH PARLIAMENT.

FRIDAY, 5 JULY, 1907.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Bar at Manning River Heads :—Mr. J. H. Young asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) Has it been reported to him that the bar and crossing at Manning River Heads are, and have been for a very long time, in a very bad state?
 (2.) Has it been reported by his officers that the completion of the southern wall would probably improve it and, incidentally, save a considerable expenditure in dredging?
 (3.) Is it his intention to complete this wall?

Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 (2.) Yes.
 (3.) I am awaiting to hear from the Chief Engineer for Harbours and Rivers and Water Supply, who is to visit and report; when this is before me I will consider what shall be done.

- (2.) Secret Commissions, Department of Public Works :—*Mr. Estell*, for Mr. Sullivan, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is every care taken in his Department to provide against secret commissions being paid to officials in charge of contract works?

Mr. Lee answered,—The reputation of the officers engaged is such that the fullest confidence is reposed in them; but apart from this every care is exercised that all expenditure by the Department is subjected to the closest scrutiny.

- (3.) Resumption of Land, Market-street, Elizabeth and Castlereagh streets :—Mr. Jones asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What was the total cost to the State of the resumption of the block of land at the intersection of Market-street with Elizabeth and Castlereagh streets?
 (2.) What amount was realised by the sale of the same land recently, and who was the purchaser?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

- (1.) The total cost of the property, which was resumed in what is known as the "Land-boom" period, was about £55,000.
 (2.) The amount realised recently was £38,500 at auction. The purchasers were Messrs. Hordern Brothers.

- (4.) School for Barren Jack—Yass Electorate :—*Mr. Jones*, for Mr. Nielsen, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that an important town has sprung into existence at Barren Jack, in the Yass Electorate, containing a population of over 700 people?
 (2.) Is it a fact that no school exists at or near the town?
 (3.) Will he at once have a school built at this centre of industry on the site already selected; and, if so, when will such building be erected?
 (4.) Will he, in the meantime, authorise the Works Department Engineer at Barren Jack to expend an amount not exceeding £10 upon a building already erected there, which, with the small outlay, can be made into a suitable temporary school on condition that the owners of such building allow it to be used as a school until the school building is erected?
 (5.) Will he send a competent teacher to Barren Jack as soon as arrangements can be made for the use of such temporary school building?

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Mr. Hogue answered,—

- (1.) Settlement has suddenly taken place at Barren Jack. The present population is reported to be about the number mentioned.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) A school will be built when the number of permanent families and the probable attendance to be provided for have been more definitely ascertained.
- (4.) I have approved of a building being taken and used temporarily as a school.
- (5.) Yes.

2. RAILWAY FROM BROKEN HILL TO MENINDIE:—Mr. Cann presented a Petition from certain Residents and Electors of Broken Hill and Western Districts, representing that it is essential that a light line of railway be constructed between Broken Hill and the River Darling at Menindie; that such a line would be the means of connecting Broken Hill with an almost unlimited supply of wood obtainable at comparatively small cost; that it would lead to the establishment of important irrigation settlements at or near Menindie, the industrial products of which would find a market at Broken Hill; that it would be the means of connecting Broken Hill with the nearest permanent water; that the line could be constructed expeditiously and cheaply; that the cost of maintenance of the line would be small; that the work of developing the Western Division under the administration of the Western Land Commissioners is retarded by the non-construction of the line; that its construction would give a great impetus to settlement in the Western District, and to the development of the mineral resources of the Barrier, and praying that the necessary steps be taken towards the construction of a line of railway between Broken Hill and Menindie.
Petition received.

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

Question put and passed.

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4. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Lee moved, That this House do now adjourn until Monday next, at Four o'clock.
Question put and passed.

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No. 5.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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MONDAY, 8 JULY, 1907.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

ABSENCE OF MR. SPEAKER:—The Clerk informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unavoidably absent.

Whereupon the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker, pursuant to the 22nd Standing Order of the House.

2. DEPUTY-SPEAKER'S COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER THE OATH OF ALLEGIANCE:—Mr. Deputy-Speaker reported that Mr. Speaker had received a Commission, under the Public Seal of the State, dated 4th day of July, 1907, and signed by His Excellency the Governor, empowering William Herbert Wood, 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. Deputy-Speaker, was read by the Clerk, as follows:—

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3. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Timber and Forestry Commission:—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) With regard to the Commission recently appointed to inquire into the forest reserves, timber industry, and working of the Forestry Department, when is it proposed that the Commission shall begin their investigations?

(2.) What portion of the State will be first dealt with?

(3.) In the course of the inquiry will the Commission give notice of visits to different centres, invite all persons who may wish to do so to give evidence, and also personally inspect all reserves about which evidence is conflicting?

(4.) Will Progress Reports be issued and acted upon as early as possible?

Mr. Ashton answered,—

(1.) In a few days.

(2 and 3.) The Commission will decide.

(4.) The issue of Progress Reports will rest with the Commission itself.

(2.)

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- (2.) Homestead Selections and Settlement Leases :—Mr. Perry (*Liverpool Plains*) asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Does he intend to reintroduce the Bill providing for right of converting homestead selections and settlement leases this Session ?
 - (2.) If not, what does he intend to do in this matter ?
- Mr. Ashton answered,—
- (1.) No.
 - (2.) In the circumstances, it must stand over for the new Parliament.
- (3.) Wire-netting :—Mr. Perry (*Liverpool Plains*) asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that many of the Pastures Protection Boards refuse to supply settlement lessees, homestead selectors, and uncertified conditional purchasers with wire-netting on terms ?
 - (2.) What does he intend to do so as to remove this difficulty ?
- Mr. Ashton answered,—Several of the Boards originally refused netting to settlement lessees and homestead selectors, regardless of the values of the holdings, but I am informed that no Boards are refusing netting to conditional purchasers for the reason that the holdings are not certificated. By my directions a member of the Netting Distribution Board interviewed representatives of all the Boards (including the Tamworth Board), which were refusing to advance on settlement leases and homestead selections, with the result that I am now informed that all the Boards, with the exception of Tamworth, are dealing with each case on its merits regardless of the tenure under which the land is held. The decision of the Tamworth Board in the matter has not yet reached me.
- (4.) Selectors of Ulumbie :—Mr. Collins asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has he arrived at any decision yet in regard to the troubles of the Ulumbie selectors ; if so, what steps does he propose to take in the matter ?
- Mr. Ashton answered,—I have discussed the cases to-day with the District Surveyor, and a proposal will be submitted to the selectors concerned through the Honorable Member.
- (5.) Extirpation of Noxious Weeds and Encouragement of Settlement :—Mr. Perry (*The Richmond*) asked the Secretary for Lands,—With a view to assisting Shire Councils to extirpate noxious weeds and encourage settlement, will he alter the present system of—(1) Requiring a minimum deposit of £6 with the application for leases ; (2) the delay in granting leases ; (3) the high rent charged for small areas ?
- Mr. Ashton answered,—Assuming that the Honorable Member refers to special leases, I desire to say :—
- (1.) The maximum deposit is £3, with survey fee, according to scale. In all cases where the amount of deposit or survey fee is not absorbed in expenses, the balance is refunded.
 - (2.) If any case of delay be brought under notice, special attention will be given to it.
 - (3.) The rent is appraised by the Local Land Board, subject to appeal to the Land Appeal Court. No alteration of system appears expedient.
- (6.) Amendment of Crown Lands Acts :—Mr. Perry (*The Richmond*) asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Will he this Session amend the Crown Lands Acts, by reducing the term of residence on all conditional purchases under 40 acres from ten to five years ?
 - (2.) Will he also amend the Act so as to allow selectors under section 47 to convert their holdings into residential conditional purchases ?
- Mr. Ashton answered,—What the Honorable Member suggests is impracticable.
- (7.) Railway to Spicer's Creek :—Mr. Perry (*Liverpool Plains*) asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the farmers and others living between Spicer's Creek and Wellington guaranteed the interest on the cost of constructing a railway to Spicer's Creek or thereabouts ?
 - (2.) If so, what does he intend to do in regard to this matter ?
- Mr. Lee answered,—I am informed that there is no record in this Department of such a guarantee having been received.
- (8.) Government Accounts, Government Savings Bank :—Mr. Sullivan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Why cannot all Government Accounts be kept at the Government Savings Bank, and operated on by cheque ?
- Mr. Carruthers answered,—With the exception that it has the power to make advances to settlers through its Advance Department, the Government Savings Bank, as its name implies, is purely a Savings Bank. It is not authorised to carry on the business of an ordinary bank or to hold current accounts. It has agencies but no branches, and it has neither the machinery nor the power to carry out the ordinary banking requirements of the Government.
- (9.) Compulsory Clauses of the Education Act :—Mr. Sullivan asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—In view of the compulsory clauses of the Education Act, have any inquiries been made to ascertain if any children go to school without having had decent nourishment ?
- Mr. Lee answered,—It has not been deemed necessary to institute inquiries of the nature referred to by the Honorable Member.
- (10.) Mr. Stevenson, S.M. :—Mr. Sullivan asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Has anything been done in reference to the following remarks of our Full Court concerning Mr. Stevenson, S.M., in the case of Inspector Scott, appellant :—“ I see very great danger in the public interests in our upholding the action of the Magistrate in this case. But we cannot help it. We are not responsible for what the Magistrate has done. Why he did not convict I cannot possibly understand. The action of the Magistrate, in refusing to state a case in the first instance,

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"instance, and declining to state a case until he was ordered by the Supreme Court, his subsequent action in stating a case which did not show what point of law had arisen, and his subsequent action in making an amendment in the morning, and later on in the afternoon making another amendment in absolute conflict—his action there is also incomprehensible. In my opinion, some further inquiry should be made by those who are responsible for the due administration of justice "in this case"?"

(2.) Is it a fact the gentleman referred to has been promoted to Wagga in face of the foregoing?

Mr. Wade answered,—Certain inquiries were proceeding in connection with Mr. Stevenson prior to the publication of the remarks referred to, and he was subsequently transferred to Wagga Wagga, where his salary is lower than it was at Broken Hill.

(11.) Introduction of Legislation regulating the Social Evil :—Mr. Perry (*The Richmond*) asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the City Council receive a revenue of about £1,000 per annum, from fines and costs imposed upon women of the unfortunate class?

(2.) Will he, at the earliest opportunity, introduce legislation with a view to regulating the social evil?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

(1.) Information on this subject cannot be given without an exhaustive search being made of the records of the police courts; but all fines imposed under the authority of the Sydney Municipal By-laws are payable to the Council.

(2.) This matter is at present under the consideration of the Government.

(12.) Water for Live-stock, Railway Trucking Yards :—Mr. Jones asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Railway Commissioners permit live-stock to remain in trucking yards and railway trucks, in some cases, for two and three days without a drink of water?

(2.) If so, will he consider whether action should be taken to prevent dumb animals being so treated?

(3.) Is it a fact that the Railway Commissioners have declined to provide water at the trucking yards at Morce, situated in an open plain, unless the stock owners of the district at present using these yards are prepared to pay a proportion of the cost of providing water at the said trucking yards?

(4.) Is it the intention of the Commissioners to make users of conveniences at all railway stations or trucking yards pay a proportion of the cost of providing same?

(5.) Can he say whether those who use the water provided at the Central Railway Station contributed in any way directly to the cost of laying such water on to the station, or whether such users are always patrons of the Railway Commissioners?

(6.) Does he endorse the policy of the Railway Commissioners in insisting upon customers of the railways contributing a moiety of the cost of necessary conveniences?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

(1 and 2.) I am informed, in the case of stock for Flemington, the time of journey from any part of the lines does not come up to two or three days. Stock passing from one line to another—say from the Southern to the Northern—would occupy, perhaps, three days in the journey; but in these cases the owners arrange, or, if they fail to do so, the Department arranges for the stock to be unloaded at some convenient place, and fed and watered at the expense of the owners. As a general rule, the Railway Commissioners do not undertake to water stock, either at the trucking yards or in transit.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) Each case would be considered on its merits.

(5.) No charge is made for water at Sydney Station.

(6.) The Railway Commissioners work the railways to some extent on a commercial basis, and they are responsible for the detail management.

(13.) Returned Soldiers and Immigrants sent to Clarence Siding :—Mr. McNeill asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) How many of the Returned Soldiers have been sent by the Director of Labour to Clarence Siding?

(2.) How many Immigrants have been sent to the same place by the Director of Labour?

(3.) Is it a fact that these men have received Railway Passes from the Government to get there?

(4.) Will he state whether the fares were guaranteed; if so, by whom?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) None.

(2.) None.

(3 and 4.) Answered by 1 and 2.

(14.) Bonuses to Railway and Tramway Officers :—Mr. Walter Anderson asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) The amount paid in bonuses to Railway and Tramway officers in the years 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906?

(2.) The names of each officer?

(3.) The amount each officer received in each year above mentioned?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—There is no objection to furnish the information, but it should be moved for in the usual way.

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(15.) Report from Messrs. Boyce, Pridham, and Wylie, Country Water Supplies :—Mr. W. W. Young asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has a report been received from Messrs. Boyce, Pridham, and Wylie, as to arrears and the amount of money that should be written off country water supplies?
- (2.) If so, will he lay the same upon the Table of this House?
- (3.) If not received, when may it be expected?

Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1.) No general report has been made, but the officers named, who were appointed a Committee under Section 54 of the Country Towns Water Supply Amendment Act, visited various towns (in which Water Supply Works had been carried out by the Government and handed over to the Municipalities concerned) for the purpose of inspecting the works and making investigations into the condition of the Municipalities, with a view to readjustment or otherwise of their financial obligations to the Government, and separate reports have been received in each case.
- (2.) Any one of the reports will be laid upon the Table of this House, if moved for in the usual way.
- (3.) See reply to No. 1.

(16.) Fisher Library—Day-labour System :—Mr. Jessop asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it his intention to discontinue the present Day-labour System now in operation, on the completion of the Fisher Library?
- (2.) Will the present staff of stonemasons be discharged on its completion?
- (3.) Will he ascertain and state the average cost per cubic foot of the stonework at the Fisher Library since its inception?

Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1 and 2.) The question of extending the building is under consideration, and upon final decision the work will be carried out in the most economical manner.
- (3.) The average cost per cubic foot has been, approximately, 6s. 6d., inclusive of the ornamental Gothic work.

(17.) Prisoner Reginald Willoughby, Parramatta Gaol :—Mr. Bruntnell asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a prisoner named Reginald Willoughby, who died recently in the Parramatta Gaol, was taken from the hospital cell while undergoing medical treatment and brought before the Visiting Magistrate and sentenced to several day's cells on bread and water for an alleged breach of the Regulations?
- (2.) Is it also a fact that for some months previous to his death he was placed in what is called "non-association" and removed from thence to the observation ward for ten days where he died?
- (3.) Will he cause an inquiry to be made in the matter?

Mr. Wade answered,—The Comptroller-General of Prisons has furnished me with the following information :—

- (1.) Prisoner was discharged from the gaol hospital on 27th May last. Five days later he was brought before the Visiting Justice for a breach of Regulations and discharged with a caution.
- (2.) Prisoner was in his own interest, as well as that of others, kept apart from other criminals, and kept under special observation for medical reasons. He was not undergoing punishment of any kind, but was allowed the usual privileges of his class. On the 10th June he was found to be suffering from mania and delusions, and was removed to the observation ward, where he died suddenly of heart failure on the 16th idem.
- (3.) An inquest was held by the Coroner. No further inquiry is considered necessary.

(18.) Acting Under Secretary, Lands Department :—Mr. Jones asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it his intention to permanently run the Lands Department with an Acting Under Secretary?
- (2.) Is the present Under Secretary for Lands still on leave on full pay, or is he under suspension without salary?
- (3.) How long is it since the Under Secretary for Lands was relieved of the discharge of his duties?

Mr. Ashton answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2 and 3.) The present Under Secretary for Lands was, on the 8th August, 1905, in pursuance of his application, relieved of his duties as Under Secretary for Lands in order to attend the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the administration of the Lands Department. He was engaged with the Commission for some months, after which he was deputed to act as a Member of the Local Government Advisory Board. He was engaged in connection with Local Government work until towards the end of May last. Mr. Macfarlane has now applied, as from 3rd July last, for twelve months' leave due to him under the provisions of the law, and the application will be dealt with in the course of the next day or two.

4. PAPERS :—

Mr. Ashton laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Statement of Receipts and Expenditure of the Hay Irrigation Trust for the year 1906.
- (2.) Copies of papers setting forth the reasons for departure from the ordinary procedure laid down in Public Service Regulation No. 149 in connection with the promotion of Mr. Alfred Herbert Stilwell, Clerk, Local Land Board Office, Moree, and Mr. Samuel Joseph Bailey, Clerk, Local Land Board Office, Armidale.
- (3.) Notice of intention to declare that Settlement Lease No. 1906-2, Land District of Tamworth, being portions 145, 146, 233, and 244, parish of Werrie, county of Buckland, applied for by William Joseph Anderson shall cease to be voidable.

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- (4.) Notice of intention to declare that Conditional Purchase Lease 06-8, District of Murwillumbah, being portion 30, Parish of Tyalgum, County of Rous, applied for by Daniel Kerr, shall cease to be voidable.
- (5.) Notice of intention to declare that Additional Conditional Purchase No. 04-11, portion 208; Conditional Leases Nos. 04-6, portion 209, 04-7, portion 210, in the Parish of Bunnaby, County of Argyle, and Conditional Lease No. 04-8, portion 61; and Additional Conditional Purchase No. 05-17, portion 103, Parish of Guineacor, County of Westmoreland, applied for by John Connor, shall cease to be voidable.
- (6.) Notice of intention to declare that auction purchases comprising certain allotments sold by auction, in the Town of Portland, on the 3rd November, 1906, viz. :—Allotment 6, section 21, of 39½ perches, purchaser, Edgar Leslie Jones; allotment 1, section 22, of 1 rood 13½ perches, purchaser, Richard Henry Bulkeley; allotment 3, section 22, of 1 rood, purchaser, George Thomas Smith; allotment 4, section 22, of 1 rood, purchaser, James Henry Mayhew; allotment 5, section 22, of 1 rood, purchaser, Beatrice May Mayhew; allotment 7, section 22, of 1 rood 21½ perches, purchaser, Benjamin Thomas; allotment 6, section 27, of 1 rood, purchaser, John Angus McDonald; allotment 7, section 27, of 1 rood, purchaser, John Patrick Murtagh; allotment 8, section 27, of 27 perches, purchaser, Joseph Patrick Murtagh; allotment 1, section 28, of 29½ perches, purchaser, Edward Patrick Purcell; allotment 2, section 28, of 1 rood, purchaser, James Hodges; allotment 3, section 28, of 1 rood, purchaser, Charles Keightley; allotment 4, section 28, of 1 rood, purchaser, Thomas Albert McManus; allotment 5, section 28, of 1 rood, purchaser, Mary McManus; and allotment 6, section 28, of 29¼ perches, purchaser, David Charles McManus, shall cease to be voidable.
- (7.) Additional Regulation No. 366A, Amended Regulations Nos. 49, 75, 76, 86, 148, 218, 227, 230, 307, 308, and 356, Cancellation of Regulation No. 161, Amended Forms Nos. 46 and 115, and Amended Timber and Quarry Regulations Nos. 12, 15, and 39, under the Crown Lands Acts.
- (8.) Additional Regulations Nos. 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, and 40, Additional Forms Nos. 24, 25, 26, and 27, Amended Regulation No. 14, under the Closer Settlement Act, 1904; Additional Regulation No. 41 and Additional Form No. 28, under the Closer Settlement (Amendment) Act, 1906.
- (9.) Amended Form No. 2, under the Public Roads Act of 1902.
- (10.) Notification of renumbering Regulation No. 56 as 56A, and new Regulation issued in lieu thereof as No. 56; Amended Regulation No. 16, and Amended Form No. 12, under the Pastures Protection Act, 1902.
- (11.) Particulars of leases issued under the provisions of the Western Lands Act, 1901, from 16th January, to 26th June, 1907.
- (12.) Amended Regulation No. 324, under the Crown Lands Acts.
- (13.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale for the preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
- (14.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
- (15.) Abstract of Alterations and Cancellations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
- (16.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorised to be dedicated to Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
- (17.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorised to be dedicated to Religious Purposes, under the Crown Lands Act of 1861.
- (18.) *Gazette* notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands, under the Crown Lands Acts of 1884 and 1889, and the Public Trusts Act, 1897.
- (19.) Return of Leases granted under the provisions of Section 18 of the Crown Lands Act Amendment Act, 1903.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—By-laws under the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1889.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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

“ To His Excellency Sir HARRY HOLDSWORTH RAWSON, Admiral in the Royal Navy, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, 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 beg to assure Your Excellency that our earnest consideration will be given to the measures to be submitted to us, and that the necessary provision for the Public Service will be made.

“ We join Your Excellency in the hope that, under Divine Providence, our labours may prove of benefit to all classes of the people.”

And the Question being again proposed,—
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Mr. Speaker here took the Chair.

Debate continued.

And

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And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

TUESDAY, 9 JULY, 1907, A.M.

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

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

6. COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY:—Mr. Carruthers moved, without Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.
Question put and passed.
7. COMMITTEE OF WAYS AND MEANS:—Mr. Carruthers moved, without Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Question put and passed.
8. BUSINESS DAYS—PRECEDENCE OF BUSINESS:—Mr. Carruthers moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice,—
(1.) That, unless otherwise ordered, this House shall meet for the despatch of business, at Four o'clock, p.m., on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday in each week.
(2.) That Government Business shall take precedence of General Business daily.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
9. SESSIONAL COMMITTEES:—Mr. Carruthers moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Standing Orders Committee, the Library Committee, the Refreshment Committee, and the Printing Committee for the present Session consist of the same Members as constituted those Committees last Session, with the same powers that were then conferred upon them and subject to the same instructions.
Question put and passed.

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

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

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

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

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

State Government House, Sydney.

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

I thank you for your Address expressing your loyalty and unfeigned attachment to His Most Gracious Majesty's Throne and Person, and I am glad to receive your assurances that the measures to be submitted to you will receive your earnest consideration, and that the necessary provision for the Public Service will be made.

I join with you again in the hope that, under Divine Providence, your labours will prove of benefit to all classes of the people.

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

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2. NEWCASTLE WHARFAGE BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Lee, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 29.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to sanction the construction at Newcastle of a timber wharf twelve hundred feet in length, and the erection in connection therewith of two sheds; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

3. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Court of Criminal Appeal :—*Mr. Edden*, for *Mr. Sullivan*, asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—Does he intend giving this or the next Parliament an opportunity of passing a Bill to create a Court of Criminal Appeal?

Mr. Wade answered,—Many of the principles involved in the Bill now before the Imperial Parliament are embodied in the law of this State. Any improvements that may be suggested I will be glad to place before the Government for consideration.

(2.) Fortnightly Payments in the Public Service :—*Mr. Briner* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Has any decision yet been arrived at concerning fortnightly payments to those employed in the Public Service, and if so, what is the decision?

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Mr. Carruthers answered,—This matter has been under my consideration. Apart from the question of the extra cost involved, I am very doubtful whether the adoption of the system of fortnightly payments will be of any real benefit to the officers. Moreover, the reports furnished are unfavourable to the adoption of that proposal. I am prepared to lay the papers upon the Table of this House in order that Honorable Members may have an opportunity of perusing them before a definite decision is arrived at.

- (3.) Webb v. Outrim :—Mr. Edden, for Mr. Sullivan, asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—Has his attention been directed to the judgment of Lord Halsbury in delivering the decision of the Privy Council in the case Webb v. Outrim, "That it was an expansion of the "canons of interpretation as applied by the Chief Justice of the Commonwealth in that case"; and, with a view to obtaining uniformity in interpreting Statutes, what does he intend doing?

Mr. Wade answered,—With a view to obtaining uniformity of decision, in the recent case Commissioners of Taxation v. Baxter, instructions have been given for the Privy Council to be asked for special leave to appeal from the decision of the High Court.

- (4.) Grant of Land to the Australian Agricultural Company at Warrah :—Mr. Edden, for Mr. Sullivan, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) What area is contained in the grant to the A. A. Company at Warrah?
- (2.) Were any conditions attached to the grant?
- (3.) Is the Company in occupation of a greater area than set out in the grant?
- (4.) Is there any mention of agricultural purposes in the said grant?
- (5.) How much is under cultivation?
- (6.) How much is situated at Willow Tree?

Mr. Ashton answered,—

- (1.) 249,600 acres.
- (2.) No.
- (3.) No.
- (4.) No.
- (5.) The District Surveyor reports from inquiries made that, it is thought, there are not more than 500 acres under cultivation.
- (6.) About 300 acres are under cultivation at Willow Tree, of which about 50 acres belong to the Company and 250 acres to a tenant farmer.

- (5.) Road from Coramba to Dorrigo :—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) How much of the road from Coramba to Dorrigo has been completed, and in what condition is this completed portion?
- (2.) When is it proposed to complete the road right through to Dorrigo township?

Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1.) About 25 miles 73 chains of this road is completed and ready for use.
- (2.) The construction of an additional 2 miles and 17 chains is almost completed, leaving about 10 miles to be finished later on.

- (6.) Railway from Coff's Harbour to Dorrigo and Bellinger to Glenreagh :—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) How much of the trial survey of the proposed railway from Coff's Harbour to Dorrigo has been completed, and what are the particulars of distance, grade, and cost?
- (2.) When will the survey be completed?
- (3.) What are his intentions with regard to this line?
- (4.) Is it a fact that the line is absolutely necessary in order to develop the Dorrigo and the large timber resources of that district?
- (5.) When the line is submitted to the Public Works Committee, will the suggested alternate route, *via* Bellinger and Glenreagh, also be submitted?

Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1.) The trial survey is now finished with the exception of about the last 6 miles into the village of Dorrigo. The particulars of distances, grades, and cost cannot be given until the survey is complete and the section plotted.
- (2.) About the end of this month.
- (3, 4, and 5.) No decision has yet been arrived at in regard to the proposed line, but the proposal will not be overlooked.

- (7.) Horses sold through Government Impounding Yards :—Mr. Fleming asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the present method of selling horses through Government impounding yards is conducive to loss to both owners and buyers?
- (2.) Will he rectify this by bringing in a regulation that all horses sold through such yards be branded with the Government brand—broad arrow—and an identifying number for each district yard?

Mr. Moore answered,—I am not aware of any loss to owners or buyers which can be rectified in the manner indicated. The provisions of the Impounding Act appear to safeguard the interests of all concerned. The brands and distinguishing marks of impounded stock are published in the *Gazette*.

- (8.) Sydney Municipal Council and Police Court Cases :—Mr. Edden, for Mr. Sullivan, asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Why are costs of summons awarded to the Sydney Municipal Council in their Police Court cases, in view of the fact that they do not pay for any summons, and the money goes into their coffers?
- (2.) Do they get the whole or a moiety of all fines imposed in the Police Courts?

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Mr. Wade answered,—

- (1.) The Sydney Municipal Council pay 1s. for entering each case, and prepare the necessary process. If they are successful in a case the matter of costs rests in the discretion of the Court.
- (2.) No. Fines imposed for breaches of the Municipal By-laws are paid to the Council. In other cases in which they prosecute, the Council receive either the whole or a moiety of the fine as the law provides.

- (9.) Public Bodies Corrupt Practices Bill :—*Mr. Edden*, for *Mr. Sullivan*, asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—When will he introduce his Public Bodies Corrupt Practices Bill?

Mr. Wade answered,—The introduction of this Bill cannot be undertaken during the present Session.

- (10.) Woolgoolga Jetty :—*Mr. Briner* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that Woolgoolga Jetty is in a bad state of repair and that there is a danger of it collapsing?
- (2.) Will he have a thorough inspection made and a report submitted without delay, with a view to rendering the jetty safe and capable of meeting the requirements of a fast increasing trade?

Mr. Lee answered,—An inspection of the piles of the jetty has already been made by a diver, and it is found that a number of them will have to be removed. The superstructure will be inspected at an early date. In view of the urgent repairs required, an amount has been placed on the Estimates, and the work will be carried out.

- (11.) Police Force and Criminal Investigation :—*Mr. McGarry*, for *Mr. Holman*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) How many Police Officers are at present engaged in the work of Criminal Investigation as distinguished from that of plain clothes constables?
- (2.) What rank and position in the Service do these officers hold?
- (3.) Is this branch of the Service regraded exclusively from members of the uniformed police?
- (4.) If not, how many officers are at present engaged in the work of Criminal Investigation who have done no service in the regular Police Force?
- (5.) In selecting officers for this service what system is adopted to ascertain the special fitness of such officers for Criminal Investigation work?
- (6.) In appointing persons not connected with the Police Force (if any) for such service what system is observed for ascertaining the same points?
- (7.) Does any system of training in Criminal Investigation work exist, and are officers newly appointed to this work subjected to any special training?
- (8.) Is there any library or other body of literature containing accounts of detective methods employed in other parts of the world available to officers engaged in Criminal Investigation work?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

- (1.) Twenty-three.
- (2.) One superintendent, two sub-inspectors, five senior detectives, ten detectives 1st class, four detectives 2nd class, one detective 3rd class, and one probationer.
- (3.) No; wholly from the most efficient and best adapted of the plain clothes police.
- (4.) One.
- (5.) The selection is made from the most reliable and efficient of the plain clothes police, by the Inspector-General, upon the recommendation of the metropolitan officers.
- (6.) No outsiders have been appointed for many years.
- (7.) They have years of training in detection of criminals, first in the uniform, and afterwards in the plain clothes police.
- (8.) Necessary legal books and police books of reference are in the office, and inquiries have been made regarding others.

- (12.) North Coast Harbour Works :—*Mr. Briner* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Will he explain what is meant by the statement of *Mr. Wade*, Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers, which appeared in the *Daily Telegraph* of the 4th instant, to the effect “that the money on harbour works along the Northern Coast has not been expended on any intelligent plan, but merely to satisfy local demands”?
- (2.) What officers were responsible for the expenditure of money “on any intelligent plan”?
- (3.) Who authorised the expenditure of this money “to satisfy local demands”?
- (4.) Did the Public Works Committee report upon any of these works, or were they all undertaken before the Committee came into existence?
- (5.) Did Parliament authorise the works; and, if so, how?
- (6.) Is the Harbours and Rivers Department “politically controlled,” or was it due to being so that the works were carried out?
- (7.) How many Engineers in the Harbours and Rivers Branch have had Marine Engineering experience; if any, what are the names?
- (8.) Is it a fact that the “big staff of experts” has been reduced to such an extent that it is now practically inefficient?

Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1.) *Mr. Wade* contends that works have been commenced on every river on the North Coast, whereas if effort had been concentrated on a few works, having regard to the requirements of the North Coast District as a whole, much better permanent results would have been secured.
- (2.) The heads for the time being of the Harbours and Rivers Branch of the Department.
- (3.) Parliament.

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- (4.) Yes, in most cases, though some of them were commenced before the Public Works Act became law.
- (5.) Yes, by Loan and Construction Acts.
- (6.) No.
- (7.) As far as I know all the officers who have held the position of head of the Harbours and Rivers Branch have been engineers well qualified for the duties of their high office.
- (8.) It is not a fact.

(13.) Country Schools and Teachers' Residences:—Mr. Briner asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Is it a fact complaints are made from country districts concerning the bad state of repair of many school buildings and teachers' residences, and that sufficient funds are not provided to meet the demand for accommodation and for teachers?
- (2.) Will he place upon the Estimates an extra sum, equal at least to the sum remitted in school fees, £80,000, to provide for the needs of the current year?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

- (1.) Yes. The vote for this purpose became exhausted in April last. This necessitated the postponement of further works until this financial year.
- (2.) It is proposed to provide a sum from the Public Works Fund this year which it is hoped will be sufficient to meet requirements.

(14.) North Coast Trade:—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that heavy losses are sustained by producers and shippers, as well as by those engaged in the trade of the North Coast, owing to the delays which occur by reason of bad river entrances?
- (2.) Will he endeavour to have the permanent survey of the North Coast Railway pushed on more rapidly, and the construction of the line expedited by having cuttings and bridges carried out as soon as the survey is completed?
- (3.) Will he again consider the advisability of constructing that section of the railway between the Nambucca River and Coff's Harbour, and thence to South Grafton, thus giving the Nambucca and Bellinger Rivers a certain outlet, and also providing a section of the line Coff's Harbour to Dorrigo and the table-land?

Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1.) Great inconvenience to producers and shippers has been caused by the condition of certain of the river entrances on the North Coast (notably the Nambucca, Bellinger, and Manning) due to a large extent to the heavy weather which has recently prevailed.
- (2.) The survey of the first section is being pushed on as quickly as possible, and the construction of this length will be commenced as soon as it is completed.
- (3.) The proposal is now under consideration.

(15.) School Attendance Officers and the Public Service Board:—Mr. Briner asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) When were applications first invited for the positions of school attendance officers?
- (2.) How many officers were required?
- (3.) When did applications close?
- (4.) What salary is attached to these positions?
- (5.) How many applicants submitted their names from (a) the ranks of the Public Instruction Department; (b) other branches of the Service; (c) outside the Service?
- (6.) Who dealt with the applications?
- (7.) When was the final selection made?
- (8.) Have the officers been appointed?
- (9.) Does the Public Service Board delegate the work of dealing with these matters to sub-Boards, and, in many cases, leave the work as well as the responsibility of selection, grading, &c., to the Under Secretaries, and other Departmental officers?
- (10.) Will he inform this House what work the Public Service Board performs, and the necessity for its existence?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

- (1.) Applications were invited by circular from the Public Service Board dated 28th February, 1907.
- (2.) Five.
- (3.) Applications were receivable up to 20th March.
- (4.) £200 per annum.
- (5.) (a) 355; (b) 236; (c) 27; total, 618.
- (6 to 9.) The Public Service Board, acting under Regulation 148, appointed a Committee consisting of the Superintendent of Technical Education; the Accountant, Department of Public Instruction; the Boarding-out Officer, State Children Relief Department; and the Examiner and Inspecting Officer to the Board. The duty of Committees, as laid down in the Regulation referred to, is to ascertain the merits of the various applicants and make due inquiry as to their character, and having ascertained who is the most eligible candidate for the post to be filled, to make a recommendation accordingly to the Board. The Board approved, on 29th June, of a report submitted by the Committee and the appointment of the officers will shortly be recommended.
- (10.) I must refer the Honorable Member to the head of the Government for the information he requires.

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- (16.) *Litigation, Harbour Trust v. Railway Commissioners*:—*Mr. Edden*, for *Mr. Sullivan*, asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—Has his attention been called to the expensive litigation in the Supreme Court to ascertain which Government Department, the Harbour Trust or the Railway Commissioners, should pay certain charges, and could not the matter have been left to the opinion of the Crown Solicitor, as suggested in a sub-leader of the *Daily Telegraph* commenting on two Departments fighting?

Mr. Wade answered,—The action was not instituted for the purpose of ascertaining whether the Harbour Trust or the Railway Commissioners should pay certain charges, but to determine whether the manufacturers of certain locomotive engines should pay wharfage rates to the Sydney Harbour Trust. The view was taken that if the manufacturers were held to be liable to pay these rates, the State would be the gainer, because they could not subsequently be charged against the Railway Commissioners.

- (17.) *Mr. Neate, Railway Department*:—*Mr. Edden*, for *Mr. Sullivan*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Was there a person named Neate employed in the Railway Department?
- (2.) What position did he hold?
- (3.) Was any inquiry held into his conduct?
- (4.) Who held it, and what was the result thereof?
- (5.) Did he consign timber to the Mountains to construct buildings for himself marked "O.S."?
- (6.) What was his salary, and was he allowed to resign on a pension?
- (7.) Has he been charged freight on the consignments?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

- (1.) I am informed that a *Mr. Neate* was so employed.
- (2.) Sub-inspector of Buildings.
- (3.) Yes.
- (4.) Messrs. R. Bourke (Permanent-way Accountant) and D. Ross. The result showed that Neate had acted improperly.
- (5.) Yes.
- (6.) £300 per annum. In view of the whole circumstances as shown by inquiry and of Neate's long and generally meritorious service—thirty-five years—his resignation was accepted.
- (7.) Freight, 2s., was not paid.

- (18.) *Mr. Lister Lister's Picture*—"The Golden Splendour of the Bush":—*Mr. McGarry*, for *Mr. Holman*, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that *Mr. Lister Lister's* picture, "The Golden Splendour of the Bush," has been recently purchased for the Art Gallery?
- (2.) Is it a fact that, owing to *Mr. Lister* being a Trustee of the Art Gallery, the Trustees as a body are debarred from paying him for his picture?
- (3.) Is it a fact that such payment as has been made is the outcome of a subscription among private admirers of the picture?
- (4.) Is it a fact that at present a large proportion of the purchase-money remains unpaid?
- (5.) Will he place a sum on the Estimates to cover whatever balance remains unpaid, and thus prevent the acquisition by the State of this work of Australian art at the expense of the artist and of private generosity?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

- (1.) The picture was bought by private subscriptions, and presented to the Art Gallery by the subscribers. The value set upon the work was £150. *Mr. Lister Lister* received £75, and handed over the picture.
- (2.) Yes. There is an understanding that Trustees who are artists should not sell their pictures to the Gallery.
- (3 and 4.) See answer to No. 1.
- (5.) An undesirable precedent might be established if the course suggested were followed, but the propriety of placing a sum on the Estimates to make up the balance of purchase-money will be considered.

- (19.) *Protection for Tram Drivers*:—*Mr. Meehan* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Has anything yet been done in the direction of making provision for the protection of tram drivers during bad weather?
- (2.) If not, why not?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—The Chief Commissioner has directed that a car be specially fitted with a protection in front for tram drivers, and the work is nearly completed. As soon as the car so fitted is available, practical trials will be made of the protecting device.

- (20.) *Regrading of the Public Service*:—*Mr. Jessep*, for *Mr. Broughton*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) When will the result of the appeals against the regrading of the Public Service be gazetted?
- (2.) In view of the time which has elapsed since the regrading took effect—January, 1906—will the Government make provision for payment of increases to successful appellants as early as possible after the results are published?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

- (1.) The Public Service Board inform me that the hearing of appeals will probably be completed in about a month, and that the determinations of the Board in regard thereto will be published as soon afterwards as possible.
- (2.) The matter will receive consideration.

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- (21.) Cancelled Improvement Leases :—Mr. Perry (*Liverpool Plains*) asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that some of the holders of the cancelled improvement leases threaten to prosecute any persons who are desirous of inspecting those lands prior to giving evidence before the Improvement Leases Cancellation Board?
 - (2.) What does he intend to do in regard to this matter, so that the land can be inspected without fear of being prosecuted for trespass?

Mr. Ashton answered,—No such case has been brought under my notice, but any opposition to a legitimate inspection would, I have no doubt, be considered by the Improvement Leases Cancellation Board if brought under notice, as under the Act No. 42, 1906, the Board has power to cause to be inspected any land and any improvements thereon.

- (22.) Reserve, Parish of Temarang, County of Vincent :—Mr. McGarry, for Mr. Holman, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) At what date was the area known as Reserve No. 20,487, parish of Temarang, county of Vincent, reserved from sale?
 - (2.) At what date was such reserve revoked?
 - (3.) Who is the present holder of such area?
 - (4.) Did the present holder acquire it directly from the Crown?
 - (5.) Was it ever thrown open for selection?
 - (6.) If so, on what date?
 - (7.) If not, by what form of transaction did it pass from the Crown to the present holder?

Mr. Ashton answered,—The land referred to cannot be identified from the information furnished.

- (23.) Bridge over the South Arm at Brushgrove :—Mr. McFarlane asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What action is being taken respecting the application for a bridge over the South Arm at Brushgrove?

Mr. Lee answered,—An estimate of the cost is being prepared.

- (24.) Silt dredged from Coastal Rivers :—Mr. McFarlane asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is he aware that in carrying out dredging on the coastal rivers it is the practice to deposit the silt in tidal waters?
 - (2.) Will he consider the expediency of procuring sand pumps so that the silt can be deposited in shoal areas to prevent it again drifting into the channels and cheaply reclaim considerable areas of land?

Mr. Lee answered,—Such has largely been the practice in the past, but depôts are now being established on all the rivers where the deposited material will be free from tidal influence.

- (25.) Rawden Exchange Lands :—Mr. John Hurley asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of this House, all the papers in connection with the Rawden Exchange, &c.?

Mr. Ashton answered,—No; if moved for in the usual way.

- (26.) Queensland Cattle Tick on the Tweed Watershed :—Mr. Davidson asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) What steps have been taken to stamp out the Queensland Cattle Tick on the Tweed Watershed?
 - (2.) How many dips have been erected by the Government?
 - (3.) How many dips does the Government propose still to erect in readiness for next spring?
 - (4.) Is inoculation considered a preventative of Tick Fever?
 - (5.) If so, has the Government provided any immune cattle from which to inoculate the cattle free from Tick Fever?

Mr. Moore answered,—

- (1.) The infested area has been quarantined, roads of exit guarded, and stock within the area subjected to systematic and periodic treatment by a staff comprised of three stock inspectors, five trained assistants, and twenty casuals.
- (2 and 3.) Dips have been erected at Kynumboon, Condong, and Dunbible, and tenders have been called for the erection of others at Tumbulgum, Byangum, Boat Harbour, and Billinudgel, all of which are to be ready before next spring.
- (4.) Yes.
- (5.) It is not considered desirable or necessary to commence inoculating against Tick Fever at present. Preparations are, however, complete to immediately commence operations when deemed necessary. I have a map here which shows the quarantined area as well as the infested area, and the positions of the various dips constructed, or in course of construction, or about to be constructed.

- (27.) Pay of Men in "A" Battery :—Mr. Booth asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it a fact that some of the men of "A" Battery who went to South Africa received 5s. 8d. per day, while others from the same Battery and under similar conditions received only 4s. 6d. per day; if so, why was the distinction made?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—Yes. The payments have been made strictly in accordance with the findings of the Royal Commissioners appointed to deal with these claims. In some cases the Commissioners found that the men had established claims to the Imperial Pay of 1s. 2d. per diem, in addition to the Colonial Contingent Pay of 4s. 6d. per diem, and in others only to the Colonial Contingent Pay of 4s. 6d. per diem.

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4. PAPERS :—

Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Regulations Nos. 219, 220, 221, and 222, under the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900.
- (2.) Notification of appropriation of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for providing Water Supply at Woolabra.
- (3.) Twenty-fourth General Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works. Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Ashton laid upon the Table,—Return of Leases granted under the provisions of section 18 of the Crown Lands Act Amendment Act, 1903.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (LOANS) BILL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise certain borrowings by Councils ; to validate certain borrowings ; to amend the Local Government Act, 1906 ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 9th July, 1907.

F. B. SUTTON,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Carruthers, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

6. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Sturt, 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 Improper Restrictions imposed by the new Railway Regulations recently gazetted by the Government."

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.

Point of Order :—Mr. Carruthers submitted that the motion could not be entertained inasmuch as the Sessional Order provided that Government Business should take precedence daily, and, further, that as a Supply Bill was to be brought forward this evening the subject could be discussed on the consideration of the resolution in Committee of Supply.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said, of course, the motion could be discussed in Committee of Supply, but it was out of order by reason of the subject having been fully discussed during the debate on the Address in Reply to the Governor's Opening Speech, and he must rule it out on that ground.

7. MATTER OF URGENCY—REGULATIONS AFFECTING RAILWAY AND TRAMWAY EMPLOYEES :—Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, without Notice, That it is a matter of urgent necessity that the House should forthwith consider a resolution dealing with the Imposition of Improper Restrictions upon the Railway and Tramway Employees, by certain Regulations recently gazetted by the Government.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Sullivan,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Meehan,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Charlton,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. W. W. Young,
Mr. Edden.

Tellers,

Mr. Treflé,
Mr. Hollis.

Noes, 38.

Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. Ashton,	Mr. J. H. Young,
Mr. Carruthers,	Colonel Ryrie,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Hindmarsh,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Mackenzie,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Fleming,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Eden George,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Robson,	Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Dick,	Mr. Reynoldson,
Mr. Booth,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Wood,
Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Moxham,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. John Hurley,	Mr. Ball.
Mr. Davidson,	Tellers,
Mr. Walter Anderson,	Mr. Bruntnell,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. McFarlane.
Mr. Latimer,	

And so it passed in the negative.

8. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS [*Timber Wharf and Sheds, Newcastle*] :—
Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient that the construction of a timber wharf twelve hundred feet in length, extending westerly from the foot of Merewether-street, Newcastle towards the Carrington Bridge, and the erection in connection therewith of two sheds for the storage of goods, as recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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9. SUSPENSION OF THE STANDING ORDERS—NEWCASTLE WHARFAGE BILL :—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passage through all its stages in one day of a Bill to sanction the construction at Newcastle of a timber wharf twelve hundred feet in length, and the erection in connection therewith of two sheds ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
10. NEWCASTLE WHARFAGE BILL :—
- (1.) Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction at Newcastle of a timber wharf twelve hundred feet in length, and the erection in connection therewith of two sheds ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
- (2.) Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Lee, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction at Newcastle of a timber wharf twelve hundred feet in length, and the erection in connection therewith of two sheds ; and for purposes consequent thereon or 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 sanction the construction at Newcastle of a timber wharf twelve hundred feet in length, and the erection in connection therewith of two sheds ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
- On motion of Mr. Lee, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
- (3.) Mr. Lee then presented a Bill, intituled, "*A Bill to sanction the construction at Newcastle of a timber wharf twelve hundred feet in length, and the erection in connection therewith of two sheds ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—which was read a first time.
Mr. Lee moved, That the Bill be printed, and now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
- (4.) Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Lee, 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. Lee, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.
- 5.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Lee, *passed*.
Mr. Lee then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the construction at Newcastle of a timber wharf twelve hundred feet in length, and the erection in connection therewith of two sheds ; and for purposes consequent thereon or 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 sanction the construction at Newcastle of a timber wharf twelve hundred feet in length, and the erection in connection therewith of two sheds ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
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Sydney, 9th July, 1907.*
11. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND AND PUBLIC WORKS FUND BILL :—Mr. Carruthers moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of a Bill, intituled "A Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1907-1908, and out of the Public Works Fund ; and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan," through all its stages in one day, and would also preclude the resolutions of the Committees of Supply and of Ways and Means respectively, whereon the Bill is proposed to be founded, being received on the same day on which they were come to by the said Committees respectively.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
12. PAPER :—Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—Schedules to the Consolidated Revenue Fund and Public Works Fund Bill.
Ordered to be printed.
13. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—GAMING AND BETTING (AMENDMENT) BILL :—Mr. Carruthers, *on behalf of Mr. Wade*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing through all its stages in one day of a Bill to amend the Gaming and Betting Act, 1906, and the Gaming and Betting (Amendment) Act, 1906 ; and for other purposes.
Question put and passed.

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14. GAMING AND BETTING (AMENDMENT) BILL:—

- (1.) Mr. Wade moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Gaming and Betting Act, 1906, and the Gaming and Betting (Amendment) Act, 1906; and for other purposes.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
- (2.) Mr. Wade then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Gaming and Betting Act, 1906, and the Gaming and Betting (Amendment) Act, 1906; and for other purposes,*"—which was read a first time.
Mr. Wade moved, That the Bill be printed, and now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
- (3.) Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Wade, 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 after Midnight,—

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
On motion of Mr. Wade, 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. Wade, *passed*.
Mr. Wade then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Gaming and Betting Act, 1906, and the Gaming and Betting (Amendment) Act, 1906; 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 amend the Gaming and Betting Act, 1906, and the Gaming and Betting (Amendment) Act, 1906; and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 10th July, 1907, a.m.*

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

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 10 JULY, 1907.

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

COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—*Maturity of Warrant reported*:—Mr. Speaker reported that his Warrant, appointing the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, laid upon the Table on Thursday, 4th July, 1907, not having been disapproved by the Assembly in the course of the three next sitting days on which the Assembly met for the despatch of business, had now taken effect as an appointment of such Committee, and intimated that it was, therefore, open to Members of the Committee to be sworn at the Table by the Clerk, in accordance with the 117th section of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1902.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Royal Commission of Inquiry into Administration of the Lands Department and consequent Prosecutions:—Mr. Briner asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—In regard to a Question asked in the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Member for Raleigh, on 6th December, 1906, and the promise given in reply thereto, that a return would be furnished, will he now inform this House,—

(1.) The total cost of the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the Administration of the Lands Department, including—(a) cost of commission; (b) counsel's fees; (c) clerical assistance; (d) printing; (e) witnesses expenses; (f) other expenses?

(2.) What has been the total cost of all prosecutions in connection with this matter, including the extradition of W. N. Willis, and all matters connected with the cases against Messrs. Willis, McNair, Hoskins, Crick, and Bath?

(3.) The names of Counsel engaged at the Commission, trials, &c., and the amount of fees paid to each?

Mr. Wade answered,—The operations of this Commission extended through several Departments of the State, and to furnish the information asked for would necessitate prolonged investigation. I will, however, endeavour to obtain the required particulars as early as possible.

- (2.) Coff's Harbour—Report by Commissioner Howard, R.N.:—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Did Commissioner Howard, R.N., Marine Surveyor, in October, 1891, submit to the Works Department a comprehensive report upon the port known as Coff's Harbour, giving in detail a description of the harbour, and making suggestions for a breakwater and other improvements?

(2.) What was the general outline of the report, and at what conclusions did Commander Howard arrive?

(3.) Has the report ever been seriously considered?

(4.) How much did it cost?

(5.) Is it proposed to carry out any of the suggestions in the report, particularly the suggestion of the most suitable breakwater; or will he have another comprehensive survey and report made with a view to doing something to improve this natural port?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) His idea was to make this a harbour of refuge by running a breakwater out from the north-east point of Mutton Bird Island in a northerly direction, a distance of 4,000 feet.

(3.) The building of the breakwater suggested has not been seriously entertained.

(4.) Commander Howard was engaged during 1890 and 1891 on a number of surveys on the North Coast; the proportion of the cost of these surveys for the work done at Coff's Harbour cannot now be readily determined.

(5.) The question of what works should be undertaken for the improvement of the various harbours along the coast is, as the Honorable Member has already been informed, now under consideration.

(3.)

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- (3.) Carriage of Firearms by Juveniles:—*Mr. Estell*, for *Mr. Sullivan*, asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—Will he introduce at once a Bill to prevent boys owning or carrying firearms?

Mr. Waddell answered,—The matter is now under my consideration.

- (4.) Chamber Business, Supreme Court:—*Mr. Estell*, for *Mr. Sullivan*, asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it fact that the half-an-hour devoted to Chamber Business three mornings a week in the Supreme Court is insufficient?

(2.) Will he take the necessary steps to establish a Practice Court?

Mr. Wade answered,—With the exception of a short period when for unavoidable reasons there was some delay, there has been no congestion of business during the past five years, and the Chamber work is now up to date.

- (5.) Labels on Australian Canned Fruit:—*Mr. Estell*, for *Mr. Sullivan*, asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—Is it a fact, as stated by Sir William Lyne, that his Department refused to prosecute in a case of fraud on the people, namely, a firm branding tins of Australian fruit as American?

Mr. Wade answered,—There is no record in this Department of the case referred to by the Honorable Member.

- (6.) Claims of Officers and Men who served in South Africa:—*Mr. Briner* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) The total amount of claims by returned officers and soldiers?

(2.) The total amount found to be proved?

(3.) The total amount paid to date?

(4.) What was the amount in each of the twelve largest claims, what sum was found proved and paid in each, and the names of the successful claimants?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—This information will be laid upon the Table in the form of a return.

- (7.) Weir at Keepit, Namoi River:—*Mr. Perry (Liverpool Plains)* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What are his intentions regarding the proposed weir at Keepit on the Namoi River?

(2.) Will he cause a competent officer to report upon the construction of a weir at the place mentioned?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) The question of the construction of a storage dam at Keepit was reported upon by Colonel Home, who did not consider the project would prove remunerative. The matter will, however, be further gone into, in view of the development that has taken place in the district since that report.

(2.) An officer will be instructed to report.

- (8.) Railway from Mudgee to Dunedoo, and Dunedoo to Coonabarabran:—*Mr. Perry (Liverpool Plains)* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) When does he intend calling tenders for the construction of the Mudgee-Dunedoo Railway Line?

(2.) Will it be in one or two sections?

(3.) What are his intentions regarding the extension of the railway line from Dunedoo to Coonabarabran?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) The plans of the first section are now in hand, and tenders will be invited as quickly as possible, but the exact date cannot yet be fixed.

(2.) Tenders will be invited in two sections. One from Mudgee to Gulgong, and the second from Gulgong to Dunedoo.

(3.) No decision has been arrived at.

- (9.) Police Buildings, Tambar Springs:—*Mr. Perry (Liverpool Plains)* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that the police buildings at Tambar Springs are in a dangerous condition and unsafe to reside in?

(2.) Will he cause a new building to be erected as promised and to provide room for a Court of Petty Sessions to be held?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) It has been reported by the Police Department that new buildings are needed at Tambar Springs.

(2.) The question of erecting new police buildings, to include a court-room, is now being considered.

- (10.) Belmore Park:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) In what position is the proposal for handing over Belmore Park to the Sydney City Council?

(2.) What obstacles prevent the completion of the transaction?

(3.) Will he expedite the matter in order that the City Council may make certain contemplated improvements on the park, and an approach from the park to Albion-street?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1 and 2.) Certain action under the Public Trusts Act and Public Parks Act is necessary, an abstract of which must be laid before Parliament for thirty days. Owing to the shortness of the present Session, action to dedicate the Park must necessarily await the meeting of next Parliament.

(3.) Yes, as much as possible.

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(11.) Devonshire-street Subway :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Do the Railway Commissioners still hold the opinion that they have no authority to make alterations in the Devonshire-street Subway, on the ground that it is a public thoroughfare?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—The Railway Commissioners have power to make any alterations in the subway referred to so far as the working of the railways is concerned.

(12.) Entrance to Central Railway Station from Chalmers-street :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Has a decision yet been arrived at with regard to an entrance to the Central Railway Station from Chalmers-street, near the Standard Brewery?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—I am informed the Commissioners are opposed to an entrance being made.

(13.) Allotments owned by Works Department opposite Central Railway Station :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that some allotments, the property of his Department, opposite the Central Railway Station, on the southern side, are a receptacle for dead cats and foetid water?

(2.) Will he cause the negotiations over the matter with the City Council to be expedited, in order that the allotments referred to may be drained and cleaned of the offensive matter?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) No; but during the recent heavy rainfalls the stormwater did not run off as quickly as it would have done had the proposed lanes in the vicinity been constructed.

(2.) The construction of portion of the lanes is awaiting the assent of the City Council to the proposed levels, and it is anticipated this will be received in a day or two, when the construction and drainage work can be proceeded with, provided the Council also agree to take over the lanes on their completion.

(14.) Muswellbrook-Cassilis Railway Line :—Mr. Fleming asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has a special officer yet been appointed to inquire into the improved prospects along the proposed Muswellbrook-Cassilis Railway Line, with a view to construction of said line?

(2.) If not, when will such inquiry be instituted?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) No. The Railway Commissioners have reported that the prospects have not materially altered since their last Report.

(2.) An investigation will be made when practicable by an officer of my Department with a view to selecting a route by which the cost of construction will be lessened, but at present no officer is available.

(15.) Industrial Arbitration Act :—Mr. Fleming asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—What has been the total cost to the State of the administration of the Industrial Arbitration Act?

Mr. Wade answered,—This information cannot be given without considerable research, and would take some time to prepare.

(16.) Collection of Statistical Returns by Police Department :—Mr. Estell, for Mr. Nielsen, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the police in the country districts are employed to collect statistical returns of very many descriptions?

(2.) Is it a fact that they have been compelled to buy bags to carry the collecting books in at their own expense in most cases?

(3.) Is it a fact that they receive no remuneration for this work (except the ordinary night allowance, if away from home at night during the progress of the work), and that such allowance is paid by the Police Department and not by the Statistician's Department?

(4.) Is it a fact that this work takes the police in some districts three weeks or a month to carry out during which they ride from 300 to 700 miles?

(5.) Will he see that the police are provided with the necessary equipment to enable them to do the duty properly, and that in cases where they have already purchased bags, &c., that they be recompensed for the expense they have been put to?

(6.) Will he also see that they are paid for this work at a similar rate to that paid them by the Electoral Department?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) No.

(3.) Yes; but they perform no other duty.

(4.) Yes, in some instances.

(5.) This matter is at present under consideration.

(6.) They receive 1s. per diem extra travelling allowance when employed collecting Electoral Lists. *Vide* reply to No. 3. The matter of extra remuneration for the other service is under consideration.

(17.) Railway Bridge over Clarence River at Grafton :—Mr. McFarlane asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he take early steps to have survey made and borings taken, with a view to having a railway bridge constructed over the Clarence River at Grafton?

Mr. Lee answered,—The preliminary steps will be taken at an early date.

(18.) Public School Buildings at South Grafton :—Mr. McFarlane asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the public school buildings at South Grafton are insufficient to accommodate the number of children attending school, without overcrowding?

(2.) Is it a fact that the buildings are old, with damp walls, and that new buildings are urgently required?

(3.) Will he cause necessary provision to be made, with a view of having suitable buildings erected?

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Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) No. The buildings provide accommodation for 141 pupils, while the average attendance is 133

(2.) Although the buildings are not new, they are substantially built of brick and iron, and, with one exception (*Maclean*), are of the best class of school buildings on the Clarence. The only damp wall reported was at the residence, which has since been remedied by the addition of a verandah.

(3.) It is not contemplated to erect new buildings at present.

(19.) North Coast Harbour Works and Sir John Coode's Recommendations :—*Mr. McFarlane* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Chief Engineer for Harbours and Rivers, in a minute to *Mr. Rossbach's* report, stated "that the money on harbour works along the Northern Coast has not been expended "on any intelligent plan, but merely to satisfy local demands"?

(2.) Is it a fact that in 1886 and 1887 Sir John Coode prepared elaborate plans for the improvement of the entrances to the Clarence, Richmond, Bellinger, Nambucca, the Macleay, the Hastings and Manning Rivers?

(3.) Has any serious departure been made from Sir John Coode's recommendations in carrying out work for harbour improvement at any of the rivers mentioned; if so, was it for the reason that we had more expert engineers in the State?

(5.) Is it a fact that data has already been obtained respecting the trend of the tides and currents at the Clarence Heads?

(6.) Is it a fact that the Public Works Committee several years ago recommended the extension of the Southern Breakwater, which is a portion of Sir John Coode's proposals?

(7.) Will he consider the desirableness of giving effect to the recommendation of the Public Works Committee?

(8.) Is it a fact that the shoaling at the Clarence entrance is largely attributed to the reef in the channel?

(9.) Is it a fact that Sir John Coode recommended the removal of this obstruction, that the Public Works Committee recommended its removal, and, also, that Parliament passed a Bill authorising the work to be carried out?

(10.) Will he, in view of the constant silting of the Clarence, have the work proceeded with as early as possible?

Mr. Lee answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table of this House a short statement covering answers to these Questions.

(20.) Public Debt of New South Wales :—*Mr. Jones*, for *Mr. Gardiner*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What was the total Public Debt of New South Wales, including Treasury Bills, on 30th June, 1904?

(2.) What was the total Public Debt on 30th June of the present year?

(3.) What is the average amount of interest payable upon the Public Debt of this State?

(4.) What amount was actually paid as interest on the total Public Debt of the State for the last financial year?

(5.) On the average, how much below par have the Loans raised by this State realized?

(6.) What has been the average cost of floating New South Wales Loans?

(7.) How many millions of pounds of Loan Money fall due for repayment by the 30th June, 1910?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—As this information will take some time to prepare, its production should be moved for in the form of a return.

(21.) Overtime Payment to Officers, Taxation Department :—*Mr. Morton* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—With reference to overtime due to certain officers of the Taxation Department,—

(1.) Will he have a reply obtained to Questions 2 and 3 under above heading asked by *Mr. Morton*, on 3rd July, 1907?

(2.) Will he also say why certain officers were paid for three hours only, while others in the same Department were paid for five hours, for working from 4.30 to 9.30 p.m.?

(3.) Will he take the needful steps to have the difference paid to the officers entitled thereto?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—The Public Service Board has furnished me with the following reply :—The fact that a special concession was made in connection with Shires work is no reason for paying more than the rate prescribed for overtime work in the Regulations under the Public Service Act for the ordinary work of the Department. As a matter of fact, it is provided in the Regulations that an officer may be required to work after ordinary hours for the purpose of carrying out the work of the Department without any extra remuneration.

(22.) Unemployed, Wee Waa District :—*Mr. Fleming*, for *Mr. Collins*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has his attention been drawn to the statement that there are a number of unemployed in the Wee Waa District?

(2.) Will he cause inquiries to be made in the matter, and, if necessary, endeavour to effect a remedy?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) The latest official report disclosed that there were not many unemployed there.

(2.) Yes.

(23.) Government Motor Cars :—*Mr. McNeill* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) How many motor cars have been purchased for the use of the Ministry, exclusive of those authorised by Parliament; what did each motor cost, and from whom were they purchased?

(2.) What has been the total cost of keeping such motor cars in repair, and where were the repairs executed?

(3.) How many chauffeurs are there in the Government employ, and what are the wages paid per week, and how much has been paid to them in all?

(4.) What is the total amount paid for towing broken-down motor cars during any of these trips?

(5.) How many miles in all have such motor cars travelled?

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Mr. Carruthers answered,—

- (1.) No motor cars have been purchased exclusive of those authorised by Parliament. The only one in the possession of the Government is the one I referred to last Session, which was purchased for the general use of the Government Departments, and it has been very generally used by all the Departments, and occasionally by Ministers, and sometimes by Honorable Members.
- (2.) The cost of keeping that car in repair has not been kept separately, but the total cost includes that of repairing it, and amounts to £246 16s. 5d.
- (3.) A constable is employed when required for such duty, and receives ordinary pay and travelling allowances.
- (4.) Nothing has been paid for that, but the work has been done by the Government Whip.
- (5.) 5,766 miles.

3. PRINTING COMMITTEE :—

- (1.) Mr. McFarlane, as Chairman, brought up the First Report from the Printing Committee.
- (2.) Mr. Carruthers (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Printing Committee have leave to sit during the sittings of the House.
Question put and passed.

4. PAPERS :—

Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return respecting the Claims of Returned Officers and Soldiers who had served in South Africa.
 - (2.) Statement of Bank Liabilities and Assets, for quarter ended 31st March, 1907.
 - (3.) Statement of Public Companies Liabilities and Assets, for quarter ended 31st March, 1907.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—Return respecting North Coast Harbour Works and Sir John Coode's Recommendations.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS—[*Proposed Electric Tramway, Drummoyne to Epping, via Gladesville, Ryde, and the Field of Mars*]:—Mr. John Hurley, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table, Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, relating to the proposed Electric Tramway from Drummoyne to Epping, *via* Gladesville, Ryde, and the Field of Mars.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.6. NORTH SHORE BRIDGE (*Formal Motion*):—Dr. Arthur moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence between the Government and Mr. Norman Selfe relative to the North Shore Bridge.
Question put and passed.

7. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (LOANS) BILL :—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Lee 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. Lee, 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. Lee, 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. Lee, *passed*.

Mr. Lee then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to authorise certain borrowings by Councils; to validate certain borrowings; to amend the Local Government Act, 1906; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise certain borrowings by Councils; to validate certain borrowings; to amend the Local Government Act, 1906; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

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

And the Committee continuing to sit 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.

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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 £3,555,200 ; being £2,336,000, to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the State during the months of July, August, September, and October, or following month of the financial year, ending 30th June, 1908, to be expended at the rates which have been sanctioned for the financial year ended 30th June, 1907, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1907-1908 ; and

£875,700 payable out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the following Services, viz. :—

Secretary for Public Works—Roads, £64,200 ; Bridges, £9,400 ; Public Buildings, £17,000 ; Endowment of Shires, £90,000 ; Local Government Branch—Preparation of Rating Lists, Maps, and other expenses, £14,100 ; and

In anticipation of Loan Votes—

Railways and Tramways—Rolling Stock—To meet additional traffic requirements £150,000 ; additions to Railway Lines, Station Buildings, and for other purposes, £75,000 ; Sydney Harbour Trust—Towards Construction of Rat-proof Walling, New Berthing Accommodation, New Jetties, Sheds, Roads and Approaches, and Works generally for the improvement of the Port, £46,000 ; Secretary for Public Works—Railways—Manilla to Barraba £10,000 ; Temora to Barellan, £15,000 ; Narrabri to Walgett, and branch to Callarendabri, £20,000 ; Bogan Gate to Bulbodney, £20,000 ; North Coast Railway (Maitland to South Grafton) £10,000 ; Belmore to Chapel-road, £15,000 ; Railway Extension in Necropolis, £1,000 ; Mudgee to Dunedoo, £30,000 ; Tramways—Construction generally, £87,000 ; Water Supply—Improvements to Sydney Water Supply and Storage Dam (Cataract River), including Land Resumptions, £40,000 ; 20-in. Main, Wallsend to Buttai, £48,000 ; Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage—Water Supply—Extension and Improvements to General Reticulation, Reservoirs, Raising and Lining Lower Canal, Pumps, &c., Works Generally, £48,000 ; Sewerage—Construction and Ventilation, Reticulation Sewers generally, Buildings, Works generally, £52,000 ; Hunter District Board of Water Supply and Sewerage—Extension of Reticulation, £2,000 ; Extension of Water Supply to Cessnock, £12,000 ; and £343,500 payable out of Public Works Fund in anticipation of Votes for the following Services, viz. :—

Colonial Secretary—Fire Brigades—Towards Purchase of Sites and Erection of Branch and Suburban Stations—further sum, £3,750 ; Hospitals—Special Grants under Section 5 of the Public Works and Closer Settlement Funds Act, 1906—Country and Suburban Hospitals, £5,000 ; Metropolitan Hospitals, £3,000 ;

Secretary for Public Works—Roads, £18,000 ; Bridges, £12,000 ; Barren Jack Storage Reservoir and Northern Murrumbidgee Irrigation Scheme, £70,000 ; Public Buildings, £94,750 ; Harbours and Rivers and Dredge Service, £40,000 ; Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage—Water Supply and Sewerage—Extension and Improvements of General Reticulation, Lining, &c., Upper Canal, Renewals for Water Mains and Sewers, Machinery, Minor Works generally, £17,000 ; Public Instruction—School Buildings, Teachers' Residences, &c., £40,000 ; Training College—Towards Erection of, £2,000 ; Technical Education—Additional Land and Buildings, including Domestic Science College, £23,000 ; Industrial School for Girls—Buildings, £2,500 ; Miscellaneous Services—Equipment and Works, £2,500 ; Advance to Treasurer—To carry on Works and Services pending Appropriation, £10,000.

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

9. **WAYS AND MEANS** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

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 1907-1908, the sum of £3,555,200 be granted, viz. :—£3,211,700 out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund and £343,500 out of the Public Works Fund of New South Wales.

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

10. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND AND PUBLIC WORKS FUND BILL** :—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Carruthers, 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 towards the Services of the year 1907-1908, and out of the Public Works Fund ; and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan.

(2.) Mr. Carruthers then presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1907-1908, and out of the Public Works Fund ; 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. Carruthers, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

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

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

Mr. Carruthers then moved,—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question put and passed.

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

Mr. Carruthers then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1907-1908, and out of the Public Works Fund ; 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 towards the Services of the year 1907-1908, and out of the Public Works Fund ; and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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Sydney, 11th July, 1907, a.m.

The House adjourned, at half-past Twelve o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m., This Day.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,

Speaker.

New South Wales.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Road from Coramba to Dorrigo :—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the main road, Coramba to Dorrigo, is not yet completed ; also that roads of access to the main road have been left in their natural state ?
 - (2.) Were settlers, when taking up the land, lead to believe that a main road and roads of access would be formed, at least to the extent of being trafficable ?
 - (3.) Is it proposed to do anything further in regard to these roads ?
 - (4.) Were not roads of access made in the Myall Creek Resumed Area ?

Mr. Ashton answered,—

- (1.) I am so informed by the Works Department.
 - (2.) It was mentioned in the Dorrigo pamphlet published by the Department that a centrally-situated road was being constructed from Coramba to Dorrigo Township.
 - (3.) Yes ; contracts will probably be let at an early date.
 - (4.) Some roads have been constructed ; the question of constructing others is under consideration.
- (2.) Establishment of Public Schools at Hyde's Creek, Pine Creek, Bobo, Dorrigo, North Dorrigo, and Coff's Harbour :—Mr. Briner asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that any guarantee has been demanded before half-time schools are established at Hyde's Creek and Pine Creek, near Bellingen ; and, if so, what form of guarantee is required, and why ?
 - (2.) What steps, if any, have been taken to provide school facilities to meet the increasing demands at Bobo (in the recent Dorrigo subdivision), and at Dorrigo, North Dorrigo, and Coff's Harbour ?
 - (3.) Will he guarantee that prompt action will be taken to provide schools and teachers in newly-settled districts, in order that children in the bush may have an opportunity of obtaining some education ?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

- (1.) No guarantee has been demanded. A form of application for the establishment of schools has been sent to the Bellingen Ratepayers' Association and, on its return, the matter will be dealt with.
 - (2.) No application has been received for a school at Bobo. The Dorrigo Public School will be enlarged, and tenders for the work will at once be invited. The need for further school accommodation at North Dorrigo and Coff's Harbour has not been represented to this Department.
 - (3.) Every possible attention will be given to necessities that become known.
- (3.) Lights for Coff's Harbour Jetty :—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is he aware that an application was made some time ago to have three or four lights placed on Coff's Harbour Jetty for use on dark nights ?
 - (2.) Is he aware that the absence of lights is a source of danger to passengers going or coming by steamer, and to others who may have business on the jetty at night ?
 - (3.) What is proposed to be done in the matter ?

Mr. Lee answered,—Answers to these Questions should be sought from my Honorable Colleague, the Colonial Treasurer, as the Department of Navigation deals with the maintenance of Coff's Harbour Jetty.

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- (4.) Improvements at Coff's Harbour Jetty :—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that tenders were recently invited for improvements at Coff's Harbour Jetty, to include additions to a goods shed, and that the nearest place plans and specifications can be seen is Bellingen—25 miles distant?
 - (2.) Why were plans and specifications not placed at Coff's Harbour also?
 - (3.) Will he give instructions to have this remedied?
- Mr. Lee answered,—Plans and specification for the work named were sent last week to Coff's Harbour for exhibition there.
- (5.) Sale of Crown Lands fronting Park, Cook, and other Roads :—Mr. Dacey asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that, at the auction sale of Crown Lands fronting Park, Cook, and other roads, on 20th April last, the auctioneer, Mr. Gorman, informed the purchasers that the Government guaranteed that the unmade roads would be completed forthwith, and that the land was already watered and sewered throughout?
 - (2.) Is it a fact there are no water and sewerage connections to portion of these roads, and, as the City Council will not permit the use of the dry-earth system, purchasers cannot proceed to erect buildings on the land they bought?
 - (3.) Is it a fact the City Council refuse to make the roadways or provide levels to enable buildings to be erected, and state that it is the duty of the Government to do this, and that the Lands Department refuse to do so, and state it is the Council's duty?
 - (4.) Will he at once complete arrangements with the City Council and the Water and Sewerage Board to provide these conveniences?
- Mr. Ashton answered,—
- (1.) No.
 - (2.) On some of the roads no water-mains have yet been laid or sewers constructed, but it is not known that the City Council has taken action preventing purchasers from erecting buildings.
 - (3.) No; but the Council has approached the Government with a view to its contributing towards the cost of forming the roads.
 - (4.) The communication from the City Council mentioned above is now under consideration.
- (6.) Tobacco Factories and the Factories and Shops Act :—Mr. Cann asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) How many complaints have been received *re* Tobacco Factories since the inception of the Factories and Shops Act?
 - (2.) Have the Inspectors reported *re* these complaints?
 - (3.) Were the recommendations made by the Inspectors carried into effect?
- Mr. Hogue answered,—
- (1.) Complaints respecting Tobacco Factories have been received from time to time since the inception of the Factories and Shops Act, ten years ago, but it is impossible to give the exact number.
 - (2.) All such complaints are investigated and reported upon by the Factory Inspectors.
 - (3.) As far as the provisions of the Factories and Shops Act will permit, the recommendations of the Inspectors are carried into effect.
- (7.) Overtime in connection with preparation of Shire Maps :—Mr. Mackenzie asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that by an arrangement arrived at by the Lands and Works Department, and the Honorable the Minister for Public Works, the Public Service Board approved of an increase of 6d. per hour above Regulation rates to be paid for overtime work in connection with the preparation of Shire maps?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that the increase of 6d. per hour above Regulation rates, together with the payment for tea hour, brought the rates for overtime work up to nearly time and a quarter as paid for daily time?
 - (3.) Is it a fact that the Public Service Board have intimated that, from 15th May last, the increased pay for overtime, as arranged, be discontinued?
 - (4.) If so, will he take steps to have the rates of payment for overtime work restored as previously arranged?
 - (5.) Is it a fact that the Regulation rates for overtime for the Professional and Clerical Divisions are about 40 per cent. less than the ordinary daily rates?
 - (6.) If so, will he have the Regulations dealing with the rates of payment for overtime work in the Professional and Clerical Divisions so altered as to fix such rates at a reasonable advance above daily rates?
- Mr. Wade answered,—The Public Service Board have furnished me with the following information :—
- (1.) An arrangement of this nature was approved by the Board for officers in the Lands Department.
 - (2.) The concessions granted included (1) payment as overtime of the hour from 4-30 to 5-30 which by Public Service Board Regulation is not recognised as overtime; (2) payment for the tea hour, during which no work was done at all, over and above which (3) an additional 6d. per hour was allowed for time worked and for the tea hour. These had the effect practically of doubling the cost of the work according to the Board's Regulation.
 - (3.) Yes. The Board, finding that the work in Lands Department was costing upward of £7,000 in lieu of the original estimate of £3,200, upon which they approved of the concessions referred to above, and finding also that the existence of the special rates in one Department was leading to claims for special treatment from other Departments, which were difficult to resist on logical grounds, decided that in all cases special rates must cease, and that all Departments should be placed on the same footing. It should not be overlooked that the officers have enjoyed the special concessions for nearly nine months, and many of them have earned considerable amounts.

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(5.) The Regulation rates for overtime, which have been in existence for some years, were fixed on what might be regarded as a fair basis of remuneration, having regard to the annual salaries paid to officers and the conditions relating to their employment, including security of tenure, sick leave, annual leave, short leave, and extended leave after long service, and any comparison with daily rates would be unwarranted.

(4 and 6.) After considering the representations made by the different Departments the Board have come to the conclusion that an amendment of the Regulations dealing with overtime should be made, which will represent a substantial concession. This is now under consideration.

(8.) Tolls on Ferries under Control of Shires :—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that, with few exceptions, the ferries have been passed to the control of the Shires?

(2.) Have the Shires in most instances leased the ferries upon the same conditions as obtained when they were leased by the Government?

(3.) Is it intended to abolish tolls on ferries?

(4.) Are there any Regulations now in existence in connection with the ferries which have passed to the control of Shires?

(5.) Are there any Regulations under which a Shire Council can permit a lessee to charge tolls on a ferry?

(6.) Is it a fact that Ferry Regulations providing for tolls were repealed by the Shires Act; if so, how are ferry fares now regulated?

(7.) Under what conditions as regards fares were the ferries on Bellinger, Nambucca, and the Macleay Rivers lately leased by the Shire Councils?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) When the ferries were transferred to the control of the Shire Councils the leases which had been previously given by the Government had not in most cases expired; these unexpired leases were handed over to the Councils.

(3.) See reply to Question No. 12.

(4.) These are now in course of preparation.

(5.) Section 103 of the Act authorises a Council to charge fees for services rendered.

(6.) Yes; see Nos. 4 and 5.

(7.) The Department has not received from the Shire Councils concerned any information as to the leases in question.

(9.) Police Uniforms and Licensing Inspectors :—Mr. W. W. Young asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that Sub-inspectors of Police in the country districts have to pay for their uniform, while in Sydney it is provided for them by the Department?

(2.) Is it a fact that Licensing Inspectors are paid £12 per annum for inspection of hotels in Sydney, and that men in the same grade in the country get nothing?

(3.) Will he explain the reason for this inequality?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) Yes. Country officers provide their own, and have always done so. Uniform is only issued to those in the Metropolitan District, Newcastle, Parramatta, West Maitland, and Broken Hill, as the officers at these places are constantly wearing it.

(2.) Yes; but the work done by country inspectors is very light, and cannot be compared with that performed by the Sydney inspectors.

(3.) As regards uniform, see reply to Question No. 1. The Minister of Justice discontinued the allowance to the country inspectors under the licensing laws on 30th September, 1893.

(10.) Bridge over the Upper Clarence at Lilydale :—Mr. McFarlane asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has he yet arrived at a decision respecting an application that was made several months ago for the construction of a bridge over the Upper Clarence at Lilydale?

Mr. Lee answered,—No record can be traced in the Department of an application having been made for a bridge under the name mentioned, but further inquiries will be made, and the Honorable Member informed by letter.

(11.) Land for Closer Settlement near Braidwood :—Mr. Cohen, for Colonel Ryrie, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has he received a report from the District Surveyor with reference to the suitability of land in the vicinity of Braidwood for Closer Settlement?

(2.) In view of the fact that the town of Braidwood is shut in by large estates, will the matter of throwing open some of this land have his earnest consideration?

Mr. Ashton answered,—

(1.) No. The District Surveyor's report has not yet been received.

(2.) Yes.

(12.) Public Ferries :—Mr. Morton asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to make all ferries free?

(2.) Will the maintenance of these punts, including wages of the attendants, be paid out of the Consolidated Revenue?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) It is intended to take action in this direction, and it was hoped that the matter might ere this have been definitely settled, but it is found that there are some difficulties which require time for investigation which has been proceeding and is not yet completed.

(2.) That question will be determined.

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(13.) Nurses, Prince Alfred and Sydney Hospitals :—*Mr. Cann*, for *Mr. Holman*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that nurses in training in Prince Alfred and Sydney Hospitals, who fail to pass in examination, are compelled to leave the hospital without any prospect of obtaining a certificate unless they commence their course again in another institution or the same hospital?
- (2.) Does such a system prevail in connection with medical or legal students?
- (3.) Is it a fact that this year four nurses, one of whom had spent nearly three years at the Prince Alfred Hospital, failing the prescribed examination were thus turned out of the institution?
- (4.) Has it been the experience of the Hospital authorities that were such nurses allowed to spend another year in training, and then sit for examination, their value to the institution during such additional year would be quite as great, or even greater (on account of extra experience) than that of nurses completing their ordinary course?
- (5.) Will he cause inquiries to be made with a view to reconsidering the new rule in question and the reinstatement of the four nurses dismissed from the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital as detailed in Question No. 3.

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) The following is an extract from the Rules of the Sydney Hospital :—

“6. Nurses will be examined in November and December of each year.

“7. Nurses who fail to pass the examinations at the end of any year of training may, on the special recommendation of the examiners, the Medical Superintendent, and Matron, be allowed to present themselves for re-examination in the subjects of that year, after an interval of three months from the date of the examination which they failed to pass.

“8. Those nurses who fail to pass such re-examination at the end of three months must resign from their positions on the Hospital staff.

“The above rules are not applied to nurses whose studies have been seriously interfered with by ill-health.”

(4.) The Sydney Hospital reply is “No.” I have also just received the following reply from Prince Alfred Hospital :—“In reply to your communication of the 10th instant, I beg to state that the rule at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital was passed by the Board of Directors on the recommendation of the late Matron, about 1900. The nurses in question entered under this rule, and were made acquainted with it. By the rule two trials are permitted, and these nurses failed on both occasions. Nurses have in previous years failed in precisely the same way. On this occasion the matter was fully considered by the House Committee and Board of Directors, and it was decided that it was undesirable to alter the rule. Out of seventy-five nurses in the four years, examined at the end of last year, only four failed—two in their first year examinations and two in their second year examinations. A copy of the rule is enclosed herewith. ‘Pupil-nurses of any year who fail to pass the annual examination may be allowed at the discretion of the House Committee, on the recommendation of the Matron, to remain for a further period not exceeding six months, and may be then afforded another opportunity of presenting themselves for examination. Should they then succeed in passing the examination, they will be allowed to proceed with the course, as having passed the previous examination; but, should they fail to pass on this occasion, they must then terminate their connection with the school.’”

(14.) Government Subsidy to Schools of Arts :—*Mr. Jones*, for *Mr. Gardiner*, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) What amount has been paid as subsidy to each School of Arts from 1st July, 1905, to 30th June, 1907?
- (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to discontinue the subsidy?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

(1.) This information will be given if moved for in the form of a return.

(2.) No; but the question of revising the conditions under which subsidies are granted is under consideration.

(15.) Attendance Officers and Inspectors under Neglected Children and Juvenile Offenders Act :—*Mr. Jessep* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Public Service Board invited applications from officers of the Public Service for the positions (five) of Attendance Officers and Inspectors under the Neglected Children and Juvenile Offenders Act?
- (2.) Did the Public Service Board delegate its powers to a sub-Board; of whom did it consist, and what Departments did it represent?
- (3.) How many applications were received?
- (4.) The number of officers of each Department who made application?
- (5.) How many officers were interviewed by the sub-Board appointed by the Public Service Board for that purpose?
- (6.) Have such appointments been made, and what was the method of selection?
- (7.) The names of the officers appointed and the Departments from which they were appointed?
- (8.) Is it a fact that the Acting Under Secretary for Finance and Trade, at the instance of the Public Service Board, has issued a circular letter to the heads of all State Departments that where any vacancies occur the claims of officers of the Department of Taxation for such vacancies shall have special consideration?
- (9.) Why were the officers of the Department of Taxation not specially considered as directed?

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

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The applications were referred to a Committee consisting of the following members :—The Superintendent of Technical Education, Department of Public Instruction; the Accountant, Department of Public Instruction; the Boarding-out Officer, State Children Relief Department; and the Examiner and Inspecting Officer to the Board.

(3.) 618.

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(4.) Chief Secretary's Department, 83 ; Treasury, 52 ; Department of Lands, 4 ; Department of Public Works, 32 ; Department of Mines and Agriculture, 6 ; Department of Public Instruction, 355 ; Public Service Board's Office, 1 ; Justice Department, 58.

(5, 6, and 7.) The Committee spent several days examining the applications. Careful inquiries were made, and reports were obtained as to those apparently suited for the work. Several further sittings of the Committee were then held, and fifty-five applicants were interviewed. The appointments have not yet been made, but will be recommended shortly.

(8.) All Departments of the Public Service have been notified that in connection with any vacancies which may occur, it is the desire of the Board that for positions for which they may be suitable, officers of the Taxation Department shall have special consideration.

(9.) Careful consideration was given to all applications.

(16.) Cost of Railway and Tramway Lines receiving Parliamentary Sanction :—Mr. Thomas asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What lines of railway received Parliamentary sanction, and have since been constructed, or are now being constructed, during the years 1900, 1901, 1902, and 1903 ?

(2.) What are the profits or losses respectively on each of these completed lines during the period of running ?

(3.) What lines of tramways received Parliamentary sanction, and have since been constructed, or are now being constructed, during the years 1900, 1901, 1902, and 1903 ?

(4.) What are the profits or losses respectively on each of these completed lines during the period of running ?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—This information would take some time to compile, and should be moved for as a return.

(17.) *Robertson v. New Balmain Ferry Company* :—Mr. Meehan, for Mr. Sullivan, asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—In view of the judgment of the Federal High Court, in the case of *Robertson v. New Balmain Ferry Company*, for assault and false imprisonment, will he take steps to amend the law in the interests of the travelling public ?

Mr. Wade answered,—This matter will be considered.

2. RAILWAY, COBAR TO WILCANNIA :—Mr. Meehan presented a Petition from certain Residents of that portion of the Western Division of the State in the vicinity of, and west of the Darling River, representing that they are in need of a regular and speedy means of communication with Sydney and other centres of population ; that the means sought is the immediate construction of the Railway from Cobar to Wilcannia ; that the line is now of the greatest urgency on account of the large increase of the flocks and herds in the District ; that the work of developing the Western Division would be greatly assisted ; that a great impetus would be given to settlement ; that the construction of the line would keep the trade of the District in this State ; and praying that their Petition may forthwith be given effect to.
Petition received.

3. PAPERS :—

Mr. Wade laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report of the Public Service Board for the year 1906.

(2.) Minute of the Public Service Board recommending special leave of absence to Mr. H. W. Williams, Examiner of Titles, Registrar-General's Department.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—Statement respecting Pension Payments, &c., required by Section 48 of the Old-age Pensions Act, 1900.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Hogue laid upon the Table,—Report of the Department of Labour and Industry on the Working of the Factories and Shops Act, Early Closing Acts, Shearers' Accommodation Act, &c., &c., during the year 1906.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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

(1.) *Railway, Lockhart to Clear Hills* :—Second Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Plan, relating to the proposed Railway from Lockhart to Clear Hills.

(2.) *Railway, Narromine to Peak Hill* :—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Plan, relating to the proposed Railway from Narromine to Peak Hill.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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

(1.) Gaming and Betting (Amendment) Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Gaming and Betting Act, 1906, and the Gaming and Betting (Amendment) Act, 1906 ; and for other purposes*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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Sydney, 11th July, 1907.

F. B. SUTTON,
President.

(2.)

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(2.) Newcastle Wharfage Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction at Newcastle of a timber wharf twelve hundred feet in length, and the erection in connection therewith of two sheds; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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Sydney, 11th July, 1907.*

F. B. SUTTON,
President.

(3.) Consolidated Revenue Fund and Public Works Fund Bill :—

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 towards the Services of the year 1907-1908, and out of the Public Works Fund; and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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F. B. SUTTON,
President.

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

7. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Carruthers moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at ten minutes after Nine o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.



PROCLAMATION

NEW SOUTH WALES,
to wit.

(L.S.)

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

} By His Excellency Sir HARRY HOLDSWORTH RAWSON, Admiral in the Royal Navy, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the second year of the Reign of His Majesty King Edward the Seventh, being "An Act to Consolidate the Acts relating to the Constitution," it is amongst other things enacted that the Governor of New South Wales may 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 HARRY HOLDSWORTH RAWSON, the Governor aforesaid, in pursuance of the power and authority so vested in me, do hereby prorogue the said Legislative Council and Assembly until Tuesday, the sixth day of August next, and the same stand so prorogued accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at Sydney, this twelfth day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seven, and in the seventh year of His Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,
T. WADDELL.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

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BUSINESS UNDISPOSED OF AT THE CLOSE OF THE SESSION.

(PROROGUED 12 JULY, 1907.)

QUESTION.

1. MR. COLLINS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—What action is being taken in respect to the proposed weir across the Namoi, near Wee Waa, and when is a trust proposal likely to be gazetted in respect of same?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Supply ; resumption of the Committee. [*Mr. Carruthers.*]
2. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee. [*Mr. Carruthers.*]

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY.

1. Coal and Shale Mines (Eight Hours) Bill ; second reading. [*Mr. Fegan.*]

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

1. MR. BROUGHTON *to move*, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers in connection with the refusal of the Old-age Pensions Board to reinstate the pension of Henry J. Powter.
2. MR. BROUGHTON *to move*, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Claim of Robert Roberts, late Bookbinder, Registrar-General's Department," brought up on 25th October, 1905, be now adopted.
3. MR. BROUGHTON *to move*, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers in connection with the dismissal of Thomas Shea, late cleaner, Government Printing Office.
4. MR. BALL *to move*, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return giving the following information in reference to all lands in the State held outside the City of Sydney and Municipal Areas:—
 - (1.) Name of owner.
 - (2.) Area of estate or holding.
 - (3.) Assessed land value.
 - (4.) Date of assessment.
 - (5.) Area cultivated.
 - (6.) Where situated.
 - (7.) All estates 2,000 acres and upwards.
5. MR. ESTELL *to move*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate the construction and use of steam boilers, and to provide for inquiry into boiler explosions.
6. MR. BENNETT *to move*, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that a Public Trust Office be established, and a Public Trustee be appointed to act,—
 - (1.) As executor, trustee, administrator, guardian, agent, or attorney in the administration of wills, bequests, estates, &c.
 - (2.) As administrator in intestate estates and mental patients estates.
 - (3.) As trustees for the investment of money, trust funds, and for other purposes.
7. MR. DACEY *to move*, 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.) Present age.
 - (3.) The date of joining.
 - (4.) The date of appointment to present rank.

8. **MR. HOLLIS** to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Case of Henry Harding, " W. S. Stead, and Others—Certificate of Title," brought up on 27th November, 1906, be now adopted.
9. **MR. PERRY** (*Liverpool Plains*) to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report whether the time has arrived for the erection of Grain Elevators in conjunction with our railway system, so as to afford producers in this State the most economical method of handling and exporting grain in bulk, and thus enable them to compete with other grain-growing countries.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Moore, Mr. Fegan, Mr. Bennett, Mr. McGarry, Mr. Jones, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Ball, Mr. McLaurin, Mr. Levien, and the Mover.
 - (3.) That the Progress Report from the Select Committee of Session 1906, together with the Proceedings of the Committee, Minutes of Evidence, and Appendices, be referred to such Committee.
10. **MR. GARDINER** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of testimonials, correspondence, results of practical tests of all applicants for position of engineer and fitter at the Government Printing Office.
11. **MR. BENNETT** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the interest charged upon unpaid balances of conditional purchases and conditional purchase leases should be abolished.
12. **MR. FEGAN** to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the retiring allowances to the dredge employees.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Lee, Mr. Perry (*The Richmond*), Mr. Gillies, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Estell, Mr. Walter Anderson, Mr. Morton, Mr. Dick, and the Mover.
13. **MR. BENNETT** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, in view of the high rates charged by companies who cover risks by fire, the time has arrived when a State Fire Insurance Department should be established.

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ATTENDANCES OF MEMBERS IN DIVISIONS AND COUNTS-OUT
DURING THE SESSION OF 1907.

	Divisions in the House.	Divisions in Committee.	Counts-out.	Total.
Anderson, Rowland Joseph, Esq.	1	4	.....	5
Anderson, Walter, Esq.	1	.....	.....	1
Arthur, Richard, Esq., M.D.	1	4	.....	5
Ashton, The Hon. James, Esq.	1	4	.....	5
Ball, Richard Thomas, Esq.	1	.....	.....	1
Bennett, The Hon. Walter	1	4	.....	5
Booth, Robert, Esq.	1	4	.....	5
Briner, George Stuart, Esq.	1	.....	.....	.....
Broughton, Ernest Clement Vernon, Esq.	1	4	.....	5
Bruntnell, Albert, Esq.	1	4	.....	4
Burgess, George Arthur, Esq.	1	4	.....	5
Cann, John Henry, Esq.	1	.....	.....	1
Carruthers, The Hon. Joseph Hector	1	4	.....	5
Charlton, Matthew, junior, Esq.	1	4	.....	5
Cohen, John Jacob, Esq.	1	4	.....	4
Collins, Albert Ernest, Esq. ... ..	.....	4	.....	.....
Creswell, Thomas Edgar, Esq. ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dacey, John Rowland, Esq.	1	4	.....	5
Daley, William Michael, Esq.	1	.....	.....	1
Davidson, Robert, Esq.	1	4	.....	5
Dick, The Hon. William Thomas, Esq.	1	.....	.....	1
Donaldson, Robert Thomas, Esq.	1	4	.....	5
Downes, Frederick William Arthur, Esq.	1	3	.....	4
Edden, Alfred, Esq.	1	.....	.....	1
Estell, John, Esq.	1	4	.....	5
Fallick, James, Esq.	1	.....	.....	1
Fegan, John Lionel, Esq.	1	3	.....	3
Fell, David, Esq.	1	4	.....	5
Fleming, William Montgomerie, Esq.	1	4	.....	5
Gardiner, Albert, Esq.	1	.....	.....	1
George, Eden, Esq.	1	4	.....	4
Gillies, John, Esq.	1	.....	.....	1
Griffith, Arthur, Esq.	1	4	.....	5
Hall, Brinsley, Esq.	1	.....	.....	.....
Henley, Thomas, Esq.	1	4	.....	5
Hindaarsh, George Thomas, Esq.	1	.....	.....	.....
Hogue, The Hon. James Alexander, Esq.	1	4	.....	5
Hollis, Robert, Esq.	1	.....	.....	1
Holman, William Arthur, Esq.	1	.....	.....	.....
Hurley, John, Esq.	1	.....	.....	.....
Jessep, Thomas, Esq. (<i>Temporary-Chairman of Committees</i>)	1	4	.....	5
Jones, George Alfred, Esq.	1	.....	.....	.....
Kearney, Sydney John, Esq.	1	4	.....	5
Kelly, Andrew Joseph, Esq.	1	4	.....	5
Latimer, William Fleming, Esq. (<i>Temporary-Chairman of Committees</i>)	1	4	.....	4
Law, Sydney James, Esq.	1	4	.....	5
Lee, The Hon. Charles Alfred, Esq.	1	.....	.....	3
Levien, Robert Henry, Esq.	1	2	.....	3
Lery, Daniel, Esq.	1	4	.....	5
Maddonell, Donald, Esq.	1	4	.....	5
Mackenzie, Thomas Fitzherbert Hawkins, Esq.	1	.....	.....	.....
Manony, William Henry, Esq.	1	4	.....	5
McCourt, The Hon. William, Esq. (<i>Speaker</i>) ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....
McCoy, Richard Watson Walker, Esq.	1	4	.....	5
McFarlane, John, Esq. (<i>Temporary-Chairman of Committees</i>)	1	4	.....	4
McGarry, Patrick, Esq.	1	.....	.....	1
McGowen, James Sinclair Taylor, Esq.	1	4	.....	4
McLaurin, Gordon Ronald, Esq.	1	.....	.....	.....
McNeill, John, Esq.	1	4	.....	5
Meehan, John Charles, Esq.	1	4	.....	5
Millard, William, Esq.	1	4	.....	5
Miller, Gustave Thomas Carlisle, Esq.	1	2	.....	3
Moore, The Hon. Samuel Wilkinson, Esq.	1	4	.....	5
Morton, Mark Fairies, Esq.	1	.....	.....	.....

	Divisions in the House.	Divisions in Committee.	Counts-out.	To
Moxham, Thomas Robert, Esq.	1	3	.....	4
Nicholson, John Barnes, Esq.	1	4	.....	5
Nielsen, Niels Rasmus Wilson, Esq. (<i>Temporary-Chairman of Committees</i>) .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Nobbs, John, Esq.	1	4	.....	5
Oakes, Charles William, Esq. ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....
O'Connor, Broughton Barnabas, Esq.	1	2	.....	3
O'Sullivan, The Hon. Edward William ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Perry, John, Esq. (<i>Liverpool Plains</i>) ... ..	.....	4	.....	4
Perry, The Hon. John (<i>The Richmond</i>) ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Reynoldson, George, Esq.	1	4	.....	5
Richards, Edwin, Esq. ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Robson, William Elliott Veitch, Esq.	1	4	.....	5
Ryrie, Colonel Granville de Laune	1	4	.....	5
Scobie, Robert, Esq. (<i>Temporary-Chairman of Committees</i>)	1	4	.....	5
Smith, James Francis, Esq. ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Storey, David, Esq. ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sullivan, Philip Hurley, Esq.	1	.....	.....	1
Thomas, Pollet Johns, Esq. ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Thrower, Thomas Henry, Esq. ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Treflé, John Louis, Esq.	1	4	.....	5
Waddell, The Hon. Thomas	1	2	.....	3
Wade, The Hon. Charles Gregory, Esq., K.C.	1	4	.....	5
Withington, John Swann, Esq. ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wood, William Herbert, Esq. (<i>Chairman of Committees</i>)	1	.....	.....	1
Young, The Hon. James Henry	1	.....	.....	1
Young, William White, Esq.	1	4	.....	5

Legislative Assembly Office,
Sydney, 12th July, 1907.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

15. *Sittings of the House:—*

Return of the number of days on which the House sat in the Session of 1907, 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	2 July	Tuesday	{ 12 noon.....	12:13 o'clock p.m.	h. m. 0 13	} ...	14
			4 o'clock p.m.	10:29 " "	6 29		
2	3 "	Wednesday.....	4 " "	12: 5 " a.m.	8 5	5	7
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5	8 "	Monday	4 " "	5:25 " a.m.	13 25	5 25	9
6	9 "	Tuesday	4 " "	12:51 " "	8 51	51	14
7	10 "	Wednesday.....	4 " "	12:30 " "	8 30	30	10
8	11 "	Thursday	4 " "	9:10 " p.m.	5 10	...	7
Total					66 33	6 53	71

Average length of sitting daily, 8 hours 19 minutes.

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